



University
of Exeter



Evening language programme 2025/26

Course title: Introduction to Cornish Part II – online

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to help participants grow in confidence as they continue developing their basic Cornish, building on what was learned during Part I. Learners will also have the chance to work towards *Kesva* Grade 1, using the framework set by the Cornish Language Board. While the course does not include a formal exam, it can support those who may wish to take it in future.

By the end of the course participants will be able to:

1. Understand simple messages, for example notices, leaflets and place names, etc.
2. Understand phrases about themselves or people they know.
3. Conduct short dialogues in a range of everyday situations and talk about themselves and people they know
4. Write short notes and fill in registration forms with personal details

Participants will continue to develop some basic reading, listening, speaking and writing skills through a series of task-oriented sessions and will be provided with informal formative feedback during contact hours. In seminars, participants will have to engage in practical exercises and group interaction, in order to develop relevant language-specific learning strategies.

Language-specific information:

Derived from the Celtic language family, Cornish is one of the ancient languages of the British Isles.

It is widely believed the language became extinct as a first language in Cornwall in the late 18th century, although there is evidence of continued use after this date.

The Cornish language plays an important part in preserving Cornish heritage and culture. As of 2022, Cornwall Council told the BBC that there were over 4000 children learning the language for free in schools. This effort on the part of Cornwall is not just an attempt to revive the language, but the cultural identity that goes with it.

Prerequisite:

Learners should have completed a 10-week course (10 contact hours) or equivalent.

Technical requirements:

-PC, laptop or tablet with camera and microphone

-Stable internet connection

Delivery will be via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/download>

Once the course is confirmed, your teacher will send you an invitation for the first online session. You can expect to receive this invitation one day before the first session.

Learning resources:

For reference only: Polin Prys: Bora Brav Book 1

Worksheets, materials and resources provided in class