

Skype English School Learning Overview



Skype English School specialises in delivering English lessons tailored for individuals that want to improve their communication skills. We tailor your lessons to suit you and your learning needs. We use world renowned programs in planning your lessons, we actually prefer to create our own learning materials. By doing this we can ensure that it is relevant to your learning objectives and therefore a much better return on investment.

Our Approach

We use a variety of resources and scenarios which may include some of the following:

- **Role-plays**

To provide the learner with real life situations in context for practicing using the language effectively.

- **Student-centered activities**

These are geared towards improving the learners confidence, fluency, talking speed, discourse management, and cultural awareness.

- **Casual and social element**

To make the class an emotionally enjoyable experience and put them in a position to be able to comfortably converse in an informal manner.

- **Formal and professional element**

To develop the learner's business communication skills, within appropriate environments .

- **Practical communication skills**

We focus on learning new vocabulary and how to use it appropriately.

- **Speaking Games**

These are an effective way to motivate participants to speak fast and are used to review vocabulary and Improve fluency.

- **Useful Language and standard phrases for the various communication skills.**

Homework

In order to speed up progress in learning English, written homework assignments will be set and marked by the instructor with relevant feedback on English grammar, style, cohesion and vocabulary for future improvement.

Resources

We utilise a variety of quality resources including text books to allow for self study and revision outside the training class. Listening will be based around high quality, real life professional audio recordings. The course book will also be supplemented by other specialised materials including videos.

What makes us different?

First and foremost all our teachers are native English speakers which means English is their first language.

Secondly all of our teachers are qualified.

The aim of all our lessons is to enable you to communicate fluently, confidently and effectively in English.

You may also wish to focus on a specific area most relevant to your learning needs. We are totally flexible and will design and develop your learning around your exact needs and learning objectives.

You are able to learn at your own pace focusing on your unique learning needs. Everyone learns in a different manner which is why we create individual plans. You learn when you want to learn.

Our programs are based around you not the other way around.



Cambridge ESOL is a department of the world-famous and historic University of Cambridge. Attaining one of its certificates is an achievement and a reward in itself.

First Certificate in English (FCE)

FCE is an exam for people who can use everyday written and spoken English at an upper-intermediate level. It is an ideal exam for people who want to use English for work or study purposes.

Is FCE for you? Can you...

- 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?

What will FCE do for you?

- an FCE certificate is valid for life
- FCE is truly international, recognised around the world for business and study purposes
- thousands of employers, universities and government departments officially recognise FCE as a qualification in upper-intermediate English.
- FCE gives you a pathway to higher qualifications such as the Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) and Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)
- FCE's 'Can Do' skills give you the confidence to use English in real situations.

FCE is at Level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) — an internationally recognised benchmark of language ability. The framework uses six levels to describe language ability from A1 to C2. 'Can Do' statements have been used to describe these levels in terms of real skills with language. For example, at B2 level, typical users can be expected to:

- understand the main ideas of complex pieces of writing
- keep up a conversation on a fairly wide range of topics, expressing opinions and presenting arguments
- produce clear, detailed writing, expressing opinions and explaining the advantages and disadvantages of different points of view

What does FCE involve? FCE has five papers:

Reading: 1 hour

You will need to be able to understand information in fiction and non-fiction books, journals, newspapers and magazines.

Writing: 1 hour 20 minutes

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.

Use of English: 45 minutes

Your use of English will be tested by tasks which show how well you control your grammar and vocabulary.

Listening: 40 minutes

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.

Speaking: 14 minutes

You will take the Speaking test with another candidate or in a group of three, and 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.

Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)

CAE is an exam for advanced users of English. This exam is aimed at people who can use written and spoken English for most professional and social purposes. It is widely recognised for work or study purposes.

Is CAE for you? Can you...

- use English in an effective way for business or study purposes?
- use English confidently and flexibly?
- produce well-structured, clear pieces of writing on complex issues?

For example, at C1 level, typical users can be expected to:

- read quickly enough to cope with an academic course
- understand complex opinions
- produce clear, well structured and detailed pieces of writing
- express themselves well with a good degree of fluency
- use English flexibly for social, professional and academic purposes.

What does CAE involve? CAE has five papers:

Reading: 1 hour 15 minutes

You will need to be able to understand texts from publications such as fiction and non-fiction books, journals, newspapers and magazines.

Writing 1 hour 30 minutes

You will have to show you can produce two different pieces of writing such as an article, a report, a proposal and a review.

Use of English Paper 1 hour

Your use of English will be tested by tasks which show how well you can control your grammar and vocabulary.

Listening: 40 minutes

You need to show you can understand the meaning of a range of spoken material, including lectures, radio broadcasts, speeches and talks.

Speaking: 15 minutes

You will take the Speaking test with another candidate or in a group of three, and you will be tested on your ability to take part in different types of interaction: with the examiner, with the other candidate and by yourself.

Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)

CPE is Cambridge ESOL's most advanced exam. It is aimed at people who use English for professional or study purposes

Is CPE for you? Can you...

- use English to advise on, or talk about complex or sensitive issues?
- understand the finer points of documents, correspondence and reports?

For example, at C2 level, typical users can be 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.

What does CPE involve? CPE has five papers:

Reading 1 hour 30 minutes

You will need to be able to understand the meaning of written English at word, sentence, paragraph and whole text level.

Writing 2 hours

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.

Use of English 1 hour 30 minutes

Your use of English will be tested by tasks which show how well you can control your grammar and vocabulary and how well you can summarise information.

Listening: 45 minutes

You need to show you can understand the meaning of a range of spoken material, including lectures, news programmes and public announcements.

Speaking: 19 minutes

You will take the Speaking test with another candidate or in groups of three, and 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.

We encourage learners to be themselves and express themselves in English. Our teachers create a friendly and relaxed atmosphere in which participants can practice their new communication skills with confidence.

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