



Cambridge FIRST

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	B2 (Upper-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 FIRST EXAM

Students at B2 (Upper-Intermediate) level are expected to be able to:

- understand texts from a wide variety of sources.
- use English to make notes while someone is speaking in English.
- talk to people about a wide variety of topics.
- understand people talking in English on radio or television programmes.

If this correctly describes your skills in English, you might be ready to take the Cambridge First 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 exam, you need to be able to understand information in fiction and non-fiction books, journals, newspapers and magazines. There are various different types of exercise and we will practise:

- Understanding the main ideas in a written text
- Finding synonyms and parallel expressions
- Answering multiple choice questions
- Matching paragraphs
- Reference markers

WRITING

In the **writing** part of the exam, you will have to show you can produce two different pieces of writing such as a short story, a letter, an article, a report, a review or an essay. We will have sessions on how to produce these text types:

- Emails and letters: formal and informal
- Magazine articles
- Reports and proposals

- Opinion essays
- Stories

LISTENING

In the **listening** part of the exam, you need to show you can understand the meaning of a range of spoken material, including news programmes, speeches, stories and anecdotes and public announcements. We will work on the following skills:

- Understanding the general meaning
- Understanding details
- Completing written notes
- Matching recordings to pictures
- Understanding attitudes and intentions

SPEAKING

In the **speaking** part of the exam, 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. During the course, we will focus on the following skills:

- Expressing preferences
- Giving opinions
- Talking about advantages and disadvantages
- Comparing and contrasting
- Keeping a conversation going
- Talking about future plans

There is also a paper called **Use of English** in which your grammar and vocabulary skills are tested. ***For a more accurate idea of lexical and grammatical content, look at the information on B2 courses.***

Lexical areas

Examples of vocabulary areas covered:

- Travel
- Free time
- The Media
- The Environment
- Technology and Communication
- Gender differences
- Talents and abilities
- Appearances
- Social Issues

Grammatical themes

Examples of grammatical areas covered:

- Review of present, past and future tenses
- Gerunds and infinitives
- Present perfect simple and continuous
- Modal verbs
- Conditionals 1, 2 and 3
- Unreal tenses
- The passive
- Reported speech: statements, questions and demands
- Relative pronouns
- Articles and quantifiers