



English Programmes FAQ

How many students are in your classes?

Our average class size is small (8 – 10) students with a maximum of 12) and we have many class levels (usually at least 7). Students are placed at the right level with a good deal of individual attention.

How many class levels do you have?

We normally have 5 levels of classes – Elementary to Advanced. We do not offer courses to beginners and normally do not offer proficiency level classes. We estimate that to complete a level you will need to study for 2-3 months.

How do you test my English level?

All students are tested on their first day at LTC. The test we use has been tests different aspects of your English language knowledge. Based on the scores you get we place you in the appropriate class.

What about your teachers' qualifications and experience?

LTC follows the British Council's guidelines for accredited schools. All our teachers have a minimum of a Cambridge CELTA or Trinity College TESOL certificate (or a recognised equivalent). Some of our teachers have further postgraduate qualifications such as the DELTA, or Masters Degrees in language teaching. Some are also experienced examiners for Cambridge FCE, CAE, IELTS and the Trinity Exams.

Will I get a certificate at the end of my course?

Yes, you will get a certificate of attendance and also a report from your teacher, saying what your level is in different skills, and with recommendations for future study.

What exams do you offer?

Depending on your level of English there are different exams you can take. We run FCE and IELTS preparation courses throughout the year and CAE courses in Brighton. If students want to take the TOEFL test we can provide material for self-study. If you want to take an exam, you will speak to the Academic Manager(s) , who will talk to you personally about your exam aims. We can also reserve places at local examination centres for you.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS) – For students of all levels.
TOEFL – For students of all levels.

The following are Cambridge Exams for different levels:

- Key English Test (KET): For elementary or pre-intermediate level students.
- Preliminary English Test (PET): For early intermediate level students.
- First Certificate in English (FCE): For upper intermediate level students.
- Cambridge Advanced English (CAE): For lower advanced level students.
- Cambridge Proficiency in English (CPE): For advanced level students.
- Business English Certificate (BEC): For upper intermediate and lower advanced level students.

What teaching methods do you use?

We use a variety of teaching methods, depending on the subject, level and background of the students. We aim to use a predominantly communicative method of teaching, involving student participation and production of language as much as possible. We are a teacher training centre, so the methods we use are mainly those taught on the Cambridge CELTA course, which are recognised internationally. We do not have our own in-house method.

How many nationalities do you have at your school?

We have on average about 20 nationalities in our schools depending on the time of year.

Do you have Tutorials and Progress Tests?

Our tutorial system helps you and your teacher check your progress, set targets and discuss ways you can improve your language learning experience.

For exam classes your tutorials will focus on setting realistic targets for your exam results.

Progress tests are normally used to check progress and to see when you are ready to go to the next level. General English classes normally have monthly progress tests, and all the schools have tests to check if you may be ready to progress to an exam preparation programme.

Can I change classes?

If you believe you are ready to go up to the next level of classes, please discuss this with your teacher. Sometimes they will agree, sometimes they will say you need more work on your grammar or writing, for example.

When you are ready to change classes you will be able to do so provided we have space in classes at the correct level.

All LTC schools also offer the chance to transfer between general classes and exam preparation classes when you are ready and when we have spaces available.