

Introduction to Tok Pisin Language and Papua New Guinea Culture



Living and working overseas can be a rewarding and exciting experience. Adapting to a new environment can be also challenging and stressful. Immersing yourself in a new language will make your everyday expat life much easier.

In partnership with WINGS Education, Easy Skill is offering an exclusive **Tok Pisin and Cultural Awareness training course**.

Learning Tok Pisin, the most widely spoken language in Papua New Guinea, will help to better understand the rich culture and history of Papua New Guineans.

Who is the course designed for?

The course is designed for people without prior knowledge of Tok Pisin who wish to facilitate their integration into PNG. The course prepares **professionals working or expecting to work in Papua New Guinea**

Benefits of the training program

During this training program, participants will also benefit from:

- Practical skills of Tok Pisin on topics such as introductions and small talk, everyday life, talking to friends and family about personal interests
- Understanding diverse PNG history and culture.
- Experienced PNG facilitators able to share authentic experiences



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Training course objectives

At the end of this training program, participants will have:

- The understanding and the confidence to communicate in basic Tok Pisin.
- The confidence to use specific Tok Pisin language and concepts associated with cultural awareness
- Pronoun sets and key vocabulary in English and Tok Pisin

Format of the training program

- The training program is made up of 10 modules.
- Sessions are 1 hour long and will be held once a week via online webinar or onsite in Port Moresby.
- Courses are held weekly starting in at 5pm (Port Moresby time).
- The timetable can be adapted to meet a corporate customer with 10 or more staff.
- Participants will be in small groups (10 to a max of 15 participants). The sessions will be interactive with practice activities between sessions for participants.

Fees & Registration

Please contact us for more information on fees and registration at: getitdone@easy-skill.com

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Modules

1 Getting Started

- Introduction – What is Tok Pisin?
- Tok Pisin sounds
- Greetings
- Personal information
- Questioning
- Introduce commonly used verbs
- Vocabulary – Key phrases

2 Daily Conversations

- Revision of sounds and greetings
- Basic likes and dislikes
- Pronoun sets in Tok Pisin
- Verbs to describe daily routines
- Vocabulary – Conversational key phrases

3 My Environment

- Revision – verbs and pronouns
- Asking questions
- Practice questioning in Tok Pisin
- Names of common places
- Vocabulary – key phrases

4 Going to the Market

- Revision – questioning
- Interview questions
- Expressing numbers and quantities
- Vocabulary – conversational phrases

5 The Workplace

- Revision – expressing quantities
- Use of prepositions – long and istap
- Use of bilong in different contexts
- Identifying workplace
- Vocabulary – key phrases

6 Relationships

- Revision – use of prepositions
- Time words and phrases in Tok Pisin
- Vocabulary about relationships
- Vocabulary about village traditions and customs

7 Risk Management at the Workplace

- Revise time words and phrases
- Revise prepositions of place
- Use of 'there is' and 'there are' in questioning
- Questioning about risks and safety
- Translating posters about health and safety

8 Revision, Consolidation & Presentation

- Revise grammar, verb tenses, pronouns and sentence structure.
- Revise expressions used for asking and giving personal information
- Revise daily work tasks and communication needs
- Individual presentations
- Vocabulary – key phrases

9 Significant PNG Ceremonies

- Haus krai ceremonies
- Bride price ceremonies
- Asking questions about cultural practices
- Scenarios
- Vocabulary – key names/ phrases for significant ceremonies and places

10 Cultural Awareness

- Defining culture
- Observing culture – iceberg activity
- Cultural custom scenarios
- Scenarios – exploring the impact of culture in the workplace
- Cross – cultural survival skills

Participant Stories:

Tok Pisin & Cultural Training Experiences

We had the opportunity to interview Thibaut and Sue, two participants of our Tok Pisin and Cultural Awareness Training Course, delivered in partnership with Wings Education. They share with us their experiences in learning Tok Pisin, the vibrant language in Papua New Guinea, as well as their insights gained as participants.



Thibaut.P

Civil Society Advisor for a major Papua LNG Operator



Sue.S

Inspector of Police for the PNG -APP (Australian Federal Police Partnership)

What prompted you to learn Tok Pisin initially?

Thibaut: Given my current role which involves a lot of interaction with civil society members, being able to speak Tok Pisin, understand a few words and initiate a discussion in the language is very beneficial. The idea is to build trust and a relationship with them. The fact they see that I've made the effort to learn the language could play an important role.

Sue: My initial goal was to acquire a basic understanding of Tok Pisin, and the course certainly fulfilled that objective. Overall, I found the course to be highly beneficial. My primary aim was to effectively communicate with the locals. Fortunately, working alongside the local constabulary provided practical opportunities for practice and correction. I also get the opportunity to practice Tok Pisin when I go shopping or go to the market.

How would you assess the overall quality of our course?

Thibaut: The instructors are very enthusiastic. The introduction to Tok Pisin is particularly useful for gaining fluency. I've also found the exercises I can do outside class to be beneficial, an effective approach to making progress. Even though the course is over, I continue to speak frequently with my colleagues and in my daily life, which helps to maintain and even improve my level of Tok Pisin.

Sue: For an online course, I was impressed with the exceptional performance of the two instructors. I found it to be excellent, and I must commend the instructors for their patience and their ability to adapt to the group's pace. I would wholeheartedly recommend this course.

What aspects of the course did you find particularly appealing?

Thibaut: Another advantage, beyond the simple ability to communicate, lies in the multitude of cultural aspects that shine through the language. This allows me to deepen my understanding of the local culture. The fact that expatriates make the effort to learn the language is well received. It's a way of showing respect for the local culture and facilitating integration.

Sue: I view the course as a progressive journey, each module serving as a stepping stone toward a comprehensive understanding. The final two modules focusing on culture were particularly outstanding. Understanding the cultural nuances is crucial, especially given the significant cultural differences in this context.