

## Introduction

**Focus on CPE** is an online course, designed for students who are thinking of taking the Cambridge Keystage English Test. 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 Advanced, CEFR C1 up to C2.
- To give students information about, coaching in and practice in all areas of the CPE 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:

- manipulate word order to create subtlety of meaning, emphasis and humour;
- use cleft sentences to deflect difficult questions and take possession of an argument;
- use more complex passive forms and know when to use the active voice and passive voice;
- use advanced passive verb forms;
- use conditional forms to talk about future possible and future unlikely situations, alternative present situations and hypothetical past situations and their results;
- use alternatives to If structures and explore how manipulating verb forms in conditional sentences can release a wide range of subtle meanings;
- connect sentences using a range of conjunctions and other connecting words
- 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;
- report statements and questions using difficult verb forms and complex structures;
- use past forms of modal verbs to express possibility, regret, certainty and negative certainty;
- use present and past subjunctives to add formality to what they are saying or writing;
- use inversion for formality or dramatic emphasis;
- place adverbs and adverbials in their correct position within sentences;
- use fronting and prefacing to add more variety to spoken English.

## Vocabulary

By the end of the course students will have learnt approximately 800 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 KET 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
<b>Introduction</b>	General Introduction	An introduction to the course the student will be taking
	Exam	KET Basics: general information
	Exam	KET Basics: Paper 1
	Exam	KET Basics: Paper 2
	Exam	KET Basics: Paper 3
		Entry Test
<b>Module 1</b>	Grammar	Tense review
	Vocabulary	Adjectives of character
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 01
	Grammar	Adverb position and meaning change
	Vocabulary	Adjective and noun collocations 2
	Spelling	Spelling test 08
	Reading	Happy families
	Listening	Honey, I'm sorry!
	Reading	Globalisation
	Listening	The UN Food Programme
	Exam	CPE Coaching: Paper 1, Part 1
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 1, Part 1, Practice test 1
	Exam	CPE Coaching: Paper 2, Part 1
Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 2, Part 1, Practice test 1	
<b>Module 2</b>	Grammar	Articles
	Vocabulary	Adjectives of mood
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 02
	Grammar	Reported Speech
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 01
	Spelling	Spelling test 09

	Reading	The selfish giant
	Listening	Shakespeare's sonnet 18
	Reading	My clever dog
	Listening	The Emerging Brain
	Revision	Focus on CPE, Module 02 revision test
	Exam	CPE Coaching: Paper 3, Part 1
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 3, Part 1, Practice test 1
	Exam	CPE Coaching: Paper 1, Part 2
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 1, Part 2, Practice test 1
<b>Module 3</b>	Grammar	Relative Clauses
	Vocabulary	Confusing words 1
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 03
	Grammar	Relative Clauses advanced points
	Vocabulary	Verb and noun collocation 1
	Spelling	Spelling test 01
	Reading	A conscientious objector
	Listening	Sao Tome
	Reading	Eyewitness: 911
	Listening	Tony Blair
	Revision	Focus on CPE, Module 05 revision test
	Exam	Focus on CPE, Module 03 revision test
	Exam	CPE Coaching: Paper 2, Part 2a - Article
	Exam	CPE Coaching: Paper 3, Part 2 - Sentence completion
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 3, Part 2, Practice test 1 - Sentence completion
<b>Module 4</b>	Grammar	It's time/would rather
	Vocabulary	Animals
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 04
	Grammar	Inversion
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 02
	Spelling	Spelling test 02
	Reading	Cloning humans
	Listening	Pet hates
	Reading	Top ten inventions in history
	Listening	Concorde
	Revision	Focus on CPE, Module 04 revision test
	Exam	CPE Coaching: Paper 1, Part 3 - Wordbuilding
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 1, Part 3, Practice test 1 - Wordbuilding
	Exam	CPE Coaching: Paper 2, Part 2b - Formal letter
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 2, Part 2b, Practice test 1 - Formal letter

<b>Module 5</b>	Grammar	Modal Verbs
	Vocabulary	Crimes and criminals
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 05
	Grammar	Quite
	Vocabulary	Collocations: Adjective + Noun 1
	Spelling	Spelling test 03
	Reading	Tabloids
	Listening	The Weather
	Reading	Stock market report
	Listening	Ukrainian Miners
	Revision	Focus on CPE, Module 05 revision test
	Exam	CPE Coaching: Paper 3, Part 4 - Multiple matching
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 3, Part 3, Practice test 1 - Multiple choice
	Exam	CPE Coaching: Paper 1, Part 4 - Key word transformations
<b>Module 6</b>	Grammar	Causative Have and Get
	Vocabulary	Confusing words 2
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 06
	Grammar	Passive
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 03
	Spelling	Spelling test 04
	Reading	World cup profits
	Listening	David Beckham
	Reading	The nanny
	Listening	Cane toads. Pest or guest?
	Revision	Focus on CPE, Module 06 revision test
	Exam	CPE Coaching: Paper 2, Part 2c
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 2, Part 2c, Practice test 1 - Informal letter
	Exam	CPE Coaching: Paper 4
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 3, Part 4, Practice test 1 - Multiple matching
<b>Module 7</b>	Grammar	Question tags
	Vocabulary	Jobs and professions
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 07
	Grammar	Inversion
	Vocabulary	Verb and noun collocation 2
	Spelling	Spelling test 05
	Reading	Smoking
	Listening	Gambling
	Reading	Lucian Freud
	Listening	Aristocracy
	Revision	Focus on CPE, Module 07 revision test

	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 1, Part 4, Practice test 2
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 1, Part 5, Practice test 1 - Multiple choice
	Exam	CPE Coaching: Paper 2, Part 2d - Review
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 2, Part 2d, Practice test 1 - Review
<b>Module 8</b>	Grammar	Third Conditional
	Vocabulary	Parts of the body
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 08
	Grammar	Gerunds and Infinitives
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 04
	Spelling	Spelling test 06
	Reading	A holiday in Panama
	Listening	Too many shoes
	Reading	A phobia of buttons
	Listening	A typical English summer
	Revision	Focus on CPE, Module 08 revision test
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 1, Part 4, Practice test 3
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 1, Part 6, Practice test 1 - Sentence completion
	Exam	CPE Coaching: Paper 2, Part 2e - Report
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 2, Part 2e, Practice test 1 - Report
<b>Module 9</b>	Grammar	Conjunctions and Connectors
	Vocabulary	Gradable and non gradable adjectives
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 09
	Vocabulary	Verb and noun collocation 3
	Spelling	Spelling test 07
	Reading	Business lessons from an immigrant entrepreneur
	Listening	An extract from a novel
	Reading	Cooking with kids
	Listening	Bad dreams
	Revision	Focus on CPE, Module 09 revision test
	Exam	CPE Coaching: Paper 1, Part 7 - Multiple matching
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 1, Part 7, Practice test 1 - Multiple matching
<b>Module 10</b>	Grammar	Wishes
	Vocabulary	Confusing words 3
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 10
	Grammar	Conditionals - advanced points
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 05
	Spelling	Spelling test 08
	Reading	Lucozade
	Listening	Burma

	Reading	Multi-tasking
	Listening	Crocodiles
	Revision	Focus on CPE, Module 10 revision test
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 1, Part 1, Practice test 2 - Multiple choice cloze
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 1, Part 2, Practice test 2 - Open cloze
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 1, Part 3, Practice test 2 - Wordbuilding
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 1, Part 4, Practice test 2 - Key word transformations
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 1, Part 6, Practice test 2 - Sentence completion
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 1, Part 7, Practice test 2 - Multiple matching
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 2, Part 1, Practice test 2 - Compulsory part
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 2, Part 2a, Practice test 2 - Article
<b>Module 11</b>	Grammar	Verb Patterns
	Vocabulary	Physical appearance
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 11
	Grammar	Verb Patterns
	Vocabulary	Prepositional collocations 5
	Spelling	Spelling test 09
	Reading	My life without a mobile phone
	Listening	Mars
	Reading	What time is it?
	Listening	My paranoid friend
	Revision	Focus on CPE, Module 11 revision test
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 3, Part 1, Practice test 2 - Multiple choice
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 3, Part 2, Practice test 2 - Sentence completion
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 3, Part 3, Practice test 2 - Multiple choice
	Exam	[7156] CPE Practice, Paper 3, Part 4, Practice test 2 - Multiple matching
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 2, Part 2c, Practice test 2 - Informal letter
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 2, Part 2d, Practice test 2 - Review
<b>Module 12</b>	Grammar	Talking about quantity
	Vocabulary	Clothes and clothing
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 12
	Grammar	Subjunctive
	Vocabulary	Business idioms 1
	Spelling	Spelling test 10
	Reading	Primitive man
	Listening	Self esteem

	Reading	The nature of wisdom
	Listening	Young at heart
	Revision	Focus on CPE, Module 12 revision test
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 1, Part 1, Practice test 3 - Multiple choice cloze
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 1, Part 2, Practice test 3 - Open cloze
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 1, Part 3, Practice test 3 - Wordbuilding
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 1, Part 4, Practice test 3 - Key word transformations
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 1, Part 5, Practice test 3 - Multiple choice
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 1, Part 6, Practice test 3 - Sentence completion
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 1, Part 7, Practice test 3 - Multiple matching
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 3, Part 1, Practice test 3 - Multiple choice
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 3, Part 2, Practice test 3 - Sentence completion
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 3, Part 3, Practice test 3 - Multiple choice
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 3, Part 4, Practice test 3 - Multiple matching
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 2, Part 2e, Practice test 2 - Report
	Exam	CPE Practice, Paper 2, Part 2b, Practice test 2 - Formal letter
		Exit test

### Follow-up

Students completing the **Focus on CPE** course should feel confident in tackling any advanced course.