

PREPARATION COURSES FOR THE **CAMBRIDGE PET EXAM**

What is the Cambridge PET exam?

P.E.T stands for Preliminary English Test.

This test is for people who wish to take an exam at Intermediate level in the four main language skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking.

This exam is based on the use of everyday English skills as well as formal use of the language.

There are a total of 3 papers to be completed in the PET exam.

Reading and Writing: 1hr 30 min

You will practice the exam structure in class. You will have to read passages and signs etc. This will be studied in exam preparation.

Listening: about 30 min

You will listen to conversations and interviews relating to real life situations. Again, this will be studied in your PET preparation class.

Speaking: 12 min

Normally students are in groups of 2/3. You will be asked to speak alone topics such as yourself/your life/your likes/dislikes etc... You will also be asked to speak as part of a group.

What will I gain from doing the exam?

If you successfully pass the exam, you will get a Cambridge PET certificate that is valid for life. This is an internationally recognised intermediate qualification, recognised by employers and universities throughout the world.

The PET exam gives you the confidence to progress to the FCE exam (First Certificate in English)

How do I know if I am Intermediate level?

In DBL College, we test your level of English before commencing the course. You can also look at your CEF level (Common European Framework) on the following website <http://www.cambridgeesol.org/what-we-do/europe/cefr.html>

Intermediate level is classed as B1/B1+. These are the “Can Do’s” of PET English.

To book a placement test please contact edos@dblcollege.com.

If you would like to come and see our Director of Studies, please come to 33 Gardiner Place or contact edos@dblcollege.com to arrange a suitable time.

Starting dates for PET preparation classes 2009 in DBL College:

May 18th

July 8th

August 24th

October 12th

November 30th

"Minimum length of course should be 4 weeks.

20-26 weeks (15 hours tuition per week) is required to fully prepare for the PET exam.

Please note: Extra study outside of class is required whilst doing this course.

After I take my PET course in DBL College, where will I do the exam?

You can sit the exam in one of Dublin's main universities; UCD.

Exams are held in May, June, November and December 2009 (see link below)

http://www.cambridgeesol.org/assets/pdf/resources/pet_exam_time2009_correction.pdf