



ABE Language Arts
Class time: Tuesday 9:00-11:30AM
Fall 2010

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PREREQUISITES: Test of Adult Basic Education
TEXT BOOK: Basic English Composition (Classroom Set)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

ABE Language Arts consists of a basic understanding of the English language including grammar and sentence structure, as well as practice in reading comprehension. Students will become familiar with charts, graphs and other graphic organizers used to sort information.

The class is designed to help students:

1. learn to use context clues to solve problems,
2. become confident in their ability to organize information,
3. practice reading comprehension,
4. that they learn to communicate using the written language,

This class serves as a powerful motivator and confidence builder with adults. Students will be able to write and read efficiently and effectively –in many cases for the first time in their lives.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To build a strong foundation in basic reading and writing.
2. To emphasize exploring ideas, investigating, reasoning, and communication on the part of the student.
3. To help prepare students for the reading & writing section of the COMPASS, TABE, and the GED.

CLASS MATERIALS:

1. Videotape, DVD, TV (all provided) by classroom, or at the adult education lab.

2. Student workbook/worksheets (provided).
3. Supplemental learning aids such as Skills books (provided).
4. Laptop for WIN & ITTS access (one provided by instructor).

EVALUATION PROCESS:

1. TABE 9/10 used for post-test.
2. Official GED practice test.
3. Official GED test.

CLASS METHOD:

Instruction begins with an interview with the prospective student. If the student qualifies for the program, a registration form is completed and an assessment is given. Testing instruments range from TABE tests to Pre-GED depending on the student's educational background. After the assessment is evaluated and a diagnostic is completed, students will be enrolled in the appropriate leveled class.

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance is very important. In order for the student to adequately prepare for the GED, or to raise COMPASS scores, they must attend class one specific day a week (1 ½-2 hours) for a minimum of six (6) weeks. **If two class sessions are missed, the student will be removed from the class roster and will restart the class the next term.**

GRADING POLICY:

Letter grades will not be given; an assessment will be given to check for a functional level gain after the student has logged 50 hours.

SCHOOL CLOSURES:

School closures for holidays will be posted and students will receive a copy of the holiday schedule. Listen to local radio stations for news concerning closures due to weather.

*The following is an outline of class lessons:

Lesson 1: Writing Correct Sentences

Lesson 2: Writing complete sentences

Lesson 3: Making each sentence count

Lesson 4: The parts of a paragraph

Lesson 5: The purpose of a paragraph

Lesson 6: Preparing for written tests

ITTS will be used on occasion during class and assigned for at home use.