



Aviation English

2-week (40 hour) Course

Our carefully created Aviation English course has been specifically designed to prepare students taking their ELPAC exam at levels 4, 5, and 6. This is the definitive course for pilots and Air Traffic Controllers (ATCOs) who need an ICAO4 level of English to work in the industry.

Our team of highly qualified, experienced teachers have been running this course successfully since October 2016, using the internationally recognised Cambridge University Press textbook 'Flightpath' alongside other relevant text, web and multimedia materials.

(Note that General English is taught alongside exam preparation, using English language textbooks published by Oxford University Press. The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) has established English language proficiency requirements (LPRs) for all pilots operating on international routes, and all air traffic controllers who communicate with foreign pilots. These standards require pilots and air traffic controllers to be able to communicate proficiently using both ICAO phraseology and plain English.)

Please see below for a course guideline.

Week 1

Monday

Communication in aviation

Plain language vs. standard phraseology exercises.

Listening - error correction.

Listening and discussion-mid air crash investigation.

Readback drills and pronunciation practice.

Tuesday

The airport

Airport marking and signs - revision of.

A video on airport markings and signs - listening practice.

Aerial photo description.

Hot spots - situational analysis.



Wednesday

Communication on the ground

Turnaround - listening and picture description.

Listening practice, reporting anomalies and responding to problems.

Managing incidents - engineering, security, firemen and ambulance.

Thursday

Runway incursions

Listening and identifying.

Precursors - revision of and listen/match definition exercises.

Photo description - low visibility operations.

Runway incursions-situational analysis.

Friday

Weather and environmental factors

In flight emergencies caused by weather.

Picture description.

Listening and reporting.

Communication errors - expectation bias - correcting and clarifying.

Week 2

Monday

Communication breakdowns

Reporting incidents - listening practice.

Investigation of mid-air crash - listening, analysis and drawing conclusions.

Picture description with related questions.

Tuesday

Language barriers - listening, analysing and correcting

Situations drill - describe and respond exercises.



Giving instructions, receiving
Miscommunication - listening



requests.
and correcting.

Wednesday

Landmarks, terrain and obstacles

Providing necessary information.

Listening practice - guided approach.

Aerial photo description.

Dangerous and unusual airports - photo description, situational analysis.

Thursday

Monitoring a situation - suggesting action, announcing changes.

Listening practice.

Situational pictures analysis - describing, summarizing and reporting.

Unexpected incidents - video. Listening for information, predicting the outcome.

Responding to sudden changes - matching exercises.

Friday

Describing procedure

Listening practice - checking for accuracy.

Most commonly mispronounced and misunderstood words drill exercises.

General revision.

End of course test:

- Photo description and related questions and definitions.
- Multiple choice - situation analysis.
- Listening test.
- Fluency test - speaking.