

# ENGLISH B1



## DESCRIPTION

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This course has been developed both for students who want to take a B1 exam and for those who would like to improve their English. It provides thorough preparation for exam success as well as comprehensive language development who simply want to improve their ability to understand and communicate in English.

Each unit contains core skills development in reading, writing, listening and speaking and practice in the specific functional language needed for writing and speaking.

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- UNIT 1
  - Vocabulary: weather, the home
  - Grammar: Present tenses, countable and uncountable nouns
  - Speaking: expressing opinions, describing a place
  - Writing: giving personal information
  
- UNIT 2
  - Vocabulary: outdoor activities
  - Grammar: quantifiers (*much, many, some, any, a few, a lot*), articles
  - Speaking: holidays, describing a picture or a region
  - Writing: a postcard
  
- UNIT 3
  - Vocabulary: personality, friends and family
  - Grammar: adverbs of frequency, past simple and *used to*
  - Speaking: talking about friends and family
  - Writing: describing friends, organizing paragraphs and checking for errors
  
- UNIT 4
  - Vocabulary: jobs, work
  - Grammar: question forms, present perfect for experience
  - Speaking: asking for/ giving names and spelling, personal information, show agreement or disagreement
  - Writing: a job application, organizing a letter

- UNIT 5
  - Vocabulary: numerical expressions, directions and landmarks, city places
  - Grammar: comparison, quantifiers and intensifiers (*much, a bit, quite*)
  - Speaking: describing a town or city, deciding on a city break
  - Writing: an informal letter, sentence transformation
  
- UNIT 6
  - Vocabulary: prepositions of time (*at, in, on*), travel, the natural world
  - Grammar: present perfect with *yet, just* and *already*, future forms: present simple and continuous, *will* and *going to*
  - Speaking: planning a trip, talking about experiences
  - Writing: a formal letter
  
- UNIT 7
  - Vocabulary: sports- verbs with *do, play, go*; collocations; exercise and health
  - Grammar: present perfect with *for* and *since*, real conditionals
  - Speaking: talking about sports, expressing opinions, likes and dislikes
  - Writing: an invitation
  
- UNIT 8
  - Vocabulary: the arts, word families, adverbs of time.
  - Grammar: contrast linkers (*although, while, but, however, despite, in spite of*), narrative tenses, past perfect
  - Speaking: talking about favourite books, building a narrative
  - Writing: a story
  
- UNIT 9
  - Vocabulary: the environment
  - Grammar: modals of obligation and prohibition, defining relative clauses
  - Speaking: environmental topics, making suggestions
  - Writing: a report
  
- UNIT 10
  - Vocabulary: clothes and accessories, adjective word order, multi-part verbs, personal appearance.
  - Grammar: unreal conditionals
  - Speaking: describing personal appearance, complimenting
  - Writing: a short story
  
- UNIT 11
  - Vocabulary: hobbies/ leisure, music, films
  - Grammar: *-ing/* infinitive, non-defining relative clauses

- Speaking: describing your favourite things, talking about hobbies and interests
  - Writing: an article
- UNIT 12
  - Vocabulary: compound nouns, computers
  - Grammar: modals of deduction, verbs with two objects
  - Speaking: describing an advert, making requests
  - Writing: a complain
- UNIT 13
  - Vocabulary: special events, performing arts
  - Grammar: *-ed/-ing* adjectives, reason and result markers
  - Speaking: describing a special occasion, inviting and accepting/ refusing, managing a conversation
  - Writing: an email (offers and suggestions), description of an event
- UNIT 14
  - Vocabulary: food, cooking, taste and flavours
  - Grammar: the passive, *too / enough*
  - Speaking: describing national dishes
  - Writing: a restaurant review
- UNIT 15
  - Vocabulary: the phone, countries/ nationalities
  - Grammar: reported speech, reporting verbs
  - Speaking: different means of communication (expressing irritation, speaking on the phone), describing a picture
  - Writing: a story about misunderstanding