Cambridge One

BEM Idiomas

Private language school, Spain



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Tracy Jones

BEM Idiomas Academy was founded in 2002. We teach English, French, German and Spanish to about 500 students. We have 12 members of staff, including teachers and administrators. We are known for our personal attention to students, our experienced and professional teachers and our dedication to offering quality education. We prepare students for exams and we became a platinum preparation centre in 2023. This year we will offer the CEQ Digital Exams.

Your students

We teach all ages, ranging from 4-year-olds through to adults. Our books start at *Super Safari* 2 and end at C2 level (CEFR).

Our students have two, one-hour classes a week, running from September to June. We also have a 4-week English summer camp in July. Along with our teachers,

Key facts

- Tracy Jones, teacher
- BEM Idiomas, Vélez-Málaga, Spain
- Students study two, one hour classes per week
- 4-week English summer camp in July
- Intensive summer preparation courses
- Young learners intensive study week before exams
- Courses used on Cambridge One
 - Super Safari
 - o Kid's Box new generation
 - o Fun Skills (Starters and Movers)
 - o Complete (Key, Preliminary, First, Advanced)
 - o Compact (PET, First)
 - Authentic digital practice tests
 - o Test & Train

some of the Monitors are C1 level students who have been studying with us since they were young.

We also have intensive exam preparation summer courses, and a Young Learners' intensive week long course, ending with their exams in the academy.





How do you use Cambridge One?

We use Cambridge One in many ways. Firstly, we use Presentation Plus which combines all the materials from the Student's Book, Activity Book, videos, games, flash cards etc. This also includes the feature of allowing you to slow down or speed up the songs for the younger children to make it easier or more challenging for them. The subtitles on here help too.

In addition to the weekly homework, we also offer extra practice with the set assignments available in Cambridge One. This allows us to monitor performance and gives the students the option of extra practice, awarding them with instant gold medals which they like to collect and encouraging them to improve upon their previous results.



Which features do you use?

I am really thankful for all the features offered on Cambridge One which are easily accessible and can also be enlarged for more comfortable viewing.

What do you like best about Cambridge One?

The thing I like the most about Cambridge One is the confidence it gives my very Young Learners. The opportunity to join in and understand a song that originally was way too fast for them is a massive advantage for their vocabulary.

I also like that we can set extra assignments with a couple of clicks, giving the student the choice of whether or not they do it, and what's even more helpful is that they are automatically corrected.

With more and more work being added to our schedules, using Cambridge One makes a nice change, and is a great tool for the students who want to advance too.

What impact has Cambridge One had on your teaching?

Cambridge One has enhanced our teaching by having everything on hand in one place.

It has also supplemented our planning time too due to the fact that we don't have to trawl through books, find extra activities and resources to compliment the classes. Everything is at your fingertips.

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

One of the biggest impacts is when it's exam practice time. Having a listening exercise they can do anywhere when they are unable to get to class due to the number of exams they have at school is a massive help to them, and to us.



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

We use the Test & Train individual assessments during the year as little reviews, to make sure we are on track and to give them some confidence when coming up to exam time. This is also a much easier and friendlier way of adding a little test, yet something we can also adapt into something fun.

The students benefit from having regular small tests which give them extra practice for their upcoming exams. They also enjoy the fun we have doing a test too, which is always a plus.



