



# Cambridge PRELIMINARY

## COURSE DETAILS

Course length	30 weeks, October – May
Lessons	60
Frequency	Two 90-minute lessons per week
Study Centre/homework	2 hours per week (recommended minimum)
Start date	First week of October
Levels	B1 (Intermediate)
Group size	6 – 8 people

## COURSE FOCUS

This course focuses on improving your COMMUNICATION and LANGUAGE SKILLS and covers:

**SPEAKING**

**LISTENING**

**WRITING**

**READING**

**VOCABULARY**

**GRAMMAR**

**PRONUNCIATION**

## THE PRELIMINARY EXAM

Students at B1 (Intermediate) level are expected to be able to:

- use English in everyday situations.
- talk about common topics.
- read simple textbooks or magazine articles.
- write letters on familiar subjects.
- take notes in a meeting.

If this correctly describes your skills in English, you might be ready to take the Cambridge Preliminary exam.

## COURSE CONTENT

The following is an example of what you will study on this course:

### Skills Work

#### READING

In the **reading** part of the test, you need to be able to read and understand different types of text, for example: signs, letters, short magazine articles and news stories. During the course we will practise:

- Understanding the main ideas in a written text
- Finding synonyms
- Answering true or false questions
- Matching paragraphs
- Completing texts by filling the gaps

#### WRITING

In the **writing** part of the test you have to write a short note or message (35-45 words) and a longer piece of writing (100 words) which can be a letter or a story. You also have to re-write five sentences using different words. We will practise:

- Letters to friends

- Notes
- Stories

## **LISTENING**

In the **listening** part of the test, you have to be able to understand different types of recordings, for example, short conversations, public announcements, telephone messages, short radio broadcasts. We will practise the following skills:

- Understanding the general meaning
- Understanding details
- Answering true or false questions
- Matching recordings to pictures
- Understanding attitudes and intentions

## **SPEAKING**

In the **speaking** part of the test you have to talk about yourself, describe a picture and have a conversation with a partner. We will practise all parts of the exam, and also:

- Expressing preferences
- Giving opinions
- Describing objects
- Polite requests
- Comparing
- Giving advice
- Talking about future plans
- Telling stories in the past

## **Lexical areas**

Vocabulary areas covered will include:

- Sport
- Jobs
- Entertainment
- Travel and Transport
- Celebrations
- Books and Films
- Fashion and Shopping
- Houses
- Family and Friends
- Music
- The Future
- Money
- TV and Advertising

## **Grammatical themes**

- Review of present, past and future tenses
- Comparatives and superlatives
- Present perfect
- Modal verbs
- Conditionals 1 and 2
- The passive
- Reported speech: statements, questions and demands
- Relative pronouns

***For a more accurate idea of lexical and grammatical content, look at the information on B1 courses.***