

## Introduction

**Upper-Intermediate Business Power** is an online course, consisting of 50 units of English, and providing approximately 60 hours of study for students.

## Course aims

To give students at Upper-Intermediate, CEFR B2 level practice in general and business-oriented language required for general business contexts at this level. The course blends grammatical structures necessary for this level, with vocabulary, reading, listening, writing and speaking.

## Grammar

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

- talk about quantity;
- accurately use countable and uncountable nouns;
- use conditional sentences to talk about unlikely actions in the future and impossible alternative present and past situations, and regrets;
- use modal verbs to talk about possibility, certainty, advice and obligation;
- differentiate between the present perfect and simple past;
- talk about the future, using a variety of verb forms;
- report what people have said and questions they have asked.

## Vocabulary

By the end of the course students will have learnt approximately 400 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 business contexts. including meetings, presentations, travel arrangements and dealing with staff.

## 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	Grammar	Talking about quantity
	Vocabulary	Business meetings 1
	Reading	When communication breaks down
	Grammar	Countable and uncountable nouns
	Vocabulary	People in business
	Listening	Brand loyalty
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs
	Functions	Describing your business or job
	Vocabulary	Business idioms
	Spelling	Spelling
	Revision	Material from module 1

<b>Module 2</b>	Grammar	Modal verbs - advice and obligation
	Vocabulary	Dealing with staff
	Reading	A review of a car
	Grammar	Modal verbs - possibility and certainty
	Vocabulary	Buying and selling
	Listening	How luxury brands are surviving the recession
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs
	Functions	Being polite in English
	Vocabulary	Business idioms
	Spelling	Spelling
	Revision	Material from module 2
<b>Module 3</b>	Grammar	Present perfect and simple past
	Vocabulary	People in business
	Reading	Great inventions - the Sony Walkman
	Grammar	Talking about the future
	Vocabulary	Corporate structure
	Listening	Innovative advertising techniques
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs
	Functions	Presentations
	Vocabulary	Business idioms
	Spelling	Spelling
	Revision	Material from module 3
<b>Module 4</b>	Grammar	Second conditional
	Vocabulary	Telephoning
	Reading	La Jolie Fleur hotel
	Grammar	Third conditional
	Vocabulary	Hiring and firing staff
	Listening	Business trip travel arrangements
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs
	Functions	Agreeing and disagreeing
	Vocabulary	Business idioms
	Spelling	Spelling
	Revision	Material from module 4

Module 5	Grammar	Reported statements
	Vocabulary	Business meetings 2
	Reading	A job vacancy
	Grammar	Reported questions
	Vocabulary	Money and finance
	Listening	A job interview
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs
	Functions	Talking about statistics
	Vocabulary	Business idioms
	Spelling	Spelling
	Revision	Material from module 5
	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 Business Power course should feel confident in tackling any advanced level course, including our Advanced Power course.