

English B2: Refresher Course

Prof. Elizabeth Lee

Duration of course: 2 weeks from 11th to 20th September.

Time: Tuesday, Wednesday , Thursday from 10. 00 – 12.00

Room: 20 (via Eudossiana 18)

First lesson: 11th September (students who want to frequent the course can come along directly to the first lesson)

Prof. Tom Rankin

Duration of course: September and October

Time: Tuesday, 16.00 - 19.30

Room: 41 (via delle Sette Sale 29)

First lesson: 11th September (students who want to frequent the course can come along directly to the first lesson)

Prof. Henry Rodgers

Duration of course: September and October

Time: Friday 15-00 -19.30

Room: 41(via delle Sette Sale 29)

First lesson:14th September (students who want to frequent the course can come along directly to the first lesson)

FAQ: Test & level

1. When is the test?

Rooms to be confirmed:

Saturday 6th October

Friday 9th November

2. What level is tested?

This test aims to assess if students have reached a CEF level B2 in English. For details of what this involves see:

http://clients.squareeye.net/uploads/eaquals2011/documents/EAQUALS_British_Council_Core_Curriculum_April2011.pdf

Suggested grammar theory & practice:

Hird J. Grammar and Vocabulary for the Real World with Key (Oxford University Press)

3. What vocabulary is tested? What material is used?

In addition to the lexis as outlined by the parameters of CEF B2, students are expected to know the terminology common to all engineering fields and to understand the main linguistic features of Engineering genres and technical materials. Good sources include:

Ibbotson M. *Professional English in Use: Engineering* (Cambridge University Press)

McCarthy N. *Engineering: A Beginner's Guide* (Oneworld)

<http://www.theengineer.co.uk/>

<http://membres.multimania.fr/jcviel/vocab.htm>

4. What format is the test?

A: The test is written. It is based on the type of exam questions found in both the new and old Cambridge First Certificate in English, Use of English section. See practice links below:

http://www.examenglish.com/FCE/fce_use_of_english.html

<http://www.ihbristol.com/free-english-exercises/esol>

<http://www.englishspeaker.com/index%20-%20FCE.html>

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/professionals-lesson-downloads-fce.htm>

<http://cbpt.s3.amazonaws.com/cb-fce-use-english/index.xhtml>

B: There may also be questions of the following nature:

- Text Organization
- Reference
- Word order within sentences
- Short Reading Comprehension with multiple choice answers

C: There will also be a short listening section.