

Introduction

Upper Intermediate Power is an online course, consisting of 100 units of English, and providing approximately 120 hours of study for students.

Course aims

To take students from Intermediate, CEFR B2 up to C1. 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 using the present perfect to talk about past experience, news headlines and unfinished past. They will know the difference between the present perfect simple and continuous, and know how to use each with a variety of time expressions and adverbials;
- 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;
- use relative clauses to give essential and non-essential information;
- use conditional forms to talk about future possible and future unlikely situations, alternative present situations and hypothetical past situations and their results;
- 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;
- use past forms of modal verbs to express possibility, regret, certainty and negative certainty;
- create questions from statements using tags;
- use articles correctly;
- place adverbs and adverbials in their correct position within sentences.

Vocabulary

By the end of the course students will have learnt approximately 800 lexical items, including nouns, verbs and adjectives, phrasal verbs, idiomatic language 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 variety of registers and contexts, descriptions, stories and opinions.

Course summary

Module	Unit focus	Notes
	Entry test	A 50-question test which will be used for comparative purposes with the end of course exit test
Module 1	Vocabulary	Adjectives of character and mood
	Grammar	Articles
	Reading	A tale of two cities
	Listening	A track report
	Vocabulary	Animals

	Grammar	Conjunctions and connectors
	Phrasal verbs 1	Practice in idiomatic verb + preposition combinations
	Wordbuilding 1	Practice in building vocabulary through related words groups
	Writing	Writing stories 1
	Revision	Material from module 1
Module 2	Vocabulary	Parts of the body
	Grammar	Ed and Ing adjectives
	Reading	Charities
	Listening	Ally McBeal
	Vocabulary	Feeling ill
	Grammar	Few and a few
	Phrasal verbs 2	Practice in idiomatic verb + preposition combinations
	Spelling 1	Practice in spelling more difficult words
	Speaking	Conversations 1 - Two friends meet again after a long time
	Revision	Material from module 2
Module 3	Vocabulary	Clothes
	Grammar	Future Continuous
	Reading	Culture shock
	Listening	Film charts
	Vocabulary	Shops
	Grammar	Gerunds and infinitives
	Phrasal verbs 3	Practice in idiomatic verb + preposition combinations
	Wordbuilding 2	Practice in building vocabulary through related words groups
	Writing	The perfect essay: 1 Introduction
	Revision	Material from module 3
Module 4	Vocabulary	Jobs and professions
	Grammar	Passive
	Reading	Great inventions: the Sony Walkman
	Listening	My strange day
	Vocabulary	Household chores
	Grammar	Past modals - Must and Should
	Phrasal verbs 4	Practice in idiomatic verb + preposition combinations
	Spelling 2	Practice in spelling more difficult words
	Speaking	Conversations 2 - Seeing a famous person on the street
	Revision	Material from module 4
Module 5	Vocabulary	Things in the kitchen
	Grammar	Present Perfect
	Reading	Heroes
	Listening	Novelist Alistair Maclean

	Vocabulary	Verbs connected with cooking
	Grammar	Present Perfect Continuous
	Phrasal verbs 5	Practice in idiomatic verb + preposition combinations
	Wordbuilding 3	Practice in building vocabulary through related words groups
	Writing	The perfect essay: 2 Main body
	Revision	Material from module 5
Module 6	Vocabulary	Things in the bedroom
	Grammar	Past Perfect
	Reading	Mud, glorious mud!
	Listening	Royal Intruder
	Vocabulary	Things in the living room
	Grammar	Question tags
	Phrasal verbs 6	Practice in idiomatic verb + preposition combinations
	Spelling 3	Practice in spelling more difficult words
	Speaking	Describing someone's character
	Revision	Material from module 6
Module 7	Vocabulary	Gradable and non gradable adjectives
	Grammar	Relative Clauses
	Reading	Murder mystery evening
	Listening	The origin of crosswords
	Vocabulary	Sports
	Grammar	Reported Speech
	Phrasal verbs 7	Practice in idiomatic verb + preposition combinations
	Wordbuilding 4	Practice in building vocabulary through related words groups
	Writing	The perfect essay: 3 Conclusion
	Revision	Material from module 7
Module 8	Vocabulary	Transport
	Grammar	So and Such
	Reading	Slumdog millionaire
	Listening	The Party
	Vocabulary	Confusing Words 1
	Grammar	Third Conditional
	Phrasal verbs 8	Practice in idiomatic verb + preposition combinations
	Spelling 4	Practice in spelling more difficult words
	Speaking	Describing someone's features
	Revision	Material from module 8
Module 9	Vocabulary	Computer vocabulary
	Grammar	Too and Enough

	Reading	Culture shock
	Listening	The Tin Drum
	Vocabulary	Electronic items
	Grammar	Verb Patterns
	Phrasal verbs 9	Practice in idiomatic verb + preposition combinations
	Wordbuilding 5	Practice in building vocabulary through related words groups
	Writing	Formal letters: Applying for a job 1
	Revision	Material from module 9
Module 10	Vocabulary	Make and do
	Grammar	Was going to
	Reading	Foreign attitudes to Britain
	Listening	Zimbabwe
	Vocabulary	Confusing words 2
	Grammar	Word Order
	Phrasal verbs 10	Practice in idiomatic verb + preposition combinations
	Spelling 5	Practice in spelling more difficult words
	Speaking	Conversations 3 - A holiday in Switzerland
	Revision	Material from module 10
	Exit test	A 50-question test which covers the same areas as the entry test, thereby giving students an accurate measure of their progress through the course

Follow-up

Students completing the **Upper Intermediate Power** course should feel confident in tackling any pre-intermediate course, including our **Advanced Power** course.

Students achieving a grade of 80% in the exit test should feel confident of their ability to take the Cambridge **First Certificate in English** exam.