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Welcome to

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Academy Stars is a lively and interactive primary course that combines a comprehensive skills syllabus with the innovative *Graphic Grammar* focus to support young learners as they aspire to excellence.

Academy Stars provides a hands-on, memorable methodology for language learning and helps children become independent learners from an early age. Students are actively engaged through the use of dialogue models, beautiful animations and contexts they can easily relate to, boosting confidence and motivation while piquing their curiosity and interest.
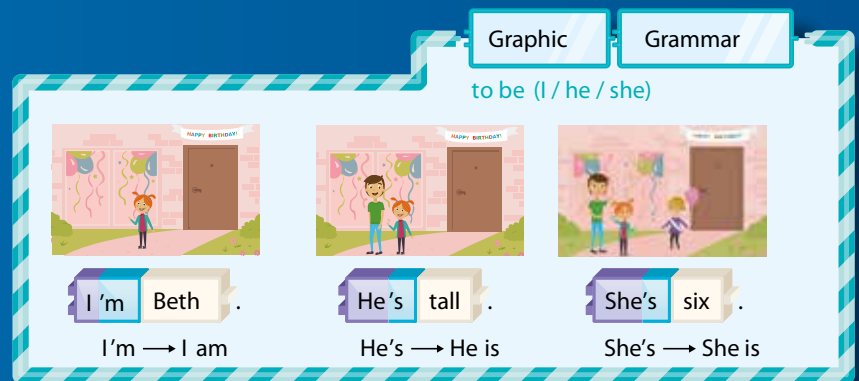
- The unique *Graphic Grammar* animations allow young learners to interact visually with various grammar structures in easy-to-understand contexts.

- A strong learning skills strand and the *Be a Star!* review activities promote critical thinking and learner autonomy.

- Cambridge Young Learners test–style practice activities provide teachers with ready-to-use materials preparing students for international exams.

- The *Think about it* lessons help develop decision making and problem solving skills.

- The thought-provoking *Values* box and *Me* activities help children develop social values, promote personal reflection and highlight notions of responsibility and consequence.
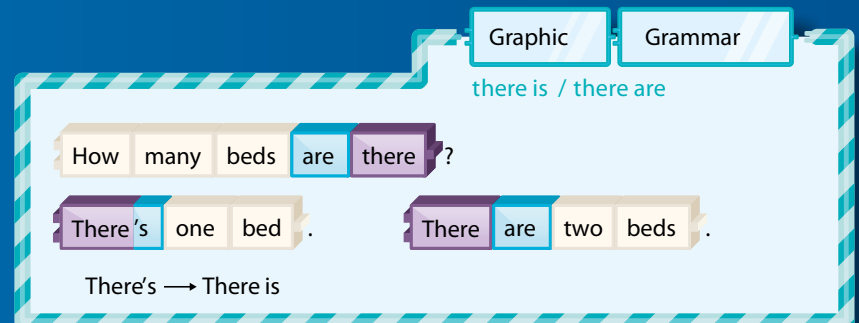
How do children learn?

Part of the process of learning a foreign language is understanding how grammar works.

Often, grammar is explained at a hypothetical level using complicated language and ideas. The Graphic Grammar approach teaches students to recognise the patterns of English grammar in a visual and memorable way.

The simplest way is to show young students with blocks.

Graphic Grammar

to be (I / he / she)

I 'm Beth .
I'm ⟶ I am

He's tall .
He's ⟶ He is
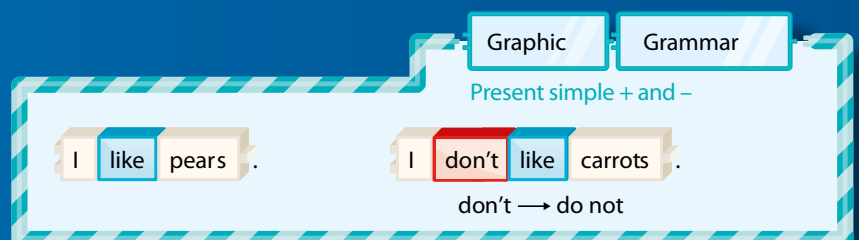
She's six .
She's ⟶ She is

Students are taught how to construct a question by changing the positions of the blocks and adding a question mark, changing the statement into a question.

Graphic Grammar

there is / there are

How many beds are there ?

There 's one bed .
There's ⟶ There is

There are two beds .

The joy of graphic grammar is that students realise that the movement of the blocks is actually a recurring pattern.

Exceptions to the rules: the Present Simple for example is more complicated, but can be explained within the overall pattern of question formation.

Graphic Grammar

Present simple + and –

I like pears .

I don't like carrots .
don't ⟶ do not

Once the students start seeing the patterns, they will begin looking for them in other parts of the language. They are starting to think cognitively – without being given meta-language, complicated descriptions, or intimidating concepts.

Learning Skills

Activities that naturally provide motivation and the development of key academic skills are integrated throughout the course.

- Students develop highly transferable learning skills
- *Critical Thinking* tasks are integrated throughout the course
- *Learning to Learn & Learning about Language* features help children identify patterns and acquire strategies, making them more effective and independent learners
- Self-evaluation activities in the Workbook encourage children to identify their learning strengths, and promote self-motivation

Me: children are encouraged to accept responsibility and reflect on the consequences of lifestyle choices

Act: by identifying the consequences of their actions children learn values and develop societal understanding

Think: students develop critical thinking skills

Learn: children foster learner autonomy and demonstrate learning strategies

Communicate: the promotion of interpersonal and collaborative skills allows children to express opinions and ideas

Going Beyond the 4 C's

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Teaching remotely or need to add an online element to your face to face classes?
We have reconfigured and enhanced this course, making it ready for any scenario.

Check the back cover for a complete list of digital components.

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WORKBOOK with Digital Workbook

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Lesson 1: Vocabulary

The visually attractive unit opener introduces characters and the topic (and in higher levels contextualizes vocabulary) instantly engaging the students.

Interactive and fun '*Be a Star!*' activities encourage students to use new words in context, making new vocabulary more memorable.

Clear lesson aims and outcomes at the bottom of each page make teaching easier.
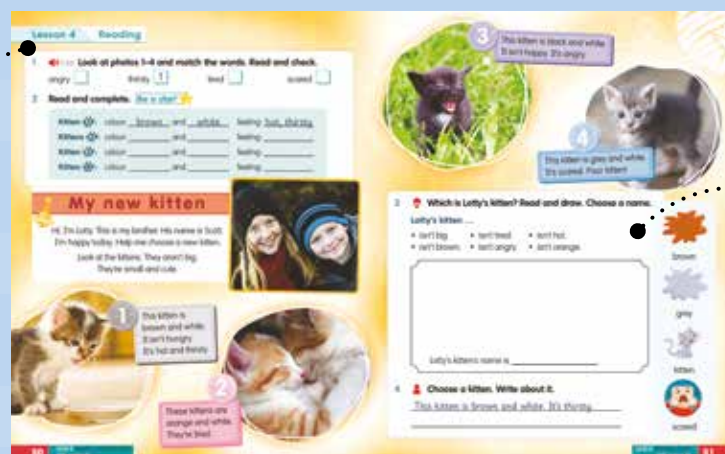
Lessons 2 & 3: Grammar

The unique grammar syllabus including '*Graphic Grammar*' videos, helps increase students' understanding of grammar structures in an accessible way.

'**Me**' activities encourage personal reflection through lessons on responsibility and consequences.

Lesson 4: Reading

The rich reading and visual literacy programme helps students develop skills through fiction and non-fiction texts using different genres and animated storytelling.

'*Think*' activities help students develop critical thinking skills, such as comparing and contrasting.

Lessons 5 & 6: Sounds, Letters and Language Use

The integrated phonics syllabus develops and reinforces pronunciation, spelling and reading skills in a memorable way through fun chants, poems and tongue-twisters.

The '*Language in Use*' sections and '*Communication*' videos teach students how to use vocabulary and grammar by providing communication models, authentic contexts and focus on form.

The practical '*Learning about Language*' feature helps develop learner autonomy and strategies for academic success through activities such as identifying patterns and rules about language.

'*Communicate*' activities help foster interpersonal and collaborative skills, allowing children to express opinions and ideas.

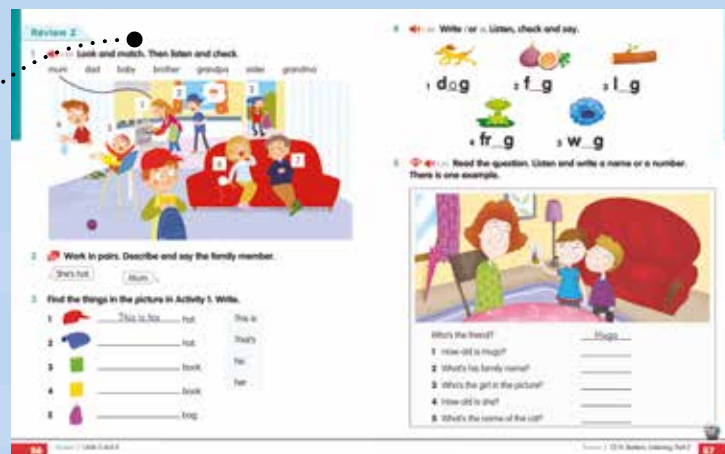# Lessons 7 & 8: Listening, Speaking and Writing

The '**Values**' activities teach students moral and social values by enhancing their awareness of the wider world.

Challenging and engaging listening activities recycle target language and develop key listening, speaking and writing skills.

Review

Regular review pages help children revise what they have learnt and demonstrate their success.

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Workbook	-	9780230490963	9780230489929	9780230490024	9780230490123	9780230490222	9780230490321
Pupil's Book Pack with Alphabet Book	9781380006578	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Digital Pupil's Book with Pupil's Practice Kit	9781380065469	9781380065322	9781380065346	9781380065360	9781380065384	9781380065407	9781380065421
Digital Workbook	-	9781380069122	9781380069139	9781380069146	9781380069153	9781380069160	9781380069184
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