## Communicative English Lessons

* are taught in English-only, with no translation from the teacher
* are theme-based, around areas of interest to learners
* encourage basic speaking and listening comprehension skills for clear communication
* present language structures in context, through repetition & practice, for learners to infer grammar patterns
* integrate reading and writing skills as appropriate
* include learning activities that may be extended and altered as needed by learners

## The Learning Environment

* is student/learner-centered, rather than teacher-centered
* is comfortable, friendly, and encouraging
* is active, exploratory, and cooperative
* is empowering, based on the principles of a “democratic classroom”
* views the classroom as a place where social change happens
* is where it's ok to make mistakes
* celebrates progress and motivation
* is constantly re-configured to facilitate effective communication
* is one where the teacher moves around, rather than standing or sitting in one spot
* encourages students to get up and interact with others
* utilizes visual props, with which both the teacher and the learners interact
* allows for tasks that utilize different learning modalities; aural, oral, visual and kinesthetic