



What you need to know before taking an online course:

Requirements:

- **Reliable** internet service (wifi or ethernet)
- A reliable computer or laptop (a loaned chromebook is available)
NOTE: **A cellphone is not acceptable for TVDSB online classes**
- A school Gmail account (assigned after registration)

You need to be able to:

- Use a mouse or a touch pad & type on a keyboard
- Send an email
- Open a web **browser**

To **fully** participate you need:

- To attend the entire Google Meet
- To complete all Google classroom assignments
- To turn your camera on for the entire Google Meet
- A quiet space **in your home free of distractions**
- Headphones with a microphone are recommended

Q&A

Q: I am caring for children at home. Online classes are my only option.

A: Children playing in the background can be distracting for other learners. And you need to be concentrating on your children. Sign up for **English Anytime**.

Q: I can only attend the Google Meet in the morning for an hour.

A: You need a different class time - at a time you can fully participate. We run classes late afternoon, evenings. **English Anytime** would be a better course.

Q: I am a shift worker. Sometimes I work mornings, sometimes afternoons, sometimes nights. I can't attend classes regularly.

A: Please let us know. We have a course that is a mix of online Google meets with the instructor and online self-guided learning.

Q: I can't look at the computer screen for long periods of time. I have sight problems.

A: Online learning is not for everyone. An in-person class is better for you.

If at any time during the class it is determined that a learner cannot participate fully because they do not meet expectations, the learner will be removed from the class and placed on a waitlist for a hybrid (partly online) or in-person class.

If you'd like to work on your computer skills, a good free website is:
<https://edu.gcfcglobal.org/en/topics/computers/>