

FINNBRIT

Language courses & cultural activities

COURSES FOR SPRING 2018

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About Us

Formed in 1926, the Finnish British Society had its inaugural meeting due to the initiative of Mr Jaakko Kahma, a businessman occupying an important position in Finnish trade with Britain. In the early days of the society meetings were held regularly, during which talks were given by visiting English lecturers. In 1953 the Society acquired its own premises on Puistokatu and in 2006 adopted the name Finnbrit and moved to the current premises on Fredrikinkatu where we continue to provide English-language training and examinations as well act as a hub of cultural activity.

Being among the oldest language training institutes in the Helsinki region, we boast a wealth of knowledge and expertise in language training and examinations. With our dedicated and highly motivated staff and cosy, well-situated premises in Punavuori, we provide you with modern and innovative language solutions. We also limit our class sizes to 12 students to ensure all students receive the attention and advice they deserve and learn as much as possible from our courses.

English Language Level Descriptions

Level A Basic user – Perustaso

A1 Breakthrough or beginner

A2 Waystage or elementary

Level B Independent user – Keskitaso

B1 Threshold or intermediate

B2 Vantage or upper intermediate

Level C Proficient user - Ylin taso

C1 Effective operational proficiency or advanced

C2 Mastery or proficiency

Not sure of your level? Contact the office to receive guidance or visit www.finnbrit.fi for a free level test.

English Language Courses

Level A1-A2

English for Life (A1)

A beginner's course in English

1) 22.1–26.3.2018

Mondays, 17:00 – 18:30

Two lessons on each Monday, 20 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 15.1.2018

2) 9.4–11.6.2018

Mondays, 17:00 – 18:30

Two lessons on each Monday, 20 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 3.4.2018

Level: A1

English for Life (A1) will help you learn the basics of English for everyday life in a quick, easy and fun way. You will learn how to present yourself and others and you will discuss subjects such as your work, hobbies and the weather. You will also learn to use English when travelling, shopping, at restaurants and so on.

Englannin kielen alkeiskurssi, jossa opitaan alkeet nopeasti, helposti ja hauska tavalla. Opit esittelemään itsesi ja muita sekä puhumaan esimerkiksi työstä ja harrastuksista ja säästä. Opit asioimaan englannin kielellä matkoilla, kaupassa, ravintolassa, jne.

Course book: English for Life series. The course book can be purchased from the Finnbrit office at the start of the course. The estimated course book price is 35€.

Teacher: Anthony

Fee for members: 250€ and non-members: 310€

English for Life 2 (A2)

An elementary course in English for everyday life

1) 22.1–26.3.2018

Mondays, 18:45 – 20:15

Two lessons on each Monday, 20 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 15.1.2018

2) 9.4–11.6.2018

Mondays, 18:45 – 20:15

Two lessons on each Monday, 20 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 3.4.2018

Level: A2-B1

Is it difficult for you to communicate in English? This course will help you use your skills to speak better English when you travel, shop, meet people, and make phone calls. The course will include activities to help you survive in English!

Course book: English for Life series. The course book can be purchased from the Finnbrit office at the start of the course. The estimated course book price is 35€.

Teacher: Anthony

Fee for members: 250€ and non-members: 310€

Level B1-B2

Effective Business Communication (B1-B2)

1) 25.1–29.3.2018

Thursdays, 17:00–18:30

Two lessons on each Thursday, 20 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 15.1.2018

2) 5.4–14.6.2018 (No lesson on May 10)

Thursdays, 17:00–18:30

Two lessons on each Thursday, 20 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 29.3.2018

Level: B1-B2

During this course you will practise general business topics such as; presenting yourself and your company, participating in meetings and negotiations, telephoning and emailing, short presentations on work related topics, describing products and services, discussing current affairs and small talk.

The course material is included in the course fee.

Teacher: Ian

Fee for members: 250€ and non-members: 310€

English Toolbox 1 (B1-B2)

1) 23.1–27.3.2018

Tuesdays, 17:00–18:30

Two lessons on each Tuesday, 20 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 15.1.2018

2) 3.4–12.6.2018 (No lesson on 1 May)

Tuesdays, 17:00–18:30

Two lessons on each Tuesday, 20 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 27.3.2018

Level: B1-B2

The English Language Toolbox 1 (intermediate) course aims to help you consolidate and develop the essential skills necessary to successfully communicate in English.

We'll look at all the main tenses as well as comparatives and modal verbs. We'll also work on vocabulary as well as writing, reading and listening skills.

All of the classes will have a strong emphasis on speaking and communicative activities.

The course material is included in the course fee.

Teacher: Henry

Fee for members: 250€ and non-members: 310€

Speak with Confidence (B1-B2)

1) 24.1–28.3.2018

Wednesdays, 17:00–18:30

Two lessons on each Wednesday, 20 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 15.1.2018

2) 11.4–13.6.2018

Wednesdays, 17:00–18:30

Two lessons on each Wednesday, 20 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 3.4.2018

Level: B1-B2

Do you have an intermediate level in written and grammatical English but struggle with your spoken English?

This course will concentrate on giving you more self-confidence in speaking English at an intermediate level.

The teacher will concentrate on expanding your vocabulary, proper use of tenses and correcting the little mistakes you make when speaking English.

You will take part in activities designed to activate and improve your communication skills.

The course material is included in the course fee.

Teacher: Malcolm

Fee for members: 250€ and non-members: 310€

Stepping Stones 1 (B1)

1) 22.1–26.3.2018

Mondays, 17:00–18:30

Two lessons on each Monday, 20 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 15.1.2018

2) 9.4–11.6.2018

Mondays, 17:00 – 18:30

Two lessons on each Monday, 20 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 3.4.2018

Level: B1

Stepping Stones, published in 2014, is now popular in learning centres all over Finland. It is a course for adults who want to practise speaking and listening using everyday vocabulary and grammar at an intermediate level. The book includes useful topics such as meeting people, free-time activities, travel, food, shopping and well-being.

The course is organized for small groups of students to ensure everyone has an opportunity to practise speaking and to receive individual feedback from the teacher. The course moves forward gently so that no one feels left behind.

Your teacher for this course is Penny Roux who is co-author of Stepping Stones, <https://finnlectura.fi/oppimateriaalit/stepping-stones>.

Teacher: Penelope

Fee for members: 250€ and non-members: 310€

Stepping Stones 2 (B1-B2)

1) 22.1-26.3.2018

Mondays, 18:45–20:15

Two lessons on each Monday, 20 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 15.1.2018

2) 9.4–11.6.2018

Mondays, 18:45-20:15

Two lessons on each Monday, 20 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 3.4.2018

Level: B1-B2

In Stepping Stones 2 we will be covering themes such as your home country, working life, the news, the arts, nature and citizenship. It is a course for adults who want to practise speaking and listening using everyday vocabulary and grammar at an intermediate level.

At Finnbrit we organise this course for small groups of students. Small classes mean that everyone has an opportunity to speak and also to receive individual feedback from the teacher. The course moves forward gently so that no one feels left behind. There are lots of speaking activities for practising small talk and conversation in a relaxed and friendly way.

Your teacher for this course is Penny Roux who is co-author of Stepping Stones; she has been a teacher at Finnbrit for several years.

<https://finnlectura.fi/oppimateriaalit/stepping-stones>.

Teacher: Penelope

Fee for members: 250€ and non-members: 310€

The Sound of English (B1 and above)

A short course in Pronunciation

1) 25.1–22.2.2018

Thursdays, 17:00–18:30

Two lessons on each Thursday, 10 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 15.1.2018

2) 1.3– 29.3.2018

Thursdays, 17:00–18:30

Two lessons on each Thursday, 10 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 22.2.2018

Level: B1 and above

The Sound of English is a practical course in pronunciation. The course will help students to produce accurate consonant and vowel sounds, and correctly apply word stress, sentence stress and intonation. It will also enable students to improve their listening skills.

The course is aimed at anyone who wants to give their spoken English a boost whether or not you wish to sound like a native. We encourage you to find your own voice and use it with confidence!

As with any exercise regime, the best results are achieved if you work out on a daily basis and your personal trainer will give you tips and advice on how to do this. Penny Roux was trained at the London Pronunciation Studio, Gray's Inn Road, London.

The course material is included in the course fee.

Teacher: Penelope

Fee for members: 150€ an non-members: 186€

Level C1-C2

Effective Business Communication (C1)

1) 25.1-29.3.2018

Thursdays, 18:45–20:15

Two lessons on each Thursday, 20 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 15.1.2018

2) 5.4.–14.6.2018 (No lesson on 10 May)

Thursdays, 18:45–20:15

Two lessons on each Thursday, 20 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 29.3.2018

Level: C1

During this course you will practise general business topics such as; presenting yourself and your company, participating in meetings and negotiations, giving your opinion and building up your arguments, presentations on work related topics, describing products and services, discussing current affairs (BBC, Financial Times etc) and small talk.

We will also do specific language tasks related to the business areas of the participants. The topics can be for example, sales & marketing, HR, consultancy, legal English, finance & banking, Information technology and Artificial Intelligence, and the future of business.

The course material is included in the course fee.

Teacher: Ian

Fee for members: 250€ and non-members: 310€

English Toolbox 2 (C1)

1) 23.1–27.3.2018

Tuesdays, 18:45–20:15

Two lessons on each Tuesday, 20 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 15.1.2018

2) 3.4–12.6.2018 (No lesson on 1 May)

Tuesdays, 18:45–20:15

Two lessons on each Tuesday, 20 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 27.3.2018

Level: C1

The English Language Toolbox 2 (advanced) course aims to help you practice and polish your English as well as develop some more advanced language skills.

We'll look at some of the more complicated grammar structures including conditionals, passives, prepositions, narrative tenses and articles. We'll also work on vocabulary, phrasal verbs and colloquial English as well as practising writing, reading and listening skills.

All of the classes will have a strong emphasis on speaking and communicative activities.

The course material is included in the course fee.

Teacher: Henry

Fee for members: 250€ and non-members: 310€

Speak with Confidence 2 (C1)

1) 24.1–28.3.2018

Wednesdays, 18:45-20:15

Two lessons on each Wednesday, 20 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 15.1.2018

2) 11.4–13.6.2018

Wednesdays, 18:45-20:15

Two lessons on each Wednesday, 20 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 28.3.2018

Level: C1

Do you have a good level of English but get frustrated with your English communication skills when you need to use English in professional and social situations?

This course will help you quickly improve your communication skills in English.

The course will concentrate on activating your phrasal verbs, common expressions and continuous forms.

The course will concentrate on helping you to enjoy expanding your vocabulary.

The teacher will help correct the little mistakes you make when communicating in English, and will encourage you to have more self-confidence in a pleasant and positive way.

The course material is included in the course fee.

Teacher: Malcolm

Fee for members: 250€ and non-members: 310€

Exam Preparation Courses

Cambridge English

Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) (C1)

Cambridge English Examinations Preparation Course

1) 11.1-22.2.2018

Thursdays, 17:00–19:30

Three lessons on each Thursday, 21 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 2.1.2018

Cambridge C1 Advanced exam date: 28.2.2018

Course fee for members: 350€ and non-members: 434€

2) 1.3 – 7.6.2018

Thursdays, 17:00–18:30

Two lessons on each Thursday, 28 lessons in total

No lesson on Thursday 10.5.2018

Enrol on the course by 22.2.2018

Cambridge C1 Advanced exam date: 13.6.2018

Course fee for members: 375€ and non-members: 465€

Level: C1

Cambridge Advanced Certificate is a high-level and internationally recognized qualification in English for demanding academic and professional situations. CAE provides the necessary skills and confidence to work or study in a wide range of international English speaking environments.

This preparation course suits students who are advanced users (B2+/C1) and wish to develop their skills in preparation for the exam. The classroom focuses on collaborative learning and interactive speaking and listening assignments. Homework will also be given each week to practise the key exam skills of reading and use of English, Writing and Listening.

Course Book: Cambridge English: Compact Advanced

The course book can be purchased from the Finnbrit office at the start of the course.

The exam fee is not included in the course fee.

Teacher: Henry

Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) (C2)

Cambridge English Examinations Preparation Course

1) 9.1– 6.3. 2018

Tuesdays 17:00-19:30

Three lessons on each Tuesday, 27 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 2.1.2018

Cambridge C2 Proficiency exam date: 10.3.2018

2) 13.3-12.6.2018 (No lesson on 1 May)

Tuesdays 17:00-18:30

Two lessons on each Tuesday, 26 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 6.3.2018

Cambridge C2 Proficiency C2 exam date: 14.6.2018

Level: C2

Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) is the most demanding and respected qualification available worldwide for advanced learners aiming to achieve an extremely high level of skill in the English language for working or university life and qualifies holders to teach in English.

The CPE preparation course is designed for students who are proficient users (C1+/C2) and wish to develop their skills for the exam. The classroom tasks are focused on collaborative learning, interactive speaking and listening assignments. Homework will also be given each week to sharpen reading and writing skills.

The course book can be purchased from the Finnbrit office at the start of the course.

The exam fee is not included in the course fee.

Teacher: Penelope

Course fee for members: 375€ and non-members: 465€

IELTS

IELTS Preparation Course

Academic and General Training

1) 8.1-12.2.2018

Mondays, 17:00–19:30

Three lessons on each Monday, 18 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 2.1.2018

2) 19.2–26.3.2018

Mondays, 17:00–19:30

Three lessons on each Monday, 18 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 12.2.2018

3) 9.4–14.5.2018

Mondays, 17:00–19:30

Three lessons on each Monday, 18 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 29.3.2018

This course will familiarise you with the format and content of the IELTS test. You will practise the skills you need and receive guidance on exam technique.

During the course you will cover all parts of the IELTS test: there will be many opportunities to practise all the skills and techniques you need, and you'll be given advice on how to avoid those unwanted mistakes that may bring down your score. You will widen your vocabulary and polish up your grammar. To support the class work, you will be given self-study tasks.

Join this course and get the scores you deserve!

The course material is included in the course fee, but you may find it helpful to buy IELTS Test Builder 2 by Sam McCarter, published by Macmillan.

Teacher: Henry

Course fee for members: 250€ and non-members: 310€

Daytime Courses and Short Intensive Courses

MORNING COURSES

Catching Up! - Conversation on Current Affairs

25.1-22.2.2018

Thursdays 8:30-10:00

Two lessons on each Thursday, 10 lessons in total

Enrol on the course by 15.1.2018

Level: B1-B2

Do you need to brush up on your conversation skills, perhaps learn some new vocabulary and work on your English pronunciation? On this course we will use newspaper articles and the teacher's own material to discuss current affairs. The activities will be fun and interesting and the students can contribute to the themes that we will be discussing.

Join this new morning course for early birds!

Teacher: Penelope

Fee for members: 150 € and non-members: 186€

English Intensive Brush Up (B2-C1)

A four-day intensive course!

15.1-18.1.2018

Monday-Thursday, 16:30-19:30

Four lessons on each day, 16 lessons in total.

Enrol on the course by 8.1.2018

Level: B2-C1

English Intensive Brush Up is for those of you who want to give your English a boost either for work or study. The focus of the course is effective communication. We aim to **help you** expand your active vocabulary and hone your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. We will be using authentic materials from a wide range of media and different genre for group discussions, pair work, and individual tasks such as giving presentations. We will also take a look at some more advanced aspects of grammar and pronunciation to help improve accuracy. Students are encouraged to contribute to the content and topics to be discussed during the course.

The course material is included in the course fee.

Teachers: Henry & Penelope

Course Fee for members 230€ and for non-members 285,20€

WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS

IELTS WRITING Workshop

Academic and General Training

1.) Wednesday 10.1.2018

17:00–20:15

2) Wednesday 17.1.2018

17:00–20:15

Are you aiming for an IELTS score of 6.5 or above? We strongly recommend that candidates requiring high scores prepare for the writing module. To meet demand, we are offering a workshop devoted to IELTS writing practice. During the workshop you will

- understand the requirements of Task 1 and Task 2
- produce a Task 1 text in exam conditions and receive individual feedback and recommendations
- revise grammatical structures such as complex sentences
- learn how to write effective paragraphs using appropriate linking words
- find out how to incorporate a wider range of vocabulary in your writing
- practise proofreading and editing your own texts

All participants will be sent a Task 2 essay assignment to complete before the workshop.

Teachers: Henry & Penelope

Fee for members 60€ and non-members 74,40€

Email Workshop

24.1 and 31.1.2018

17:00-20:15

In this workshop we will look at how to open and close your emails, the style and content of emails, formal vs informal emails. In addition, we'll discuss politeness and

cultural awareness. You will also get plenty of tips and links to useful sites for improving your writing.

Teacher: Penelope

Fee for members 125€ and for non-members 155€

Meetings in English Workshop

7.2 and 14.2.2018

17:00-20:15

This workshop will help you actively participate in meetings, opening and closing, giving and taking the floor, expressing your opinion, dealing with the minutes, postponing, motioning, seconding, voting, agreeing and disagreeing, formal and informal language of meetings.

Teacher: Ian

Fee for members 125€ and for non-members 155€

Pronunciation Workshop

28.2 and 7.3.2018

17:00-20:15

The workshop will help you produce accurate consonant and vowel sounds, and correctly apply word stress, sentence stress and intonation

The course is aimed at anyone who wants to give their spoken English a boost whether or not you wish to sound like a native. We encourage you to find your own voice and use it with confidence!

Teacher: Penelope

Fee for members 125€ and for non-members 155€

Presentations Skills Workshop

14.3 and 21.3.2018 at 17:00-20:15

In this workshop we will firstly look at language, styles and making the presentation suited to your audience. In the second session you will have the opportunity to practise giving short and effective presentations in a relaxed and encouraging environment. Learn to present well and have fun while doing it!

Teacher: Ian

Fee for members 125€ and for non-members 155€

Language Services and Room Hire

One to One English Language Training

If you are not suited to group learning then a One-to-One training course from Finnbrit could be the English language solution you are looking for. Our courses are designed by our teachers to match your individual requirements. All of our teachers are native speakers and qualified language teachers with more than 10 years' experience.

Translation And Proofreading Services

Finnbrit offers an extensive network of translators and proofreaders. We offer translation services in the following languages:

- Finnish to English and Swedish
- Swedish to English and Finnish
- English to Finnish and Swedish
- German to Finnish
- French to English

We translate all types of texts, and our areas of expertise include technical manuals, finance, marketing, construction, press releases and websites.

In order to give you a competitive price, we need to evaluate your text. Please submit your text in Word or RTF format, and we can then give you a quote based on difficulty and urgency. All of our translations are proofread before return.

Room Hire For Meetings And Conferences

Finnbrit offers the ideal downtown location for conferences, meetings and dinner parties. All rooms have a computer, projector and a wireless Internet connection.

- The Scottish Room is suitable for small meetings (capacity 10–12 people).
- The History Room is suitable for meetings and small discussion events (capacity 14 people).
- The Big Room is suitable for lectures, larger meetings and dinner parties (capacity 16–40 people).
- The inviting atmosphere of the Club Room is suitable for meetings and social gatherings (capacity 15 people).

Social Activities and Becoming a Member

Social Activities

The Finnish-British Society arranges various cultural programmes for its members and other interested people including live musical performances, debating events, presentations, literature reviews, theatre trips and more.

The Society hosts many special interest clubs, such as the English Book Club, the Real Toads Poetry group, Finn-Brit Players, Helsinki Morrisers, Helsinki International Folk Club, Nursery Rhyme group, the Really Small Theatre Company, Nordic Editors and Translators and the Knitting Club.

These organisations arrange their own programmes on a regular basis, and Finnbrit members are welcome to attend.

Come along and join in!

Become a Member of Finnbrit

It is Finnbrit's (formerly the Finnish-British Society) mission to promote friendship and cultural relations between Britain and people living in Finland. As a friendship society, Finnbrit offers its members many benefits including discounts on course prices, reduced prices to Finnbrit's social activities, free copies of the Finnbrits magazine and regular newsletters with news of upcoming events and courses.

To become a member of Finnbrit please simply fill in the application form on our website www.finnbrit.fi/members.

Annual Membership Fees:

- Annual membership: 30€ for new members and 25€ for existing members
- Student membership: 15€ for new members and 10€ for existing members
- Lifetime membership: 255€
- Company membership: 500€ for new and 495€ for existing members

