

Dear Students,

Hello, my name is Joe and I will be your English instructor. I'm from [Saint Louis, Missouri](#), U.S.A. which is in the middle of America, so I speak standard American English.

My degree is in Business Administration and I have a lot of experience in sales and IT. I also took a lot of art classes in university so I also like to do photography in my spare time.

My primary job in Beijing is teaching English, and I have been doing it since early 1997. Also, I have the best English teaching certificate, the [CELTA](#) from the University of Cambridge in the U.K.

So, rest assured that you have a great teacher who loves to teach and spends a lot of time preparing for class. The question is, will you do your homework?

Please send me an e-mail and I will send you some interesting and useful homework from my huge personal collection of English teaching material. Normally, in class I like to do as many speaking exercises as possible so I want to send you some great grammar and vocabulary homework that you can do in your spare time.

Will you do it? You know, our time together is very short so if you really want to make great progress, it's really important that you spend time studying and practicing outside of class.

China is a great place to learn Chinese but it's not so easy to learn English here. You have to create an English environment. So try to make it fun!

Remember, it's really UP TO YOU!

OK, see you in class. Do your homework! Joe

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