What is SelfAccess?

Self Access.com - interactive, self-study learning tools for English language students. SelfAccess.com is designed for English language students wanting to improve and develop the skills required to successfully pass the IELTS, FCE and TOEFL examinations. The lessons also provide EAP support for those students already studying at secondary or tertiary level.

SelfAccess.com has been developed by experts with years of teaching experience in the specialized field of English tuition. We are aware that encouraging autonomous learning in students can be very challenging. Too often students are unable to see the worth in completing selfaccess tasks as they feel they may not be related to what they are doing in their classes or can feel de-motivated when they are not provided with instant feedback. Students may also wish to focus too much on exam practice as opposed to language learning. When developing our interactive learning material, we have tried hard to take these issues into account.

Many students doing exam preparation courses need to improve not only their language proficiency, but also their understanding of a range of relevant topics. SelfAccess exercises are both informative and interesting. All reading texts are based on news articles and stories from Reuters® news agency. Students gain knowledge of current events, and this encourages and aids communication in the real world.

Our lessons expose students to real-world information that makes the writing of argumentative essays easier and helps to broaden their general knowledge. The exercises also familiarize students with new cultural styles. We aim to help students adapt their learning styles to cope with the demands of an academic learning environment.

SelfAccess addresses the need for comprehensive practice materials and IELTS type questions to aid learning. Our lessons are all auto-correcting which makes it possible for pupils to evolve/move at their own pace or to work autonomously. Learners can study at their own speed. Students can adjust their learning to develop the skills they require and practise the skills they already have.

The lessons incorporate all of the questions and task types that may be encountered in the IELTS, FCE and TOEFL examinations. Timed reading comprehension exercises teach students how to manage their time effectively. There are grammar support and listening comprehension exercises, as well as many different types of activities based on the construction and exploration of argumentative essays and descriptive writing. All areas of English language learning are explored by the lessons and activities and can be customized by the learner to suit his or her own learning ability.

Benefits:

- Choose from a wide range of **high-quality** materials that are relevant and current.
- The lessons and exercises are based on **up-to-date** Reuters® news and current events articles.
- The lessons include **reading, writing, listening** and **grammar** activities!
- Learn about world events and gain knowledge about different cultures. This will help to **form opinions** and **organize your ideas** for essay and report writing.
- The feedback and model essays given on the site will help to **improve scores** in IELTS, FCE, and TOEFL examinations. They also provide EAP support and guidance.
- The easy-to-use site is **fun** and rewarding. It will allow students to **develop** the skills they require and **practise** the skills they already have.
- An Institutional License includes **full access** to a library of lessons, with both academic and general English lessons! You can access the whole library or choose lessons you want your students to access.
- **New** SelfAccess lessons are added regularly!
- SelfAccess.com provides a **dynamic** package for your students and selfaccess centres.
- You can give your students a full range of supportive material at **a fraction of the cost** involved if you were to create and maintain this on your own premises.

Institutional License

There are a number of different ways in which our online learning solutions can be packaged.

- SelfAccess.com provides interactive learning material that can be accessed only from computer labs on site at your institution, or we can give you the ability to provide additional materials that your students can access from anywhere - either at home or in your laboratory.

- We can also provide your centre the ability to decide which of our materials your students can access and for what length of time the lessons will be available to them. You can assign specific lessons that link to class work and these can become accessible to students as their courses progress. Specific lessons could be set as homework, class work or extension activities through your selfaccess centre.

- One administrator can manage the content for a number of different self access centres and computer labs.

- We can give you the ability to control security on the lessons and passwords. This will protect the valuable investment your institution has made on providing resources for its students.

- Your institutional page would be accessible from a specific page linked to SelfAccess.com

- We can provide you with a management screen. Using this tool, you can assign lessons from our database to different users/classes.

  For example, if your classes are thematically based and taught over a 4 week time period, you can assign specific lessons that link to your class work, and these can become accessible to students as the course progresses. The remaining lessons can be used as resource/SelfAccess materials from your lab.

Computer Lab

- As your computers labs are networked, all your computers will have the same usernames and passwords. These will be connected to the ISP address and therefore will not work off the premises.

Individual Student Licenses

- You would assign these to your students.

- These usernames and passwords would provide access to http://www.selfaccess.com/ from anywhere.

- You have the ability to decide which lessons the students can view using these passwords. This means you can set specific lessons as homework, class work or extension activities.

- Each username/password combination would last for an assigned period, determined by the institution.

- Username/password combinations that have been unused will roll over to the following block. They will not expire until they have been activated or assigned.

- Security settings can be put in place. For example, you may only allow students 2 or 3 attempts to use a pre-assigned SelfAccess lesson. If there are more attempts than this, they may loose the ability to access that lesson. This would prevent password sharing with non-students or students outside these classes.

- All content is governed by your teaching program and requirements.

You would also have the ability to on-sell the individual licenses to students or absorb them into you current resource charges.