

B1 Preliminary (PET, Preliminary Certificate in English) Intensiv

Course structure:	2 lessons (3 hours) per week, minimum 2 terms, 60 hours.		
Entrance conditions:	Students wishing to join the course should do our free online entry test or submit their KET certificate which should not be older than 3 years.		
Teachers:	All our teachers are well qualified in teaching English to Adults and are experienced in teaching English exam classes.		
Course material:	The material used in the course is designed for the preparation of the B1 Preliminary examination		
Homestudy:	The students must be prepared to do at least 2-4 hours of homework and review each week.		
Examination requirements:			
1. Reading & Writing:	Candidates are expected to be able to read and understand the meaning of written English at word, phrase, sentence, paragraph and whole text level. Topics include, free time, travel, hobbies, daily life, weather, etc. The texts are authentic and are from various sources. Candidates are expected to complete a number of tasks, working with different lengths of written texts. The "Writing" task includes one exercise and two tasks to write either a letter or a story. The candidates are expected to produce straightforward written English; to write a text answering all the questions given to the correct target reader and covering a small range of topics. Word count 40 and 100 words.		
2. Listening	Candidates are provided with short exchanges and longer dialogues and monologues. The topics are informal or neutral and cover a range of everyday settings. They are expected to show understanding of detail and meaning.		
3. Speaking	The standard test format is two candidates and two examiners. Candidates must be able to respond to questions and interact in conversational English. Prompt materials are used by the examiner to stimulate and guide the interaction.		
B1 Prel. examination:	The examination consists of four papers:		
	1. Reading & Writing	1 hour 30min	35 & 7 questions 50%
	2. Listening	30 mins (approx.)	25 questions 25%
	3. Speaking	12 mins	25% marks 25%
Level of B1 Preliminary:	Corresponds to the ALTE Level 2 and to the Council of Europe B1.		
Examination date:	Computer and paper based available throughout the year.		
Registration:	Enrolment closing date: contact the office		
Registration fee:	approx. CHF 245.00		
Recognition of the B1 Prel.:	B1 Preliminary has widespread recognition in education, commerce and industry, e.g. for public contact or secretarial work.		