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### Introduction

Business Benchmark Second edition Pre-intermediate to Intermediate, is a completely updated and revised course at CEFR B1 level, reflecting contemporary international business in a stimulating way both for people already working and for students who have not yet worked in business.

It teaches the reading, speaking, listening and writing skills needed in today's global workplaces together with essential business vocabulary and grammar.

Business Benchmark Second edition Pre-intermediate to Intermediate is also the most complete preparation material available for Cambridge English: Business Preliminary, also known as Business English Certificate (BEC) Preliminary, and is officially approved as an exam preparation course by Cambridge ESOL.

### The book contains:

- 24 units for classroom study covering all four skills in a dynamic and integrated way together with work on business vocabulary and grammar. It includes exercises which are informed by the Cambridge Learner Corpus (CLC) – see below.
- Interesting and stimulating listening and reading material, including interviews with real business people.
- Six **Grammar workshops** which revise and extend the grammar work covered in the units and which are informed by the Cambridge Learner Corpus (CLC).
- An eight-page **Writing reference** covering emails, memos, notes, letters and reports.
- A fully-referenced **Word list** with definitions covering key vocabulary from the units and the recording scripts.
- An Exam skills and Exam practice section which
  gives students detailed guidance on how to approach
  each exam task, the skills required and what the
  exam task is testing, together with exercises to build
  up students' exam skills. The Exam practice pages
  contain a complete past Cambridge English: Business
  Preliminary exam, with answers, supplied by
  Cambridge ESOL.
- A full answer key for all the exercises in the Student's book, including sample answers to all the writing tasks.
- Complete recording transcripts.

### New features in the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition:

- An expanded grammar syllabus including six twopage Grammar workshops. These include exercises based on common grammar and vocabulary mistakes made by Business English students at this level, as shown by the CLC (see below). Exercises based on the CLC are indicated by this symbol:
- An expanded writing syllabus including a new Writing reference section with guidance for each writing task and sample answers.
- Authentic interviews with real people working in business.
- New topics, texts and recordings reflecting the realities of contemporary international business.
- Complete revision of all exam-style tasks, making them closer to real exam tasks.

### The Cambridge Learner Corpus (CLC)

The Cambridge Learner Corpus (CLC) is a large collection of exam scripts written by candidates taken from Cambridge ESOL exams around the world. It currently contains over 220,000 scripts, which translates to over 48 million words, and it is growing all the time. It forms part of the Cambridge International Corpus (CIC) and it has been built up by Cambridge University Press and Cambridge ESOL. The CLC currently contains scripts from over:

- 200,000 students
- 170 first languages
- 200 countries

Find out more about the Cambridge Learner Corpus at www.cambridge.org/corpus

#### Also available are:

- **2 audio CDs**, which include authentic interviews with real business people.
- **Teacher's Resource Book**, which includes photocopiable activities and case studies.
- Personal Study Book, which includes activities and exercises as well as a self-study writing supplement.



## Map of the book

	Unit	Reading	Listening		
	The working day	Changing places: job swapping at work	Being a PA		
/ profiles	2 Online communication 14–17	The power of word of mouse: an article on the power of online customer opinions	Email addresses		
Company profiles	3 Company growth 18–21	Haier: an article about the history of a Chinese company     An article about how to think of good business ideas	Growing pains: an interview with a business consultant about company growth		
	4 Corporate culture 22–25	What kind of company culture would suit you?: reading and answering a quiz	Describing changes in a company: a conversation on the phone		
	Grammar workshop 1 (Units 1-4) 26-27 Present simple and present continuous; Position of time phrases; Past simple and past continuous				
ing	5 Describing equipment 28–31	Problems with equipment: emails and headings on a form	Describing dimensions of products:     conversations with colleagues and suppliers     The gizmo game: listening to the uses of a gadget		
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Productio	<b>7</b> Distribution and delivery 36–39	<ul><li>Selling your product abroad: an article</li><li>Workplace signs and notices</li></ul>	Telephone conversations: information about orders and deliveries		
	Advertising and marketing 40–43	Descriptions of advertising media     Singapore Airlines: an article on the branding of an airline	Description of how a product is advertised		
	Grammar workshop 2 (Units 5–8) 44–45 Passive forms; Modal verbs; because and so				
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	<b>12</b> Conferences 58–61	Short texts: feedback on conferences	Discussing possible venues for a conference: a conversation between colleagues; A welcome speech at a conference		
	Grammar workshop 3 (Units 9–12) 62–63 Future forms; Contrast words; Comparatives and superlatives				

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Writing	Speaking	Vocabulary	Grammar
	Describing jobs; asking other people about their job	Job titles and describing jobs; names of company departments	present simple and present continuous; time expressions; state verbs
Set phrases for emails and letters     Writing emails: formal and informal styles		Computer terms; email and website terms	
	Asking about the history of a company: past simple questions		Past simple: regular and irregular verbs and spelling of past simple forms; Past continuous
An all staff email	Asking questions about companies and jobs	Finding and recording collocations	
	Describing objects	Vocabulary to describe objects: component parts, shapes, dimensions, materials; Describing problems with equipment	
An email to your manager	Passive forms: guessing true and false sentences	Verbs to describe processes	The present passive
	Role-play: a telephone call to a supplier		Modal verbs of obligation
A promotional letter	Describing a product and how it is advertised	Vocabulary to talk about advertising and marketing; Language to describe cause and effect	Words to describe causes and effects
	Role-play: making an appointment; Role-play: planning a sales event	Language for making appointments	Present continuous for future arrangements; will and going to future forms
A letter responding to an invitation		Vocabulary for air travel	Contrast words
	Discussion: how to make decisions		Comparatives: asas structures
grateful and pleased: an email confirming a booking	Role-play: finding out about conference facilities		Superlatives



Unit	Reading	Listening		
New places, new people 64–67	Career advice: letters to an advice column	An interview with someone who has changed career		
Corporate gift-giving 68–71	Promotional gifts: an article	An interview about corporate gift giving		
<b>15</b> Teamwork 72–75	Descriptions of team building events; Kaizen: an article	Creating good teams: a presentation		
16 Thinking globally 76–79	Global HR management: an article	Working in an international team: short extracts		
Grammar workshop 4 (Units 13-16) 80-81 Present perfect and past simple; a/an and some; Articles; Quantity expressions; Word types				
17 Describing statistics 82–85	Interpreting bar charts	Listening to statistical information: short extracts		
18 Company finances 86–89	Café Coffee Day: an article on the growth of the Indian coffee shop	An interview with the employee of a company that helps failing businesses		
19 Investments 90–93	Shares and the stock exchange: a web page; Short articles from the financial news; Men and women's investments: an article	An interview with someone who works in investor relations		
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	Role-play: interviewing someone about a job change		Present perfect: time expressions; Present perfect versus past simple
A thank you letter to a business host			Countable and uncountable nouns; Articles
	Discussion: planning a team building event	Suffixes: word building	
An email requesting information	Promoting a city: giving a speech	Global management	Expressions of quantity
A description of a line graph	Describing figures and trends	Describing trends	Adjectives and adverbs
	Discussing company information	Finance vocabulary	Pronouns and reference words
		Stocks and shares	
Writing a letter to express an interest in a new product	Giving a summary of an article	Collocation sets: time and money	which/who/that/where clauses
Letter inviting a candidate for interview; Letter giving the result of an application; Letters giving good and bad news		Headings for CVs; Describing application procedures	
An email to a recruitment agency	Discussing qualities needed in candidates for a job vacancy	Employment vocabulary	First and second conditionals
Filling in a form; An email to book a place on a course		Sports vocabulary in business	
Completing a business report	Ways to improve employee productivity		Infinitive and -ing forms;     Grammar revision

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