

Introduction

Advanced 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 C1 up to C2. 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 present, past and future perfect, in simple and continuous forms.
- 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. They will be able to use causatives to denote arranging to have something done.
- use defining and non-defining relative clauses.
- use all general conditional forms, first, second, third and mixed. Use wish structures in the present past and future.
- 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
- recognise the different ways the verb need can be used, in modal and non-modal contexts.
- use modal verbs in both general and more subtle ways to express differences in nuance, formality and register
- use question tags to form questions from statements
- use articles correctly
- use I'd rather or It's time + subject + past form to express present needs and wishes.

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.

Unit 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	Articles
	Reading	Been there, done that
	Listening	Bad dreams
	Vocabulary	Adjective and noun collocations 2
	Grammar	Causative Have and Get
	Phrasal verbs 1	Practice in more difficult idiomatic verb + preposition combinations.
	Wordbuilding 1	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	Conjunctions and Connectors
	Reading	Being polite in Japanese
	Listening	My paranoid friend
	Vocabulary	Business idioms 1
	Grammar	Gerunds and Infinitives
	Phrasal verbs 2	Practice in more difficult idiomatic verb + preposition combinations.
	Spelling test 1	Practice in spelling more difficult words
	Speaking	Conversations 1 - Feeling ill
	Revision	Material from module 2

Module 3	Vocabulary	Animals
	Grammar	Comparatives and superlatives 2
	Reading	Jamie Oliver
	Listening	Young at heart
	Vocabulary	Collocations with prepositions 1
	Grammar	Indirect questions
	Phrasal verbs 3	Practice in more difficult idiomatic verb + preposition combinations.
	Wordbuilding 2	Practice in building vocabulary through related words groups
	Writing	An introduction to writing informal letters
	Revision	Material from module 3
Module 4	Vocabulary	Clothes and clothing
	Grammar	Future Perfect
	Reading	Massacre at Wounded Knee
	Listening	A typical English summer
	Vocabulary	Collocations: Adjective + Noun 1
	Grammar	Talking about the future
	Phrasal verbs 4	Practice in more difficult idiomatic verb + preposition combinations.
	Spelling test 2	Practice in spelling more difficult words
	Speaking	Conversations 2 - Splitting up with your boyfriend
	Revision	Material from module 4
Module 5	Vocabulary	Confusing words 1
	Grammar	It's time/would rather
	Reading	The hottest cities on earth
	Listening	An extract from a novel
	Vocabulary	Collocations: Verb + Noun 1
	Grammar	Modal Verbs
	Phrasal verbs 5	Practice in more difficult idiomatic verb + preposition combinations.
	Wordbuilding 3	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	Reported questions
	Reading	The story of Marmite
	Listening	Crocodiles
	Vocabulary	Formal and informal equivalents 1
	Grammar	Word order
	Phrasal verbs 6	Practice in more difficult idiomatic verb + preposition combinations.
	Spelling test 3	Practice in spelling more difficult words
	Speaking	Opinions 1 - Smoking
	Revision	Material from module 6
Module 7	Vocabulary	Parts of the body
	Grammar	Third Conditional
	Reading	Too many road signs
	Listening	David Beckham
	Vocabulary	Make and do
	Grammar	Mixed Conditionals
	Phrasal verbs 7	Practice in more difficult idiomatic verb + preposition combinations.
	Wordbuilding 4	Practice in building vocabulary through related words groups
	Writing	Formal letters: Applying for a job
	Revision	Material from module 7
Module 8	Vocabulary	Things in the kitchen
	Grammar	Need
	Reading	Using banknotes for art
	Listening	Mars
	Vocabulary	Prepositional collocations 1
	Grammar	Question tags
	Phrasal verbs 8	Practice in more difficult idiomatic verb + preposition combinations.
	Spelling test 4	Practice in spelling more difficult words
	Speaking	Reading Aloud 1 - A tour to the Lake District
	Revision	Material from module 8
Module 9	Vocabulary	Things in the living room
	Grammar	Relative Clauses
	Reading	White water rafting
	Listening	Sao Tome

	Vocabulary	Verb + noun collocations 1
	Grammar	Talking about quantity
	Phrasal verbs 9	Practice in more difficult idiomatic verb + preposition combinations.
	Wordbuilding 5	Practice in building vocabulary through related words groups
	Writing	Informal letters - letters of thanks
	Revision	Material from module 9
Module 10	Vocabulary	Verbs connected with cooking
	Grammar	Verb Patterns
	Reading	Young people have feelings too
	Listening	Tony Blair
	Vocabulary	Business idioms 2
	Grammar	Wishes
	Phrasal verbs 10	Practice in more difficult idiomatic verb + preposition combinations.
	Spelling test 5	Practice in spelling more difficult words
	Speaking	Reading Aloud 5 - A news bulletin
	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 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 **Certificate in Advanced English** exam.