



University
of Exeter



Evening language programme 2025/26

Course title: Cornish Post-Beginner Part II – online

Course descriptor/objectives

Our post-beginner course (parts 1-3) aims to:

- Consolidate the essential structures of the target language, developing both vocabulary and range of structures, thus equipping the learner with the linguistic tools to communicate effectively in everyday situations.
- Further develop active and passive language skills through a series of task-orientated sessions. The learner will be provided with informal formative feedback during lessons.

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.

In seminars, participants will engage in practical exercises and group interaction in order to develop relevant language learning strategies. The tutor will facilitate this process, provide useful tools and encourage participants to become independent learners of the language.

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:

Completion a post-beginner part 1 course, or approximately 30 contact hours of Cornish language learning.

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.

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

Worksheets, materials and resources provided in class.

Recommended reading:

- John Page: Grammar for Beginners
- Tony Hak: Grammar for the Second Grade
- Polin Prys: Bora Brav Book 1
- John Parker: Keskowsow Istorek ha Keskowsow