



## Contemporary English

2 weeks – face to face

Whether you want to come to Cambridge for the full Bell Teacher Academy experience or prefer to join us online from where you are, both options are available to you. This course is offered as face to face or online. Please note that face to face and online courses are run separately and may take place at different times. Please check our dates and fees for details.

### On-campus (face-to-face) participants enjoy:

- 15 hours' course content per week (30 total)
- 5.5 hours of workshops and talks per week\* (11 total)
- A full social programme

The sample face to face timetable can be found [here](#)

\*please note workshops and talks will be on a wide variety of subjects with broad appeal to participants on all Bell Teacher Academy courses and are not specific to this course.

### Course summary

This is a highly practical and interactive course that explores current trends in the English language, whilst providing opportunities for language upgrade, development and practice. You will learn up-to-date idiomatic and colloquial English, explore how the current geo-political and cultural climate is affecting English and be more aware of changes in English pronunciation and grammar. You will also experience a variety of engaging and effective teaching strategies, activities and techniques that you can use to in your own face-to-face and virtual lessons, so that your learners can learn English even better.

#### This course is for:

- Experienced teachers with an advanced (C1) language level or above.
  - Participants with a high existing level of English who want to fine-tune and update their language and their classroom practice.
  - Participants who want to know about new trends and changes in modern English usage.
- Increased awareness of recent changes and developments in English grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation.



- Improved English language competencies, including a greater knowledge of idiomatic and colloquial language.
- Greater awareness of a range of techniques and strategies for presenting, practising and consolidating new language.
- Improved language competencies and greater confidence in your own English.
- Opportunities to develop and disseminate innovative teacher practice internationally.

## Course content

This course will cover some or all of the following topics:

- How English is affected by current world developments
- Language, gender and political correctness
- Lexical change and development: where new words come from and how they are formed
- Grammar change and the implications for teaching
- Slang, contemporary phrasal verbs and idioms
- Pronunciation: from RP to the English of the future
- Exploiting authentic materials for learning activities

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