

# Writers of Influence & Read For Meaning Level 2

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## Introduction

This is our usual Level 2 Read for Meaning course which has been adapted so that the reading material is tailored around a topic. This course will help you make sense of a wide range of reading material centred on the theme of “writers of influence”. Your reading will be varied and will include, for example, extracts from stories, poems and speeches from writers who have made a difference. You will have the opportunity to evaluate the work and give your own view on whether the writer has been successful in influencing you.

## What will you learn?

By the end of the course you should be able to:

- Use reading strategies such as skimming and detailed reading to obtain information
- Understand the main events of a variety of different kinds of texts such as newspaper articles, reviews and extracts from stories
- Evaluate some of the techniques used by writers to influence the reader
- Research and summarise information from large documents.

## Who is this course aimed at?

Skills for Life are the skills you need to get on at home and at work. Choosing a mobile phone, writing a report or helping your children with their homework all require good Skills for Life. Most of us could benefit from improving these skills for a variety of reasons - maybe we did not acquire these skills at school, or they need refreshing after lack of use. To meet these needs, the Skills for Life Pathway will allow you to achieve a nationally recognised qualification in Maths and/or English depending on the pathway you pursue.

## What are the entry requirements? (If applicable)

Previous achievement at Level 1 in English or an ability to work at Level 2 in English.

## How is it taught?

Skills for Life Maths and English courses are taught by experienced tutors who will guide you through learning activities in a supportive and encouraging way. Teaching will vary so that you can benefit from learning in a way that suits you, such as working independently at your own pace or sharing ideas in groups. The learning activities are designed to be varied and interesting and are tailored to suit the level that you are working at and to help you progress further.

## How will you be assessed?

During the course you will participate in activities such as: thought storming ideas, filling in charts, summarising information and writing down your own thoughts. Certain set pieces of work are then used for assessment and are organised into a folder of work. Your course tutor marks the folder which is then subject to internal and external moderation by the Open College Network (OCN).

### **What will you achieve?**

If you complete the course successfully you will achieve Open College Network (OCN) Credits at Level 2. The OCN Credits you achieve are part of a national system for recognising and accrediting the learning you have undertaken on this course. Once you complete this course you can build the number of credits you have achieved by undertaking further short courses as detailed below.

### **What can you do after this?**

It is recommended that you take all or some of the other courses within the Skills for Life English Pathway including; grammar and punctuation, spell with confidence and write for meaning. Which courses you need to go on will be decided by an initial assessment and advice from your tutor.

Once you are ready you can then take the National Test in English and Literacy. If you complete any, or all, of these courses they can contribute towards you gaining a NOCN Progression Certificate at Level 2. Following a pathway will help you get the most out of coming to Fircroft College. What you learn on one course will help you on the next.

### **Who are the tutors?**

The course is run by one of the following three experienced tutors: Sharon Griffiths, Sue Lassman or Di Marriott. These tutors specialise in teaching adult returners. Their teaching readily encourages learners to share their existing understanding and skills with others in the group and to develop these skills in a supportive atmosphere.

### **When does it run?**

This is a three day course which includes two nights residency at the College. Courses start at 5.30pm on the first day and finish around 3 pm on the third day. Please check our website or short course guide for course dates. Alternatively you can contact our Short Course office.

### **Is there a cost?**

This course is free of charge - all accommodation, food, teaching & course materials are included.

### **How can you apply?**

For more information please contact the short course office on 0121 472 0116 or email [shortcourses@fircroft.ac.uk](mailto:shortcourses@fircroft.ac.uk). You can apply online at [www.fircroft.ac.uk](http://www.fircroft.ac.uk), by post or in person.

