



University
of Exeter



Evening language programme 2025/26

Course title: Cornish Upper-Intermediate Part IV – online

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to help the learner to become a fully independent user of the target language.

Lessons cover “Yeth” (language) and “Lien” (literature).

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

- understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics
- follow detailed instructions and answer questions in Cornish
- translate passages into English
- produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects
- understand Cornish grammar, including the intricacies of syntax in Cornish.

Learners will also have the chance to work towards *Kesva* Grade 3, 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.

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 of an Upper-Intermediate Part III course, or approximately 110 contact hours.

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:

Course materials are provided, but the following are suitable accompanying textbooks:

- Wella Brown: *Skeul an Yeth II* - all
- Graham Sandercock: *Holyewgh an Lergth II* - all
- John Page: *Intermediate Grammar*

Recommended reading:

- Tony Hak: Grammar for the Third Grade
- John Parker: Keskowsow Istorek ha Keskowsow
- Broder Wella by Jowann Richards