



Elective: Exam skills

Overview

This elective is for students who want to improve their ability to do English exams and tests in reading, writing, speaking and listening. It will be particularly useful for students who will be taking the Cambridge exam suite as it focuses on a many of the types of questions that appear in these exams. Students will also learn general exam strategies and study skills.

Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- be better able to answer different types of reading, writing, listening and speaking exam questions for the Cambridge Exams and other exam types.
- have learned general strategies to improve their exam technique e.g. time management, planning answers, understanding the question etc.

Language Outcomes:

Students will:

- be better able to answer cloze and gap-fill reading questions
- be better able to write short and longer compositions for written exams.
- be able to transform words (e.g. change them from a noun to a verb, or an adjective to an adverb) using common affixes and suffixes e.g. definite -> definitely
- have practised listening for specific information from dialogues and monologues.
- be better able to maintain a conversation.

Sample Content

SESSION 1	SESSION 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Language in use: compound nouns• Reading skills: multiple choice questions and matching exercises• True and false questions• Understanding the writer's attitude and opinion	<p>Listening skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• multiple choice and true/false questions• gap-fills <p>Learning to hear weak forms and unstressed syllables</p>
SESSION 2	SESSION 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing skills:• writing short texts: email, notes, postcards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Language in use: suffixes and affixes• Speaking skills: maintaining a conversation• Exam strategies: revision techniques



FAQs.

Can students take the PET/FCE/CAE exam at the Leys?

No, The Leys school isn't a Cambridge exam centre. A list of locations where students can sit a Cambridge exam can be found on the [Cambridge English website](#). All students DO take the Trinity GESE exam, which students prepare for during their morning classes.

HOURS BREAKDOWN PER 2 WEEK COURSE	
TUITION HOURS	PROGRAMME CONTENT
English Tuition: 30 hours	Project work in the classroom (student learn through doing a project with a specific outcome such as a magazine, short film or performance)
Electives Tuition: 18 hours	Chosen elective . Students choose 3 electives per course. Language learning is integrated into all these activities. Students each receive a handbook containing instructions, tips, activities and language tasks.
TOTAL: 48	
ACTIVITY HOURS	
Evening Events: 20 hours	Evening events. The students usually come together as a group for the evening programme. Students participate in range of creative games, contests and shows which encourage team work, cooperation and above all communication in English.
Free Activity Time: 6 hours	Activity time These sessions are more relaxed with the focus on fun, making friends and relaxation. Activities can be sports, arts and crafts or whole group activities such as a Country Fair or a Sports Tournament.
TOTAL: 26	
STUDY TOURS	
Study Tours: 3 days (9am-6pm)	Study Tours: Every student attends 3 full day study tours over a two week course. Students are prepared for study tours in class and the trips are integrated into the academic programme. Every student will visit London at least once during their stay. Other popular destinations include: Oxford, Warwick Castle, Greenwich, Cambridge and Brighton.