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The Access Faculty, pictured on the Rooftop Recreation Area with Director of Studies Sarah Wilkinson (front, centre) and Assistant Director of Studies, Rachael Croker (far left)

WELCOME TO ACCESS

Dear Access Student

It gives me great pleasure to extend this warm invitation to you to join our vibrant student community in central Sydney!

At Access, there is a suitable English language program for you if you:

- Need to improve your general and communicative English skills
- Need to prepare for a challenging English proficiency test
- Want to improve your Business English skills for a job promotion, career change, or to start your own business
- Need to acquire valuable work experience

For over 20 years, Access Language Centre has been providing international students from across Europe, Latin America, Asia, the South Pacific and Middle East a warm, friendly and nurturing study environment to enable them to flourish and achieve their learning goals. Our stable and capable team of teachers and administrators look forward to welcoming you to our conveniently-located Centre, just 300 metres from Sydney's Central Train Station!

Popular Access courses include:

- Business English
- English for Hospitality
- Demi Pair Program
- Evening Program
- Cambridge Exam Preparation
- General English
- IELTS™ Test Preparation
- Internship Program

See you in Sydney! And enjoy your “study adventure”!

Warm regards

Rupert Johnstone, Group Principal



Rachael (left) and Sarah (right) pictured together on the Access rooftop recreation area

WELCOME FROM OUR ACADEMIC MANAGERS

Sarah | Director of Studies

“I am very happy to welcome you to Access Language Centre - where our experienced team knows how to help you prepare for your future. As the Director of Studies, I love seeing students build their English skills and work toward their dreams, while enjoying the benefits of interacting with people from all around the world. Coming from a family of educators, I love teaching and am passionate about creating an environment that is supportive and progress-driven. Every student is important to us at Access and everyone receives the guidance and motivation needed for success. I am an avid traveller and because I have lived and worked in English schools in England, Scotland, Vietnam, New Zealand and now Australia, I understand what students are looking for.

Many of our successful students combine their courses with special classes such as Pronunciation and Fluency and Introduction to Cambridge to gain the skills needed to move forward with their studies or career, or they take Business Made Easy, or English for Hospitality to be more confident in an English-speaking workplace. These courses can also help prepare you for our excellent IELTS™ and Cambridge Exam Preparation and Business English Courses. Access is the place for you to progress on your personal or professional learning journey.”

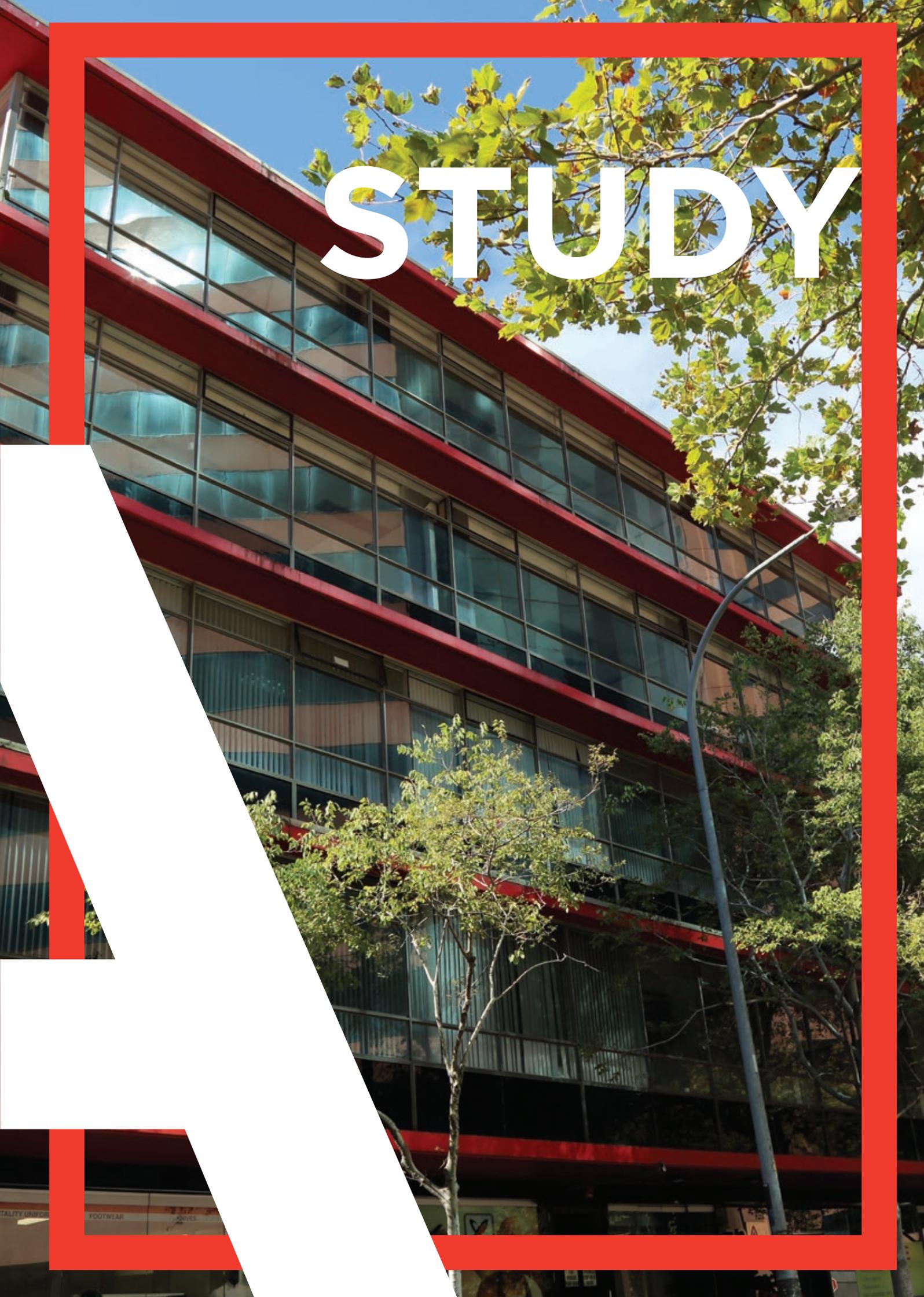
Rachael | Assistant Director of Studies

“Hi I’m Rachael, Assistant Director of studies at Access. I’m originally from England but moved to Australia in 2010 in the search for better weather! Since I arrived, I’ve been lucky enough to work at a variety of great language schools in Sydney. I spent 5 years at our sister school, Sydney College of English, working my way up from teacher, to Senior Teacher, to Head Teacher before moving over to Access where I’ve been busy with curriculum development for our exciting new timetable.

Over the years I’ve taught a range of different courses, but my favourites are exam classes such as Cambridge or IELTS™ where I can really see my students progress in their learning and grow in confidence.

As ADOS, my main jobs are to ensure both the students and teachers are happy and well-supported. Being a people person, I love welcoming new students on their first day, getting to know them as they progress through the school and ensuring that their experience here is positive and memorable. I feel really proud to work at Access where we have a great team of experienced, enthusiastic teachers and a fantastic range of courses.”

STUDY





GENERAL

Sample Timetable - General English Course

Focus Skills*	Coffee Break	Core English	Coffee Break	Core English	Lunch	Super Skills**
8:30 - 9:30		9:45 - 11:15		11:30 - 13:00		13:30 - 14:30

Super Intensive (23 hours of classes per week)

Intensive (20 hours of classes per week)

* 1 Focus Skill per week, 4 in a term.
** Monday to Wednesday

The General English (Super Intensive) Course is the right choice for you if you're looking to take your learning to the next level. Being a Super Intensive student means you get to enjoy more time under the expert guidance of our friendly teachers. It also gives you access to our uniquely tailored Super Skills classes - whatever level your English is, there's a Super Intensive experience for you.

Key Features



Starts every Monday



All levels from Beginner to Advanced



23 hours per week (Super Intensive)
20 hours per week (Intensive)



One-to-one feedback from teachers every 4 weeks



Full assessments every term (4 weeks) to check your progress



Choice of specialised Super Skills classes



"ALC has a very positive atmosphere, the class climate is great and studying is fun. I'm more self-confident to speak English and I have expanded my English skills. My teacher Gareth is a very funny and competent teacher. With better English, I will be able to travel and meet new people from other countries more confidently."

Hava Aitin | Germany | General English



ENGLISH

Core Classes (Super Intensive + Intensive)

Delivered by professional and enthusiastic teachers, the General English Course is a must-do for any student looking to improve their English skills in a relaxed and friendly environment. In this course you can practise your grammar, listening, reading, writing and speaking with students from every corner of the world. What's more, you will learn lots of useful vocabulary and expressions about everything from functional daily English to common Australian English idioms.

Focus Classes (Super Intensive + Intensive)

The Focus Program aims to provide tailored practice to develop the skills you need to succeed in the English-speaking world. Each week during a 4-week term, you will focus on a different area: Spoken Communication, Reading and Listening, Power Vocabulary and Written Expression. Our teachers use a range of dynamic activities to motivate you to learn and bring the skills to life.

The functional language taught in these classes will make adjusting to life in Sydney much more comfortable and give you plenty to talk about back home too! These classes extend your use of the language learned in your Core classes and give you the extra time you need to focus on a specific skill, so that by the end of your course you will have built a solid base in all areas.

Sample Focus Class

Topic: Socialising

Speaking: Using natural language

- How to begin and end a conversation
- Maintaining a conversation

Listening: Real life comprehension

- Understanding slang in a friendly chat
- Understanding people's opinions

"I am studying in the General English Course. I am very happy with the course and my Access teachers. What's more, I am the only Arabic - speaking person in class! Even though I've been studying only 3 weeks, I feel that my English is already improving. My classes have around 10 to 15 students, which is a positive factor because every student receives plenty of attention. I am also planning to study for the IELTS™ Test in order to change my visa from temporary to permanent resident."

Lanard Ina | Iraq | General English





SUPER

Super Skills (Super Intensive only)

These classes are the perfect complement to your Core and Focus classes. In your extra hours of study you are able to focus on a particular area of interest, be it Business, Hospitality, or Pronunciation.

1. English for Hospitality

This specialised class provides you with the professional language you need for dealing with customers and colleagues in the hotel and catering industry. By taking English for Hospitality, not only will you develop the English skills you require, but also the confidence to communicate in English successfully. Throughout the classes, you will explore functional language in real work situations, learn how to apply grammar structures in context, and practise using topic-specific vocabulary for the hotel and catering industry.

The interactive lessons are based on a variety of work-related situations such as:

- Taking reservations and checking in
- Providing local information
- Dealing with enquiries and problems
- Serving food and drink
- Applying for jobs

Each lesson combines the skills of reading, listening, speaking and writing with a strong focus on roleplay to ensure that you finish the material feeling confident and well-prepared for employment in an English-speaking workplace. This option is ideal if you want to work with English speakers in cafes, bars, hotels and restaurants or go on to further study in Catering or Hotel Management.

“I studied Pronunciation and Fluency and also English for Hospitality and really enjoyed them because they were so helpful for me. Getting a local job in Sydney is difficult but after I finished school I got a job in an ice-cream shop! Before I studied, I didn’t know how to greet customers but all the experience in the Hospitality class helped me, and now I can make small talk with customers and I’m happy because I can communicate! Also, my co-workers and customers tell me that pronunciation is beautiful. In the Hospitality class I learned a lot of new vocabulary and the names of equipment so when I went on a barista course I already knew a lot of the words. I’m now also training at an Italian restaurant and if I get the opportunity I want to work as a barista in Sydney.”

Yuki Miyachi | Japan | Super Skills English for Hospitality and Pronunciation and Fluency





SKILLS

2. Business Made Easy

In our highly-connected world, large numbers of people need better English for work. Business Made Easy is an ideal introduction to the language of business, and acts as great preparation for students wishing to move on to study the full-time Business English course. The class aims to equip you with the core language and skills to participate successfully in the global workplace with a focus on the vocabulary of business and effective use of grammar for clear communication in business life.

The lessons are based on a variety of business-related topics such as:

- Developing business contacts
- Corporate entertaining
- Meeting procedures
- Delivering a presentation
- Taking a business trip

3. Pronunciation and Fluency

Ship or sheep? Park or bark? Do you worry that people won't understand you? Do you find English speakers difficult to understand? In this interactive and engaging class you are given the tools you need to improve your pronunciation and sound more natural in your speaking. Each week you will be taught a new set of skills which build from the last. The lessons cover four main areas:

- How to read and use the phonetic chart
- Syllables and word stress
- Sentence stress
- Linking

This option is great for students who want to improve both their speaking and listening and speak more confidently with locals. The skills learned in Pronunciation and Fluency can be applied in any other class to help you keep improving.



Students practising English sounds in fun ways.



Our fantastic CAE Cambridge Advanced teachers celebrate their 100% examination pass rate with Access CAE Instructor, David Youman and Director of Studies, Sarah Wilkinson

EXAM

CAMBRIDGE EXAM PREPARATION

Cambridge English exams are recognised by over 20,000 universities, employers and governments around the world. These include Sony, Bayer, AMEX and the Australian Immigration Department. Cambridge qualifications can open doors to higher education, improve employment opportunities and offer exam takers global destination choices both for study and work.

Suitable for students who:

- Are planning to enter university in Australia or another English-speaking country
- Aiming to attain fluency and mastery of the English language
- Need to improve their Business English skills for career advancement purposes

Course Options

- **FCE Preparation:** First Certificate in English
- **CAE Preparation:** Cambridge Advanced English
- **PET Preparation:** Preliminary English Test (Starts 2019)

Students may take a free diagnostic test upon application to determine whether they can gain direct admission to Cambridge Prep, or attend a General English Course first

Key Features



10-12 week "closed" course



Regular in-class Cambridge practice test questions



In-depth focus on each Cambridge exam skill



Minimum level (General English) entry requirements*:
FCE – Upper Intermediate
CAE – Advanced



Highly structured course delivered by specialist Cambridge teachers



2 full mock exams with detailed teacher feedback

*PEARSON TEST OF ENGLISH (PTE) PREPARATION - STARTS IN 2019

"The FCE course was amazing. I think I improved my English very fast and I felt really well-prepared for the Cambridge test. My teachers (Miren and Brendan) were brilliant and they made everything easier. The course helped me to be more confident with my English and this will be really useful in the future. I loved everything! Thank you!"

Luiza Santos Cury Soares | Brazil | FCE





PREPARATION

IELTS™ TEST PREPARATION

Are you an IELTS™ candidate planning to live or attend university in Australia or another English-speaking country? This course prepares you to achieve the score you need. You will focus in depth on each of the skills essential for IELTS™ exam success: Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. This includes ample opportunities for sample questions and full-length “simulated” practice tests with our professional instructors.

Key Features



Starts every Monday



4 to 24 weeks



In-depth focus on each exam skill



Minimum entry level
Intermediate
(General English)



Regular in-class
sample questions
and practice tests



Monthly mock tests with
detailed teacher feedback

Sample Timetable - Exam Preparation & Business English

Session 1	Coffee Break	Session 2	Lunch	Session 3	Break	Session 4*
8:30 - 10:00		10:15 - 11:45		12:20 - 13:20		13:30 - 14:30

Cambridge + Business (23 hours of classes per week)

IELTS™ (20 hours of classes per week)

* Monday to Wednesday

“As an experienced teacher, I like to create a warm and supportive learning environment – a classroom where students feel at ease and share a laugh, but are always challenged and motivated to do their best, especially in an exam preparation class.”

David Youman | Cambridge Exam Instructor





BUSINESS ENGLISH

Do you use English at work or would it help in your future career? These days a high level of English proficiency will give you the edge when it comes to getting that job, or the promotion that you've been working toward.

The Business English Course is tailored to our students' diverse needs and industry preferences. Materials explore current trends in the workplace in relation to best practice. In this course you will gain the skills needed to read and write in professional contexts, as well as learning the etiquette for business meetings, negotiations and daily office conversations at work.

Key Features



8 - 12 week course. Minimum entry requirement Intermediate



Starts every Monday



Variety of course materials covering current workplace and economic trends



Highly experienced teachers with business backgrounds



Develop interview skills, learn about the Sydney job market



Introduction to Australian corporate culture

Course content includes

- Understanding the business environment and various types of workplace
- Working across cultures, building relationships, networking and representing your company
- Leadership and working in teams
- Managing international teams
- Logistics, risk & project management
- Social media and its role in successful enterprises

"I am able to draw on my experience in the public and private sectors to help students achieve success in an English-speaking business environment. During my career, I have worked for the Australian Government in France and Canada as well as a multinational insurance company, and I have also run my own business in Human Resources Management. My background enables me to deliver lessons which are informed by best practice and prepare students for the specific area that interests them. I also enjoy and am qualified in designing private courses which are tailored to meet the specific language needs of your job role, be it in the Financial, Aviation or Shipping industries."

Karen Carkner | Business English Teacher

(B.A. Human Services, Grad. Dip Comm. Ed., Cert 1V Workplace Assessment and Training, CELTA).





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HOUSING



**Housing
Tips From
Ryan,
Housing
Coordinator**

Shared student accommodation

This type of accommodation provides students with an independent living space and environment to settle in and make new friends from all over the world. We offer independent accommodation for all budgets, from dormitory beds to single rooms. All residences have secure buildings with an on-site manager. Some shared housing is within walking distance of Access, while others are a short trip by public transport.

Students can choose from either a single room or a shared room (twin, triple or dorm) and share a common room and kitchen with their housemates. A few rooms have an ensuite bathroom, but most residences offer shared bathroom facilities. All rooms contain a comfortable bed, a study desk and a wardrobe.

The common areas (TV room, courtyard, rooftop terrace, BBQ area, etc.) are available for students to use freely and to socialise. Coin-operated laundry facilities are also available on site.

Airport Pick Up Service

If you'd like to be met at the airport by an Access driver, we are happy to arrange for someone to take you to your accommodation.

Homestay Program

Homestay is about living with a local family in Sydney to **experience the Australian lifestyle and culture**, as well as for students to improve their English. As part of our service, we arrange high quality homestay accommodation for our students.

What makes our homestay program stand out, is the fact that we have our own portfolio of host families. **We carefully select our families**, to make sure our students can stay in a comfortable and relaxed environment, where they can practise the English they are learning on a daily basis. Besides being an excellent opportunity to improve your English, a homestay is also a way to make lifelong friends. Many of our host families are still in touch with their former homestay students and have even visited them in their home countries.

Australia is a diverse and multicultural country, which is reflected in our host families. They are from many different nationalities - but will always be fluent English speakers - and cover a variety of age groups and family compositions. Living with a local family means you have someone to support and help you upon arrival in Sydney and during the rest of your stay with them. You will not have to worry about anything and can just focus on your studies.



Access student Shuta from Japan pictured with his Homestay Family

STUDENT DIARY

Name: Laura Segunda

Country: Spain

Courses: General English, Cambridge FCE, Cambridge CAE

6:30AM: I wake up and have a quick breakfast with my Host Family. Breakfast is usually simple – yoghurt and toast with some fresh fruit (mangoes are my favourite in Sydney). At the weekend we have omelettes with bacon/ sausage.

I feel a little nervous about today's big test, but I did most of my preparation yesterday after class with my classmates....fingers crossed!



8:30AM: First class today is with David, my CAE teacher. He is just perfect! I heard he has been with Access for about 20 years. The Access students are all impressed because his last CAE student group all passed the exam, unbelievable! (It's such a tough test ☺) We're working on exam time management strategies today, and will take a full-length simulation test later in the week!

LUNCH: We are spoilt for choice at Access! I love the Vietnamese café across the street: sweet coffee with condensed milk and delicious chicken/pork lemongrass sandwiches (Banh Mi). I hang out on the Access rooftop with my CAE classmates, soaking up the sun.



7:00AM: I jump in the shower, then say goodbye to the kids and head for the station. It takes me roughly 45 minutes to get to Access by train. I grab a flat white at my favourite railway café before I board the train, lucky to get a seat this morning!

8:15AM: Meet my classmates in the Access Student Lounge before class. Today's activity is the Coogee Beach Walk, so we'll join this and then go for some Thai/Japanese/Tapas later at Bondi Beach. I'm already looking forward to the "Sculptures by the Sea" beachside exhibition later this year, one of my favourite Sydney events (as well as New Year's Eve fireworks and the equally-colourful "VIVID" light festival).



2:30PM: Classes end and we are off to Coogee. A short bus ride to the Eastern Beaches. The weather is perfect, big sunny Sydney skies – can't get enough of the weather here! We hike in groups of 5 or 6, then meet at Bondi for drinks and people-watching, lying in the sun and chatting happily together.

6:00PM: I am finally delivering on my promise of introducing my Homestay Family to my favourite Spanish dish of paella! A little more revision for my Cambridge CAE exam follows.



WHY STUDY AT ACCESS?

Environment

- Comfortable
- Friendly
- Supportive staff
- Personal attention
- Cosmopolitan
- Global families
- Students from more than 50 different countries chose Access Language Centre last year. Our faculty is every bit as diverse and experienced. Lifelong friendships and business partnerships are made here.

Flexibility

- Study period of 2 to 52 weeks
- Start every week
- 4:30 to 8:45PM Evening Program for students with daytime jobs
- Combine multiple courses (packaging)

Experience

- Accredited by NEAS (20 years)
- English Australia Member
- Dedicated Housing Officer
- Housing
- Welfare
- Career guidance
- Access has been delivering English courses in Sydney for over 20 years. Relax. You can trust the experts.

Variety

- Tailored courses
- English for business, academic and social purposes
- Specialised classes, e.g. Hospitality English
- Combine 2 or 3 courses
- Stimulating and motivating choices
- Associated with major Sydney businesses
- Demi Pair program allows students to combine English classes with part-time au pair childcare duties





Services

- Housing placement
- Airport transfers
- Academic advice
- Guidance counselling
- Social (Activity) Program
- Student Leaders
- At Access, we are proud of our wide range of student services, to make sure the other (non-study) areas of students' lives are well taken care of.
- Students struggling with culture shock or work life balance can speak to our Counsellor to develop effective coping strategies.

Facilities

- Spacious classrooms
- Generous common areas
- Comfortable rooftop terrace for break times
- Free Wifi and self-access computers
- Kitchen with microwaves
- Small lending library

Community

- Active Social (Activity) Program
- Explore Sydney with your Access friends and teachers
- Free after-class clubs
- Popular activities include walking tours, beach picnics, day trips and outdoor activities

Location

- Ideal CBD location in Sydney's vibrant heart
- 300m and 2-minute walk from Central Station
- Accessible by public bus and train
- Attractions on your "doorstep" including Harbour Bridge Opera House, Chinatown, Botanic Gardens and Darling Harbour

Quality

- Accredited by NEAS (20 years)
- Member of English Australia
- Highly-trained staff
- Professional development
- Stable, experienced faculty
- Total commitment to industry best practice
- Regular course evaluations
- Regular student surveys



"I'm so happy and grateful for the 11 months I spent at Access. As a Student Leader, I organized and led lots of student activities like BBQ's, Halloween parties, sightseeing walks in Sydney and yoga lessons. It was great to spend time getting to know other students! I started at Intermediate level and I finished in Advanced. I guess my experience living with my host family helped me a lot with my listening and speaking skills. This advantage enabled me to become a Student Leader at Access."

Ana Gonzalez Student Leader | Colombia | Social Program



STAFF PROFILE



Raquel Polege, Student Services Officer

Born: Canary Islands, Spain

Moved to Sydney: 2013

Joined Access: 2014

Main responsibilities: Helping Access students with Day 1 Orientation, class placement, attendance certificates and running the Activity Program.



Favourite food: My mother's legendary Spanish paella, of course! In the Canary Islands where I am from, the food is unique as in each of the regions of Spain. The Spanish cuisine is very varied and the truth is that it is difficult to choose a favourite. From my region, I would say that one of my favourite dishes is potatoes with pork ribs and corn with a very special coriander sauce. Thinking about Spanish food in general, I would say seafood paella. The best tapa for me is Spanish serrano ham and a refreshing drink is gazpacho.



Favourite Sydney weekend activity: Brunch is something that is really popular in Australia. There are fantastic and original cafes where you can enjoy an incredible 'brekkie'. Other things that you can enjoy in a city like Sydney are the walks. Having beautiful nature and stunning views just a few kilometres from the city means that you can do incredible weekend walks such as the Bondi to Coogee Coastal Walk and the Spit Bridge to Manly Walk.

Advice to new Access students: You're going to love Sydney and studying at Access - it's like a 'mini United Nations' with so many nationalities, and the school environment is so warm and friendly. Just make sure you communicate a lot in class every day because that's the best way to improve your English! Also, take full advantage of our free after-class clubs, such as the Business Club and Homework Club.



WORK



INTERNSHIP

WELCOME MESSAGE

A warm welcome to Access! I have been the Access Internship Director for over 14 years and have made placements in Australian and global companies in a variety of fields. These include:

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Accounting
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Architecture
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Design
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Engineering
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Events
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Financial Services
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IT
- 
Law
- 
Insurance
- 
Logistics
- 
Tourism
- 
Hospitality



Reeda Kassis | Director, Internship Program

Despite the 2008 Global Financial Crisis (GFC) the Australian economy has continued to grow. Australian companies looking to internationalise seek out Access students (interns) to assist.

The Access Internship Experience Program offers students an extremely valuable opportunity to boost their CV (resume), as well as learn about Australian corporate culture, gain valuable work experience, practise their English in a natural workplace setting and achieve greater fluency. Students are also able to build a professional network and meet prospective business partners.

“I have recently started my Access Internship Experience after attending Super-Intensive General English and Business English courses for 16 weeks. My duties include assisting customers with telephone and walk-in enquiries. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to practise my real-world English in a real-world office environment! Thank you to my amazing Access teachers for giving me the confidence (and vocabulary!) to succeed in this Internship Experience.”

Tae-Han YOON (Johnny) | South Korea | Intership Experience student





EXPERIENCE

Access Language Centre was one of the first English language schools to introduce a work experience program. Our experienced staff carefully match our student interns with suitable Host Companies, based on their career and industry preferences.

Key features

Internship students are recommended to take a Business English course for a minimum of 4 weeks.



4 - 20 week Internship Experience (Visa Dependent)



Internship Options:
Standard 4 to 12 weeks,
Professional 4 to 20 weeks



Minimum level requirements:
Standard: Upper Intermediate
Professional: Advanced



Minimum Access study period requirement: 12 weeks (Business English required for part of it)



Standard Internship: back-office work experience with limited colleague or customer interaction



Professional Internship: front-office position with extensive customer and colleague interaction



Apply a minimum of 3 months in advance, submitting your CV with your Access application

Internship Experience students receive a comprehensive orientation into Australian working life, ensuring that they are fully prepared and aware of work conditions and customs. At Access, we offer a variety of unpaid Internships with host organisations and these placements provide university students or young professionals with practical experience in their field of study or expertise. One of the main aims of the program is to provide students with the opportunity to improve their English outside the classroom in a natural workplace environment to enhance future career prospects.



Internship Host Organisation BCI - Managing Director Tony Arena pictured with Access Internship Director Reeda Kassis and Internship Experience students from Germany.



DEMI PAIR

The word “demi” means “half” in the French language. The Demi Pair program combines daily English classes at Access with a live-in Au Pair experience. Students attend classes during the day (8:30am to 1:00pm for Intensive students, 8:30am to 2:30pm for Super-Intensive, Business and Cambridge Exam Preparation students) before returning to their Access Host Family to help out with childcare and housework duties in the evenings. Demi Pair students work up to 20 hours per week. Common duties include babysitting, school pick-up and light household duties (cleaning children’s rooms, washing up and laundry). In exchange for those services, a Demi Pair will receive complimentary (free) Room and Board – Single Room accommodation and all meals.

Key Features

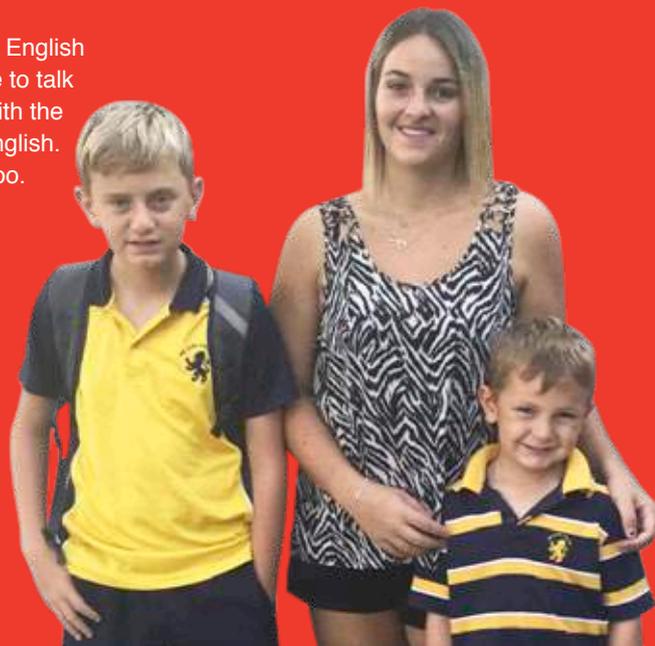
- Available to students between 18 and 35 years old
- Applicants must have childcare experience (and include 2 references from previous family employers with application)
- Minimum English proficiency of Intermediate Level (students of lower proficiency can attend Access General English course full-time until completing Pre-Intermediate level)
- Demi Pair host families prefer students with a valid driver’s license
- Apply a minimum of 3 months in advance
- Skype video pre-interview required
- Priority placements given to students who show maturity and motivation

“I think that working as a Demi Pair is a good option because you are learning English in your classes and then you have to speak English with your family. You have to talk in English full time when you are with them, and when spending a long time with the children you need to communicate with them, so you always have to talk in English. I’m studying a General English Course and I will study a Cambridge Course too.

I have to wake up the little boy, prepare the breakfast, help him to dress and make the bed (sometimes he does it). After my English lessons, I go to pick up the children and we go home or to the park with the dog. We play some games, I help him with the shower, I fold the clothes... It depends on the day and the period, but basically my job is helping with the children and with little duties at home.

You can visit and enjoy the city at the weekends and save pocket money to travel. Sharing your time with an Australian family is great because you are living the culture deeply.”

Marta | Spain



EXPLORE



ACTIVITIES

Image supplied by BridgeClimb Sydney

Sydney is a study paradise! However, as much as we want you to study hard and succeed at Access, we also want you to explore our wonderful city. Of course, we also want you to practise your English with friendly Sydneysiders as you explore your new home! What better way to discover Sydney than with your new Access friends and teachers!

The Access Activity Program includes a variety of fun and interesting excursions – including visits to major tourist attractions, as well as walking tours to some of Sydney’s “hidden delights”, musical and sporting events, art galleries, parks and beaches. Popular activities include:

- Sculptures by the Sea
- Bondi Picnic/BBQ
- Mini World Cup (Football)
- AFL Sydney Swans
- VIVID Light Festival
- Surf Camp



Reference image: Daily Mail UK



CLUBS

Our free after-class clubs are a great way to:

- Get some free extra English practice and develop fluency
- Improve your idiomatic English skills
- Learn about Australian popular culture and people
- Prepare for your CV/resume, develop interview skills and your LinkedIn profile

Popular Clubs include:

Business Club

- Tackling Sydney's competitive job market
- Everyday Business English: phone calls, meetings, office etiquette
- CV and LinkedIn profile development
- Presentation skills
- Getting ahead, avoiding office politics

Homework Club

A teacher is ready to answer any questions you have, explain grammar and vocabulary or check extra writing. Take the opportunity to get one-to-one assistance for free!

Singing Club

Learn English lyrics to your favourite songs, including classics from The Beatles, Rolling Stones and a variety of contemporary Australian artists including INXS and Midnight Oil. Learn about Australian history and stories from the early settlers through classic folk songs.

Netflix Club

Relax after a long day of study and still improve your listening skills and vocabulary by having fun watching a popular series. There will be popcorn and you can chat about the show with a teacher.





David Youman | Cambridge Exam Instructor (Right)



Karen Lyons | General English Teacher (Right)



Ryan Hobma | Accommodation Officer

OUR PEOPLE

David Youman | Cambridge Exam Instructor

“Having taught at Access for a long time, an important part of my role is sharing what I’ve learnt with other teachers, not just about teaching, but also about the students at Access – their cultural backgrounds, learning style and so on. Of course, I in turn always learn a lot from other teachers. What I enjoy the most is the interaction with the people here at Access – students, teachers and staff – who come from an incredible range of backgrounds and always have something interesting to offer and learn from. Ordinary people whose life stories are of course never really ordinary. The best teaching experience during my time at Access is helping students achieve important personal goals – whether it be a good Cambridge Exam result, or improving their communicative skills, it is always highly satisfying. I’m also delighted if some of my own curiosity and sense of wonderment for other cultures rubs off on students.”

Karen Lyons | General English Teacher

“Hi, I’m Karen and I’ve been working at Access for 6 years. I came to Sydney from Ireland on holiday in 2008, but fell in love with the city and have been here ever since! As a General English teacher at Access, teaching all levels from Beginner to Advanced, I have met students from all around the world and have had the opportunity to help them develop their English skills in a fun and friendly environment. One of the best things about Access is the sense of friendship and community. Our students come here not only to study, but to create memories and enjoy Sydney.”

Ryan Hobma | Accommodation Officer

“Hi! I’m Ryan, the Homestay & Accommodation Officer at Access Language Centre. I moved from The Netherlands to Sydney in 2016. What I especially love about Sydney are the beautiful beaches and national parks in and around the city. You never have to go far to be surrounded by nature here! Access offers all types of accommodation to our students, but homestay is by far the most popular choice. If you want to practise your English on a daily basis and have a local family to help and support you during your stay in Sydney, homestay is the perfect option for you. Just make sure you arrive with an open mind and you’ll learn all about the Australian way of life and culture.”

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Pete Toms | Senior General English & IELTS™ teacher

“Hi, I’m Pete and I have been working at Access for 7 years. I first started teaching in Japan 10 years ago and then I was a teacher in Paris. I enjoyed the experience so much that I decided to continue teaching when I came back to Sydney. As an English Language teacher, I am able to work with students from all around the world and help them to reach their goals either in General English or IELTS™. Access has given me the support and resources to deliver meaningful and engaging classes to my great students.”

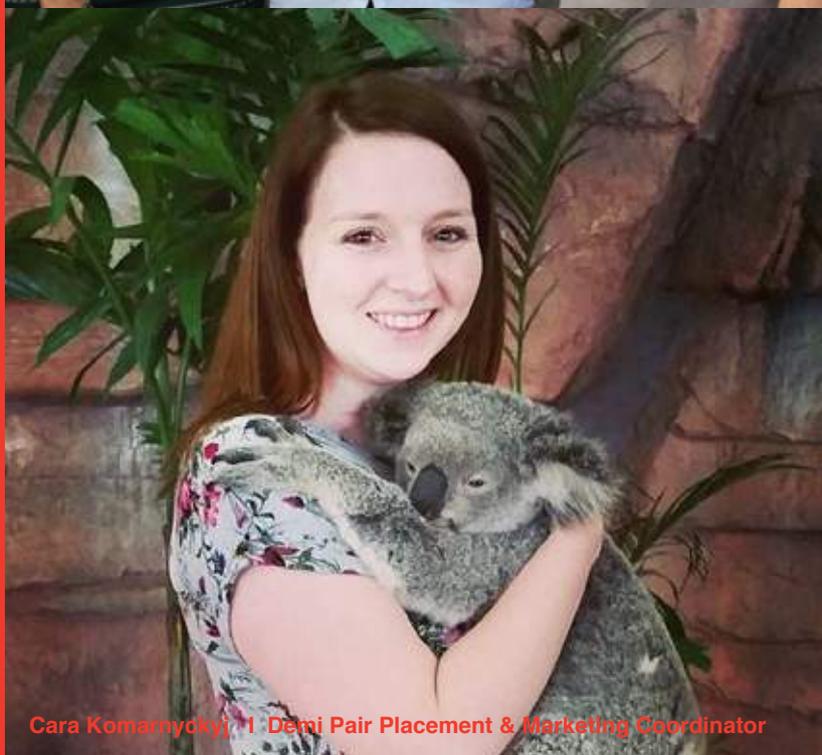


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Cara Komarnyckj | Demi Pair Placement & Marketing Coordinator

“I was born in a small town called Nailsworth, in the heart of the Cotswolds in England. I studied Social Work at university and with that I knew I wanted to work with children and their families. After university, I decided to become an Au Pair, choosing sunny-Sydney as my home for one year in 2014. Being an Au Pair was great.

I lived with a wonderful family in their beautiful home in Sydney and I was treated as a family member. I chose to become an Au Pair because I am a family-orientated person and this was a comfortable way for me to travel and live overseas. One of my favourite memories in Australia was visiting Melbourne and staying with the Archbishop of Melbourne – having sat next to his wife on my first flight to Australia! During my time as an Au Pair, I met so many friends from around the world that I am still in contact with and we have visited one another in our home countries.

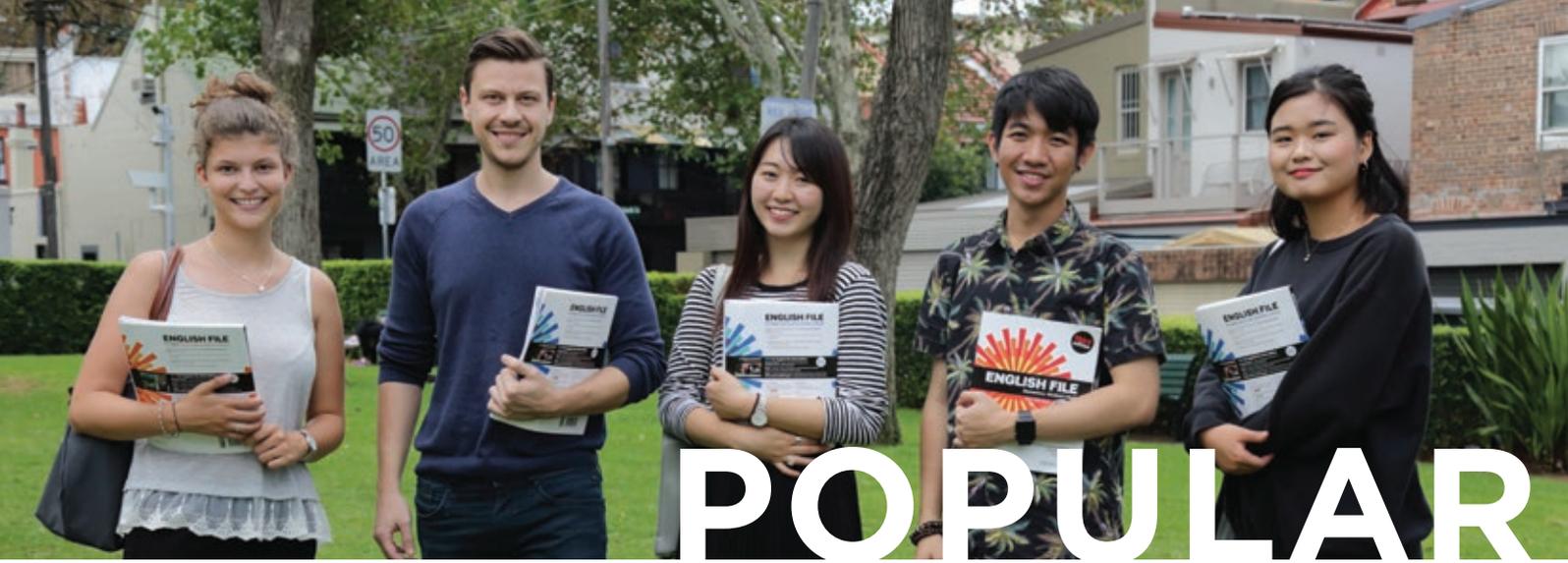


Cara Komarnyckj | Demi Pair Placement & Marketing Coordinator

I was very lucky to meet my long-term partner in Australia and so I have chosen to build my life in Sydney – which wasn’t a hard decision to make! I love my role as Demi Pair Coordinator at Access Language Centre as I enjoy sharing and implementing my own experiences as an Au Pair with like-minded individuals. I am very devoted to my work as I want our Demi Pair students at Access to have successful placements in Sydney, whilst making friends and memories to last a lifetime. I’m now an Australian, but I’m still British at heart!”

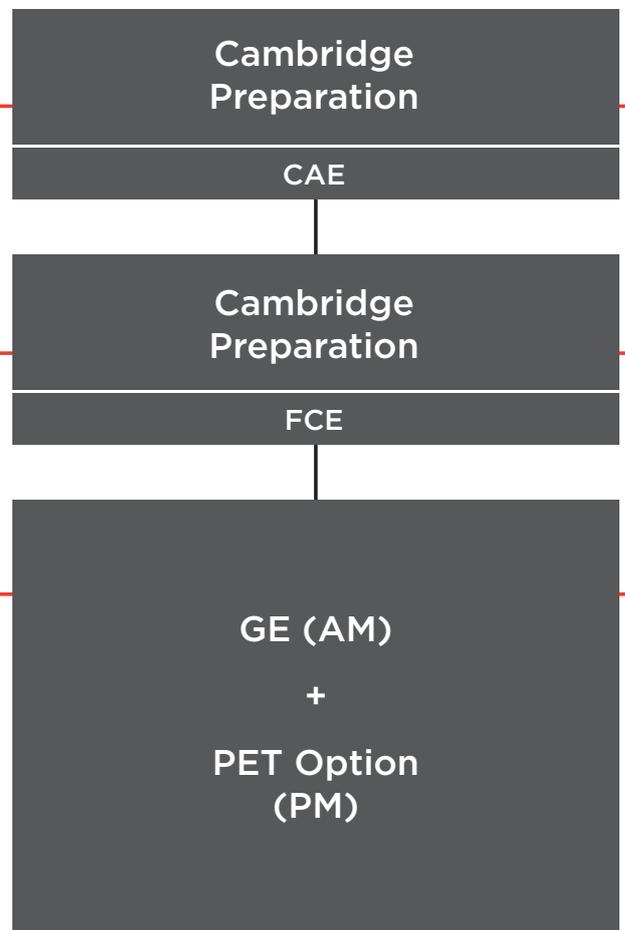
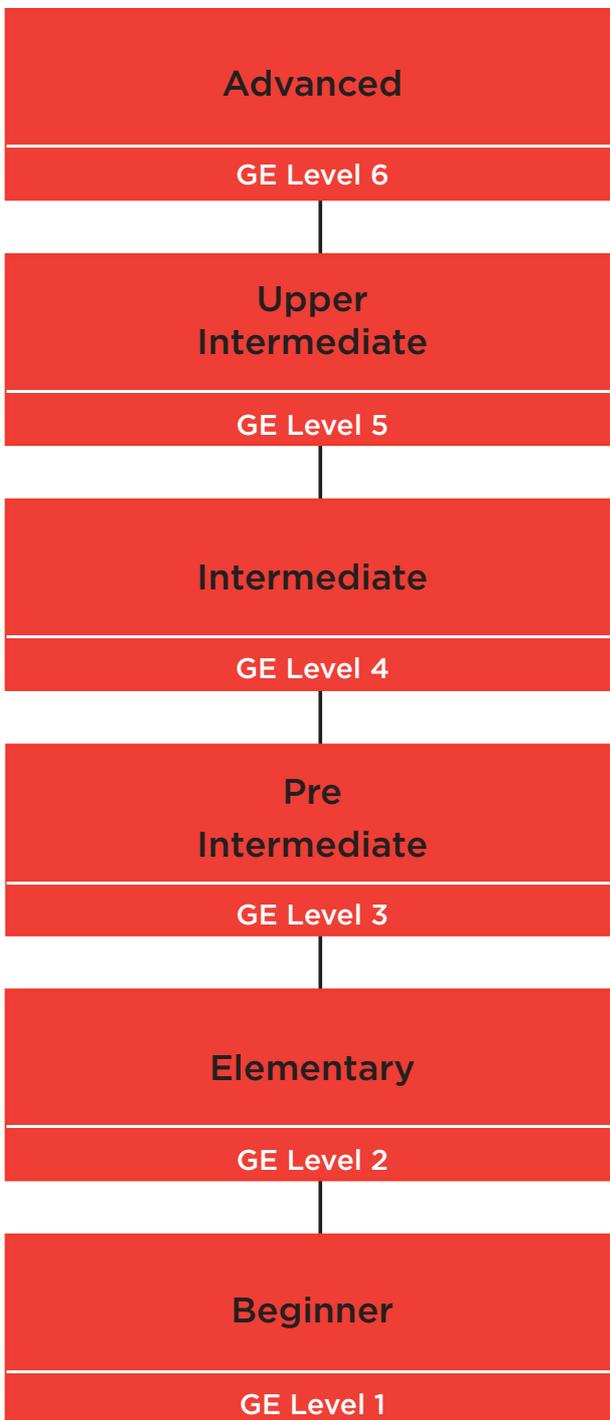


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