

Section 1 / Lecture 4 – How to Use This Course Most Effectively

Overview

As you can see, the course is divided into sections and lectures. Each section contains one broad topic. All the lectures within the section are related to that topic. Sections and lectures are arranged in a special order, which you should follow, because they build on your previous knowledge. Also, you should make sure that you fully understand the material covered in the lecture before moving on. If it isn't the case, go over the lecture again.

The form of the lecture is variable. It may be a video or a document. The lectures are accompanied by additional materials that you can find in the resources section. These include the main lecture file, where you have all the stuff in written, usually extended beyond what was said in the lecture, as well as written and audio exercises for you to practice. It's really advisable that you treat all these resources as an integral part of the lecture and go carefully through them. Especially the exercises let you control your understanding of the material.

The written exercises take on a lot of different forms. This includes gap filling, paraphrasing, transformations and many more. You can check your solutions in the answer key. Audio exercises are included in a video or audio file. You are given some time to deliver the answer and then the correct answer is recorded so that you can hear for yourself if you were right. You can also find the scripts in the resources.

There is one more file worth mentioning. It's the vocabulary file where you can find all the new words and expressions included in the lecture. Get familiar with them before you go on to the other resources.

At the end of each section there is a quiz. It includes all the material that you learned in that section. Make sure you don't have any problems with solving the quiz before moving on.

Instructions

I suggest you should keep the following order when you start a new lecture:

1. Read the lecture description.
2. Watch or read the lecture once or a couple of times if the material is more comprehensive.
3. Go through the vocabulary file and learn all the words and expressions included there.
4. Go through the main lecture file in the resources section.
5. Do all the written and audio exercises, make sure to check the answers.
6. Should you have any problems with understanding the lecture, feel free to contact me. I'll do my best to answer your question as soon as I can.

As you can see this is all pretty straightforward. So, have a good time taking this course, just as I had making it.