



C2 Proficiency 12-week preparation course syllabus

The syllabus should be used as a guide to help you support your students in providing practice for all question types, developing language skills, and inputting vocabulary and grammar over the 12 weeks. Then, you should be better able to target students' specific areas of weakness as highlighted through practice and the mock exams. Lessons are built around a wide range of up-to-date resources. All resources used were published after 2013, which is the last time that significant changes were made to the C2 Proficiency Examination. All of the principal resources used are listed below:

- ✓ **Cambridge English, Objective Proficiency, 2nd Edition, 2013 (This is the main coursebook of reference; see details below)**
- ✓ **Macmillan, Proficiency Testbuilder, 4th Edition, M. Harrison, 2013**
- ✓ **10 Tests, C2 Proficiency, Use of English & Extra Practice, K. Proctor, 2023**
- ✓ **10 Tests, C2 Proficiency 2, Use of English, K. Proctor, 2024**
- ✓ **Cambridge English, Proficiency 2, 2015**

- ❖ <https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/Images/168194-c2-proficiency-teachers-handbook.pdf>
- ❖ <https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/images/600977-teacher-guide-for-writing-c2-proficiency.pdf>
- ❖ <https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/Images/610343-c2-proficiency-information-for-candidates.pdf>

TYPICAL ABILITIES	READING AND WRITING	LISTENING AND SPEAKING
<i>Overall general ability</i>	CAN understand documents, correspondence and reports, including the finer points of complex texts. CAN write letters on any subject and full notes of meetings or seminars with good expression and accuracy.	CAN advise on or talk about sensitive issues, understanding colloquial references and dealing confidently with hostile questions.
<i>Social and Tourist</i>	CAN (for example, when looking for accommodation) understand a tenancy agreement in detail, including its main implications. CAN write letters on any subject with good expression and accuracy.	CAN talk about complex or sensitive issues without awkwardness.
<i>Work</i>	CAN understand reports and articles likely to be encountered during his/her work, including complex ideas expressed in complex language. CAN make full and accurate notes and continue to participate in a meeting or seminar.	CAN advise on/handle complex, delicate or contentious issues, such as legal or financial matters, to the extent that he/she has the necessary specialist knowledge.
<i>Study</i>	CAN access all sources of information quickly and reliably. CAN make accurate and complete notes during the course of a lecture, seminar or tutorial.	CAN understand colloquial asides and cultural allusions.

Exams & Task Types			
Reading & Use of English	Listening	Writing	Speaking
No. of Tasks & Task Type	No. of Tasks & Task Type	No. of Tasks & Task Type	No. of Tasks & Task Type
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Multiple-choice cloze 2. Open cloze 3. Word formation 4. Key word transformations 5. Multiple-choice 6. Gapped text 7. Multiple matching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple matching • Sentence completion • Four-Option Multiple choice: single text involving interacting speakers • Multiple Matching: five short themed monologues on a common topic 	<p>Part 1 - compulsory task</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discursive essay <p>Part 2 - choice of three from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article • Informal Letter • Formal Letter • Report • Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 1: Interview/Conversation between examiner and each candidate. • Part 2: Two-way conversation between candidates using written and visual stimuli, negotiating towards a decision. • Part 3: A long turn on a given topic for each candidate followed by a discussion between candidates facilitated by the examiner.

Weeks	Units	Language Focus	Skills Focus
1	Unit 1 Ring the changes 8-13 Talking about change	1.1 Listening and Vocabulary 1.2 Grammar 1.3 Reading into Writing	Reading and Use of English: 1 Writing: 1 Summarising ideas Listening: 4
	Exam Folder 1 14 - 15		Reading and Use of English: 3 Word formation
	Unit 2 Expectation 16-21 Expectations	2.1 Reading and Vocabulary 2.2 Grammar and Vocabulary 2.3 Listening and Speaking	Reading and Use of English: 7 Listening: 1 Speaking: 1
	Writing Folder 1 22 - 23		Writing: 1 Essay
2	Unit 3 Strange behaviour 24-29 Human and animal behaviour		
	Exam folder 2 30-21		Reading and Use of English: 2 and 4 Open Cloze Key word transformations
	Unit 4 Sweet rituals 32-37 Food and ritual	4.1 Reading and Vocabulary 4.2 Grammar and Vocabulary 4.3 Listening and Speaking	Reading and Use of English: 5 Speaking 2
	Writing folder 2 38-39		Writing 2 Review
3	Unit 5 The consumer society 42-47 Advertising shopping	5.1 Listening and Vocabulary 5.2 Grammar and Vocabulary 5.3 Reading into Writing	Reading and Use of English: 1 Writing: 1 Working with two texts Listening: 2

	Exam Folder 3 48-49		Reading and Use of English: 1 Writing: 1 Working with two texts Listening: 2
	Unit 6 The sound of music 50-55 Music	6.1 Reading and Vocabulary 6.2 Grammar 6.3 Listening and Speaking	Reading and Use of English: 2, 4 and 6 Listening: 2 Speaking: 2
	Writing Folder 56-57		Writing: 1 Essay
4	Unit 7 Before your very eyes 58-63 Art and sight	7.1 Listening and Vocabulary 7.2 Grammar 7.3 Reading into Writing	Reading and Use of English: 3 Writing: 1 Exemplifying your ideas Listening: 1
	Exam Folder 4 64-65		Reading and Use of English: 7 Multiple matching
	Unit 8 Urban Jungle 66-71 City Living	8.1 Reading and Vocabulary 8.2 Grammar and Vocabulary 8.3 Listening, Speaking and Vocabulary	Paper 1 Reading and Use of English: 4 and 7 Paper 4 Speaking: 3
	Writing folder.4 72-73		Paper 2 Writing: 2 Set text question: Film tie-in
	Revision Units 5-8 74-75		
5	Unit 9 Fitting in 76-81 Attitudes	9.1 Listening and Vocabulary 9.2 Grammar and Vocabulary 9.3 Reading into Writing	Paper 1 Reading and Use of English: 2 and 4 Paper 2 Writing: 1 Linking Paper 3 Listening: 4
	Exam Folder 4 72-73		Paper 1 Reading and Use of English: 6 Gapped text
	Unit 10 Globalisation 84-89 Language and culture	10.1 Reading and Vocabulary 10.2 Grammar and Vocabulary 10.3 Listening and Speaking	Paper 1 Reading and Use of English: 1, 3 and 4 Paper 3 Listening: 1 Paper 4 Speaking: 2

	Writing folder 5 90-91		Paper 2 Writing: 2 Article
6	Unit 11 For better, for worse 92-97 Relationships	11.1 Listening and Vocabulary 11.2 Grammar 11.3 Reading into Writing	Paper 1 Reading and Use of English: 2 and 3 Paper 2 Writing: 1 Reformulation 2 Paper 3 Listening: 3
	Exam Folder 6 98-99		Paper 3 Listening: 4 Multiple matching
	Unit 12 At the cutting edge 100-105 Scientific advances	12.1 Reading and Vocabulary 12.2 Grammar 12.3 Listening and Speaking	Paper 1 Reading and Use of English: 1, 4 and 6 Paper 4 Speaking: 3
	Writing folder 6 106-107		Paper 2 Writing: 2 Report
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7	Unit 13 Save the planet 110-115 The environment	13.1 Listening and Vocabulary 13.2 Grammar 13.3 Reading into Writing	Paper 1 Reading and Use of English: 1 and 2 Paper 2 Writing: 1 Giving opinions Paper 3 Listening: 1
	Exam folder 7 116-117		Paper 1 Reading and Use of English: 5 Multiple-choice text
	Unit 14 Get fit, live longer! 118-123 Sport and health	14.1 Reading and Vocabulary 14.2 Grammar and Vocabulary 14.3 Listening and Speaking	Paper 1 Reading and Use of English: 4 and 7 Paper 3 Listening: 3 Paper 4 Speaking: 2
	Writing folder 7 124-125		Paper 2 Writing: 2 Letter
8	Unit 15 The daily grind 126-131 The world of work	15.1 Listening and Vocabulary 15.2 Grammar 15.3 Reading into Writing	Paper 1 Reading and Use of English: 2 Paper 2 Writing: 1 Contrasting ideas Paper 3 Listening: 3

	Exam folder 8 132-133		Paper 3 Listening: 2 Sentence completion
	Unit 16 Hidden nuances 134-139 Literature and the printed word	16.1 Reading and Vocabulary 16.2 Grammar and Vocabulary 16.3 Listening and Speaking	Paper 1 Reading and Use of English: 3, 4 and 5 Paper 4 Speaking: 3
	Writing folder 8 140-141		Paper 2 Writing: 2 Set text question: Review
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9 & 10	Unit 17 Defining happiness 144-149 Happiness and well-being	17. 1 Listening and Vocabulary 17.2 Grammar and Vocabulary 17.3 Reading into Writing	Paper 1 Reading and Use of English: 1, 2 and 4 Paper 2 Writing: 1 Full Task 1 Paper 3 Listening: 4
	Exam folder 9 150-151		Paper 3 Listening: 1 Multiple-choice questions Paper 3 Listening: 3 Multiple-choice questions
	Unit 18 On Freedom 152-157 Freedom	18.1 Reading and Vocabulary 18.2 Grammar and Vocabulary 18.3 Listening and Speaking	Paper 1 Reading and Use of English: 1, 3, 4 and 6 Paper 4 Speaking: 2
	Writing folder 9 158-159		Paper 2 Writing: 2 Article
11 & 12	Unit 19 The unexplained 160-165 Strange places and happenings	19.1 Listening and Vocabulary 19.2 Grammar 19.3 Reading into Writing	Paper 1 Reading and Use of English: 1 and 2 Paper 2 Writing: 1 Full Task 2 Paper 3 Listening: 2
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	Unit 20 A sense of humour 168-173 Humour	20.1 Reading and Vocabulary 20.2 Grammar and Vocabulary 20.3 Listening and Speaking	Paper 1 Reading and Use of English: 2, 4 and 5 Paper 3 Listening: 3 Paper 4 Speaking: 3
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