

# Syllabus for each CEFR level in English

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# Syllabus for Level A1

## Grammar for Level A1

### ADJECTIVES

- COMBINING combining two adjectives with 'and'
- MODIFYING with 'very'
- POSITION attributive (with nouns); predicative, with 'be'
- SUPERLATIVES 'my best friend'

### ADVERBS

- AS MODIFIERS time; place; frequency; 'very' with adjectives; degree with verbs; 'very' + time adverbs; degree and time, modifying verbs; place; complement; 'very' + adverb
- POSITION degree, before adjectives; frequency, mid position; front position; 'really,' mid position; time, end position; place, end position

### CLAUSES

- COORDINATED main clause + main clause; clause + clause, ellipted subject
- DECLARATIVE affirmative; negative declarative with 'be'; negative declarative, lexical verbs; affirmative declarative, modal auxiliary verbs
- INTERROGATIVES affirmative interrogative, with 'be'
- SUBORDINATED 'because', reasons

### CONJUNCTIONS

- COORDINATING word + word; phrase + phrase; clause + clause; sentence + sentence; listing; 'because'; 'but', concessive
- SUBORDINATING 'because'

### DETERMINERS

- ARTICLES with nouns; 'a' + adjectives; 'a' + 'very' + adjectives; preposition + 'the' + noun; preposition + no article; no article
- DEMONSTRATIVES 'this' with singular nouns; 'this', pointing; 'this', future
- POSSESSIVES with nouns
- QUANTITY with plural nouns; with singular nouns

### MODALITY

- CAN FORM: affirmative; negative; question; USE: ability; offers; possibility; requests
- WOULD affirmative with 'like'; invitations with 'like'; wishes and preferences with 'like'
- QUESTIONS yes/ no with modal verbs

### NOUNS

- NOUN PHRASES determiner + noun; determiner + adjective + noun; adjective + plural noun; noun + noun
- TYPES common nouns; proper nouns; compound nouns
- PLURAL plural '-s'
- GRAMMATICAL FUNCTIONS as subjects; as objects; as complement of prepositions; as complement of 'be'; as adjuncts
- PREPOSITIONS preposition + noun phrase

### PRONOUNS

- OBJECT 'it'; 'me', 'you', 'her', 'him', 'us', 'them'; with preposition
- SUBJECT 'it' for first person; questions; questions with 'be'; statements
- INDEFINITE thing, -one, -body etc as object; 'everything', subject

## VERBS

- PREPOSITIONAL verb + preposition + object
- TYPES main verbs; linking verb, 'be'; auxiliary verb 'be'; modal auxiliary verbs
- PATTERNS verb + 'to'-infinitive; 'like' + 'to'-infinitive or + '-ing'; 'would like to'
- THERE IS/ARE
- LINKING 'be' + complement
- NEGATION main verb 'be'; auxiliary verb 'do', present; modal verb 'can'

## VERB TENSES

- FUTURE SIMPLE affirmative 'will'; plans and intentions with 'will'
- PAST SIMPLE affirmative; everyday events and states
- PRESENT CONTINUOUS affirmative; events in progress
- PRESENT SIMPLE affirmative; negative; with 'really'; habits and general facts

## Lexical range for Level A1

### **Speakers at this level should have a lexical range which allows them to:**

- understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type
- introduce him/herself and others and ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has
- interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

## Phrasal verbs for level A1

- come from sw/h/sth
- get (sb) up
- go out LEAVE
- wake (sb) up or wake up (sb)

## Syllabus for Level A2

Please note that A2 includes everything in A1 as well.

### Grammar for Level A2

#### ADJECTIVES

- COMBINING combining two adjectives with 'but'
- COMPARATIVES + -er; + -ier; before nouns; complement of 'be'; double consonant + '-er'; ending in '-e' + '-r'; irregular; with 'more'; with 'than'
- MODIFYING with degree adverbs; with prepositional phrase; with 'too'; with 'too' + prepositional phrase
- POSITION predicative, with 'be'; limiting adjectives; predicative, with linking verbs
- SUPERLATIVES complex noun phrases; with 'in' + noun; with 'of' + noun; ellipsis, with 'the'; with '-est'; with 'my' or 'your'; with '-st'; with 'the most'

#### ADVERBS

- AS MODIFIERS time; frequency; degree, with adjectives; degree with verbs; manner; linking; focus; sequencing; certainty; stance
- PHRASE TYPES degree, modifying adjectives; manner, modifying verbs; time and sequencing, modifying clauses
- POSITION degree, before adjectives; front position; mid position; end position, manner; degree, end position; sentence adverb, front position
- ADVERB PHRASES adverb + adverb

#### CLAUSES

- COMPARATIVES 'be like' + noun or pronoun
- CONDITIONAL 'if' + present simple; present simple 'if' clause, present simple 'if' clause + imperative; real conditions; 'if' clause + imperative, hedging
- COORDINATED multiple main clauses, instructions
- DECLARATIVE negative declarative with 'have'; negative declarative, modal auxiliary verbs
- IMPERATIVES affirmative; instructions; closings; negative; 'let's', suggestion; emphasising an instruction
- INTERROGATIVES affirmative interrogative, with auxiliary 'be/have'; affirmative interrogative; affirmative interrogative, with modal auxiliary verbs; affirmative 'wh-' interrogative; negative 'wh-' interrogative; negative interrogative
- EXCLAMATIONS 'what a ...!'; 'what a pity' + ('that') clause
- RELATIVE defining and non-defining, subject, with 'who' and with 'which'; defining, object, with 'that' and with 'which'; defining, without pronoun
- SUBORDINATED 'if' clauses, conditions; time; purpose

#### CONJUNCTIONS

- SUBORDINATING simple forms

#### DETERMINERS

- ARTICLES 'the' + adjectives, specifying; 'the' + superlatives
- DEMONSTRATIVES 'this' with uncountable nouns; 'this', 'that', 'these' and 'those' pointing, already mentioned
- POSSESSIVES singular noun + 's'; with quantifying determiners + 'of'
- QUANTITY with plural and uncountable nouns; with singular nouns; 'much' with uncountable nouns, negative; 'many' with plural nouns, negative; 'so many' with plural nouns; determiner + 'of' + determiner

#### DISCOURSE MARKERS

- IN WRITING 'as you know', organising, marking shared knowledge; 'so', summarising, informal

## MODALITY

- ADJECTIVES 'be' + 'sure' + clause
- CAN permission
- EXPRESSIONS WITH BE 'will be able to'
- HAVE (GOT) TO affirmative; negative; questions; obligation
- MAY and MIGHT affirmative; possibility
- MUST affirmative; negative; obligation and necessity
- SHALL affirmative; questions; offers; suggestions
- SHOULD affirmative; negative; questions; advice; suggestions
- WILL after 'if', future situations; negative; questions; plans and intentions; willingness, offers; requests
- WOULD affirmative; negative; questions with 'like'; imagined situations, suggestions with 'it would be'; wishes and preferences
- ADVERBS mid position, hedging or emphasis; clause position
- COULD affirmative; negative; questions; ability; requests; suggestions

## NEGATION

- AUXILIARY VERBS 'be', 'have', present; 'do', past, 'do', imperatives; modal verbs
- PRONOUNS
- DETERMINERS 'no'; 'any', 'much', 'many'

## NOUNS

- NOUN PHRASES determiner + uncountable noun; determiner + noun; noun phrases with adjectives; with relative clause as postmodifier; with relative clause as complement; possession with 's' + noun
- TYPES '-ing' forms, object
- PLURAL plural '-es'; plural '-ies'; irregular plural nouns; nouns only used in the plural
- UNCOUNTABLE uncountable nouns; with 'the'; with determiners, quantity; containers, quantity expressions

## PREPOSITIONS

- STRANDING
- FOCUS prepositional phrases, fronting

## PRONOUNS

- POSSESSIVE + 'of mine'; 'mine'; 'yours' as object
- REFLEXIVE same subject and object
- SUBJECT ellipsis after 'hope'; empty 'it'
- QUANTITY 'some' and 'any'; 'some' as subject and object; 'any' as object; with 'of' + object pronoun
- SUBSTITUTION one, ones, none; 'none' pre-modifying; 'one' and 'ones' postmodifying, specifying
- INDEFINITE 'thing', 'one', 'body' etc; subject; object or complement; negative + 'anything'; with adjective, specifying; with 'to' infinitive, specifying; with 'else'; 'something' in vague expressions
- GENERIC 'you', general

## QUESTIONS

- ALTERNATIVES word + word
- TAGS question tags
- WH- main verb 'be'; with auxiliary 'do'; with auxiliary 'have'; modal verbs; negative questions, suggestions
- YES/NO main verb 'be'; modal verbs; lexical verbs with 'do'; auxiliary 'be'; auxiliary 'have'

## REPORTED SPEECH

- STATEMENTS with 'say', pronoun shift; with 'tell', pronoun shift

## VERBS

- PHRASAL-PREPOSITIONAL 'look forward to'

- PATTERNS\_THAT CLAUSES reporting verbs + direct object 'that'-clause; verbs + direct object clause without 'that'; verbs + indirect object clause
- PHRASAL no object; verb + pronoun + particle
- TYPES auxiliary verbs 'have' and 'do'; linking verbs + adjective; modal auxiliary verbs; semi-modal auxiliary verbs, 'have (got) to'
- WITH TO AND -ING verb + 'to'- infinitive; verbs + 'to'-infinitive or + '-ing'; 'would love' + 'to'; 'enjoy' + '-ing'
- THERE IS/ARE 'there is' + uncountable; 'there is/are' + a lot of
- LINKING linking + complement

#### VERB TENSES AND VOICE

- BE GOING TO questions; intentions; predictions with 'be'
- FUTURE CONTINUOUS future arrangements; questions about the future; with 'when'; 'hope'; timetables and plans
- FUTURE SIMPLE negative 'will'; questions; offers with 'shall'; plans and intentions with 'will'; requests with 'will'; suggestions with 'shall'; willingness with 'will'
- PASSIVE VOICE present simple, affirmative; past simple, affirmative; with 'by' to add information
- PRESENT CONTINUOUS negative; questions; with adverbs of indefinite frequency; events in progress; temporary situations
- PRESENT SIMPLE affirmative; negative; questions; indirect questions; with adverbs of indefinite frequency; real and imagined situations after 'if'; instructions and directions; mental process verbs; suggestions

#### Lexical range for Level A2

##### **Speakers at this level should have a lexical range which allows them to:**

- understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment)
- communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters
- describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need

#### Phrasal verbs for level A2

- belong to sb
- bring back sth or bring sth back
- call back (sb) or call (sb) back
- come back
- come in ENTER
- come round VISIT
- fill in/out sth or fill sth in/out
- find out (sth) or find (sth) out
- get back
- get off (sth)
- get on (sth)
- give back sth or give sth back
- go in
- grow up
- lie down

- look after sb/sth
- pick up sb/sth or pick sb/sth up LIFT
- pick up sb/sth or pick sb/sth up COLLECT
- put on sth or put sth on CLOTHES
- put on sth or put sth on MAKE-UP
- put on sth or put sth on MUSIC/FILM
- take off sth or take sth off REMOVE
- take off FLY
- try on sth or try sth on
- turn off sth or turn sth off
- turn on sth or turn sth on
- wash (sth) up or wash up (sth)

# Syllabus for Level B1

Please note that B1 includes everything in A1 and A2 as well.

## Grammar for Level B1

### ADJECTIVES

- COMBINING compound adjectives; combining two adjectives with 'and'; before the noun; combining more than two adjectives; combining the same comparative adjective with 'and'
- COMPARATIVES with '(so) much'; with 'a (little) bit'; with 'and'; with 'even'
- MODIFYING adjective phrase + noun; with 'enough'; with 'quite a'; with 'too' + 'to'-infinitive
- POSITION adjectives with prefix 'a-'; attributive (with nouns); with 'make' as object complement; with pronoun
- SUPERLATIVES complex noun phrases; 'one of the'; 'the best' with noun and present perfect; 'the best' with noun and 'to-' infinitive; with determiners

### ADVERBS

- AS MODIFIERS time; place; degree, 'really really'; degree with verbs; manner; linking; focus; sequencing; organising; certainty; stance
- PHRASE TYPES degree, modifying adverbs; manner; modifying verbs; modifying clauses, stance;

### CLAUSES

- COMPARATIVES finite after 'than'; non-finite after 'than'; 'as ... as'; 'rather than' + phrase; 'the best (that)'; 'too' + 'to'-infinitive; 'the same' (+ noun) + 'as' + pronoun or noun; 'so' + adjective + 'that' clause; sense verbs + 'as if' or 'as though' + finite clause; linking verb + 'like' or 'similar to'
- COORDINATED multiple main clauses, narrative; 'either ... or'; combining clauses of the same type
- DECLARATIVE auxiliary 'do', for emphasis
- IMPERATIVES 'do', emphasis; invitation; 'let me', focus
- INTERROGATIVES 'wh-' interrogative, subject; interrogative + adverb; 'which', 'whose'
- EXCLAMATIONS 'how' + adjective; 'how' + adjective + clause
- RELATIVE non-defining, object, with 'who'; 'whose name'; 'where', place; 'the reason why', focus; 'the' + noun + 'who/that', focus
- SUBORDINATED reason; purpose, result; contrast; non-finite with '-ing'
- CONDITIONAL present simple 'if' clause + 'will', future, likely outcome (first conditional); present simple 'if' clause + modal, future, possible outcome; present continuous 'if' clause, plans & advice; 'if' + past simple + 'would', future, imagined situation (second conditional); 'if I were you' + 'would', future, imagined situation; 'unless', exceptions; 'if' + past simple + 'could', future, imagined situation; 'if' + past perfect + 'would have' + '-ed', imagined situation, regret (third conditional); ellipted 'if not', alternative; ellipted 'if so', confirming

### CONJUNCTIONS

- COORDINATING complex adding; 'plus' with nouns; 'either ... or'; 'both ... and' with nouns
- SUBORDINATING simple forms

### DETERMINERS

- ARTICLES preposition + no article; no article; 'another'; one more (with 'another'); different (with 'another'); 'the other'
- DEMONSTRATIVES 'this', past
- POSSESSIVES 'their'; irregular plural noun + 's'
- QUANTITY with plural and uncountable nouns; 'much' with uncountable nouns, interrogative; 'so much', 'too much' with uncountable nouns; 'many' with plural nouns, interrogative; determiner + 'of' + determiner; modifying



## DISCOURSE MARKERS

- IN WRITING sequencing; organising, contrasting; organising, adding; organising, marking new knowledge, informal; adverbs, stance

## FOCUS

fronting, adverbs; 'it' + 'be' adjective + 'that' clause

## MODALITY

- ADJECTIVES 'it' + 'be' + 'important' + clause; form/use: 'it' + 'be' + adjective + infinitive, hedging, emphasis; 'it' + 'be' + adjective + 'for' + object + infinitive
- COULD ability; permission; possibility; suggestions
- ADVERBS emphasis; modal verb + modal adverb, hedging or emphasis; 'possibly', politeness
- CAN negative questions; with adverbs; general truths and tendencies; surprise
- EXPRESSIONS WITH BE modal with 'be able to'; 'be' expressions; 'be allowed to', permission; 'be supposed to', past expectation; 'be able to', past
- HAVE (GOT) TO 'I have to admit'; infinitive
- MAY negative; with adverbs; permission; questions
- MIGHT negative; reported speech; suggestions; past affirmative; possibility in the past
- MUST ellipsis; with adverbs; deductions and conclusions; obligation and necessity; invitations; suggestions
- OUGHT affirmative; advice
- SHALL plans and intentions; seeking advice
- SHOULD question tags; past affirmative; past negative; ideal or desired situations; likelihood; narrative device; regret; thanking
- USED TO affirmative; negative; no longer true
- WILL fixed plans; predictions
- WOULD after 'if' clauses; past affirmative; past negative; questions; with adverbs; future in the past; imagined situations in the past; indirectness; polite requests; reported speech; willingness in the past

## NEGATION

mental process verbs + clause; questions; seeking agreement; pronouns; adverbs; 'not', non finite and ellipted clauses

## NOUNS

NOUN PHRASES complex noun phrases with adjectives; complex noun phrases with adverbs + adjectives; 'such (a)' + adjective + noun; noun + prepositional phrases; noun phrases with superlatives; possessive 's' without noun; noun + 'of' + possessive pronoun; friend + 'of' + possessive determiner + noun; complex noun phrase with possessive 's' + noun; noun phrase, noun phrase indefinite pronouns; 'the thing ...'

- TYPES common nouns
- PLURAL collective nouns
- UNCOUNTABLE uncountable nouns; with determiners, quantity

## PREPOSITIONS

simple; complex; 'adverb' + preposition; stranding

## PRONOUNS

- POSSESSIVE + 'of yours'; comparative clauses with 'mine', 'yours'; 'yours' as subject; general comment
- REFLEXIVE 'by' + singular; same subject and object, singular; singular, after prepositions; singular, for emphasis
- SUBJECT/ OBJECT (subject) using 'it' to introduce
- DEMONSTRATIVES 'this', already mentioned; 'these', already mentioned; 'those', already mentioned; modifying; 'this one', 'that one' substitution
- QUANTITY subject and object pronouns, 'both', 'a few', 'another'; with 'of' + object pronoun
- SUBSTITUTION one, ones, none - pre-modifying, postmodifying, specifying; premodifier + 'ones'
- INDEFINITE 'thing', 'one', 'body' etc; subject; object or complement; premodifiers, intensifying
- GENERIC 'one', general, formal

- RECIPROCAL 'each other'

## QUESTIONS

- ALTERNATIVES 'or something else', vague; clause + clause; 'or not'
- TAGS negative main clauses + affirmative question tags; affirmative main clauses + negative question tags; affirmative main clauses + affirmative question tags; 'right' as an informal tag
- WH- negative questions with modals
- YES/NO negative questions with 'be'; negative questions, auxiliary verbs; negative questions modal verbs; seeking agreement
- **REPORTED SPEECH**
- STATEMENTS pronoun and tense shifts, future
- QUESTIONS reported 'yes-no' questions; reported 'wh-' questions
- REPORTED THOUGHT 'wonder'
- REPORTING CLAUSE initial position; end position
- OTHER reported requests and commands

## VERBS

- PHRASAL-PREPOSITIONAL verb + particle + preposition + object
- PREPOSITIONAL verb + preposition + object
- PATTERNS\_THAT CLAUSES reporting verbs + direct object 'that'-clause; verbs + prepositional phrase + 'that'-clause
- PHRASAL no object; : verb + particle + object; verb + pronoun + particle
- TYPES semi-modal auxiliary verbs, 'used to', 'ought to'
- WITH TO AND -ING verb + 'to-' infinitive; 'would prefer' + 'to', politeness; verb + '-ing' form; 'help' + object; verbs + direct object + 'to' infinitive; 'make', 'let' + infinitive without 'to'
- THERE IS/ARE negative; 'there' + modal verbs

## VERB TENSES AND VOICE

- BE GOING TO negative; past; with adverbs; future in the past; intentions; plans in the past; predictions; reporting
- FUTURE CONTINUOUS affirmative; negative with 'will'
- FUTURE IN THE PAST 'be going to'; 'would'
- FUTURE SIMPLE fixed plans with 'will'; predictions with 'will'; immediate plans with 'shall'
- PASSIVE VOICE with 'by' in a relative clause; infinitive; past simple, affirmative; present continuous, affirmative; present simple, affirmative, negative; with verbs taking two objects; giving focus with 'by'; 'get' + '-ed'
- PAST CONTINUOUS negative; questions; with adverbs; reason; repeated events
- PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS affirmative; background events; continuing events in the past
- PAST PERFECT SIMPLE after 'if' clauses; affirmative; negative; with adverbs; time up to then
- PAST SIMPLE affirmative; negative; questions; habitual states or actions; imagined situations after 'if'; ordering of past events; regret
- PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE affirmative; questions; repeated continuing events; single continuing event; duration with 'since'; with 'already'; negative questions; with adverbs; recent past; unfinished; with superlative
- PRESENT CONTINUOUS future arrangements; questions about the future; with 'as soon as'; temporary repeated actions; events in progress; temporary situations
- PRESENT SIMPLE negative tag questions; questions; mental process verbs; reporting verbs; speech act verbs

## Lexical range for Level B1

### Speakers at this level should have a lexical range which allows them to:

- understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc.

- deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken
- produce simple connected text on topics, which are familiar, or of personal interest
- describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes & ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans

### Phrasal verbs for level B1

- add up (sth) or add (sth) up
- base sth on sth
- believe in sth
- belong to sth
- blow away (sth) or blow (sth) away
- blow down (sth) or blow (sth) down
- blow out (sth) or blow (sth) out
- blow up (sth/sb) or blow (sth/sb) up
- book sb in or book sb into sth
- break down
- break in or break into sth
- break up END RELATIONSHIP
- break up END CLASSES
- bring up sb or bring sb up
- call for sb
- carry on (sth) or carry (sth) on
- carry out sth or carry sth out
- catch up with sb MEET
- check in
- check in/check into sth
- check out
- come along GO WITH SOMEONE
- come out BECOME AVAILABLE
- come out SUN
- complain of sth
- consist of sth
- cut up sth or cut sth up
- deal with sth
- depend on/upon sb/sth BE INFLUENCED BY
- eat out
- end up
- fall down
- fall over
- fill up (sth) or fill (sth) up
- get back sth or get sth back
- get in ENTER
- get in ARRIVE
- get on RELATIONSHIP

- get on MANAGE
- get out LEAVE
- get together
- give away sth or give sth away FREE
- give in sth or give sth in
- give in AGREE
- give out sth or give sth out
- give up sth or give sth up
- give up (sth) or give (sth) up
- go away LEAVE
- go away HOLIDAY
- go back
- go down BECOME LESS
- go down SUN
- go for sth CHOOSE
- go off LEAVE
- go off STOP WORKING
- go on CONTINUE
- go on HAPPEN
- go out RELATIONSHIP
- go out LIGHT/FIRE
- go up INCREASE
- hand in sth or hand sth in
- hand out sth or hand sth out
- hang about/around (swh)
- hang on WAIT
- hang out
- hang up
- hang up sth or hang sth up
- have (got) on sth or have (got) sth on
- hear from sb
- hold on WAIT
- hold up sb/sth or hold sb/sth up
- hurry up
- join in (sth)
- keep sb in
- keep (sb/sth) off sth
- keep on doing sth
- keep (sb/sth) out
- keep up sth or keep sth up
- knock sb down
- laugh at sb/sth
- leave behind sb/sth or leave sb/sth behind
- look around/round (swh)
- look forward to sth/doing sth HAPPY
- Look out!
- look up sth or look sth up
- move in

- move out
- pass on sth or pass sth on TELL
- pass on sth or pass sth on GIVE
- pay back sb/sth or pay sb/sth back
- put away sth or put sth away
- put back sth or put sth back
- put down sb/sth or put sb/sth down
- put down sth or put sth down
- put off sth/doing sth or put sth off
- put on sth or put sth on EQUIPMENT
- put on sth or put sth on WEIGHT
- put out sth or put sth out
- put sb through
- put up sth or put sth up RAISE
- put up sth or put sth up SPREAD
- put up sth or put sth up MONEY
- remind sb of sth/sb
- ring sb back
- ring (sb) up or ring up (sb)
- run out USE ALL
- send sth back or send back sth
- set off
- set out JOURNEY
- set up sth or set sth up ORGANIZATION
- show sb around/round
- show up
- shut (sth) down or shut down (sth)
- sign up
- split up
- start (sth) off or start off(sth)
- stay behind
- stay in
- switch off sth or switch sth off
- switch on sth or switch sth on
- take away sth or take sth away FOOD
- take back sth or take sth back
- take out sb or take sb out
- take out sth or take sth out REMOVE
- take up sth or take sth up START
- throw away/out sth or throw sth away/out
- tidy up (sth) or tidy (sth) up
- turn down sth or turn sth down
- turn (sb/sth) into sb/sth
- turn up sth or turn sth up
- wear (sth) out or wear out (sth)
- work out EXERCISE
- wrap sth up or wrap up sth
- write sth down or write down sth
- put up sth or put sth up RAISE

## Syllabus for Level B2

Please note that B2 includes everything in A1, A2 and B1 as well.

### Grammar for Level B2

#### **ADJECTIVES**

- COMBINING compound adjectives; phrases modifying nouns
- COMPARATIVES with 'a lot'; with 'much' + noun, with 'slightly'
- MODIFYING with 'enough' + 'to'-infinitive; with 'rather a'
- POSITION degree adjectives before nouns; attributive only, time adjectives
- SUPERLATIVES with 'by far'; ellipsis, with 'the'; with noun and 'to'-infinitive

#### **ADVERBS**

- AS MODIFIERS time; manner
- PHRASE TYPES degree, modifying noun phrases; degree, modifying pronouns; degree, modifying determiners
- POSITION front position, inversion with 'never'
- ADVERB PHRASES comparative

#### **CLAUSES**

- COMPARATIVES comparative adjective + 'than' + non-finite clause; superlative adjective (+ 'that'); adjective + 'enough' + 'to'-infinitive; 'the same' (+ noun) + 'as' + clause; 'rather than' + non-finite clause; 'as if' or 'as though' + finite clause;
- CONDITIONAL subordinating conjunctions, conditions
- COORDINATED 'neither ... nor', emphasis; 'not only ... but (also)', focus
- IMPERATIVES 'let's not', suggestion; 'do not', emphasis
- INTERROGATIVES negative interrogative + adverb
- EXCLAMATIONS negative interrogative
- RELATIVE pronoun + preposition; non-defining, with 'whose'; defining, with 'whose'
- SUBORDINATED non-finite with '-ing'; conditions; '-ing' clause

#### **CONJUNCTIONS**

- COORDINATING 'neither ... nor'; 'both ... and' with phrases and clauses
- SUBORDINATING simple and complex forms

#### **DETERMINERS**

- ARTICLES 'the more ... the more ...'
- POSSESSIVES 'its'; generic 'their'; plural noun + 's'; of + noun phrase 's'
- QUANTITY 'little/few'

#### **DISCOURSE MARKERS**

- IN WRITING comparing; organising, openings and closings, formal; summarising, formal

#### **FOCUS**

'the reason (that)', 'the place (which)' + clause, subject; 'the thing/ fact/ point/ problem is (that)'

#### **MODALITY**

- ADJECTIVES 'it' + linking verb + adjectives + clause, hedging; 'it' + linking verb + adjectives + ('that') clause, focus; subject + 'be' + adjective + 'to' + infinitive
- CAN with adverbs; general truths and tendencies; guesses and predictions; reproaches and appeals
- COULD past; past possibility; past speculation; regret; in reported speech
- DARE affirmative; negative; bravado
- HAVE (GOT) TO suggestion; past affirmative

- MAY with adverbs; command; focusing; opinion; polite request
- MUST past affirmative; questions; with adverbs; concessions; deductions and conclusions; emphasis; obligation and necessity; rules
- NEED negative; obligation and necessity
- OUGHT ellipsis; desired states
- SHOULD ellipsis; 'should be' + '-ing'; expectations; obligation
- USED TO ellipsis
- WILL requests
- WITH BE 'be' expressions + infinitive; 'be' + adjective + 'that'; 'be more/less likely', comparison; 'be likely to', probability; 'be due to', 'be to', schedules; 'be meant to', ideal states; 'be supposed to', obligation, expectation; 'be supposed to', hearsay; 'be bound to', certainty; 'be sure/certain to'; 'be obliged to', obligation; 'be forced to', obligation
- WOULD habitual past

#### NEGATION

'not', emphasis; 'never', inverted front position, focus; 'neither ... nor'; 'neither of', 'none of' + pronoun

#### NOUNS

NOUN PHRASES noun + 'of' + possessive determiner + noun; possession with plural nouns + '; postmodifying with adjective phrase; complex noun phrases with adjectives combined with 'but'

- TYPES '-ing' forms, subject
- UNCOUNTABLE no article

#### PREPOSITIONS

complex; preposition + 'wh-'word; formal

#### PRONOUNS

- POSSESSIVE 'hers', 'ours', 'theirs' as object; 'ours' as subject
- REFLEXIVE 'by' + plural; 'by itself'; plural, after prepositions; 'in itself', intensifying; 'itself', for emphasis; plural, for emphasis; 'yourselves', for politeness
- SUBJECT/ OBJECT (object) using 'it' to introduce; subject) ellipsis, empty 'it', 'one'
- DEMONSTRATIVES 'these ones', 'those ones' those - substitution
- QUANTITY subject and object pronouns, 'each', 'several', 'neither', 'enough'; with 'of' + object pronoun
- SUBSTITUTION one, ones, none - 'these ones', 'those ones'
- INDEFINITE 'thing', 'one', 'body' etc - with relative clauses, focus; in vague expressions
- GENERIC 'we', 'us', general; gender neutral
- RECIPROCAL 'one another', formal

#### QUESTIONS

- TAGS tags with imperatives as softeners
- WH- negative questions with main verbs

#### REPORTED SPEECH

- direct speech, reporting clause, mid position; direct speech, reporting clause, inverted subject; modification, reporting verb + adverb; reported requests and commands, negative; citation, present simple; reporting verbs, past continuous; temporal shifts, past

#### VERBS

- PHRASAL-PREPOSITIONAL verb + particle + preposition + object
- PREPOSITIONAL prepositional verb, stranded preposition; verb + adverb + preposition
- PHRASAL no object; verb + particle + object; verb + pronoun + particle
- TYPES semi-modal auxiliary verbs, 'dare', 'need'
- WITH TO AND -ING verb + '-ing' form; verb + new subject + '-ing' form; 'to'-infinitive or '-ing' form, meaning; verbs of senses + object + '-ing'
- THERE IS/ARE 'there' + verbs with modal meaning
- LINKING linking + complement

#### VERB TENSES AND VOICE

- FUTURE CONTINUOUS questions; politeness
- FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS affirmative; negative; looking back from a point in the future
- FUTURE PERFECT SIMPLE affirmative; negative; events completed in the future
- PRESENT CONTINUOUS future arrangements; questions about the future
- PASSIVE VOICE Infinitive; modal perfect; past continuous affirmative; past perfect simple, affirmative, negative; past simple negative; present continuous, affirmative, negative; present perfect simple, affirmative, negative; with modal verbs; with verbs taking two objects, , with prepositional phrase. Use: summaries and evaluations; with 'will', future reference
- GET and HAVE 'get' + reflexive pronoun + '-ed'; 'have' + obj + '-ed', proactive passive; 'get' + object + 'to'-infinitive
- PAST CONTINUOUS with adverbs
- PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS negative; with adverbs; background information with relative clause, with time conjunction; results
- PAST PERFECT SIMPLE after 'because', explanations; after 'if only' and 'wish', imagined past; inversion with 'never (before)'; inversion with 'no sooner ... than'; ellipsis; questions; with adverbs; background information, relative clause; change of situation; reports of questions, statements
- PAST SIMPLE negative; questions; with subordinating conjunctions; with time adjuncts; politeness after 'if'; politeness: 'I wondered' and 'I wanted'
- PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS negative; with adverbs; recent past
- PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE questions; with 'still'
- PRESENT CONTINUOUS with adverbs of indefinite frequency
- PRESENT SIMPLE inversion with 'not only ... but also'; speech act verbs, in stories and commentaries

## Lexical range for Level B2

### **Speakers at this level should have a lexical range which allows them to:**

- understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialisation
- interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party
- produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options

## Phrasal verbs for level B2

- act as sth
- add to sth
- agree with sth
- back up sb or back sb up SUPPORT
- back up (sth) or back (sth) up
- beat up sb or beat sb up
- believe in sth/doing sth
- blow up sth or blow sth up
- break off (sth) or break (sth) off
- break out
- break through sth
- bring out sth or bring sth out
- bring up sth or bring sth up
- burn down (sth) or burn (sth) down
- burn out



- burn up sth or burn sth up
- burst into sth ENTER SUDDENLY
- burst into sth MAKE A NOISE
- burst out LAUGH/CRY
- call back
- call in
- call off sth or call sth off NOT HAPPEN
- calm down (sb) or calm (sb) down
- care for sb/sth
- be/get carried away
- catch up (sb) or catch (sb) up REACH SOMEONE
- catch up
- catch up on/with sth
- chat sb up or chat up sb
- cheat on sb
- cheer up (sb) or cheer (sb) up
- chill out
- clear up (sth) or clear (sth) up MAKE TIDY
- clear up sth or clear sth up
- clear up
- close down (sth) or close (sth) down
- come across sb/sth
- come along ARRIVE
- come down FALL
- come down LOWER LEVEL
- come down with sth
- come out INFORMATION
- come to sth TOTAL
- come to sth DIFFERENT STATE
- come up MOVE TOWARDS
- come up BE MENTIONED
- come up SUN/MOON
- come up with sth
- cool down/off (sb/sth) or cool (sb/sth) down/off BECOME LESS HOT
- cool down/off (sb/sth) or cool (sb/sth) down/off BECOME CALMER
- count on sb
- count on sth
- cut across sth DIRECTION
- cut down sth or cut sth down REMOVE
- cut down sth or cut sth down REDUCE
- cut down sth or cut sth down DIET
- cut off sb/sth or cut sb/sth off STOP PROVIDING
- cut off sb/sth or cut sb/sth off BE TRAPPED
- date back
- date from sth
- deal with sb
- depend on/upon sb/sth NEED
- depend on/upon sb/sth RELY
- devote sth to sb/sth USE TIME
- devote sth to sb/sth USE SPACE
- die out
- do up sth or do sth up

- do without (sb/sth)
- eat up (sth) or eat (sth) up
- face up to sth
- fade away
- fall apart BREAK
- fall apart HAVE PROBLEMS
- fall for sb
- fall out
- fall through
- figure out sth/sb or figure sth/sb out
- finish with sb
- fit in with sth SUITABLE
- focus (sth) on/upon sb/sth
- follow up sth or follow sth up
- get across sth or get sth across
- get at sth
- get away ESCAPE
- get away GO SOMEWHERE
- get away with sth
- get sb down
- get down to sth
- get in BE CHOSEN
- get into sth BE CHOSEN
- get on with sth
- get out of sth/doing sth
- get over sth/sb GET BETTER
- get round to sth
- get through sth SUCCEED
- get to
- get up
- give away sth or give sth away SECRET
- give in ADMIT DEFEAT
- give up (sth/doing sth) or give (sth) up
- go ahead START
- go ahead ALLOW
- go by TIME
- go down with sth
- go for sth TRY TO GET
- go off MAKE NOISE
- go off FOOD
- go off sth/sb
- go on CONTINUE DOING
- go on TALK AGAIN
- go over sth
- go through sth EXPERIENCE
- go through sth EXAMINE
- hand over sb/sth or hand sb/sth over
- be heading for sth
- have heard of sb/sth
- heat up sth or heat sth up
- help out (sb) or help (sb) out
- hit it off

- hurry up sb/sth or hurry sb/sth up
- identify with sb/sth
- keep (sb/sth) away
- keep (sb/sth) back
- keep down sth or keep sth down
- keep sth off (sb/sth)
- keep to sth
- keep up (with sb/sth) SAME SPEED
- keep up (with sb/sth) UNDERSTAND
- key in sth or key sth in
- knock sth down
- knock sb out HIT SOMEONE
- knock sb out DEFEAT IN COMPETITION
- knock sth/sb over
- know of sth/sb
- lead to sth
- leave out sb/sth or leave sb/sth out
- let sb down or let down sb
- let sb off or let off sb
- let out sb/sth or let sb/sth out
- line (sb/sth) up or line up (sb/sth)
- live for sth/sb
- live on sth MONEY
- live on sth FOOD
- live together
- live up to sth
- live with sb
- lock in sb or lock sb in
- lock out sb or lock sb out
- log in/on
- log off/out
- look at sth THINK
- look at sth READ
- look at sth EXAMINE
- look back
- look down on sb
- look forward to sth/doing sth LETTER
- look into sth
- look out for sb/sth
- look through sth
- look up to sb
- make for sth
- make sth into sth
- make out sth/sb or make sth/sb out
- make up sth or make sth up
- make up for sth
- mess up sth or mess sth up
- miss out
- mix up sb/sth or mix sb/sth up
- note down sth or note sth down
- open up (sth) or open (sth) up
- pack up (sth) or pack (sth) up

- pass around/round sth or pass sth around/round
- pass away
- pass out
- pay off sth or pay sth off
- pay off
- pick on sb
- pick up sth or pick sth up
- pile up
- plug sth in
- point out sth or point sth out
- pour sth out or pour out sth
- pull down sth or pull sth down
- pull in/into sth
- pull out
- pull over
- pull up
- put sth aside SAVE MONEY
- put down sb or put sb down
- put off sb or put sb off (sb/sth/doing sth)
- put sth together or put together sth JOIN PARTS
- put up sth or put sth up BUILD
- put up sb or put sb up
- put up with sth/sb
- read out sth or read sth out
- read over/through sth or read sth over/through
- refer to sb/sth TALK OR WRITE
- rely on/upon sb/sth NEED
- rely on/upon sb/sth TRUST
- result in sth
- rub out sth or rub sth out
- run away
- run into sth
- run into sb
- run out ALL USED
- run over sb/sth or run sb/sth over
- see off sb or see sb off
- see through sb/sth
- see to sth/sb
- sell out
- send off sth or send sth off
- set out sth or set sth out
- set up sth or set sth up EVENT/ACTIVITY
- settle down FEEL COMFORTABLE
- show off
- shut (sth) down or shut down (sth)
- shut (sb) up
- slow (sb/sth) down/up or slow down/up (sb/sth)
- slow down
- soak up sth or soak sth up
- sort out sth or sort sth out SOLVE PROBLEM
- sort out sth or sort sth out TIDY
- speak up

- spread out
- squeeze (sb/sth) in/squeeze (sb/sth) into sth
- stand back
- stand by sb
- stand for sth REPRESENT
- stand for sth LETTERS
- stand out BE BETTER
- stand out EASY TO SEE
- stand up sb or stand sb up
- stand up for sth/sb
- stay out
- stay over
- stay up
- stick out
- stick to sth
- stick together
- stick with sth/sb
- stop over
- sum up (sth/sb) or sum (sth/sb) up
- take after sb
- take sb around/round (sth/swh)
- take away sth or take sth away NUMBERS
- take away sth or take sth away REMOVE
- take down sth or take sth down
- be taken in
- take off sth or take sth off NOT WORK
- take off SUCCEED
- take on sb or take sb on
- take out sth or take sth out MONEY
- take over (sth) or take (sth) over
- take up sth or take sth up FILL
- talk sb into sth/doing sth
- talk over sth or talk sth over
- tell off sb or tell sb off
- think over sth or think sth over
- think through sth or think sth through
- throw out sb or throw sb out
- throw up (sth) or throw (sth) up
- tie up sb/sth or tie sb/sth up
- try out sth or try sth out
- turn (sth) back
- turn down sb/sth or turn sb/sth down
- turn out HAPPEN
- turn out BE DISCOVERED
- turn out GO
- turn to sb/sth
- turn up (somewhere)
- use up sth or use sth up
- watch out
- wear off
- wear sb out or wear out sb
- work at sth

- work on sth
- work sth out or work out sth
- work out BECOME BETTER

## Idiomatic expressions for B2

- break the ice
- break sb's heart
- take your breath away
- be a piece of cake
- cross your mind
- can't keep/take your eyes off sb/sth
- have an eye for sth
- look sb in the eye/eyes
- be over the moon
- from/out of nowhere
- be a pain
- lose track

# Syllabus for Level C1

Please note that C1 includes everything in A1, A2, B1 and B2 as well.

## Grammar for Level C1

### ADJECTIVES

- COMBINING sophisticated compound adjectives
- MODIFYING with extreme adverbs
- POSITION past participle as adjective
- SUPERLATIVES with noun and postmodifier; with postmodifier and noun

### ADVERBS

- AS MODIFIERS degree, with adjectives; certainty; stance
- PHRASE TYPES degree, modifying adverbs; degree, modifying comparatives
- ADVERB PHRASES adverb + adverb; adverb + 'enough'; adverbs + prepositional phrases, highlight

### CLAUSES

- COMPARATIVES superlative adverb 'best' + clause
- CONDITIONALS 'if' + past perfect + modal verbs imagined situation, regret; ellipted 'if' clause; 'if' + 'should', formal, polite; inverted conditional clause, 'should'
- COORDINATED 'not only ... but (also)' with inversion, focus
- IMPERATIVES 'let' + third person pronoun, permission, order; don't 'let' + pronoun, permission, order; pointing, in formal contexts; imperative + 'and' conditional
- SUBORDINATED non-finite after 'if'; inversion; non-finite with '-ed' clauses, focus; 'not' + '-ing' clause

### CONJUNCTIONS

- COORDINATING 'yet', concessive; 'either ... or'; 'not only ... but also'; 'not only ... but also' with inversion; focus
- SUBORDINATING focus

### DETERMINERS

- POSSESSIVES 'one's'
- QUANTITY 'either', 'neither' with singular nouns; 'either', 'neither' + 'of' + determiner with plural nouns; hyperbole

### DISCOURSE MARKERS

- IN WRITING textual reference

### FOCUS

fixed expressions, fronting; imperatives; 'what' cleft clause; 'wh-'cleft clause, titles; non-finite with '-ed' clauses

### MODALITY

- ADJECTIVES modifying adjectives, hedging, emphasis
- ADVERBS 'not necessarily'; response tokens
- CAN past negative, deductions; passive; with adverbs; emphasis
- COULD criticism
- DARE 'I dare say'; question; 'how dare ...!'
- MAY 'may well'; past negative
- MIGHT questions; past, negative; possibility in the past; consoling or justifying; polite criticism
- NEED past, negative
- OUGHT desired states, with 'there ought to be'; emphasis, with 'really'; past, affirmative; likelihood
- SHALL negative; commands and instructions

- SHOULD after 'if' clauses; inversion
- USED TO questions
- WILL habitual and typical
- WITH BE 'be set to', assertion; hedging
- WOULD with adverbs

#### NEGATION

'none', substitution; 'not all', 'not every'; 'not only ... (but) also' with inversion; 'not' + stance adverb, hedging; 'whatsoever', emphasis

#### NOUNS

- NOUN PHRASES noun phrase with possessive 's without noun; nominalisation, formality; 'wh-' cleft, focus
- TYPES '-ing' forms, abstract nouns
- UNCOUNTABLE uncountable nouns

#### PREPOSITIONS

formal

#### PRONOUNS

- POSSESSIVE 'ours' as subject
- SUBJECT/ OBJECT (subject) 'it' + passive
- DEMONSTRATIVES 'that of', 'those of'
- QUANTITY 'none', substitution; formal; modified; relative pronouns
- SUBSTITUTION 'none'
- INDEFINITE 'thing', 'one', 'body' etc - 'anything', focus; 'anything', ellipsis
- RECIPROCAL 'each ...' + 'the other(s)', as complement

#### QUESTIONS

- ALTERNATIVES strong alternative; ellipted modal, hedging
- TAGS tags with 'there' + 'be'
- WH- focus

#### VERBS

- PHRASAL-PREPOSITIONAL phrasal-prepositional verb, stranded preposition
- PHRASAL verb + pronoun + particle
- WITH TO AND -ING verbs of senses + object + infinitive

#### VERB TENSES AND VOICE

- BE GOING TO with adverbs
- FUTURE CONTINUOUS expectations with 'might' or 'may';
- FUTURE PERFECT SIMPLE with adverbs; assumptions; politeness; negative 'shall'
- PRESENT CONTINUOUS future use:- with 'by the time'; suggestions, obligation
- PASSIVE VOICE non-finite clauses; present continuous negative; summarising, evaluating with 'it'
- GET and HAVE 'get' + object + '-ed'; 'get' + object + '-ing'
- PAST PERFECT SIMPLE inversion, imagined past
- PAST SIMPLE inversion with 'not only ... but also'; questions; complex ordering of past events; for emphasis, with 'did'; politeness: 'I thought'
- PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE negative
- PRESENT SIMPLE negative questions, persuasion, opinion; reporting verbs



## Lexical range for Level C1

### **Speakers at this level should have a lexical range which allows them to:**

- understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognise implicit meaning;
- express him/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions;
- use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes;
- produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.

## Phrasal verbs for level C1

- bounce back SUCCESSFUL AGAIN
- brush up (on) sth
- build (sth) up or build up (sth)
- bump into sb
- call off sth or call sth off STOP
- call on sb to do sth
- catch on BECOME POPULAR
- catch up (sb) or catch (sb) up BE AS GOOD AS
- cater for sb/sth
- cater to sb/sth
- check (up) on sth
- check sth out or check out sth INFORMATION
- check sth out or check out sth GO TO SEE
- clean (sth/sb) up MAKE CLEAN
- clean (sth/sb) up REMOVE POLLUTION
- clear sth away or clear away sth
- close off sth or close sth off
- come across SEEM
- come off
- come on START
- come over MOVE TOWARDS
- come over sb
- come round BECOME CONSCIOUS
- come under sth LIST
- come under sth EXPERIENCE
- come up OPPORTUNITY
- come up PROBLEM
- come up COMPUTER
- come up against sth

- cover sth up or cover up sth
- cut across sth GROUP
- cut out sth or cut sth out SHAPE
- cut out sth or cut sth out STOP EATING
- derive (sth) from sth
- devote yourself to sth
- dispose of sth
- do away with sth
- draw on sth
- draw sth up or draw up sth
- dwell on/upon sth
- finish off (sth) or finish (sth) off
- fit in
- fit in with sth SUCCESSFUL PART
- fix sth up
- be getting at sth
- get back to sb
- get into sth BE INTERESTED
- get out DIFFERENT PLACES
- get (sb/sth) out
- get (sb) through sth
- get through to sb
- go into sth START
- go into sth BE USED
- go off EXPLODE
- hold sb/sth back PREVENT MOVEMENT
- hold back sth or hold sth back NOT TELL
- hold on CONFUSED/SURPRISED
- insist on sth
- keep sb/sth from doing sth
- kick in
- kick off
- kick sb out
- lay sb off or lay off sb
- lay sth out or lay out sth
- lie ahead
- line sb/sth up
- look on/upon sb/sth as sth
- look up
- mess about/around WASTE TIME
- mess about/around PLAY
- move on NEW PLACE
- move on NEW SUBJECT
- move on NEW ACTIVITY
- put sth forward or put forward sth
- put sth together or put together sth PREPARE
- read up on sth
- refer to sb/sth RELATE TO

- relate to sb/sth
- relate to sb
- run down sb/sth or run sb/sth down
- run on sth
- rush into sth
- scare sb away/off or scare away/off sb
- scare sb/sth away/off or scare away/off sb/sth
- set back sb/sth or set sb/sth back
- settle down MAKE HOME
- settle in
- shake up sth or shake sth up
- stand up to sb/sth
- start out
- stay away from sth
- stay on
- stem from sth
- store up sth REMEMBER
- take on sth or take sth on
- take to sb/sth
- tear up sth or tear sth up
- throw yourself into sth
- write sth up or write up sth

## Idiomatic expressions for C1

- a fine/thin line
- a rule of thumb
- around/round the clock
- at face value
- be a far cry from sth
- be a pain in the neck
- be in the public eye
- be on the ball
- beat about/around the bush
- down to earth
- easier said than done
- face the music
- from scratch
- gain/lose ground
- get a grip (on yourself)
- go hand in hand
- (have) the best of both worlds
- in a nutshell
- keep a low profile
- keep an eye out for sb/sth
- keep sb posted
- keep your cool
- know sth inside out
- lose your head
- make ends meet
- new blood

- off the record
- on track
- out of the blue
- put/keep sb in the picture
- put/set the record straight
- take sth on board
- (take) the easy way out
- the final/last straw
- to cut a long story short
- turn a blind eye (to sth)
- with flying colours