



English Courses for Adults

Alpha School of English is an established, licensed school, fully recognised by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Tourism in Malta. Since 1991 we have provided quality English Language Courses to students from all over the world. Our international team of teachers are experienced, highly qualified native speakers of English. Classes are small and students are given the individual attention they need to make solid and rapid progress.

The school is located in the north of Malta, in the seaside resort of St. Paul's Bay. Originally a fishing village, the area is now a popular tourist destination frequented by both locals and visitors.

We offer a full range of services to our students including accommodation and excursions. The choices range from host families and apartments to hotels of all categories and villas. Similarly, our Leisure Department offers a diverse year-round excursion and activity programme. We also operate a 24-hour emergency helpline.

GENERAL ENGLISH

This is a group course designed to help students communicate effectively in English in a variety of everyday situations. The timetable is organised so that students receive a balance of different types of lessons which include conversation activities such as debates, discussions and role-play, as well as grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation exercises. (Maximum 10 students per class).

Standard Course: 20 group lessons per week.

Intensive Course: 20 group lessons and 10 One-to-One lessons per week. Level: Beginner - Advanced.

BUSINESS ENGLISH

In the world of business today, a good knowledge of English is essential for a successful career. This course aims to develop the ability of business managers, secretaries and students to communicate effectively in English in the following situations: using the telephone, reading and analysing business texts, chairing / participating in meetings, making travel arrangements and business correspondence - emails / reports / memos. (Maximum 5 students per class).

Standard Course: 20 group lessons per week.

Intensive Course: 20 group lessons and 10 One-to-One lessons per week. Level: Pre-Intermediate +



ONE-TO-ONE

These courses are tailor-made to meet the precise linguistic requirements of each individual student. Before the student arrives in Malta, as well as on the first day of school, we carry out a detailed assessment and needs analysis in order to prepare an individual course around the student's needs. Students are given the opportunity to address specific problem areas and focus directly on particular skills which they would like to improve. This type of course consequently provides the quickest and most effective English language training possible.

Standard Course: 20 One-to-One lessons per week.

Intensive Course: 30 One-to-One lessons per week.

Level: Beginner - Advanced.

TWO-TO-ONE

This course is ideal for family members or friends / colleagues seeking private tuition. Available only to students of a similar level of English, this course is tailored to the needs of the students. Prior to arrival as well as on the first day of the course, a needs analysis is carried out by our Director of Studies. The course is designed to meet the requirements of the students in an environment that naturally promotes conversation and communication in English. Specific problems and skills are targeted enabling students to focus on areas which they would particularly like to improve.

Standard Course: 20 Two-to-One lessons per week.

Intensive Course: 30 Two-to-One lessons per week.

Level: Beginner - Advanced.

SPECIALISED ONE-TO-ONE

These tailor-made courses are specifically designed to meet the professional requirements of any student. We welcome enquiries from companies or individuals who require courses in English for any purpose. Courses include English for Business, Law, Banking, Medicine, I.T., Insurance, Engineering, the Hotel Industry, the Airline Industry, etc.

Standard Course: 20 One-to-One lessons per week.

Intensive Course: 30 One-to-One lessons per week.

Level: Elementary - Advanced.

HOME TUITION

This course offers students complete immersion into the English language as students benefit from the advantage and the comfort of living in their teacher's home, which may be located anywhere in Malta. In the mornings students follow a 20-lesson course (which has the same structure as our One-to-One course). However the teaching does not stop there as students will have plenty of other naturally occurring opportunities to learn from their teacher and host family.

Standard Course: 20 One-to-One lessons per week + Accommodation in Single Room on Full Board Basis and Return Airport Transfers.

Level: Beginner - Advanced.



EXAMINATION COURSES

Taking an Examination Course is an ideal way to achieve an internationally recognised certificate in English. Examination Courses at Alpha School of English are intensive immersion courses designed to provide students with full exposure to the four skills (reading, writing, listening, speaking) which will be tested in the exam.

Examination Courses consist of four sessions per day. In the first two sessions, students join a General English Course during which they can concentrate on improving their everyday English skills. These lessons focus on teaching students general grammar, vocabulary, reading, listening and speaking skills. In the next session of the course, students are streamlined into mini-groups (maximum 4 students per class) and focus is now placed exclusively on practising for the exam. Emphasis during these

sessions is placed on skills required for different sections of the test and exam technique. In the final session of the day, students are given hands-on examination practice. Using the school's audio-visual and internet facilities, students now practise each section of the exam at their own leisure. Students may also make use of the school's extensive Examination Preparation resources and study facilities in these self-guided practice study sessions.

To thoroughly prepare for the exam we normally recommend a course of minimum 8 weeks. However Examination Courses may be booked for a minimum period of 4 weeks.

Please contact the school for current examination fees and dates.

Standard Courses: 20 group General English Lessons, 10 mini-group lessons, 10 test practice sessions per week.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

The Cambridge ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) examinations are known and recognised by universities, employers and national education authorities throughout the world. Every year more than one million people take Cambridge ESOL in order to improve their employment prospects, seek further education or prepare themselves to travel or live abroad. Cambridge examinations are held three times a year - in March, June and December. Applications should be made at least 6 weeks before the examination date. Alpha School of English offers four Cambridge ESOL examination preparation courses:

- **PET - Preliminary English Test (Level: Pre-Intermediate)**
- **FCE - First Certificate in English (Level: Intermediate)**
- **CAE - Certificate in Advanced English (Level: Upper-Intermediate - Advanced)**
- **CPE - Certificate of Proficiency in English (Level: Advanced)**

IELTS PREPARATION COURSE

IELTS (International English Language Testing System) is a comprehensive test of English language ability. It consists of reading, writing, speaking and listening parts in either academic or general training contexts. IELTS is accepted by most Australian, British, Canadian and New Zealand academic institutions. It is also widely used internationally for a variety of purposes such as immigration and work placements. IELTS examinations take place every month and applications should be made at least 6 weeks before the examination date.

Level: Pre-Intermediate +

TOEFL PREPARATION COURSE

TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) measures the ability of non-native speakers of English to use and understand North American English as it is used in college and university settings. Most universities and colleges in the United States and Canada require high scores on the TOEFL test for admission of international students. TOEFL is now an internet-based test which provides more effective information about a student's ability to communicate in an academic environment.

Level: Intermediate +



ACCOMMODATION

St. Paul's Bay offers students a range of accommodation to suit different budgets, ages and interests. Our Accommodation Department will help you choose the right place for your stay in Malta, be it an apartment, villa, guest house, host family or hotel. Most accommodation is situated within easy walking distance from the school and is always offered at specially discounted student rates. For additional information please contact us for a copy of our Accommodation Brochure, or visit our website www.alphaschoolmalta.com.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

As regards water-sports and beach activities, Alpha School of English is in a unique position, since it is located in the north of Malta, close to the island's sandy beaches. Diving, windsurfing, sailing, water-skiing and parakiting are all very popular activities and during the summer season we operate a shuttle bus service every day after school to the various nearby sandy beaches. As the Maltese climate is ideal for the pursuit of outdoor sports, Alpha School of English also organises a range of sports courses such as horse riding, tennis, squash, golf, kayaking, abseiling, climbing, sailing, kitesurfing and wakeboarding which may be taken alone or in combination with an English course. For additional information about these courses please contact us for a copy of our Adventure & Sports Courses Brochure, or visit our website www.alphaschoolmalta.com.

As the Maltese islands are steeped in history, there are also several places of interest which are a must-see for all visitors. The school organises many activities and excursions, ranging from tours to the 'silent city' of Mdina and the capital city of Valletta, to boat trips to our sister islands of Gozo and Comino.

HOST FAMILIES

For almost twenty years, Alpha School of English has provided quality host family accommodation to thousands of foreign students wishing to experience the Maltese way of life at an affordable price. Our host families are warm, welcoming, open-minded people who take both pride and pleasure in sharing their knowledge of the English language as well as Malta's history and culture. Indeed, many of our host families have established long-term friendships with our students which continue after our students have returned home. Most of our host families are located in the St Paul's Bay area for easy access to our language school, local attractions and the sandy beaches in the vicinity. Throughout the year our Accommodation Officer works closely with our host families and regularly visits and inspects all the host families on our register. We do our best to match students with suitable families according to individual preferences, and we can also provide digital photos of all host family homes.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Dates of English Courses: The school is open all the year round except on public holidays. All courses begin on a Monday and end on a Friday, except for One-to-One / Two-to-One / Specialised One-to-One & Home Tuition courses which can be scheduled around the student's needs.

Duration of English Course: Minimum length is 1 week and the maximum length is 50 weeks.

Duration of English Lessons: One lesson takes 45 minutes.

School Time-Table: Standard Courses are held from 09.00 to 10.30 and from 11.00 to 12.30. Intensive Courses are held from 13.00 to 14.30 or 15.00 to 16.30. Examination Courses are held from 09.00 to 16.30. During peak season the school reserves the right to hold Standard Courses in the afternoons. Please note that when there is only one student taking a group course, the number of lessons is reduced by a third.

Location of English Courses: By special arrangement, One-to-One, Two-to-One and Specialised One-to-One Courses may be held outside school premises (for example at the student's place of accommodation).



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