Cambridge One

E.L.C English Language Courses







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Our small preparation centre, with approximately 100 students, has been offering English teaching services and Cambridge exams for over 30 years. Since 2010, we have proudly been an official Cambridge preparation centre. We extend our gratitude to the Buenos Aires Open Centre, our affiliated exam centre, for their invaluable support.

Introduction

Our students appreciate our commitment to our teaching services, which are supported by the widely recognised quality of Cambridge English materials and exams. They also value the integration of technology in the classroom, including interactive LEDs. Additionally, our online courses provide added convenience.

In 2012, I won the Preparation Centre Competition, and E.L.C. received the Veronica Cameron Award for Excellence in Exam Preparation in both 2018 and 2020 awarded by BAOC.

Key facts

- Marisa Laura Montero, School owner and teacher
- E.L.C. English Language Courses, Zarate, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Students study 3 to 6 hours of private tuition weekly, tailored to their individual proficiency levels.
- Courses used on Cambridge One
 - o Kid's Box new generation (student's 7-11)
 - Prepare second edition (young adults)
 - o Empower second edition (adults)
 - o Evolve (adults)

Your students

We teach Primary (approximately 7 to 11), Lower Secondary (approximately 12 to 14), Upper Secondary (approximately 15 to 18) and University students (18 and over).

How do you use Cambridge One?

In our lessons, we primarily use the Cambridge One platform for in-class activities and homework assignments. Additionally, we leverage ready-made tests to assess progress and gather valuable data from assignment results.

Which features do you use?

We utilise Presentation Plus, a comprehensive tool that integrates all elements from the student's book, activity books, videos, and games. Additionally, I assign Practice Extra for homework and monitor student performance by reviewing automatically corrected assignments and awarded medals, which encourages students to excel further.

Moreover, we incorporate grammar and video resources, as well as ready-made tests provided by Cambridge One. In essence, Cambridge resources

like Presentation Plus streamline our teaching process, enhancing both efficiency and effectiveness.

What do you like best about Cambridge One?

I appreciate all aspects of Cambridge One. Its organised structure allows me to easily access the materials needed for each class, ensuring smooth lesson delivery.



The inclusion of additional materials like Practice Extra facilitates the reinforcement of acquired knowledge through assigned tasks. Moreover, features like Presentation Plus and Test and Train provide comprehensive support throughout the exam preparation journey.

The auto-marking feature enables me to quickly identify mistakes during

lessons. Additionally, students can access e-books with audio and video scripts, allowing them to review missed vocabulary or phrasal verbs, to name but a few. I also utilize the enlargement tool to aid students in reading certain passages more comfortably. Furthermore, incorporating games into lessons adds an element of fun while reinforcing unit content.

What impact has Cambridge One had on your teaching?

Cambridge One has significantly enhanced our teaching approach, offering engaging face-to-face and remote lessons through interactive platforms. As a private language school, having access to this cutting-edge technology not only equips us with invaluable tools to educate modern-day students but also underscores our institution's commitment to staying abreast of contemporary educational methods.

In what ways have your students benefitted from using the platform?

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Moreover, the interactive activities featured in Kid's Box new generation are a hit with the kids. They thoroughly enjoy the stories and videos, often identifying with the characters depicted in the book. Witnessing them fully engaged and happy during these activities is truly rewarding.

Do you use any of the built-in course assessment?

I use ready-made tests to evaluate my students' progress midway and at the end of the course, providing valuable insights into their development. Additionally, I utilise Test and Train as part of their exam preparation, ensuring they are thoroughly prepared for their assessments.



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