

Cambridge English: C1 Advanced (CAE) Preparation

Section 1: Overview

Is this course for me?

- This course is for students who need to improve the key language skills needed to score as high as possible in all parts of the Cambridge English: C1 Advanced (CAE) exam.

Key Facts

Available in

- London
- Oxford
- Los Angeles

Start dates:

- Refer to table below

Entry level:

- Upper Intermediate (Kings Level 6)

Age:

- 16+

Duration:

- 4, 10 or 12 weeks (depending on start dates and location)

Class size:

- Maximum 14

Lessons per week:

- 28 lessons (21 hours) total

Included in the price:

- 28 lessons per week (21 hours)
- Welcome Information Pack
- Access to multi-format course materials
- Placement test on arrival, weekly assignments, group participation and progress tests
- Use of Computer Learning Centre
- Free Wi-fi at school
- Full access to Kings social programme, with at least two free activities per week
- Full access to join Kings' school clubs and societies
- Optional weekly lecture programme
- End-of-course certificate (90% or higher attendance required)

Please note exam fees are not included.

The schools will help students book and pay the local exam centres.

Prices change by location but for 2023 they range between £180 and £213.

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"I knew that studying English at a high level like Cambridge would give me the opportunity to improve my skills considerably and at the same time help me to communicate with English speakers. What I enjoy most about my lessons is the fact that I learn new things everyday."

Section 2: Course structure and content

London

- 28 lessons (21 hours) per week of Cambridge CAE exam preparation

Oxford and Los Angeles

- 20 lessons (15 hours) per week of General English
- 8 lessons (6 hours) per week Cambridge CAE exam preparation

Key features:

- The Cambridge English: Advanced preparation course is taught by specialist and experienced teachers.
- The course syllabus has been specially designed to maximise students' exam success and covers all papers of the exam.
- Students will be given regular homework and will be expected to complete at least five hours of assignments each week.

Key areas covered include:

Communication skills

- Conversational language skills

- Listening and accents
- Reading and interpretation
- Writing and presenting

Linguistic resources

- Building your vocabulary bank
- Fine tuning your pronunciation
- Interpretation of texts
- Grammar and syntax

Study skills

- Note taking and revision
- Research skills
- Time management and planning
- Dictionary work
- Learner autonomy

Cultural and personal development

- Understanding cultural difference and similarity
- Team work and leadership
- Presenting an argument
- Discussion skills

Exam technique and strategies

- Working under exam conditions
- Understanding the requirements of each section of the exam
- Understanding what the examiner is looking for
- Planning and reviewing your answers
- Preparing mentally for exam day

Assessing progress

- Students will be given homework tasks to complete every day, including writing practice.
- In addition to homework tasks, students' progress will also be monitored in class and they will complete a short test at the start of each week.
- Students are given a number of opportunities to complete mock examinations under simulated exam conditions. The results of these mock exams will be used to help them improve in specific areas.

Section 3: About the Cambridge: C1 Advanced (CAE) exam

- The Cambridge English: Advanced exam is the main English language qualification offered by Cambridge English to those who want English for acceptance at an English-speaking university, or for a career.
- It is targeted at Level C1 of the CEFR and is offered at more than 2,800 exam centres around the world.
- Candidates are tested in all four skills and in use of English, and receive a separate score for each, as

well as an overall score. A final grade and CEFR level are then assigned.

Course start dates

| 2024 start dates | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 8 January | |
| 10 weeks | London |
| 11 March | |
| 12 weeks | London, Oxford, Los Angeles |
| 6 May | |
| 4 weeks | London |
| 1 July | |
| 4 weeks | London |
| 29 July | |
| 4 weeks | London - Exam on |
| 16 September | |
| 12 weeks | Los Angeles |
| 23 September | |
| 12 weeks | London and Oxford |
| 18 November | |
| 4 weeks | London |
| 2025 start dates | |
| 6 January | |
| 10 weeks | London |
| 10 March | |
| 12 weeks | London and Oxford |
| 6 May | |
| 4 weeks | London |
| 30 June | |
| 4 weeks | London |
| 28 July | |
| 4 weeks | London |
| 22 September | |

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| 12 weeks | London and Oxford |
| 17 November | |
| 4 weeks | London |

Sample timetable

Please note:

- Sample timetable is subject to change
- Placement test, induction, locality walk and ice breaker activities, which take place on the students' first day at Kings, are an essential part of the teaching programme, included in the weekly hours of lessons.

20 lessons General English + 8 lessons CAE Preparation per week: taught in Oxford, Los Angeles

| | Mon | Tues | Weds | Thurs | Fri |
|--|--|--|--|---|---|
| 09:00 - 10:30 (Lessons 1 & 2) General English | Progress test including listening and writing Individual and group feedback on test | Grammar Using 'will' and 'shall' in polite requests Pronunciation Open and closed questions (intonation) Professional skills Interviews. | Vocabulary Common idioms and phrasal verbs used to describe behaviour Reading, listening and writing Giving tips on how to behave in different situations | Listening Understanding how technology works Functional language Giving instructions Task-based learning (leadership and team work) Building a bridge | Grammar review 'Will', 'shall' and relative clauses Video Ted Talk: How to lead a conversation between people who disagree Discussion Beyond right and wrong? |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Break | Break | Break | Break | Break |
| 11:00 - 12:30 (Lessons 3 & 4) General English | Vocabulary Social behavior: Talking about norms and customs Discussion Understanding cultural differences | Video Phone addiction. Role-play Asking for and offering help Study skills Making effective notes | Real English People in the newspapers today Grammar Defining relative clauses Vocabulary Adjectives of character | Writing An email describing a new invention. Presentations A future without cars. | Vocabulary Diplomatic language Professional skills Giving and receiving feedback Discussion — Beyond right and wrong? |
| 12:30 - 13:30 | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch |

| | Mon | Tues | Weds | Thurs | Fri |
|---|---|--|--|--|------------------|
| 13:30 - 15:00 (Lessons 3 & 4) Cambridge Advanced Skill: Special Interest Group | Speaking Expressions, to agree and disagree Exam practice Speaking parts 1 and 3 | Reading Understanding meaning from context and underlining key words | Listening Avoiding distractors; synonyms | Speaking Comparing and contrasting photographs; speaking about yourself and expressing preferences | Free time |

28 lessons CAE Preparation per week: taught in London

| | Mon | Tues | Weds | Thurs | Fri |
|--|---|---|--|--|---|
| 09:00 - 10:30 (Lessons 1 & 2) Cambridge Advanced Exam (CAE) Preparation | Grammar Review of tenses Speaking Expressing likes and dislikes; preferences | Reading Cross-text multiple matching - Office Politics Listening Multiple choice - family relationships Vocabulary Phrasal verbs - relationships and work | Vocabulary Money Speaking Discussing ambitions and the importance of money Listening Sentence completion - Advice on Money | Grammar Modal verbs of deduction; relative causes Speaking Comparing photographs, using modals of deduction | Writing Formal and informal style Grammar Review of conditionals |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Break | Break | Break | Break | Break |
| 11:00 - 12:30 (Lessons 3 & 4) Cambridge Advanced Exam (CAE) Preparation | Vocabulary Health and sport Speaking Discussing health and sport Writing Writing and proposal | Grammar Review of the passive forms and the causative Speaking Events in the news | Grammar References and ellipsis Exam practice Use of English - sentence transformations | Grammar Conjunctions and linking adverbials Exam practice Use of English - Open Cloze Text | Writing Writing a report |
| 12:30 - 13:30 | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch |

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|--|---|--|--|--|------------------|
| 13:30 - 15:00 (Lessons 3 & 4) Cambridge Advanced Skills: Special Interest Group (SIG) | Speaking Expressions, to agree and disagree Exam practice Speaking parts 1 and 3 | Reading Understanding meaning from context and underlining key words | Listening Avoiding distractors; synonyms | Speaking Comparing and contrasting photographs; speaking about yourself and expressing preferences | Free time |