



## Contemporary English

2 weeks – hybrid delivery

**Erasmus + funding available<sup>^</sup>**

Whether you want to come to Cambridge for the full Bell Teacher Academy experience, or prefer to join us online from where you are, our hybrid approach is designed to work for you. By seamlessly connecting our on-campus participants with those joining online, hybrid tutoring at Bell allows participants from all over the world to work together and benefit from shared experience and knowledge.

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

- 15 hours' course content per week
- 5.5 hours of workshops and talks per week
- A full social programme
- The sample face to face timetable can be found [here](#)

### **Online participants can choose to join:**

- Course content only = 15 hours of synchronous lessons per week with on-campus participants
- Content + workshops & talks = 20.5 hours per week
- Workshops and talks only\* = 5.5 hours per week

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

<sup>^</sup>Erasmus + funding secured in 2019 or 2020 can be used for courses delivered in the UK in 2021. It cannot be used for online participation.

\*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.

### What you will gain by attending the course:

- 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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