

Courses are taught using a Communicative Approach, with a balance of skills work (reading, writing, speaking and listening), grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and functional language for effective real-world education. The following courses are 45 hours in total.

Beginner - Common European Framework A1 – Basic User

You will learn basic English, classroom language, the alphabet, numbers, essential vocabulary and basic grammatical structures.

You will be able to:

- introduce yourself and speak about yourself, your family and where you are from
- communicate in basic everyday situations
- ask for clarification if you don't understand
- find specific information in simple texts
- understand and make simple sentences
- speak about your daily routine and things that you did in the past

You will be able to deal with basic everyday situations in a simple way.

Elementary 1 - Common European Framework A2.1 – Basic User

After finishing the Elementary 1 course you will be able to:

- speak about your everyday life, abilities and hobbies
- be able to pronounce large numbers
- tell the time and make arrangements
- talk about how often you do different activities
- order things in a restaurant and buy things in a shop

You will be able to read and write simple texts such as emails and short articles and feel confident when shopping, travelling or asking for everyday information.

Elementary 2 - Common European Framework A2.2 (KET) – Basic User

After finishing the Elementary 2 course you will be able to:

- talk about where you live, and compare it to other places
- describe your daily life, occupation or studies, and talk about your interests and hobbies
- state your preferences and talk about future plans
- give opinions and speculate about the world around you
- understand and give instructions to describe how something is done

You will have all the basics for your next trip abroad, asking for information and responding to common requests.

Pre-Intermediate 1 - Independent User

After finishing the Pre-Intermediate 1 course you will be able to:

- talk about your life experiences
- make predictions for the future
- deal with simple problems in common situations
- tell a simple anecdote about something that happened to you or someone you know
- use a dictionary to find out meaning, synonyms and pronunciation of new words
- write a simple formal email asking for information or applying for a job

You will be prepared to handle simple everyday problems and repair communication breakdowns.

Pre-Intermediate 2 - Common European Framework B1.1 – Independent User

After finishing the Pre-Intermediate 1 course you will be able to:

- ask for and give advice using a range of structures
- describe habits in the past
- talk about real and hypothetical situations in the future
- express your hopes, dreams and fears
- better understand connected speech when listening and unknown vocabulary from context
- write a simple essay expressing your opinion

You are starting to manage most situations related to everyday life and travel, express your opinion on topics of personal interest and give opinions supported with reasons.

Intermediate 1 - Independent User

After finishing the Intermediate 1 course you will be able to:

- understand longer written texts on a range of familiar and less familiar topics
- express your opinion, and agree and disagree providing reasons why
- describe in greater detail how things are, how people look and what their personality is like
- respond appropriately in social situations, sounding sympathetic, enthusiastic or (dis)interested
- write longer texts using a narrow range of tenses and vocabulary to communicate familiar ideas

You will be able to deal with routine requests in common travel, social and work situations.

Intermediate 2 - Common European Framework B1.2 (PET) - IELTS 4.5-5.0 - Independent User

After finishing the Intermediate 2 course you will be able to:

- describe common situations using a variety of appropriate vocabulary and grammatical structures
- present the main points of an idea and describe events in a simple manner
- keep a conversation going, using fillers and other linguistic devices to sound more natural
- have the ability to formulate long pieces of continuous writing with details and factual information, or a description of simple events
- understand and produce longer stretches of speech and more complex messages in a familiar context

You are not quite fluent yet, but you are getting there! You are able to communicate familiar ideas and are beginning to have the linguistic tools to deal in less common situations.

Upper-Intermediate 1 - Independent User

After finishing the Upper-Intermediate 1 course you will be able to:

- describe medical problems
- talk about issues such as the environment, social media use and trends
- apply and interview for a job
- read longer texts on different topics with less familiar vocabulary and collocations
- express attitude through intonation and different adverbs of attitude

You are beginning to be able to discuss topics which are less familiar with some hesitation, but have the skills to paraphrase on a wide range of general topics.

Upper-Intermediate 2 - Independent User

After finishing the Upper-Intermediate 2 course you will be able to:

- describe emotions, senses and use vocabulary more precisely
- speculate about the future and what may have happened in the past
- write a variety of texts including emails, articles, reports and short stories
- use a variety of impersonal structures associated with formal writing and speaking
- better understand natural spoken English and pronunciation features such as connected speech and weak forms
- understand the sequencing and referencing devices of more complex texts

You will communicate more effectively with both native speakers and global communicators of English in the contexts of work, study and socialising.

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Higher level courses balance the need to improve your English, sound more natural and express yourself more precisely as your proficiency in the language grows. There is also focus on exam strategies and preparing students to use English in the workplace or an academic setting. The following courses are 90 hours in total.

FCE - Common European Framework B2 (FCE) - IELTS 5.5 - 6.5 - Independent User

After the FCE course, you will:

- have a sufficient knowledge of the language to describe people, places and processes, and express opinions and develop arguments using both basic structures and some complex forms
- have a wide range of vocabulary for general topics, your job or studies
- be able to contribute to group discussions and maintain a conversation
- understand essays, reports and articles about contemporary issues
- be able to present an argument or information in writing following standard layout conventions
- understand longer stretches of speech and the main points of discussions that are clearly expressed
- have the note taking skills necessary for a lecture or presentation
- have the skills and strategies required for the FCE, BEC Vantage or IELTS exams

You are prepared to work or study in an English-speaking environment and can deal with a range of familiar topics and more complex, abstract ideas.

Pre-Advanced - Common European Framework C1.1 - Proficient User

Upon successful completion of the Pre-Advanced course, you will:

- have increased your knowledge of collocation, idiom, colloquial expressions and vocabulary related to more specialised registers
- have the ability to speak fluently, flexibly, spontaneously, and confidently in social, academic, and business situations.
- be able to understand, read and write, well-structured text on complex subjects, both concrete and abstract, and show recognition of implicit meanings
- know how to take notes for academic and professional purposes
- write coherent and cohesive texts in a number of genres
- understand how chunking, word stress and intonation can affect what is being said and enhance delivery

You are now extremely confident when speaking and writing, and are able to spontaneously produce extended speech with minimal mistakes.

Advanced - Common European Framework C1.2 (CAE) - IELTS 7.0-8.0 - Proficient User

Upon successful completion of the Pre-Advanced course, you will have:

- a wide range of language to select from in order to express yourself
- a good command of idiomatic expressions and colloquialisms
- the ability to use the language effectively for social purposes and adjust the register accordingly
- the ability to express yourself orally in a clear, fluent and well-structured manner
- an understanding of long and complex factual and literary texts
- the ability to note differences in style
- no problems writing about complex subjects in a clearly organised, coherent way, and understanding the majority of spoken language in virtually all contexts
- have the skills and strategies required for the CAE, BEC Higher or IELTS exams

You are now confident when speaking and writing, and can change your language flexibly to meet the demands of who you are communicating with and why. You are fluent, accurate and beginning to explore greater subtlety and sophistication in the language you use.

Pre-CPE - Common European Framework C2.1

Upon successful completion of the Pre-Proficiency course, you will:

- understand fast speech, including detailed meaning and reading between the lines
- develop critical thinking skills and be able to present a well-reasoned argument in both speaking and writing
- use pronunciation features such as chunking, sentence stress and intonation to significantly enhance delivery
- demonstrate complete command of the conventions of different written genres
- produce discourse that is organised and coherent, using a variety of cohesive devices and organisational patterns with flexibility

At this level you are approaching mastery of the language in terms of the degree of precision, appropriateness and ease with the language typical of highly successful learners.

Proficiency - Common European Framework C2.2 (CPE) - IELTS 8.0-9.0 – Proficient User

After completing the Proficiency course you will be able to:

- thoroughly understand virtually everything you read or hear, including abstract, complex texts such as manuals, specialised articles and literary works
- summarise information from a variety of sources, and reconstruct arguments and accounts coherently and with ease
- express yourself spontaneously with great speed and precision, differentiating finer shades of proficient meaning, even in complex situations
- backtrack and restructure around difficulties so smoothly that other people are hardly aware of it
- manage discussions smoothly and with ease, in a style that is appropriate to the context and with an effective and logical structure
- interact with ease and skill, picking up and using non-verbal and phonological cues apparently effortlessly, and to contribute to joint discourse with fully natural turn taking, referencing and allusion making

You have now attained a level of English whereby you speak and write effortlessly and with a high degree of control when expressing the finer shades of meaning and a considerable familiarity with idiomatic expressions and colloquialisms. An 'A' on the Cambridge English: Proficiency exam is the equivalent of a well-educated native speaker.
