

# ESOL Goal Setting Activity

## Level 2

At the bottom of the **Goals for Learning** needs assessment handout there is a section that asks students to fill in two specific short-term goals for the quarter. In low level ESOL classes it is often difficult to elicit this information from students. Typically they respond to this question with "Learn English." We would like to help students think more clearly about what their learning needs are. This activity can be used to help low level students be specific about their short term goals for the quarter.

Here is one way of working with these cards. Print and cut out one set for each group. You can increase difficulty by leaving them on white paper and mixing them together, or you can make this easier by printing each group on a different color of paper. You can also enlarge the cards when you print.

Have the groups sort the cards into groups (read, write, speak, understand/listen). Once students have finished sorting, put the template on the board from the bottom of the *Goals* handout. Work together as a class to use the phrases to complete the sentence template on the board. Review vocabulary, clarify, and list on the board any new/other learning goals you or your students might come up with during this part of the activity. When you finish, ask individual students to use the cards and any new ideas/additions you came up with to fill in the template at the bottom of the page.

Over the course of the quarter you should review this information yourself and if you can try to touch base with the students again maybe in the lab to check in with them about if they think they are meeting their short-term goals.

read to my children	read the newspaper
read and understand my mail	read and understand labels on food
read things I get from the library	read information on the internet

write notes to people	help my children with their homework
write stories in class	write good sentences in English

understand the radio and TV better	understand people on the bus
understand people at the store	make more friends who speak only English
understand my doctor or my dentist	understand the teacher in school

tell people what I need	talk to my doctor or my dentist
ask for help and explain what I need in a store	talk to neighbors, friends, classmates
talk to my child's teacher	talk to people at work