

Course details

Course title

History: Why Do We Say That?

Course code

Q00009336

Course date

Start: 08/01/25

End: 12/02/25

Number of classes

6 sessions

Timetable

Wed 8th Jan, 11:00 to 13:00

Wed 15th Jan, 11:00 to 13:00

Wed 22nd Jan, 11:00 to 13:00

Wed 29th Jan, 11:00 to 13:00

Wed 5th Feb, 11:00 to 13:00

Wed 12th Feb, 11:00 to 13:00

Tutor

Janet Wilson

Fee range

Free to £40.80

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes online in video meetings and materials will be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

Online

Venue

Online

Level of study

Advanced

Course overview

Join this engaging course that delves into the captivating history and evolution of idioms, expressions, and accents in (British) English. Explore both newer and older accents while uncovering the origins of everyday idioms and literary expressions. The course will also look at slang and secret languages that have evolved over time. This course is open to beginners and those with prior knowledge of the subject. Taking place online, over the course of six weeks, with access to presentations and discussions even after each session.

Course description

Over the six weeks, you will learn about different accents of British English, how metaphor works, the history and meaning of some idioms and expressions and the form and function of some secret languages or 'cants' of English. Through the course, you will also learn how social and historical context shapes the expressions and idioms that we use. The course may also be interesting for anyone who is curious about how metaphor and figurative language work, and may have applications for anyone interested in teaching English.

This course is for adults and requires no previous experience. It is delivered online over six weeks, through a series of presentations and discussions.

What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

What other support is available?

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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