

# Frequently Asked Questions from English Teachers



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Over the years, we have helped hundreds of busy teachers in using computers to lower their work stress. Here are some of the most asked questions.

## Are computers going to replace teachers?

When we first started in 1994, we thought that it would be possible too. But it was a mistake. Over the years, we saw that it would not be possible! Many students' needs would not be satisfied with only e-learning. Teaching is a very human kind of work. Face-to-face learning is very important. Computers are only machines.

Since the mid 1990's, Greenwood is designed to be a tool, not to replace teachers. Other e-learning groups may try to replace teachers, but we knew better, and they will fail.

*"Computer is about speed and efficiency. Teaching is about judgment and experiences."*

## Why would I be successful if I use Greenwood?

Unlike some e-learning groups, we don't ask teachers to pretend to be computer programmers; we understand that just designing simple PowerPoint is not easy.

Better yet, we don't even ask teachers to use e-learning in class: one less thing to do, one less thing to worry about in the classroom. Teachers are busy enough as it is.

We let students be the heavy user of e-learning; the more students can make use of the computer, the more effective the pressure-relief is for the teachers. That's why Greenwood is designed to be used outside of the classroom.

By allowing students to "play" with Greenwood, we have seen their interest in English higher. They ended up paying more attention in class.

## What does Greenwood do for me as a teacher?

Greenwood is like a good textbook and a good assistant who can mark assignments quickly.

Greenwood allows many endless, repetitive exercises that are traditionally done in class to be handled outside of class.

## I am not good at computer, would I be able to use Greenwood?

Greenwood is designed to be used OUTSIDE of the classroom. You, as a teacher, can conduct your classes the way you always have, and would NOT need to use any of the software in your classes.

Through given "roadmaps" (i.e. printed reference books corresponding to the contents) and assignment keys, you can direct your students to do all the computer work in the computer lab or at home.

The only computer skill that you are expected to know:

- use a web browser (e.g.. Internet Explorer).

## If students were to use the program outside of class, how can I monitor the progress of students?

You can monitor their homework using the Greenwood web, which lists the results of their assignments. (Most assignments are automatically marked by the Greenwood web.)

## What kind of contents are in Greenwood ?

Greenwood is arranged into functional components such as phonics, grammar and conversation so that you can mix and match at will.

The CDs and web contain tutorials, self-testing exercises and assignments.

## What kind of standard is used in the Greenwood contents? Why?

Greenwood has 5 levels. This standard conforms to the International Association of Language Testers. It is recognized by over 27 countries including Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the U.K., and the U.S. It is truly an international, open standard.

TOEFL is from the U.S., and IELTS is from the U.K. They are proprietary, regional, and not truly an international standard.

## How long would it take for me to be trained to use Greenwood?

On average, a 2-hour study would be enough to get you started. We recommend a 2-day class training by one of our Greenwood instructors to give you maximum benefits.

## What would my school need to use Greenwood?

Usually students use Greenwood at home, so schools don't need computers. To have a computer room, it should have computers with CD drive, speakers and web access.

However, it is important to have computers in teachers' offices, so that they can check up on students' results via the web.

## What are the costs?

Standard Edition: No charge for teachers or schools. Monthly subscription fee per student, plus costs of printed reference books and CDs.

Lite Edition: No charge for teachers or students. Annual fee for school.

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