

Online English Level B1 Course Description and Syllabus

General description

Forget the image of the lonely online learner who never meets their teacher or any of their classmates. This course using our online platforms is designed to be social and engaging and aims to maximise communication. Along with your classmates, you will participate in live online classes using Zoom and your teacher will guide you through every step of your learning. These online classes give you the flexibility to log in wherever you are and will be extremely helpful in achieving your goals.

General objectives / Competences

By the end of this B1 level course you will be able to:

- interact with others with a degree of fluency and spontaneity
- explain a point of view on a topic, giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options
- activate a broader vocabulary to express yourself on most general topics
- understand the main ideas of complex texts on a range of topics
- produce clear detailed texts on a range of subjects and you will also:
 - become familiar with Upper Intermediate exam tasks
 - build your confidence in exam techniques and strategies

Methodology

This course will encourage communication as much as possible and guide students through using language in a functional way. The classes are all student-centred and you won't be sitting listening to long grammar explanations. You will be expected to participate and put to use the things you have learned in class, which will make the classes more engaging and help you to get the most out of them.

Collaborative tasks will also be assigned during the course. These will allow you to practise a wide range of language and skills. Working together with your classmates on a task like planning a presentation will provide opportunities for creativity and meaningful communication.

In addition to your online class time, you should allow some time, around one hour every week, for completing assignments and personal study.

Content

The course will include a variety of different topics which students would be expected to cover at B1 level. This will include a wide range of vocabulary and grammar appropriate for B1 and will be integrated through listening and reading texts.

There will be emphasis on the four key skills; speaking, listening, reading and writing, though speaking will be the main focus in online class.

Material



- *Coursebook*: You will be using English File B1 Student's Book and Workbook (4th edition) in class. The Online Practice will be used for individual work outside class.
- *Microsoft Teams*: you will be given a licence for Office 365 for Education. Your teacher will invite you to join their class on Microsoft Teams. The Teams site is where teachers will post extra resources and assignments and where you upload your assignments for correction.

Evaluation and assessment

There will be a final exam at the end of each semester to check your progress in the course, which will include Writing, Grammar and Vocabulary, Reading and Listening. You will also be assessed throughout the course by your teacher and any individual work you have done will contribute to your final mark. Collaborative tasks will also be taken into account.

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- Participation = 5%
- Written assignments = 15%
- Progress test = 10%
- Collaborative tasks (presentations / writing tasks) = 30%
- End of semester exam = 40%

At the end of each semester you will have the opportunity of a personal interview with a coordinator to discuss your progress and marks.

Assignments and personal study time

As learning does not only happen in the classroom, to encourage learner autonomy it is important to allow time for practice and study at home.

Writing Assignments

- Students complete a weekly written task and upload it to Microsoft Teams
- The teacher corrects and returns the work online
- Students use teacher's corrections and feedback to improve their work and return for a second appraisal by the teacher

Additional tasks

Students will also be asked to complete online tasks to help reinforce areas covered in the lessons:

- Grammar/Vocabulary exercises
- Listening and Reading tasks
- Speaking tasks (audio/video recordings)

Technological Requirements and Information

You will need the following to participate in our online courses:

- Desktop or laptop computer
- Webcam or HD webcam (integrated or USB plug-in)
- Speakers / headphones and microphone (integrated, USB plug-in or wireless Bluetooth)
- Office 365 for Education account (provided by CIC Idiomes)
- Zoom basic app installed on your computer

Installing Zoom

Zoom is a high-quality, secure videoconferencing platform used in educational contexts around the world.

We recommend registering with Zoom. It is free and simple to do. Go to <http://zoom.us>

You can install the Zoom app on your computer by going to <http://zoom.us/download> On this page, you'll find instructions and links for downloading the app.

It is important to keep your Zoom app updated to be able to benefit from periodic improvements to the platform. When an update is available, you are usually prompted to install the update when you click on the app to start a session.