

Introduction

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

Course aims

To consolidate and extend the sophistication, accuracy and range of English of advanced level students at C2 level. 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 delect difficult questions and take possession of an argument;
- 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. 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.

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
	Grammar	Adverb position and meaning change
	Reading	A conscientious objector
	Listening	Aristocracy
	Vocabulary	Confusing words 1

	Grammar	Clefts and pseudo clefts
	Phrasal verbs 01	Practice in more difficult idiomatic verb + preposition combinations
	Wordbuilding 01	Practice in building vocabulary through related words groups
	Writing	An introduction to writing formal letters
	Revision	Material from module 1
Module 2	Vocabulary	Adjectives of mood
	Grammar	Conditionals - advanced points
	Reading	A holiday in Panama
	Listening	Bacteria
	Vocabulary	Confusing words 2
	Reading	A phobia of buttons
	Phrasal verbs 02	Practice in more difficult idiomatic verb + preposition combinations
	Spelling test 01	Practice in spelling more difficult words
	Speaking	Conversations 1 - Foreign Inns
	Revision	Material from module 2
Module 3	Vocabulary	Animals
	Grammar	Conjunctions and connectors
	Reading	Business lessons from an immigrant entrepreneur
	Listening	Concorde
	Vocabulary	Confusing words 3
	Grammar	Fronting and Prefacing
	Phrasal verbs 03	Practice in more difficult idiomatic verb + preposition combinations
	Wordbuilding 02	Practice in building vocabulary through related words groups
	Writing	An introduction to writing informal letters
	Revision	Material from module 3
Module 4	Vocabulary	Make and Do
	Grammar	Cooking with kids
	Reading	Eyewitness: 911
	Listening	Gambling
	Vocabulary	Verb and noun collocation 1
	Grammar	Gerunds and Infinitives
	Phrasal verbs 04	Practice in more difficult idiomatic verb + preposition combinations
	Spelling test 02	Practice in spelling more difficult words
	Speaking	Conversations 2 - Hay fever
	Revision	Material from module 4

Module 5	Vocabulary	Crimes and criminals
	Grammar	Inversion
	Reading	Disneyland reviews
	Listening	Honey, I'm sorry!
	Vocabulary	Verb and noun collocation 2
	Grammar	Passive
	Phrasal verbs 05	Practice in more difficult idiomatic verb + preposition combinations
	Wordbuilding 03	Practice in building vocabulary through related words groups
	Writing	Formal letters - Making a complaint
	Revision	Material from module 5
Module 6	Vocabulary	Jobs and professions
	Grammar	Quite
	Reading	Globalisation
	Listening	Life Expectancy
	Vocabulary	Verb and noun collocation 3
	Reading	Happy families
	Phrasal verbs 06	Practice in more difficult idiomatic verb + preposition combinations
	Spelling test 03	Practice in spelling more difficult words
	Speaking	Opinions 1 - Computers
	Revision	Material from module 6
Module 7	Vocabulary	Physical appearance
	Grammar	Relative Clauses advanced points
	Reading	Lucian Freud
	Listening	Pet hates
	Vocabulary	Business idioms 3
	Reading	Lucozade
	Phrasal verbs 07	Practice in more difficult idiomatic verb + preposition combinations
	Wordbuilding 04	Practice in building vocabulary through related words groups
	Writing	Informal letters - letters of thanks
	Revision	Material from module 7
Module 8	Vocabulary	Buying and selling
	Grammar	Reported Speech
	Reading	Multi-tasking
	Listening	Shakespeare's sonnet 18
	Vocabulary	Prepositional collocations 1
	Reading	My life without a mobile phone

	Phrasal verbs 08	Practice in more difficult idiomatic verb + preposition combinations
	Spelling test 04	Practice in spelling more difficult words
	Speaking	Opinions 2 - Television
	Revision	Material from module 8
Module 9	Vocabulary	Advertising
	Grammar	Subjunctive
	Reading	The selfish giant
	Listening	The Emerging Brain
	Vocabulary	Business idioms 5
	Reading	Tabloids
	Phrasal verbs 09	Practice in more difficult idiomatic verb + preposition combinations
	Wordbuilding 05	Practice in building vocabulary through related words groups
	Writing	Formal letters: Applying for a job
	Revision	Material from module 9
Module 10	Vocabulary	Marketing
	Grammar	Verb Patterns
	Listening	The nanny state
	Listening	The Weather
	Vocabulary	Business idioms 6
	Reading	The nature of wisdom
	Phrasal verbs 10	Practice in more difficult idiomatic verb + preposition combinations
	Spelling test 05	Practice in spelling more difficult words
	Speaking	Opinions 3 - Holidays
	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 **Advanced Plus Power** course should feel confident in tackling any Advanced Plus course. Students achieving a grade of 80% in the exit test should feel confident of their ability to take the Cambridge Proficiency in English exam.