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Teaching in the UK

The education system in London and the United Kingdom provides a lot of flexibility in terms of where teachers can work. The majority of jobs offered through Teach Away are in England, specifically in the greater London area. Many teachers choose to supply teach when they arrive in order to gain experience, and get a feel for the different types of teaching assignments. The British curriculum is very straightforward and easy to pick up, allowing foreign teachers (Canadians, Australians, Kiwis) to pick it up quickly.



Qualifications for teaching in the UK

Teachers interested in working in the UK must be licensed to teach in their state/province. Please note that teachers who have an undergraduate degree but no teaching credentials will not be considered for teaching jobs in the UK. All applicants will be required to provide a criminal background check in order to teach in the UK.

Academic School Year

The school year runs from September to July, with most schools operating a three-term system (Fall, Spring, Summer). Every term has a break in the middle (a week off called "half-term".) Schools break for two weeks at Christmas and two weeks at Easter.



United Kingdom Teaching Qualifications

In the United Kingdom, QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) is the certification for teachers. To achieve this status, teachers must complete specific training and pass standardized exams. Teachers from outside of the UK are able to teach in the UK for a maximum of four years before they must obtain QTS. If a teacher plans to work in the UK for longer than 4 years, then they must complete an NQT (Newly Qualified Teacher) year under the supervision of a teacher/principal from their school. Upon successful completion of an NQT year, a foreign teacher will be granted their Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).





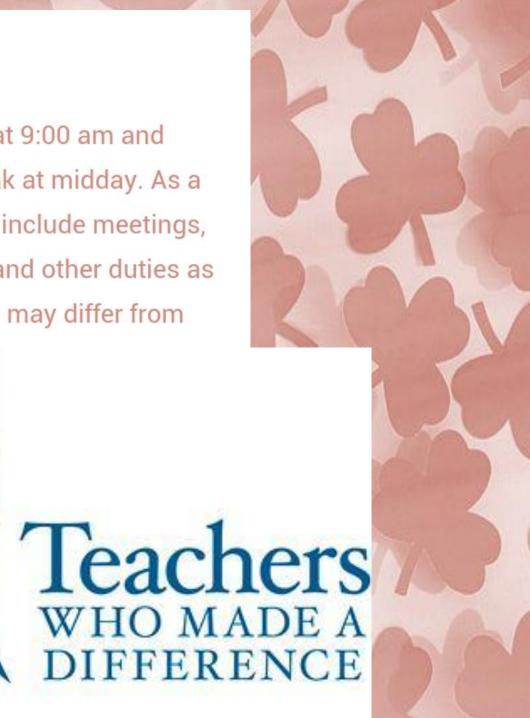
Visa Requirements for Teaching in the UK

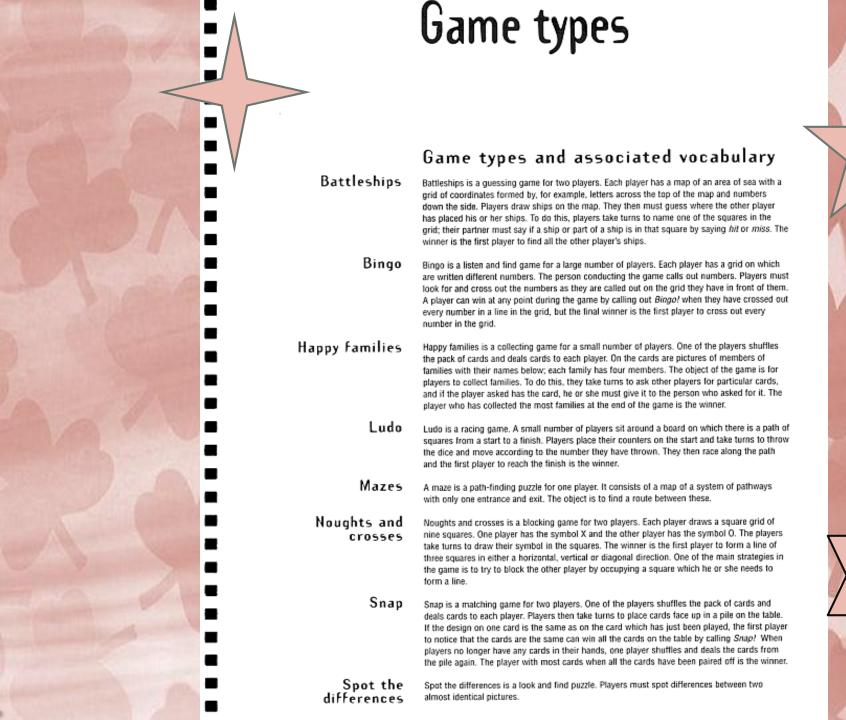
In order to live and work in the UK, all teachers must have a valid work visa. The most common visa for teachers applying from Canada, Australia, and New Zealand is the Youth Mobility Visa (Tier 5).

The time it takes to process your visa will depend upon a number of factors, so teachers are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Please visit http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/workingintheuk/tier5/youthmobilityscheme for more information on the visa.

Typical school day

Generally, the school day begins at 9:00 am and ends at 3:30 pm with a lunch break at midday. As a teacher, your school day will also include meetings, supervision of student activities, and other duties as assigned. The exact school hours may differ from school to school.





your repertoire when you're feeling bored with course materials.

Acting and Role-Plays

Students find it interesting. Being able to use what you

already know and apply it to teaching can also spice up

As long as you don't use it too often, one great method to get students actively involved in lessons is by using roleplays. They're perfect for most group sizes; they can be modified to last 15-90 minutes; and students can be more communicative in English when they aren't playing themselves. A few ideas:

• Trending News Stories: Scripts. You can choose one news story for each group/pair or you can have the whole class use the same story and create different endings. Introduce the topic, put them in groups or pairs and have

Pop Culture Mingle: Improv. Each student gets the identity of a celebrity, some information about their celebrity and a goal. Finding a roommate, for example.
They mingle and try to reach the goal. Or you could have an

'Oscar party,' where the students try to create a film pitch.

A lot of TEFL teaching nowadays involves some level of business English. Part of that is being able to make

best.

Presenting

The 51st State Creation: In small groups or pairs, the students have to come up with a 51st American state.
Have them include state: bird/flower/motto/industry/

population/geography/etc. and make their presentations to

the other groups. At the end, the teacher votes for the

presentations in English, and getting your students used to

• American Sports Explained: American sports are unique- baseball, American football and basketball aren't nearly as common in most other countries. Give each group a different sport that they have to present and explain to the other groups. The teacher evaluates the presentation for clarity and the English used.

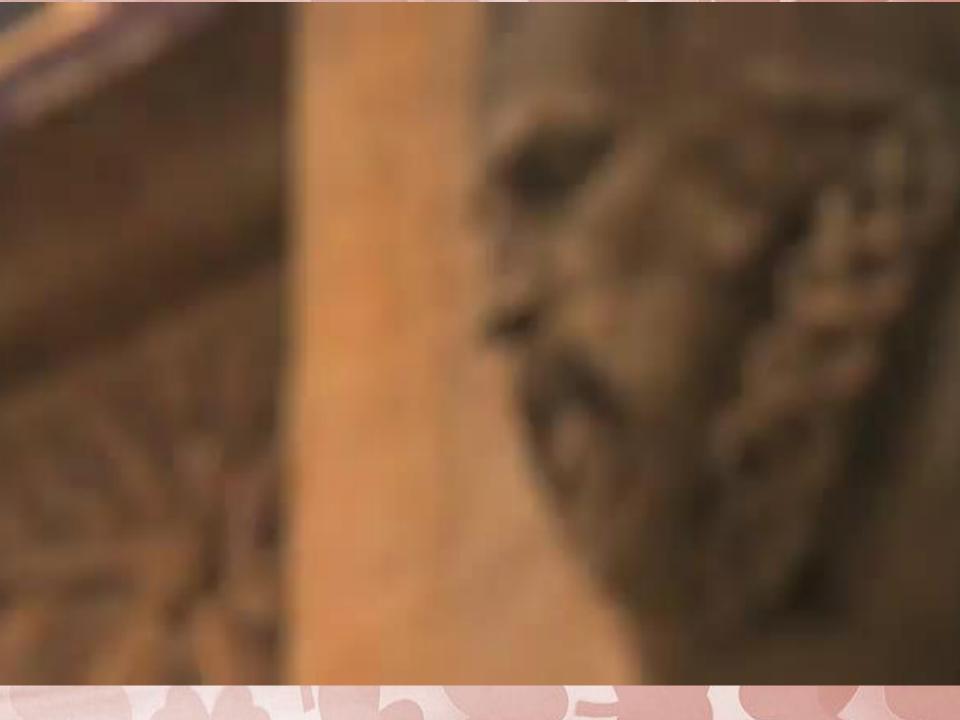
the end isn't teaching. Examples:

Mixed Media

Not all schools will have audio or video capabilities in the classroom, but for those that do you can use them for American TEFL teaching. Two notes about music or movies in class: make sure the song or the clip is at the right level for your students and that there's a clear task set involved. Turning on a film at the start of a lesson and playing it to

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