



OVERVIEW

Brief description: This is a 24 hour course designed to prepare students for the Cambridge First Exam. It focuses on the skills required to successfully complete the three papers of the exam, as well as providing extensive exam practice in Reading and Use of English, Writing, Speaking, and Listening.

- **Teacher:** TBC
- **Email:** TBC
- **Room:** Sem B3 (Amigos)
- **Schedule:** Monday and Wednesday. 18:30 - 20:00. From 08/01 al 26/02

PROGRAMA

INTRODUCTION

This course provides intensive preparation for the Cambridge ESOL First Certificate in English examination (B2 Level on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). Access to the course is decided on the basis of a special Level Test taken in the Sala Multimedia at the Instituto de Idiomas. The focus of the course is on examination skills and techniques: task-types and time management.

COURSE OUTLINE

Reading and Use of English (1 hour, 30 minutes): What is tested in each part of the Use of English paper is explained and practiced in class. Part 1: Multiple-Choice Cloze test; Part 2: Open Cloze test; Part 3: Word Formation and Part 4: Sentence Transformation. The Intensive Course also provides guided study of grammar and vocabulary topics examined at FCE (B2) level.

What is tested in each part of the Reading paper is explained and practiced in class. Part 5: Multiple-Choice questions; Part 6: Cross-text multiple matching exercise; Part 7: Gap-Fill exercise and Part 8: Multiple-Matching questions. Students acquire the skills they need to improve their performance in each part of the Reading paper.

Writing (1 hour, 30 minutes): The format, style and register of the following writing tasks are explained in class: formal and informal letters; a report; a proposal; an article; a review; an information sheet; and a competition entry. Assignments are corrected in detail, and students are given specific suggestions on how to improve their written work.

Listening (40 minutes): The Listening paper has four different parts; students hear each part twice. In addition, students do one full Listening test under exam conditions (including answer sheets) during the course.

Speaking (14 minutes): Students analyze a sample Speaking test. The classes centre on acquiring the following: general conversation skills; the language of comparison and contrast, speculation and hypothesis, opinion and suggestion, agreement and disagreement, decision-making, etc. In addition, students do two full Speaking tests under exam conditions during the course.



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(See www.cambridgeol.org/exams/general-english/fce.html for further details.)

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- sixteen 90-minute classes over 8 weeks;
- Course textbook: FCE Practice Tests (provided by Idiomas);
- Recommended textbook: Recycling Your English (Clare West, Georgian Press);
- Overview of grammar, vocabulary and functions at B2 level;
- Online material: Drive del profesor (disponible al principio del intensivo)
- Supplementary class material: provided by class teacher.

HORARIOS DE ATENCIÓN

- Contact the teacher via email to arrange a meeting

BIBLIOGRAFÍA

- Cambridge English First 2 (Cambridge University Press) Provided by Unav.
- <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/>