



Overview and Outcomes

C1 Advanced (formerly Cambridge English: Advanced, or CAE) exam is recognised by employers and educators world-wide as an indication that you have a high level of skill in the English Language. It sits at C1 in the Common European Framework of Reference of Languages.

The C1 Advanced exam preparation course at NILE focuses on the four strands of the exam: listening, speaking, writing and reading/use of English, giving you greater confidence and ability to successfully pass the exam and thereby certify your level of English.

Trainers

NILE's highly qualified and experienced tutors are experts, not only in their fields, but also in working online. Read more about NILE's trainers, their experience and interests at [The NILE Team](#) on the [NILE website](#).

Teaching approaches

- Our courses are participant-centred and collaborative, designed to build knowledge and confidence
- Courses are broken down into individual units and activities, forming a clear structure.
- Tasks are interactive, involving live online sessions, forums and other collaborative tools, and utilise a range of multimedia including images, audio files and videos.

C1 Advanced Online is a 60-hour fully-tutored online course which includes

- Regular live sessions with a tutor
- Focused exam practice in all four C1 Advanced papers, with tutor input and feedback on key areas for improvement.
- Language development of key areas for the C1 Advanced examination, with tutor input and feedback on key areas for improvement.
- Suggestions for extra study.

This will be delivered using a mixture of independent study with collaborative tasks and tutor feedback, and 4 live sessions with a tutor per unit. The course is hosted on the NILE Online course platform and also uses the Macmillan English Campus platform.

Each course has a maximum of 18 participants and consists of 4 units, one unit to be completed every two weeks. Live sessions will be held at a time agreed with participants, and recorded for those who cannot attend.

All NILE courses involve a significant element of English language improvement and/or the development of language awareness.

Certification

- On completion of the course, participants who actively engage in 80% or more of the activities receive a NILE Certificate of Participation.
- The C1 Advanced is awarded by Cambridge Assessment English, part of Cambridge University. The exam can be taken at 2800 course centres across the world. To find an exam center near you, visit [Cambridge Assessment English](#)



Who is the course suitable for?

- Participants wanting to prepare for the C1 Advanced exam with a minimum language level corresponding to B2/C1 on the Common European Framework

Requirements and Resources

- Participants need a computer, a headset (with microphone) and an Internet connection. You can do much of the course on a tablet or mobile device, but will need a computer for certain activities.
- All participants have access to NILE's extensive ELT e-Library and the NILE digital learning platform during the course and for a further six months, to access materials and keep in touch with your new colleagues. You may also make use of the NILE Membership platform, which provides a great range of free resources for ELT professionals and is updated monthly.

Schedule

This course consists of 4 units, one unit to be completed every two weeks. Each unit requires approximately 15 hours of work.

Course Content

Unit 1

In this unit, you will get an introduction to the course and platform and review some basic information about the course and also the C1 Advanced exam. You will do some independent study which focuses on Part 1 of the Listening paper; Parts 1 and 5 of the Use of English/Reading paper and also vocabulary and grammar practice.

You will also look at the speaking exam in more detail, including watching a sample test and the speaking test criteria, as well as practising parts of the speaking test both independently and in a live session. You will also look at two different task types from the Writing Paper and write your own texts, which you will get peer and tutor feedback on. You will also spend time adding to the course language wikis.

Unit 2

In this unit, you will practise Part 2 of the Listening paper and Parts 2 and 6 of the Use of English/Reading paper on the Macmillan English Campus platform. Over the unit, you will also do a complete C1 Advanced test, including a mock Speaking test.

You will attend live sessions to discuss any questions you have and to practise your listening and speaking, and read an authentic news article and share it with your colleagues and tutor. You will also spend time adding to the course language wikis.

Unit 3

In this unit, you will focus on the Part 1 Essay in more depth, as well as the final two C1 Advanced task types: the Report and the Proposal. You will write an essay and either a Report or a Proposal, and also give your colleagues feedback on their reports or proposals. You will use the Macmillan English Campus platform to improve your writing subskills; practise Part 3 of the Listening paper and Parts 3 and 7 of the Use of English/Reading paper. You will also watch some authentic videos which you will share in a live session. You will also spend time adding to the course language wikis.

Unit 4

In this unit, you will practise Part 4 of the Listening paper and Parts 4 and 8 of the Use of English/Reading paper on the Macmillan English Campus platform. Over the unit, you will also do a mock C1 Advanced test comprising the Use of English/Reading, Writing and Listening papers.

You will attend live sessions to discuss any questions you have and to practise your listening and speaking, and read an authentic story and share it with your colleagues and tutor.

In addition, you will put together an Action Plan for your language development after the course. You will also spend time adding to the course language wikis.

At NILE we are committed to offering the best in language teaching and teacher training. As such, NILE Online courses were developed specifically to recreate the classroom experience and thus, our online courses are fully tutored. Online participants will benefit from tutor interaction, support and feedback in each unit they take.

NILE Online programmes adhere to the British Council's Code of Practice for Online ELT, and the effort we take to make the NILE Online experience both positive and productive has been recognised by inspections from AQUEDUTO, The Association for Quality Education and Training Online.