

TIPS FOR CEU B1 ENGLISH EXAM

- Just because there is no specific grammar section in the exam, it does not mean it is not tested. **Be careful with your grammar when writing and speaking!** Make an effort to use more complex grammar forms, according to B1 level (conditionals/passives etc.).
- **Write clearly.** Sometimes what look to the examiner as spelling errors are simply bad writing! Show off your spelling and grammar knowledge by writing clearly.
- **Know your layouts.** In the writing section of the exam, if you are asked for a report or an essay, would you know the layout differences? Having the correct layout will score you more marks. Possibilities are Letter/ Email (formal or informal) / Article/ Description/ Review/ Story).
- In the Oral exam, listen carefully to the question. You will not be deducted marks for asking that the question be repeated. **Answer the question asked.** The examiner is not only marking what you say but your understanding of the question too.
- **Interact.** The third part of the oral exam assesses your ability to listen and understand your partner, react appropriately and ask questions. We want to see how you continue a conversation and how you move between points. Don't forget to listen!!
- **Watch the clock!** The candidate will have no control over the listening and oral timing of the exam, however they do control how much time they spend on the Reading and the Writing. As they are both worth 25%. The time should be halved equally. The writing part takes longer than you think!!
- **Always re-read carefully!** Candidates often make simple spelling or grammatical errors due to time restraints or simply due to nerves. Always re-read your answers to ensure you don't lose marks for things you know.