

11 Online English Teaching Jobs

No Degree Required



No degree, no problem—teaching English via the internet is still possible!

In the past few years, teaching English online has become a popular and high-demand job.

However, there's usually one little catch when it comes to teaching English—a pesky degree.

While many online English-teaching companies require their teachers to have a degree (in any major), there are still enough companies out there looking for potential teachers who are proficient speakers, hold full TEFL certifications and have some teaching experience.

Online English teaching jobs—with no degree required—are out there. You just have to know where to look.

The basic Requirements to teach English Online

First you need to be a native or fluent English speaker. If English is your second language, a secure proficiency test like TOIEC or IELTS that demonstrates you English fluency goes a long way. A C1 result or higher in the CEFR scale is good to teach most levels of students.

Most hiring companies do expect and require a TEFL certification. This is even more important if you don't have a degree. A full TEFL is the most recognized. That's a minimum of 100 hours of instruction and at least 6 hours of observed practice teaching (OTP).

A few years of teaching experience will also help your get your foot through the door.

Not enough experience? Enroll in a <u>virtual TEFL program</u> which are online TEFL courses designed specifically for teaching English online. What's unique about them is they doing their OTPs online where you teach real students in a live virtual classroom.



To do that you have to practice and learn how to teach in an online platform. Then you report your "online teaching experience" on your resume and differentiate yourself even more from teachers with no online teaching experience. You will also be a lot more confident when you do online 'demo' classes that many companies require as part of their hiring process.

You will also obviously need all the right tech hardware. That's usually a laptop with microphone and camera which has been pretty standard on any laptop sold in the last decade or so. And make sure you have a fast internet connection.

So who should you be talking to? Here are our top online company picks (in no particular order):

1. SayABC

SayABC not only has some of the best online rates for teaching English via the internet, but it also amazingly

allows your own schedule so you can make it fit into your lifestyle. Plus, you can work from anywhere with a good internet connection.

You will be teaching up to four kids per class, with ages between 5 to 12; if you need support to prepare a fun, interactive class, you'll get all the help you need from the company.

Requirements: You don't need to be a native English speaker, but you need native-level skills. Although they usually require a degree, they will give anyone a chance and will accept applications of non-holders as well.

You will need a TEFL certification and some teaching experience to make up for the lack of degree.

Average earnings: ~\$20 per class.

2. Cambly

Cambly is a different type of teaching platforms to teach English online. This more conversational, where you get to chat to people from all over the world and help them develop their English speaking skills.

Most of your students will be adults. You can work anytime, anywhere, and for as long as you wish. You got an extra hour here and there? Log in, take your next call, and the company will track every minute of it so you don't lose any money.

Cambly is also great to meet new people from all over the world and learn more about different cultures.



<u>Requirements</u>: Everyone all over the world can become a Cambly teacher. There are no special requirements—not even teaching experience.

The application process is actually more concentrated on how good your internet connection is, and the quality of your devices.

Average earnings: ~\$10 per class.



3. Palfish



Palfish is an app-based platform for teaching English via the internet to people all over the world for all ages. As the company itself puts it, "Palfish is like the eBay for English classes." With Palfish, you can teach from wherever you want. Some of them might have busy schedules and will mostly likely want to do their English class within those few minutes of riding a bus to school or work. You can teach one-on-one lessons or an entire group at the same time. The app also allows you to set your own rates, and with a bigger class and growing reputation comes a bigger income.

<u>Requirements</u>: You do not need a degree, nor working experience to work at Palfish, but you do need to be fluent in English. Just send a video with your application, and if you're enthusiastic, friendly, and hardworking, you are guaranteed a spot on the Palfish team.

Average earnings: ~\$10-18 per class

4. Cafetalk

An online platform for online English teaching through Skype. Their students are mostly composed of Japanese adults aiming to improve their English proficiency in an informal yet relaxing learning environment. Cafetalk requires its teachers to be at least 20 years old and from a native English country to be able to teach English online without a degree. Teaching experience and TEFL certificates are preferred and they emphasize the need for the lessons to take place during Japanese peak evening hours.



Requirements: The company wants their teachers to be friendly, interactive, and passionate about teaching. If you are a native English speaker and can provide a TEFL certification and some teaching experience, you can rest assured that you can score yourself a spot in the team.

Average earnings: You set your salary rate.

Minimum Hours: You set your minimum hours.

Length of Sessions: You set your session lengths.

5. Magic Ears



The online teaching platform of Magic Ears provides a fun, interactive, and efficient way to teach English to Chinese children between the ages of 4-12. You can have flexible hours, and teach in a 1-on-4 class format—so that both you and your students can interact with each other and transform it into a nice conversational class.

Your lesson schedules are already designed and classes last only 25 minutes. And the best part about it is that if your students like you and

keep asking for you, you can get lots and lots of bonuses.



Requirements: The company doesn't have a lot of requirements for their teachers besides being friendly, interactive, and passionate about teaching, but if you're a US citizen and can provide a TEFL certification and some teaching experience, you can rest assured that you can score yourself a spot in the team.

Average earnings: ~\$20 per class

6. Acadsoc

Acadsoc is an international online ESL, or an online English tutor club, that aspires to become the largest online for Chinese learners. The company offers both full time and part time positions, so you can work whenever the time allows you. Set up your office at home and start preparing assessments for one-on-one classes.



Depending on your qualifications, you will receive different work packages and student groups. To make this job even more appealing, you are eligible for lots of bonuses such as enrollment bonus, class completion bonus, and perfect attendance bonus.

<u>Requirements</u>: To be eligible for a job with Acadsoc, you need to be a fluent English speaker, have a TEFL certification, and be willing to take up improvement trainings.

Average earnings: ~\$10 per class

7. Golden Voice English

Golden Voice English is a Canada-based online ESL company that patterns after the top English teaching

companies in North America, but with an important key point—they accept teachers without a degree.



Golden Voice English teachers are expected to teach a group of Chinese children (up to six kids) with slots available from 6PM to 10PM China time.

Though this can be a challenge, it is one of the most stable and highpaying English teaching companies to exist.

Requirements: A degree is not required, but you need to have at least a

TEFL certification. Extra teaching experience will also set you apart. You have to pass a criminal background check.

Average earnings: \$16 to 22 USD per hour.

Minimum Hours: 9 Hours per Week.

Length of Sessions: 30 Minutes.



8. Amazing Talker

AMAZING TALKER HIRING PROCESS

Amazing Talker hires teachers for all languages (not only English) and it does not require a degree. Based on your application and the student's learning requirements, you are matched with students, for whom you have to give a 25-minute trial class. Private classes last 50 minutes and you can set your own rates.

The company offers you full video training to familiarize yourself with how the platform works and how you should engage with your students. You can also meet other teachers from all over the world, join the organization's league of teachers, or create your own. Snapshot:

<u>Requirements</u>: A degree is not required, but you need to have at least a TEFL certification. Extra teaching experience will also set you apart from other candidates.

Average earnings: ~\$25 per class.

9. Skima Talk



Teach English anytime, anywhere! Anyone can register with Skima

Talk and become a teacher; however, after a screening of teachers' qualifications and based on your popularity within the student community, not everyone gets to stay.

Skima Talk puts a lot of emphasis on their customers' satisfaction, and expect for their teachers to turn the lessons into "life-changing experiences". They recommend their students choose the teachers with the highest ratings, or a history with the least (or zero) cancellations or no-shows. This not only helps with providing students with the best English classes, but also puts a certain pressure on the teachers to always perform at their best. What better feedback can one get than real, firsthand reviews from their students?

<u>Requirements</u>: A native English speaker with dialects from the U.S., New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, or Great Britain, and be at least 18 years of age. A degree is not required, but it is preferred.

Average earnings: Set your own price and receive 80% per class.

10. Open English



For Latin America, Open English is the best online English school there is. With 24/7 classes, native English-speaking teachers guarantee that students learn correct pronunciations, while learning in small groups or one-on-one lessons. Students range from children to adults of all ages.

If you speak Spanish or Portuguese, it's a huge plus! You can make your own schedule, but you can only teach for a maximum of 24 hours per week. The application process may seem a bit demanding with ESL knowledge tests and technical compatibility tests, but this is only because Open English only seeks high-quality teachers.



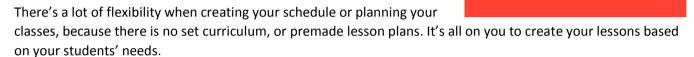
<u>Requirements</u>: To work with Open English, you need to be an independent contractor (authorized to work in the U.S.) and an American English native speaker. But you don't have to be within U.S. ground to qualify; you can be anywhere in the world.

Average earnings: ~\$12 per class

11. Italki

With, you can teach any language you speak fluently, no degree required, to students of all ages and ability levels. Students will choose their teachers based on their personal profile, video introduction, and reviews from other students.

Once you become a teacher with Italki, you can extend your services from teaching English to editing or proofreading other people's writing.



<u>Requirements</u>: You have to be at least 18 years old to qualify as a tutor, and you must be a native or nearnative English-speaker. Emphasize your TEFL training and certification and and teaching experience you have, to be competitive and attract students.

Average earnings: ~\$12 per class.

Final Thoughts

The bottom line is that not having a degree shouldn't stop you from applying for teaching English via the internet. As long as you meet the company's other qualifications, you are already an eligible candidate to teach English online.

Pick the company that you think best fits your goals, interests and values.

Remember too that starting with one company doesn't mean you are stuck with that organization. You are not getting married here. If you're just starting out, take each position as a learning curve, but make sure you're improving along the way and that you always give your best efforts.

That way, if you do leave a company, you'll do so with a clean reputation, and you will have no problem getting a new position somewhere else.

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