

Introduction

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

Course aims

General

- To take students from CEFR B2 up to C1;
- To give students information about, coaching in and practice in all areas of the Cambridge First 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, including collocations, phrasal verbs and idioms, spelling, reading, listening, writing and speaking.

Grammar

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

- use present, past and future tenses accurately in the simple and continuous forms;
- be proficient in the use of perfect tenses, in the simple and continuous forms;
- use conditionals to talk about real and unreal situations, in present, past, and future situations;
- report what people said, using correct verb forms and correctly used reporting verbs;
- talk about actions and states using active and passive forms appropriately;
- use modal verbs appropriately to perform a variety of functions, and use past modals when necessary;
- use a variety of linking words and phrases to express ideas such as addition, contrast, reason and conclusion;
- use verbs in a grammatically correct way, regarding transitivity, and what forms follow them;
- compare adjectives and adverbs using more advanced comparatives and superlatives;
- talk about quantity.

Vocabulary

By the end of the course students will have had exposure to and practice in reading and listening to a wide variety of material, both formal and informal, from a range of settings, using different registers.

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 Cambridge First 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	FCE Basics, General Information
	Exam	FCE Basics, Paper 1
	Exam	FCE Basics, Paper 2
	Exam	FCE Basics, Paper 3
	Exam	FCE Basics, Paper 4
Module 1	Introduction	
	Vocabulary	Adjectives of character and mood
	Grammar	Present Tenses
	Vocabulary	Jobs and professions
	Grammar	Past Tenses
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 01
	Spelling	Spelling test 01
	Reading	A good read
	Listening	Addicted to books
	Revision	FCE preparation course, Module 01 Revision test
	Exam	FCE Coaching: Paper 1, Part 1
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 1, Part 1, Practice test 1
	Exam	FCE Coaching: Paper 1, Part 2
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 1, Part 2, Practice test 1
Module 2	Introduction	
	Vocabulary	Parts of the body
	Grammar	Comparatives and superlatives
	Vocabulary	Transport
	Grammar	Countable and Uncountable nouns
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 02
	Spelling	Spelling test 02
	Reading	Fame and fortune
	Listening	Rags to riches
	Revision	FCE preparation course, Module 02 Revision test

	Exam	FCE Coaching: Paper 2
	Exam	FCE Coaching: Paper 2, Part 1
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 2, Part 1
Module 3	Introduction	
	Vocabulary	Feeling ill 1
	Grammar	Present Perfect
	Vocabulary	Feeling ill 2
	Grammar	Present Perfect Continuous
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 03
	Spelling	Spelling test 03
	Reading	Miracle escapes
	Listening	Experience: my bungee cord snapped
	Revision	FCE preparation course, Module 03 Revision test
	Exam	FCE Coaching: Paper 3
	Exam	FCE Coaching: Paper 3, Part 1
	Exam	FCE Coaching: Paper 3, Part 1
	Exam	FCE Coaching: Paper 3, Part 1
Module 4	Introduction	
	Vocabulary	Gradable and non gradable adjectives
	Grammar	Going to and Will
	Vocabulary	Confusing Words 1
	Grammar	Future Continuous
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 04
	Spelling	Spelling test 04
	Reading	See it, buy it
	Listening	Shopping madness
	Revision	FCE preparation course, Module 04 Revision test
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 1, Part 3, Practice test 1
	Exam	FCE Coaching: Paper 1, Part 4
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 1, Part 4, Practice test 1
Module 5	Introduction	
	Vocabulary	Clothes 1
	Grammar	So and Such
	Vocabulary	Clothes 2
	Grammar	Too and Enough
	Vocabulary	Clothes
	Spelling	Spelling test 05
	Reading	The secrets of old age
	Listening	How old is old?
	Revision	FCE preparation course, Module 05 Revision test

	Exam	FCE Coaching: Paper 2, Part 2a
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 2, Part 2e
	Exam	FCE Coaching: Paper 3, Part 2
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 3, Part 2, Practice test 1
Module 6	Introduction	
	Vocabulary	Containers
	Grammar	Say and Tell
	Vocabulary	Household chores
	Grammar	Ed and Ing adjectives
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 06
	Spelling	Spelling test 06
	Reading	Game on
	Listening	Candy Crush
	Revision	FCE preparation course, Module 06 Revision test
	Exam	FCE Coaching: Paper 1, Part 5
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 1, Part 5, Practice test 1
	Exam	FCE Coaching: Paper 1, Part 6
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 1, Part 6, Practice test 1
Module 7	Introduction	
	Vocabulary	Shops
	Grammar	Articles
	Vocabulary	Verbs connected with cooking
	Grammar	Few and a few
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 07
	Spelling	Spelling test 07
	Reading	If music be the food of love
	Listening	My love affair with music
	Revision	FCE preparation course, Module 07 Revision test
	Exam	FCE Coaching: Paper 2, Part 2b
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 2, Part 2a
	Exam	FCE Coaching: Paper 3, Part 3
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 3, Part 3, Practice test 1
Module 8	Introduction	
	Vocabulary	Shapes and dimensions
	Grammar	Gerunds and infinitives
	Vocabulary	Confusing words 2
	Grammar	Conjunctions and connectors
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 08
	Spelling	Spelling test 08
	Reading	All around the world

	Listening	A travel nightmare
	Revision	FCE preparation course, Module 08 Revision test
	Exam	FCE Coaching: Paper 1, Part 7
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 1, Part 7, Practice test 1
	Exam	FCE Coaching: Paper 2, Part 2c
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 2, Part 2b
Module 9	Introduction	
	Vocabulary	Things in the bedroom
	Grammar	Past Perfect
	Vocabulary	Things in the kitchen
	Grammar	Past modals - Must and Should
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 09
	Spelling	Spelling test 09
	Reading	Beyond belief
	Listening	A ghost story
	Revision	FCE preparation course, Module 09 Revision test
	Exam	FCE Coaching: Paper 3, Part 4
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 3, Part 4, Practice test 1
	Exam	FCE Coaching: Paper 2, Part 2d
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 2, Part 2c
Module 10	Introduction	
	Vocabulary	Things in the living room
	Grammar	Passive
	Vocabulary	Parts of the house
	Grammar	Question tags
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 10
	Spelling	Spelling test 10
	Reading	Money money money
	Listening	Gambling addiction
	Revision	FCE preparation course, Module 10 Revision test
	Exam	FCE Coaching: Paper 2, Part 2e
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 2, Part 2d
Module 11	Introduction	
	Vocabulary	Make and do
	Grammar	Relative Clauses
	Vocabulary	Confusing words 3
	Grammar	Verb Patterns
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 11
	Spelling	Spelling test 01
	Reading	Robots

	Listening	Robots for the home
	Revision	FCE preparation course, Module 11 Revision test
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 1, Part 1, Practice test 2
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 1, Part 2, Practice test 2
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 1, Part 3, Practice test 2
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 1, Part 4, Practice test 2
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 1, Part 5, Practice test 2
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 1, Part 6, Practice test 2
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 1, Part 7, Practice test 2
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 3, Part 1, Practice test 2
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 3, Part 2, Practice test 2
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 3, Part 3, Practice test 2
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 3, Part 4, Practice test 2
Module 12	Introduction	
	Vocabulary	Animals
	Grammar	Reported Speech
	Vocabulary	Adjectives of character
	Grammar	Third Conditional
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 12
	Spelling	Spelling test 02
	Reading	Feeling petty
	Listening	I actually bought the zoo
	Revision	FCE preparation course, Module 12 Revision test
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 1, Part 1, Practice test 3
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 1, Part 2, Practice test 3
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 1, Part 3, Practice test 3
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 1, Part 4, Practice test 3
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 1, Part 5, Practice test 3
	Exam	FCE Practice: Paper 1, Part 6, Practice test 4

Follow-up

Students completing the **Focus on FCE** course should feel confident in tackling any advanced course, including our **Focus on CAE** course.