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Thread: [\[NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED\] Earn \\$200+ USD a week speaking English with students online](#)

camblytutor - October 31, 2016, 1:04 am

Introduction

Hi guys, like probably most of you here, I've tried various methods over the years to earn a bit of extra income by working from home online. Some methods paid (and many did not/were scams), however, usually the effort required was not worth the rewards that could be reaped. About a week ago, I was looking into ways to teach English online and found this website called Cambly that hired English "teachers" (no actual teaching experience required) and paid them to have English conversations with students from across the world that want to improve their English speaking skills.

Pay

For a job that requires no experience or skills (other than fluent/native English), and with the flexibility to work from online whenever you want, for as long you want, the pay is quite good. Cambly pays its tutors \$0.17/minute which translates to \$10.20/hour. They pay to your Paypal every Monday and I received my first payment of \$152.66 USD into my bank account within 24 hours after pay day. This was just 4 days after starting on the website!

The Application Process

Applying took about 15-20 minutes in total. All you need to do is fill in some basic details of yourself and record a very short video of yourself. The video is a brief introduction of yourself and why you want to work as a tutor on Cambly (they just want to see you can speak fluent/native English). I was approved within 24 hours and started working straight away.

How the tutoring sessions work

When you first start tutoring on Cambly, all you need to do is go into "available" mode and you will start getting calls from students. Some calls are "general calls" (phone ringtone) - in that there is a student waiting for a tutor (any tutor) and you can choose to pick up the call or not. Some calls are "targeted calls" (piano sound) - this means that the student has looked at your profile and has specifically requested to speak with you. Typically, the latter calls usually result in a more engaging and productive session. Cambly students can sign up for packages which gives them 15, 30, 60 or 120 minutes a day; however, the average session is around 30 minutes. You will, however, get a lot of "free trial students" at the start of your tutoring, who only have 5 minutes to test the service. These students are typically not very serious about learning and/or have very poor English skills. If you get a student that doesn't participate or that you just cannot understand, Cambly does allow you to terminate the call.

Teaching on Cambly becomes easier as you talk with more students. I've already got a few regulars that I talk to daily (for about 30-60 minutes each). I find these experiences a lot more rewarding than just taking random calls from the "student pool". Students that like you can book sessions with you 6-12 hours in advance (make sure you update your reservations availability page for times students can book). Another great feature for new tutors is the Priority Hours feature - which allows you to book "shifts" in advance where you guarantee that you will be online for that hour. In return, Cambly

guarantees you 15 minutes of pay (\$2.55) even if you get 0 students during that time. Cambly will also promote your profile to students and you will get a lot more targeted calls requesting for you during this time. This is a great way to attract students that actually want to talk with you, with the potential to form long-term tutoring relationships. I would recommend using this feature as much as possible especially early on, so you can start building your dedicated student base as soon as possible.

The interface/website

I find the Cambly tutors interface to be quite intuitive and easy to use. It's very clear and there's not much clutter. You simply put yourself into available when you're ready and you're good to go. During priority hour shifts, you can also take a 5 minute break at any time you like. When chatting with the student, you can see their full history on Cambly - including their total learning time, their background/interests, and most importantly, shared notes from previous tutors who have taught the students. Cambly also has a comprehensive tutors guide which I highly recommend reading in full prior to commencing your first session. They also have a series of "best practice" videos to give you a sense of what a typical session will look like and how to deal with certain scenarios/students. There's also a section of curated articles (7-10) posted weekly on their blog which you can use as material for your lessons. But don't worry too much about all that, 95% of the students on here just want to practice their English conversation skills.

The students

I've taught students from literally all across the globe. I haven't had any rude or "bad" students and they are almost all very friendly and eager to learn. Almost all subscribed (paying) students are serious about learning and will listen to your advice. The only students who are not engaged or serious are the free trial students. However, as mentioned, you can disconnect the call or even report them if they are not actively participating in the lesson. I usually quickly end the calls/report students who are not willing to participate, have technical difficulties or simply are not understandable...so I can quickly move onto the next student who is serious about learning and might become a long-term student.

Conclusion

Cambly has been very fun and easy to use! I've only been tutoring since Thursday (20 October) and I've already been paid \$152.66 USD last Monday. I have 69.87 USD in my account balance for this week. I definitely intend to keep using this website for a while and I'll definitely update you guys if I learn something new or useful (since I'm still a newbie myself!)

Proof 1: imgur.com/a/6aNQY

Proof 2: imgur.com/a/E6a6q

Note: these screenshots were taken a few days ago - my current account balance is sitting at around 70 USD (been a bit busier this week so haven't been as active on Cambly, but will get back into it seriously this week). For those of you with more time, I'd say \$300-400 USD per week would be easily achievable (5-6 hours a day, 7 days a week).

Referral link: cambly.com/invite/steven134

So good luck to those of you who wanna give this a shot. Feel free to ask me anything about the website if you have any questions :)

MaddMagoo - October 31, 2016, 7:11 am

Thanks man! I'm seriously going to check this one out! I've just been excluded from most "normal" jobs through health issues but talking is one thing I can do! :D

Mauphillips - October 31, 2016, 6:00 pm

I Love this, am already applied under you, not sure if it worked, because their referral system is a bit different but I will give this a try .

Bulgarian - November 2, 2016, 9:41 am

Can you please update the payout proofs since they don't work anymore. I was registered to this one app just like this but it was in Chinese and couldn't understand anything. One question I have is, what do you teach these students? Do you have an outline or lessons from basic to advanced English?

Also when teaching students, do you need a webcam or only a mic? I can use my phone cam to record the intro video but it will not be good for students.

MaddMagoo - November 2, 2016, 2:06 pm

(Nov 2, 2016 09:41 AM)WhiteG Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) One question I have is, what do you teach these students? Do you have an outline or lessons from basic to advanced English?

Have a quick search on google for things like "Teachers Guide" "lesson Plan" and that kind of stuff, there's all sorts of stuff to point you in the right way