



Language Studies International (LSI) Vancouver

Cambridge Exam Course - 2008

What is a "Cambridge Exam Course"?

This course is arguably the most effective way for a student to learn English and test their overall **productive skills** in the 5 areas required by Cambridge University (reading, writing, listening, speaking and usage). As a result, students reach a high level of '**communicative competence**' (the ability to **use** English in any situation), in a relatively short period of time at LSI Vancouver. In 2008, this course will start on January 7th, March 25th and September 22nd.

The Cambridge program has 5 certificate levels, from KET (Key English Test) to CPE (Cambridge Proficiency Exam). For 15 years, LSI Vancouver has focused on perfecting the Cambridge First Certificate "FCE" (Level 3) and Cambridge Advanced Certificate "CAE" (level 4) programs. Of course, our experience helps the students to relax and be successful.

What are benefits of a Cambridge Course?

- 1) The Cambridge Certificate is valid for the life of the holder, unlike most English tests
- 2) This exam focuses on five productive skills, while other English tests only focus on two receptive skills.
- 3) This qualification is recognized by all forward thinking employers (e.g. Samsung, Sony etc)

Why is LSI so successful?

In 2008, LSI Vancouver will celebrate 15 years as a provider of Cambridge programs in Canada. Because so many of our teachers have over 10 years of Cambridge experience, we are able to offer a level of quality and attention to detail that very few language schools are able to achieve. **Our teachers look after every student's individual study needs.**

How can students prepare? (up to 8 weeks before the program starts)

Before a student enters our Cambridge program, and sometimes before they register, LSI will e-mail a FREE 'Pre-test'. This 2 hours diagnostic test identifies the student's weaker skills. LSI can offer some helpful advice. Whenever possible, we recommend a 3 week Intensive 30 "pre-Cambridge course" to fix these issues before the Cambridge program starts. This explains why **52% of the September FCE & CAE** students were either referred to LSI or extended their studies.

"Taking the three week "pre-Cambridge course" was a very good decision for me. I was able to make friends and meet the teachers, so that I felt more confident about Cambridge. I really recommend that you take the "Intensive 30" program first and prepare yourself for the FCE Cambridge course. It is very demanding, but it is a life experience too!

(Sewari C., Mexico)

Sewari completed a "pre-test" in Mexico in July and joined the three week Intensive 30 "pre-Cambridge course" in August. After identifying her weaker skills in the diagnostic test, we were able to focus on these areas before the FCE course started in late September. Sewari is now more relaxed as she prepares for her final exams in December.

How successful is LSI Vancouver?

We want every student to leave LSI with the ability to **use** English fluently and accurately in any future situation. Obviously, this focus on quality education also results in a very high success rate in the final Cambridge exam. The Cambridge FCE and CAE programs will be offered three times in 2008 (**January 7, March 25 and September 22**)

The Cambridge exam program definitely improved my grammar and listening skills. Classes are balanced with students from many different countries, which is a good chance to improve your speaking ability. I'm happy, because I improved my English and met wonderful people."

(Joanna A., Colombia)

Which countries do our students come from?

Between May 1st and August 31st 2007, LSI Canada welcomed students from 31 countries (11 languages). Typically, European and Latin American students are more attracted to the Cambridge course. However, since Sony, Samsung and other leading Asian companies started to recruit Cambridge graduates, we have seen many forward thinking Asian students taking advantage of our course as well. This creates a fantastic balance of nationalities in each class.