

TRAINING FOR THE C1 ADVANCED: STEP 3



MOTIVATION

Passing the Cambridge English: C1 Advanced exam is a mandatory requirement of the *diplôme de l'ENS*. In addition, the C1 Advanced will also act as a legitimate language certificate in most of the foreign universities where you might wish to study or do an internship.

DESCRIPTION

This class offers no-frills, nose-to-the-grindstone training for the C1 Advanced. Its purpose is not to entertain you but to help you succeed. And to achieve this goal, there is no better way than to work extensively on C1 Advanced-like exercises, which is exactly what we will do.

STRUCTURE

Each week (except the first and last one), we will meet for a forty-minute class during which you will do some writing, listening, and speaking practice. In addition, you will work two hours online, doing grammar exercises and C1 Advanced practice tests. Here is the week-by-week outline:

WEEK 1	Introducing the C1 Advanced
WEEK 2	C1 Advanced Practice Test 1, Part 1
WEEK 3	C1 Advanced Practice Test 1, Part 2
WEEK 4	C1 Advanced Practice Test 2, Part 1
WEEK 5	C1 Advanced Practice Test 2, Part 2
WEEK 6	C1 Advanced Practice Test 3, Part 1
WEEK 7	C1 Advanced Practice Test 3, Part 2
WEEK 8	Mock C1 Advanced, Part 1
WEEK 9	Mock C1 Advanced, Part 2
WEEK 10	Mock C1 Advanced, Part 3
WEEK 11	Individual feedback on the mock exam

OUTLOOK

By the end of this class, you will have (1) reviewed and practiced the basic grammatical rules of the English language; (2) familiarized yourself with the format of the C1 Advanced and repeatedly taken the various parts of the exam; and (3) have had SO! MUCH! FUN! – well, not really, but dreaming never hurt anyone (unless you live on the fiftieth floor and dream you can fly).

ASSESSMENT

Continuous assessment represents 50% of the grade for this class. It is based on the three essays you will submit over the semester and on your in-class participation. The final exam represents the other 50% of the grade and is based on the mock C1 Advanced exam you will take during weeks 8–10.