

Courses and Prices 2012

First Certificate in English (FCE)

FCE Flexi 1-1 Course

ONE TO ONE ENGLISH

FCE Flexi 1-1 Course: Profile

With our **FCE Flexi 1-1 course** you take from 1 to 5 one-to-one lessons per week. Each lesson is 80 minutes. You can choose your lesson days and times and change your schedule week by week (conditions apply).

Your course programme is focused on exactly what you need: you can cover all five parts of the FCE examination – Reading, Writing, Use of English, Listening and Speaking – or you can focus on one or two skills such as writing and speaking. It's a one-to-one course so you'll always get the highest personal attention, correction, feedback and advice.

- **One-to-one lessons:** Maximum personal attention
- **Flexible course plans:** Take 4, 8, 16 or 24 lessons per course, as required
- **Flexible lessons per week:** Choose between 1 to 5 lessons per week: morning, afternoon or evening
- **Flexible days:** Choose which days you want to study, including Saturdays at no extra cost
- **Personal programme:** Choose to focus on FCE Reading, Writing, Use of English, Listening and/or Speaking
- **Combined class/home study:** FCE Flexi 1-1 courses require home-study preparation, practice and review

FCE Flexi 1-1 Course: Plans

Which Course Plan? We will recommend the best Course Plan for you based on your level of English, whether you have already taken an FCE course or examination before, and when you are planning to take the examination.

FCE FLEXI 4 "Mini": 4-lesson short course for pre-exam advice, or as a "taster" before a longer course

FCE FLEXI 8 "Essentials": 8-lesson course focusing on essential exam skills and examination preparation

FCE FLEXI 16 "Standard": 16-lesson complete examination preparation course – best option for most FCE candidates

FCE FLEXI 24 "Maximiser": 24-lesson complete examination preparation course + extra intensive practice in key areas

FCE Flexi 1-1 Course: Summary	
One-to-one course:	Flexible 1-1 programmes
Number of lessons per course:	Choose from Course Plans of 4 / 8 / 16 / 24 lessons
Number of lessons per week:	Take 1 to 5 lessons per week. Each lesson is 80 minutes.
Course days:	Choose your course days Monday – Saturday
Timetable:	09:20-10:40 / 11:00-12:20 / 13:20-14:40 / 15:00-16:20 / 17:00-18:20 / 18:40-20:00
Level:	Intermediate to Upper Intermediate (B1/B2)
Minimum age:	18
When can I start?	Start any week

Course Fees

FCE Flexi 1-1 Course: FEES					
COURSE PLAN:	Number of lessons	Price per course	= Per lesson (80 minutes)	= Per hour (60 minutes)	SAVING
FCE FLEXI 4 'MINI'	4	£330	£82.50	£61.88	N/A
FCE FLEXI 8 'ESSENTIALS'	8	£615	£76.88	£57.66	6.8%
FCE FLEXI 16 'STANDARD'	16	£1,165	£72.82	£54.62	11.7%
FCE FLEXI 24 'MAXIMISER'	24	£1,675	£69.80	£52.35	15.4%

Optional FCE exam entry fee £115 is not included. Course books cost about £25 per 8 lessons. Registration fee £48.

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Course Description

The FCE Flexi 1-1 course programme usually covers all five papers of the First Certificate in English (FCE) examination: Reading; Writing; Use of English; Listening; Speaking. It is recommended for students with an intermediate or upper intermediate English level (B2). You will be advised when you apply how many lessons you may need to prepare for the examination.

As this is a one-to-one course, you can choose how much course time you wish to give to each part of the test, or you can take a course covering all five papers equally. You will usually follow a published coursebook with extra materials that your teacher will give you.

FCE Flexi 1-1 Course: Key skills	
Main Skill	Sub-skills
Reading (Paper 1)	Examination familiarisation: Preparation for FCE Reading Test task types, including: multiple choice; matching; gapped texts
	Intensive reading: overall sense; main points; detail; specific information; opinion
	Style: familiarisation with a range of styles including: newspapers; magazines; stories; leaflets; instructions; advertisements
	Text organisation: understanding e.g. paragraphing; linking; referencing; how arguments are constructed
	Predicting meaning: working out meaning from immediate and wider context
Writing (Paper 2)	Examination familiarisation: Preparation for FCE Writing Test task types, including: (Q.1) letter or email; (Q.2-4) variety of letters; article; report; essay; short story; review. [NOTE: We do not prepare Q.5]
	Functions include: requesting and giving information, help and action; thanking; explaining; suggesting; giving an opinion; correcting; complaining; apologising; analysing a situation; organising and assessing factual information; narrating; describing people, things, places and situations
	Text organisation: e.g. introductions and conclusions; paragraphing; linking; building a logical argument
	Process: brainstorming; structuring ideas; planning; reviewing; correction
	Legibility: handwriting; tidiness; making clear corrections; word spacing
Use of English (Paper 3)	Examination familiarisation : Preparation for FCE Use of English task types, including: multiple choice cloze; open cloze; word formation; key word transformations
	Grammar: Recognising grammatical forms appropriate to the level, such as: verb tenses; passive and active voice; modal verbs to express obligation, permission, ability, speculation and deduction; causative 'have' and 'get'; conditionals; reported speech; gerunds and infinitive; relative clauses; linking devices; subject-verb agreement; pronouns; articles; countable and uncountable nouns
	Vocabulary: Building a wider awareness of language typical of FCE including topics such as leisure/hobbies, sport/fitness, education, work, money, family travel/tourism, technology, media, environment; and lexical grammar such as collocation; parts of speech; word formation; prefixes and suffixes; prepositional phrases
	Text organisation: understanding referencing devices such as pronouns and connectives
Listening (Paper 4)	Examination familiarisation: Preparation for FCE Listening Test task types: multiple choice; sentence completion; multiple matching
	Intensive listening: main points, specific information, function, role, relationships, feeling, opinion
	Following interaction: identifying speakers; recognising turn-taking language
	Pronunciation: raising awareness of and ability to hear features of spoken English
	Style: familiarisation with a range of sources including: conversations; speeches; instructions; commentaries; stories; announcements; information lines, etc Varieties of English: exposure to a variety of accents and dialects
Speaking (Paper 5)	Examination familiarisation: Preparation for parts 1 to 4 of the FCE Speaking Test, including: (pt. 1) giving personal information; (pt. 2) comparing two photographs, and brief response; (pt. 3) 3-minute task with partner; (pt. 4) 4-minute wider-ranging discussion
	Functions include: giving and asking for personal information; comparing and contrasting; exchanging information; identifying; eliminating; speculating; suggesting; expressing and justifying opinions; organising ideas coherently; agreeing and disagreeing; decision-making
	Fluency: speaking more confidently and quickly without stopping too often
	Organising speaking: linking ideas in speaking and contributing to dialogue effectively
	Pronunciation: work on problematic individual sounds / clusters and features of connected speech
	Interaction: reacting appropriately; showing interest; turn-taking; checking understanding
Vocabulary (All papers)	Building a wider passive and active knowledge of language typical of FCE
Grammar (All papers)	Recognising and using accurately grammatical forms appropriate to FCE