

## MODERN ENGLISH COURSE CONDUCTED BY CANDLEAID LANKA

The only prerequisite for participation in this Modern English Course is that both students and Talk Mates must have smartphones with sufficient data connectivity, which they are required to obtain at their own expense.

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### Course Details:

- 1. Duration:**  
The course runs for six weeks, with a short break in the middle.
  - 2. Eligibility:**  
Students will be selected from the following categories:
    - (a) Government and private sector institutes
    - (b) Guaranteed recommendations
    - (c) G.C.E. Advanced Level and university students
  - 3. Weekly Essays: (optional)**  
Students are required to write a minimum of 100 words on a given topic each week. The Course Facilitator will provide the topic and offer feedback to support the continuous improvement of writing skills.
  - 4. 25 Words in Sinhala/English:**  
Students must submit 25 less commonly used Sinhala words with their English translations each week (e.g., ක්ෂීතිජය – *horizon*).
  - 5. Conversation with Talk Mates:**  
Students are required to engage in a minimum of 100 minutes of English conversation per week with their assigned Talk Mate.
  - 6. Reading Assignment:**  
Students are expected to read five pages per week from a pre-assigned book.
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A weekly roster will be provided on Monday. Students must contact their assigned Talk Mates to arrange a mutually convenient time for their conversations.

Students are required to submit their weekly assignments, including essays (*optional*), the list of 25 words, and details of their conversations (Talk Mate's name, date, and duration) in the specified format to the Course Coordinator by Sunday before 8:30 p.m.

Non-compliance will result in a warning, and repeated lapses may lead to immediate termination from the programme.

We currently have over 100 Talk Mates in our system, each of whom has demonstrated strong commitment and made valuable contributions to the success of our English courses.

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**Selection Process:**

Candidates will be selected through a WhatsApp call or an in-person interview.

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**Programme Expenses:**

A notable feature of this programme is its commitment to being entirely cost-free for students. Talk Mates volunteer their time without any monetary compensation. Similarly, the Course Director and the Course Coordinator serve on an honorary basis.