ENGLISH WITH HOUSE OF CARDS

Season 1–2 · Module 1 · 24 Lessons

COURSE OVERVIEW

Section	Description
Purpose	This document outlines a 1:1 speaking course based on *House of Cards*. The goal is to develop structured B2-level spoken English through analysis of political strategy, negotiation tactics, and institutional power dialogue.
Target Level	B1 students aiming to reach confident B2 spoken fluency in analytical, strategic, and formal communication.
What's Inside	LESSON PLAN (structure of one lesson) · COURSE PLAN (24 lessons) · MODULE RESULTS (skills + quantitative result).
Format	2 lessons per week · 24 lessons total · 1 module.
Duration	12 weeks.
Series Selection	Episodes explore political ambition, betrayal, media manipulation, lobbying, and institutional power struggles.
Structure	Each episode is analyzed through: Strategic Objective → Political Obstacle → Tactical Maneuver → Power Shift.
Adaptation	Speaking tasks focus on negotiation language, persuasion strategies, institutional vocabulary, and high-level argumentation.
Workbook	Students receive structured subtitles, political vocabulary glossaries, strategic dialogue breakdowns, scenario simulations, and grammar algorithms for formal reasoning.

LESSON PLAN — EXAMPLE

PREPARATION (BEFORE THE LESSON)

Step	Task
①	Watch the assigned episode segment with English subtitles.
②	Highlight political and strategic expressions.
③	Prepare structured retelling (Objective → Conflict → Outcome).
④	Extract 5–10 reusable formal expressions.
⑤	Identify the turning point in the power dynamic.
⑥	Complete focused grammar practice (Conditionals, Passive Voice, Reported Speech, Modal verbs).

Goal:
Analytical vocabulary activation · Strategic reasoning · Formal tone precision

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AT THE LESSON (60 MINUTES)

Structure: 45 minutes speaking · 15 minutes correction

Step	Activity
①	Warm-up discussion (power, loyalty, political ambition).
②	Structured analytical retelling.

③   Dialogue mechanics analysis (intention → leverage → pressure → outcome).

④   Negotiation role play (media manipulation, back-channel deal, political threat).

⑤   Language algorithm extraction (persuasion frameworks, diplomatic phrasing).

⑥   Grammar precision upgrade.

Goal:
Strategic speech clarity · Persuasion control · Institutional language mastery

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COURSE PLAN — 12 WEEKS (2 LESSONS PER WEEK)

WEEK 1

L.	Episode	Focus	Grammar Focus	Dialogue Technique	Character Action Map
1	Chapter 1	Betrayal & ambition	Past Simple; Reported Speech	Strategic retaliation	Walker denies Frank Sec. of State; Frank recruits Zoe; manipulates Russo
2	Chapter 2	Media weaponization	Passive Voice; Modals	Information leverage	Frank sabotages Kern; Claire restructures CWI

WEEK 2

L.	Episode	Focus	Grammar Focus	Dialogue Technique	Character Action Map

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3	Chapter 3	Crisis management	Past Continuous; Conditionals	Damage control	Frank handles hometown scandal; Claire hires Gillian
4	Chapter 4	Power restructuring	Comparatives; Modal verbs	Institutional coup	Frank pressures Speaker; orchestrates leadership shift

WEEK 3

L.	Episode	Focus	Grammar Focus	Dialogue Technique	Character Action Map
5	Chapter 5	Political retaliation	Conditionals Type 1	Confrontation debate	Teachers' strike escalates; Russo spirals
6	Chapter 6	Total dominance	Modal verbs; Passive	Strategic provocation	Frank provokes Spinella; positions Russo for governor

WEEK 4

L.	Episode	Focus	Grammar Focus	Dialogue Technique	Character Action Map
7	Chapter 7	Image control	Present Perfect	Media spin	Education bill signed; Russo campaign begins
8	Chapter 8	Personal leverage	Past Perfect	Emotional manipulation	Frank revisits alma mater; Russo seeks support

WEEK 5

L.	Episode	Focus	Grammar Focus	Dialogue Technique	Character Action Map

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9	Chapter 9	Strategic betrayal	Conditionals Type 2	Power testing	Claire sabotages bill; Russo pressured
10	Chapter 10	Controlled destruction	Modal verbs of deduction	Collapse orchestration	Russo self-destructs publicly

WEEK 6

L.	Episode	Focus	Grammar Focus	Dialogue Technique	Character Action Map
11	Chapter 11	Elimination of liability	Conditionals Type 3	Ruthless decision	Frank kills Russo; positions VP vacancy
12	Chapter 12	Vetting & influence	Passive Voice	Strategic evaluation	Frank evaluates Tusk; refuses conditional loyalty

WEEK 7

L.	Episode	Focus	Grammar Focus	Dialogue Technique	Character Action Map
13	Chapter 13	Ascension	Present Perfect	Power acceptance	Frank becomes VP
14	Chapter 14	Silencing investigation	Reported Speech	Threat management	Zoe investigates; Frank eliminates her

WEEK 8

L.	Episode	Focus	Grammar Focus	Dialogue Technique	Character Action Map

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15	Chapter 15	Diplomatic pressure	Modal verbs; Passive	International leverage	Frank stalls China talks; Jackie rises
16	Chapter 16	Legislative negotiation	Conditionals Type 2	Bipartisan bargaining	Frank passes entitlement reform

WEEK 9

L.	Episode	Focus	Grammar Focus	Dialogue Technique	Character Action Map
17	Chapter 17	Public scandal	Past Perfect	Reputation management	Claire handles abortion revelation
18	Chapter 18	International manipulation	Indirect questions	Back-channel strategy	Frank wedges Feng and Tusk

WEEK 10

L.	Episode	Focus	Grammar Focus	Dialogue Technique	Character Action Map
19	Chapter 19	Economic warfare	Modal verbs of obligation	Energy crisis control	Frank pressures Walker vs Tusk
20	Chapter 20	Financial exposure	Conditionals Type 1	Political blackmail	Casino donations exposed

WEEK 11

L.	Episode	Focus	Grammar Focus	Dialogue Technique	Character Action Map

| 21 | Chapter 21 | Strategic resignation | Reported Speech | Internal sabotage | Linda resigns; bridge approved |
| 22 | Chapter 22 | Public relations war | Passive Voice | Media manipulation | Claire manages scandal narrative |

WEEK 12

L.	Episode	Focus	Grammar Focus	Dialogue Technique	Character Action Map
23	Chapter 23	Institutional investigation	Conditionals Type 3	Legal positioning	Special prosecutor appointed
24	Chapter 24	Evidence pressure	Review of B2 structures	Controlled cooperation	Frank stonewalls investigation

MODULE RESULTS — HOUSE OF CARDS

Skills Result (Strategic & Institutional Dialogue Focus)

Area	Result After One Module
Speaking Stamina	45 minutes of analytical political discussion
Institutional Vocabulary	Advanced lexicon for politics, negotiation, media influence
Argumentation Skills	Structured thesis → leverage → counter-move → outcome
Listening	Improved comprehension of formal and strategic dialogue
Negotiation Language	Confident use of diplomatic phrasing and strategic ambiguity

Dialogue Mechanics	Objective → leverage → pressure → power shift

Quantitative Result

Category	Measurable Outcome
Active Speaking Practice	~17 hours
Original Series Dialogue	~12 hours of curated political episodes
Grammar Frameworks	24 contextual B2 structures
Vocabulary Growth	~650–850 institutional expressions

Vocabulary Activation Logic

Component	Explanation
Episode Count	24 structured lessons
Lessons per Episode	1
Reusable Expressions	~25–35 per episode
Total Accumulation	~650–850 contextual expressions
Activation Method	repetition → negotiation simulation → strategic role play → algorithm extraction
Memorization Style	Concept-based activation reinforced through structured analytical debate