

PREP FOR THE TEST

An online IELTS and TOEFL course



Are you looking for an encouraging coach and some sparring partners to prepare for TOEFL or IELTS? CLT offers an intensive 80 lesson-period course consisting of a mix of online Zoom practice sessions, personal feedback and guided individual study. While you are expanding and practising your English, we familiarize you with the format of the task types of both exams, time management and general test-taking skills. The course has been mapped to the Common European framework of Reference for language (CEFR) level B2 (-C1) (IELTS 5.5 – 6.5 or TOEFL 72 - 94) .

Target group and conditions of entry

Target group:

Anyone preparing to take an IELTS or TOEFL test at B2 (or C1) level.

Conditions of entry: B1 certificate (Flemish Centre of Adult education, IELTS, TOEFL, Cambridge First Certificate) or a level 7/8 Vantage score (for B2). Students who score level 9 or 10 Effectiveness in the CLT placement test are also welcome and will receive personal feedback and advice to reach a C1 level . The above mentioned certificates and the online placement test may be supplemented with an (online or face-to-face) interview. The test can be taken from 1 December onwards. If you score level 7 or higher you can register directly. Should you score level 6, please contact marleen.vanderheiden@clt.kuleuven.be for an interview.

Practical information

The course comprises 80 lesson periods (+/- 67 hours) of distance learning consisting of online Zoom sessions, individual work and personal feedback.

Course duration:

80 lesson periods: 5/2, 12/2, 19/2, 26/2, 5/3, 12/3, 19/3, 26/3, 2/4, 9/4 + 10 flexible interim sessions individual work.

Course fee 126.5 Euro (including course materials on the learning platform)

Number of participants: min 13 – max 20

Schedule (7 hours per week):

- **Every Thursday 6 – 9:30 p.m. during 10 weeks : online Zoom session of 3.5 hours/week, personal feedback**
- **Independent work (another 3.5 hours/week) between Thursday zoom sessions to prepare and consolidate.**

Evaluation: permanent

Certification: partial B2 certificate recognized by the Flemish Ministry of Education

Interested? Take the placement test from 1 December and register via www.clt.be.

Content

This course offers training at B2 level ¹. This means that if you comply with all exam formalities you qualify for a partial B2 certificate.

It aims to

- 1. Improve spoken and written fluency and confidence**
 - in social communication;
 - when presenting and assessing information, describing and narrating;
 - when expressing opinion and discussing;
 - when collaborating and performing transactions;
 - when comparing advantages and disadvantages of a project;
 - when at a loss for words.

- 2. Improve accuracy in grammar, vocabulary, register, spelling and pronunciation**
 - through error analysis and remedial language practice;
 - by expanding range (vocabulary & grammar);
 - by recognizing and evaluating these elements in spoken and written texts

- 3. Improve text structure and make optimal use of it**
 - when producing a coherent text;
 - when presenting information and outlining a project;
 - when summarizing and reporting;
 - when listening to speech or reading texts.

- 4. Improve speaking, listening, reading and writing skills**
 - by exposure to various text types and practice in class and online;
 - through the use of compensation, planning, production, interaction, reception, decoding and learning strategies.

It addresses individual needs

- through variation and differentiation;
- through personal feedback in class;
- through remediation of student specific problems via online exercises and tasks.

¹ Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/Source/Framework_EN.pdf