



Cambridge PROFICIENCY

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	C2 (Proficiency)
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 PROFICIENCY EXAM

Students at C2 (Proficiency) level are expected to:

- understand with ease virtually everything they hear and read
- make accurate and complete notes during a presentation
- understand colloquial asides
- talk about complex and sensitive issues without awkwardness
- express themselves precisely and fluently.

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

COURSE CONTENT

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

Skills Work

READING

In the CPE **reading** paper you will need to be able to understand the meaning of written English at word, sentence, paragraph and whole text level. There are various different types of exercise and during the course we will practise:

- Appreciating style in different genres of written text
- Identifying the salient points of a text
- Answering multiple choice questions
- Matching paragraphs
- Identifying reference devices

WRITING

In the **writing** paper you will have to show you can produce a number of different items such as a short story, a letter, an article, a report or a composition, each of about 300—350 words. We will have sessions on how to produce the following text types:

- Emails and letters: formal and informal

- Magazine and newspaper articles
- Reports and proposals
- Discursive essays
- Narratives and descriptive texts
- Use of linking devices to create cohesion

LISTENING

In the **listening** paper you need to show you can understand the meaning of a range of spoken material, including lectures, news programmes and public announcements. The following skills will be targeted:

- Listening for detail
- Note-taking
- Matching recordings to statements
- Understanding attitudes and intentions

SPEAKING

In the speaking test you will be tested on your ability to take part in different types of interaction: with the examiner, with the other candidates and by yourself. The following skills will be practised during the course:

- Expressing preferences
- Giving opinions
- Talking about advantages and disadvantages
- Comparing and contrasting
- Talking about future plans
- Interaction

There is also a paper called **Use of English** in which you will be tested by tasks which show how well you can control your grammar and vocabulary and how well you can summarise information. ***For a more accurate idea of lexical and grammatical content, look at the information on C2 courses.***

Lexical areas

Examples of vocabulary areas covered:

- Travel and Tourism
- The Media
- The Environment
- Technology and Communication
- Social Issues
- Human Rights
- Crime and the Justice System
- Advertising and Television
- Health and Lifestyles

Grammatical themes

Examples of grammatical areas covered:

- Defining and non-defining relative clauses
- Continuous aspect
- Stative verbs
- Uses of *have*
- The modal system
- Wishes and regrets
- Gradable and ungradable adjectives
- The passive
- Emphasis, stress and cleft sentences
- Perfect aspect
- Adverbials