

Introduction

Focus on CAE is an online course, designed for students who are thinking of taking the Cambridge Advanced exam. It consists of 12 modules and 200 units of English, and provides approximately 120 hours of study for students.

Course aims

- To take students from Elementary, CEFR C1 up to C21;
- To give students information about, coaching in and practice in all areas of the CAE exam, to enable them to be fully prepared when it comes to them taking the test;
- The course blends grammatical structures necessary for this level, with vocabulary, spelling, reading, listening, writing and speaking.

Grammar

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- talk and write confidently about the past, present and future, using a variety of verb forms. They will use the continuous and perfect aspect when the need requires, and also be able to talk about present and past habit;
- form sentences present, past and future perfect, in simple and continuous forms;
- use more complex passive forms and know when to use the active voice and passive voice. They will have increased their knowledge of passive verb forms. They will be able to use causatives to denote arranging to have something done;
- use defining and non-defining relative clauses;
- use all general conditional forms, first, second, third and mixed. Use wish structures in the present past and future;
- identify transitive and intransitive verbs forms, and be accurate when following one verb form with another, which will be in the gerund or infinitive form;
- recognise the different ways the verb need can be used, in modal and non-modal contexts;
- use modal verbs in both general and more subtle ways to express differences in nuance, formality and register;
- use question tags to form questions from statements;
- use articles correctly;
- use I'd rather or It's time + subject + past form to express present needs and wishes.

Vocabulary

By the end of the course students will have learnt approximately 1000 lexical items, including nouns, verbs and adjectives, phrasal verbs, idiomatic language, different English registers and lexical sets.

Skills

By the end of the course students will have had exposure to and practice in reading and hearing formal and informal English from a wide variety of registers, accents and contexts, descriptions, stories and opinions.

Writing

We mark student compositions and spoken recordings by hand, not by computer. This means students get much more accurate feedback on their spoken and written English. They simply write their compositions and press **Send**, or record their spoken tasks directly onto their phone or computer and press **Send**. We will receive them and have them marked and sent back to them with corrections within 72 hours. Simple!

Revision

Each of the 12 modules has a revision test, which gives students another chance to test themselves on the

grammar and vocabulary they have learnt during the module. These tests are cumulative, which means the material learnt in each unit is tested at the end of that unit and also in subsequent revision tests, meaning the tests get longer as more material is tested each time.

Exam practice

Each module concentrates on a different area of the CAE exam, giving information about the exam, tips on how to answer the questions and advice about where students often make mistakes. It then tests them on that part of the exam.

Entry and exit tests

Before beginning the course, the student is invited to take an Entry test, which consists of a complete Reading and Writing and Listening paper from the exam. At the end of the course, the student is invited to take another complete Reading and Writing and Listening paper and the student's result is analysed by the program, giving a percentage of improvement and predicts a grade in the actual exam they take.

Course summary

Module	Unit focus	Notes
Introduction	General Introduction	An introduction to the course the student will be taking
	Exam	CAE Basics: general information
	Exam	CAE Basics: Paper 1
	Exam	CAE Basics: Paper 2
	Exam	CAE Basics: Paper 3
	Entry Test	
Module 1	Introduction	
	Grammar	Present Tenses
	Vocabulary	Adjectives of character
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 01
	Grammar	Past Tenses
	Vocabulary	Confusing words 1
	Spelling	Spelling test 08
	Reading	A job vacancy
	Listening	A job interview
	Reading	The story of Marmite
	Listening	Innovative advertising techniques
	Exam	CAE Coaching: Paper 1, Part 1
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 1, Practice test 1
	Exam	CAE Coaching: Paper 1, Part 2
Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 2, Practice test 1	
Module 2		
	Grammar	Present Perfect
	Vocabulary	Adjectives of mood

	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 02
	Grammar	Present Perfect Continuous
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 01
	Spelling	Spelling test 09
	Reading	Too many road signs
	Listening	A traffic report
	Reading	South African election results
	Listening	Tony Blair
	Exam	CAE Coaching: Paper 2
	Exam	CAE Coaching: Paper 2, Part 1
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 2, Part 1, Practice test 1
Module 3	Grammar	Passive
	Vocabulary	Causative Have and Get
	Vocabulary	Animals
	Grammar	verb + noun collocations 1
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 03
	Spelling	Spelling test 10
	Reading	The hottest cities on earth
	Listening	A typical English summer
	Reading	Using banknotes for art
	Listening	How luxury brands are surviving the recession
	Exam	CAE Coaching: Paper 3, Part 1
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 3, Part 1, Practice test 1
	Exam	CAE Coaching: Paper 2, Part 2a
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 2, Part 2a, Practice test 1
Module 4	Grammar	Articles
	Vocabulary	Clothes and clothing
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 04
	Grammar	Talking about quantity
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 02
	Spelling	Spelling test 01
	Reading	Horror films
	Listening	Film charts
	Reading	Downshifting
	Listening	Business trip travel arrangements
	Exam	CAE Coaching: Paper 1, Part 3
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 3, Practice test 1
	Exam	CAE Coaching: Paper 1, Part 4

	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 4, Practice test 1
Module 5	Grammar	Future Continuous
	Vocabulary	Jobs and professions
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 05
	Grammar	Future Perfect
	Vocabulary	verb + noun collocations 2
	Spelling	Spelling test 02
	Reading	A wanted man
	Listening	An extract from a novel
	Reading	Been there, done that
	Listening	Bad dreams
	Exam	CAE Coaching: Paper 2, Part 2b
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 2, Part 2b, Practice test 1
	Exam	CAE Coaching: Paper 3, Part 2
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 3, Part 2, Practice test 1
Module 6	Grammar	Gerunds and Infinitives
	Vocabulary	Parts of the body
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 06
	Grammar	Conjunctions and Connectors
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 03
	Spelling	Spelling test 03
	Reading	Khartoum
	Listening	Burma
	Reading	Albert Einstein
	Listening	David Beckham
	Exam	CAE Coaching: Paper 1, Part 5
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 5, Practice test 1
	Exam	CAE Coaching: Paper 1, Part 6
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 6, Practice test 1
Module 7	Grammar	Modal Verbs
	Vocabulary	Things in the kitchen
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 07
	Grammar	Past modals - Must and Should
	Vocabulary	Confusing words 2
	Spelling	Spelling test 04
	Reading	Halloween tales
	Listening	Beowulf
	Reading	White water rafting

	Listening	Young at heart
	Exam	CAE Coaching: Paper 1, Part 8
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 8, Practice test 1
	Exam	CAE Coaching: Paper 3, Part 3
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 3, Part 3, Practice test 1
Module 8	Grammar	Third Conditional
	Vocabulary	Things in the living room
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 08
	Grammar	Mixed Conditionals
	Vocabulary	verb + noun collocations 3
	Spelling	Spelling test 05
	Reading	Tornadoes
	Listening	The Weather
	Reading	Young people have feelings too
	Listening	Self esteem
	Exam	CAE Coaching: Paper 1, Part 7
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 7, Practice test 1
	Exam	CAE Coaching: Paper 2, Part 2e
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 2, Part 2d, Practice test 1
Module 9	Grammar	Wishes
	Vocabulary	Verbs connected with cooking
	Vocabulary	Question tags
	Grammar	Phrasal verbs 09
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 04
	Spelling	Spelling test 06
	Reading	Tierra del Fuego
	Listening	Sao Tome
	Reading	Revenge
	Listening	My paranoid friend
	Exam	CAE Coaching: Paper 3, Part 4
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 3, Part 4, Practice test 1
	Exam	CAE Coaching: Paper 2, Part 2c
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 2, Part 2e, Practice test 1
Module 10	Grammar	Relative Clauses
	Vocabulary	Feeling ill
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 10
	Grammar	Need
	Vocabulary	verb + noun collocations 4

	Spelling	Spelling test 07
	Reading	Two medical alerts
	Listening	Crocodiles
	Reading	Architecture in the 1960's
	Listening	Cyber waste
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 1, Practice test 2
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 2, Practice test 2
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 3, Practice test 2
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 4, Practice test 2
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 5, Practice test 2
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 6, Practice test 2
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 7, Practice test 2
Module 11	Grammar	Inversion
	Vocabulary	Gradable and non gradable adjectives
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 11
	Grammar	Verb Patterns
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 05
	Spelling	Spelling test 08
	Reading	My ideal weekend
	Listening	Pet hates
	Reading	My best friend
	Listening	Honey, I'm sorry!
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 3, Part 1, Practice test 2
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 3, Part 2, Practice test 2
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 3, Part 3, Practice test 2
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 3, Part 4, Practice test 2
Module 12	Grammar	Reported Speech
	Vocabulary	Adjective and noun collocations 1
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 12
	Grammar	Verb patterns
	Vocabulary	Make and do
	Spelling	Spelling test 09
	Reading	Massacre at Wounded Knee
	Listening	Mars
	Reading	Jamie Oliver
	Listening	Too many shoes
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 1, Practice test 3
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 2, Practice test 3

	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 3, Practice test 3
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 4, Practice test 3
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 5, Practice test 3
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 6, Practice test 3
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 1, Part 7, Practice test 3
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 3, Part 1, Practice test 3
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 3, Part 2, Practice test 3
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 3, Part 3, Practice test 3
	Exam	CAE Practice, Paper 3, Part 4, Practice test 3

Follow-up

Students completing the **Focus on CAE** course should feel confident in tackling any Advanced course, **Focus on CPE** course.