

Your course guidebook





Do you know what "a hub" is in its most common and literary meaning? It's "the part at the centre of a wheel". In its metaphorical meaning **"it's the most important place where a particular activity takes place"**.

So what is at the hub of a modern English course for you as a teacher? See the options below and **V** what is essential for you:



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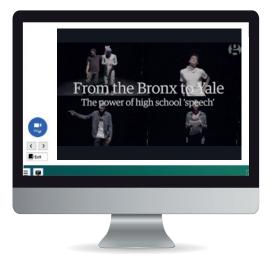
Flexibility in catering to various student and teacher needs ▶ page 6



The Guardian

Teachers have access to a range of **authentic videos** taken from sources such as *The Guardian* allowing productive language practice.





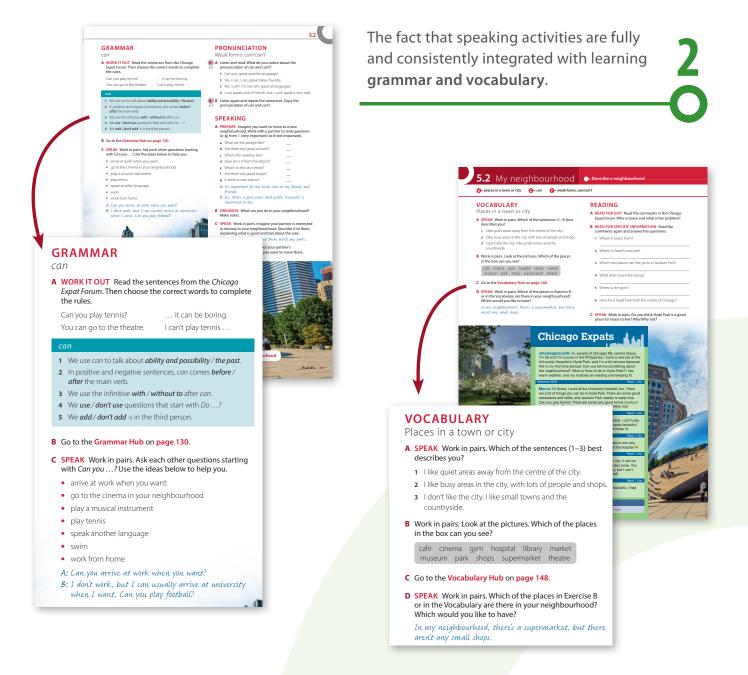
One lesson in each unit is video-based – **"Café Hub" videos** are short amusing situation comedy films. They provide **a model of functional language** in real-life engaging situations, which allow students to expand their communicative abilities. Video-based lessons provide opportunities to learn **authentic language** and encourage students to use it as communicative output.



Four features make Language Hub a great tool for mastering speaking skills.

The total number of speaking exercises, which are included on every page of the coursebook: 140 per level, plus 50 individual dedicated sets of speaking tasks.

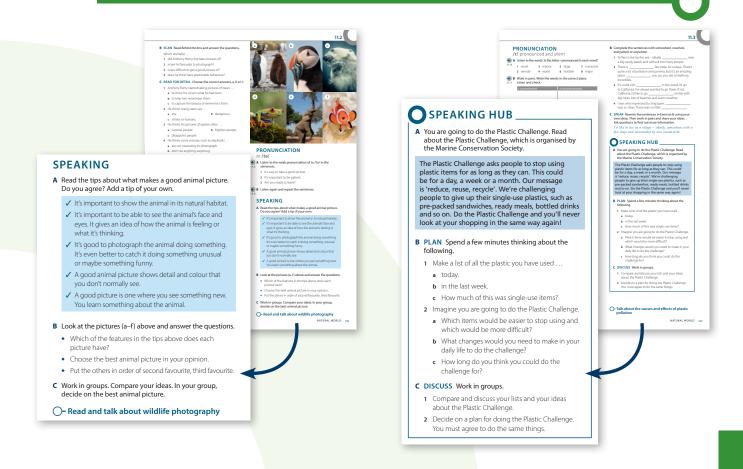




The fact that **speaking is integrated with learning other skills**, in addition to dedicated speaking development sections, especially listening and reading.



Dedicated speaking development sections – allow students to practice speaking in pairs after each section. This ensures they feel confident to produce a longer speaking turn at the end of the lesson in front of a larger audience.



Unit openers enable to see CEFR learning objectives for each unit at a glance.

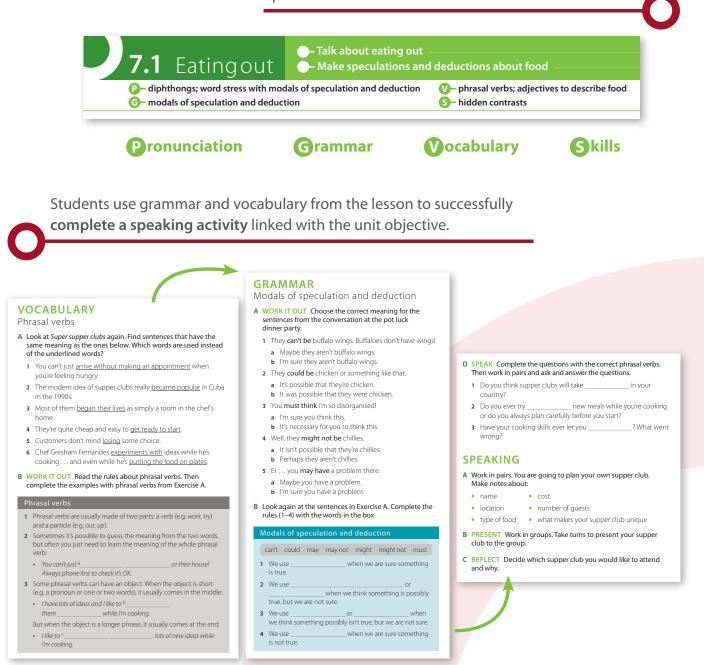
OBJECTIVES

O- talk about eating out

- make speculations and deductions about food
- compare different types of food
- compare a range of solutions and choose the best one
- make suggestions
- write a reply in an online discussion forum



Each lesson starts with a **CEFR unit objective** that this particular lesson addresses.



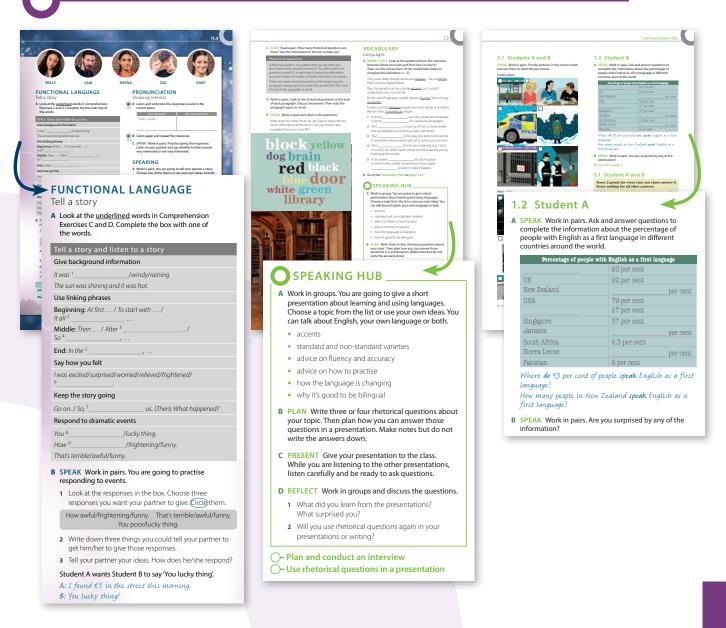
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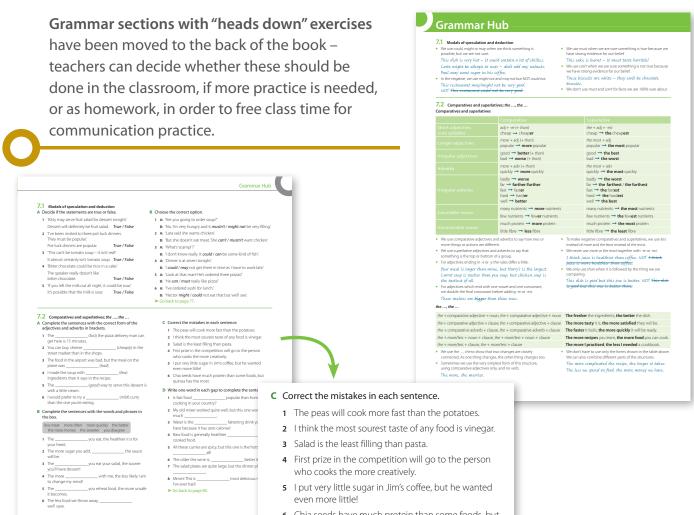
- Eye-catching magazine-style pictures engage students with the unit topic and offer an instant opportunity to express their feelings and opinions.
- Memorable quotations usually involve some kind of powerful insight put into convincing phrasing.
- Well-structured concise messages that use strong imagery and metaphors can make a simple idea compelling.

That's why the quotations and sayings selected for the Language Hub series are meant to **inspire students** and make them resonate with these ideas. It's a great opportunity for students to voice their reactions.



Communication-centred activities provide students with the necessary language to bridge the gap between the classroom and the real world. **The Communication Hub** sections offer additional speaking practice exercises for pair and group work.





6 Chia seeds have much protein than some foods, but guinoa has the most.

7.1 Phrasal verbs Work in pairs. Match the underlined phrasal verbs (1-9) with the definitions (a-i).

- 1 I can't work out what ingredients you've used here. What
- A: Maybe III start studying for my exams next week ...?
- B: 'Don't put it off! Start today!
- 3 We've eaten out every night this week. Let's <u>stay in</u> this evening and cook some food at home. evening and cook some food at home. 5 only to leg void cam, but i cart come to your party. 5 laket everyhody to be quie for a few minutes, but most people joint granged on tables. 6 Can you guan the oven daras to 150°C is ten minutes! Hyou laws it at 220°C for losing, the dowill burn. 7 I don't mind cooking, but can you clear yo afterwards? 8 Can you guay our phone <u>away</u> *ideael* 115 welly rude to check you message while where lead grinnel 9 Gest tybi <u>Cam up</u> the god work! 9 Continue whoto stopping

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 right place
 continue at the same high level
 make everything clean and tidy again after making a mess
 nog go at
 find the answer by thinking carefully
 decide to do something later, not now

- make something lower/colder/quiet
 make somebody feel sad because yo that you promised to do
- 7.1 Adjectives to describe food
- A Complete the sentences with the adjectives in the box. delicious disgusting filling mild savoury sour Our bakery sells a mix of sweet products, like cakes and finit pies, and ______ products, like bread and meat pies.
 Do you prefer strong flavours or ______ flavours?
- Mmm ... I love this meal. It's absolutely
- I love ______food like lemons, grapefruit and pickled cabbage.
- - I feel



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8.2 Positive adjectives

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 A My dog pressed six buttons in the right order!
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 I read *fascinating / gorgeous* article about the dangers of technology.

- The party was sensible / unforgettable I'll remember it for the rest of my life.
- 5 It's unique / incredible that people waste so much money on stupid gadgets!
- on stupid gadgetd 6 it looks like a normal umbrella, but it contains very sophisticated / gaogeose electronic 7 The Ceventer is sophisticated / suitable for small pest, like cats and dog, but not large animals, like horses. 8 A: lost my Contential, longot to ske my phone with me. B: Will, that want very semiller / unique, was it? > Coback togget 90.

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on their students' needs.

8.2 Positive adjectives

Choose the best adjectives to complete the sentences.

Topic-related vocabulary presented in each

teachers to decide how they want to use

the material and classroom time, depending

unit is continued in the Vocabulary Hub pages

at the back of the coursebook. Again, this allows

- 1 A: My dog pressed six buttons in the right order! B: That's so unique / impressive!
- 2 I just want an umbrella that's incredible / practical if it keeps me dry, I'm happy.
- 3 I read a *fascinating / gorgeous* article about the dangers of technology.
- 4 The party was *sensible / unforgettable* I'll remember it for the rest of my life.
- 5 It's unique / incredible that people waste so much money on stupid gadgets!
- 6 It looks like a normal umbrella, but it contains very sophisticated / gorgeous electronics.
- 7 The CleverPet is sophisticated / suitable for small pets, like cats and dogs, but not large animals, like horses.
- 8 A: I lost my Oombrella. I forgot to take my phone with me. B: Well, that wasn't very sensible / unique, was it?
- ► Go back to page 90.

Language Hub

An individual writing page for each unit teaches a different writing skill and genre. Students can view and analyse samples before they start writing their own texts. Teachers can easily **build writing skills into their lessons** if they find their students need to develop this skill.

WRITING

- A PREPARE You are going to write a report about current trends in communication. What trends do you notice? You can use the ideas in Exercise A or your own ideas.
- **B** PLAN Choose two or three points to include in your report. These will be your main paragraphs.
- C WRITE Write your report (150–200 words). Remember:
 - to start with an introduction.
 - when you present numbers, show what they mean and how they're connected together.
 - to use formal language.
 - to end with a conclusion.
- D REVIEW Work in groups. Share your reports. Who found the most interesting information? Were you surprised by any of the trends he/she found?

Writing -Write a report about tree	nds
)- using formal language in reports	
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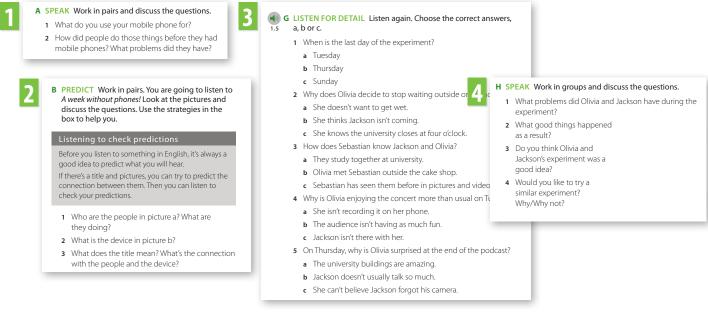
Additional **authentic video** material from *The Guardian* with accompanying worksheets (available via Teacher's App) allow teachers to supplement core coursebook material, depending on student interests.

The Student's App allows students to choose either a practice mode or a more difficult challenge mode competing against the clock. Another option includes longer activities that provide online workbook-style practice. These options cater to the various abilities and needs of the students.



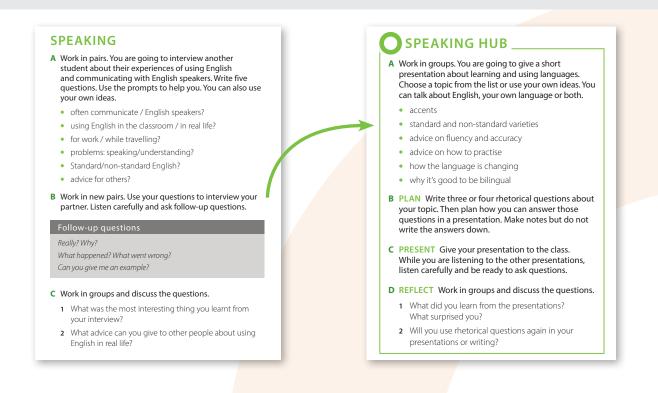


Each skill section uses a number of carefully planned activities leading students through the staged process of developing their ability. Students learn a range of different ways to process large quantities of text or script. By the end of each level they will have been exposed to 20 different skills for reading or listening. This structure enables students to achieve success while being challenged.



Skill sections seamlessly integrate speaking with both listening and reading.

Individual sections dedicated to improving speaking skills also follow the step-by-step process – students give longer speaking turns to practice planning and developing ideas. Each such activity utilizes the skills that they have learnt in the unit.



Language Hub

Magazine-style unit opener with striking images to create interest in the topic.

COMMUNICATION

Quotations and sayings are sure to spark discussions among students.

Wise men speak because they have something to say; fools because they have to say something.

Plato

OBJECTIVES

O- update your status on social media

walk outdoo

- make a short podcast
- plan and conduct an interview
- use rhetorical questions in a presentation
- ask for, offer and respond to help
- write a report about trends

Work with a partner. Discuss the questions.

- How does 21st century technology make it easier or harder to communicate with other people?
- 2 Read the quote. To what extent do you agree with Plato?
- 3 Which forms of communication do you use most often: face-to-face or electronic; written or spoken communication? Which do you prefer and why?

COMMUNICATION

Learning objectives are clearly outlined so learners always know the aims of the unit.

Unit opener questions are designed to stimulate interest in the topic and activate the lesson plan.

In addition to teaching new skills, every main lesson has Grammar, Vocabulary and Pronunciation exercises.

tion exercises.

Update your status on social media
 Make a short podcast

G- present simple and present continuous

V - seeing and hearing

P- schwa /ə/ S- listening to check predictions

READING

A SPEAK Work in groups and discuss the questions.

- 1 Do you ever use social media sites? Which ones?
- 2 What sort of information do people usually post on social media?
- **B PREDICT** Match the pictures (1–3) with the social media status updates (a–c). How do you think the people in the pictures are feeling? What can you guess about their lives?
 - a On my way to the top! Looking forward to an amazing view!
 - **b** Can't believe we're on holiday again! We're having a wonderful time!
 - c Our lovely new kitchen! Looks good, doesn't it?
- **C READ FOR GIST** Read the social media posts quickly to check your predictions from Exercise B. Make notes about the true stories behind the pictures.

My perfect online life



@Katia ... is feeling confused
6 hours ago

Had a very strange experience today. I met my old school friend **@Elisa** for the first time in eight years. 'You're so lucky!' she said. 'You <u>have</u> such a perfect life! I'm so jealous!'

A perfect life? Me? I have a very normal life: I <u>get up</u> early every day, <u>take</u> the bus to work, <u>watch</u> TV ... and that's all. In fact, Elisa <u>seems</u> to have a perfect life: her pictures always <u>show</u> her wonderful family relaxing in the sunshine on a beautiful beach. But now I'm writing this post, I <u>think</u> I <u>understand</u> what happened: on social media, our lives <u>look</u> perfect, but the reality is very different.

For example, last week I posted a selfie from the top of a mountain. In the picture, you can see I'm smiling. But in fact, I felt absolutely exhausted and just wanted to go home as quickly as possible! But you can't see that in the picture!

And did you see the picture of our new kitchen a few weeks ago? Well, yes, it's lovely, but I didn't mention that it took six months to finish. Six months without a kitchen! And it cost us twice as much as we expected, so now we're getting worried about money. But no one ever talks about money problems on social media, do they?

I'<u>m not complaining</u>, though. I'm very happy with my life! I <u>love</u> being normal ... and I <u>don't mind</u> that my life <u>is becoming</u> a bit boring! In fact, I'<u>m thinking</u> of staying at home this evening – just me, my husband and a takeaway pizza! Perfect!



Reply from @Elisa *4 hours ago*

Hey, **@Katia**! Great to see you this morning. I <u>know</u> what you <u>mean</u> about our 'perfect lives'. I <u>guess</u> I <u>need</u> to explain about all those beach pictures. You <u>see</u>, I <u>work</u> really hard all year, and the only time I <u>use</u> social media is when I'm on holiday. That's why I'<u>m sitting</u> on the beach in all my pictures! It usually <u>rains</u> for most of the week we're on holiday, but of course we only take pictures when the sun's <u>shining</u>!

Glossary

jealous (adj) unhappy because someone has something that you would like or can do something that you would like to do

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Glossary boxes help students access any above-level vocabulary from the text.

D READ FOR DETAIL Read again and answer the questions.

- 1 How do Katia and Elisa know each other?
- 2 Why was Katia confused?
- 3 When did Katia go to the top of the mountain?
- 4 How does Katia feel about her new kitchen?
- 5 How does Katia feel about her 'boring' life?
- 6 Why doesn't Elisa post pictures when she isn't on holiday?





– Unit 1, Intermediate Student's Book –

Language Hub

All lessons end with

a speaking task.

1.1

Students are encouraged to work out grammar rules for themselves to aid understanding.

- E SPEAK Work in pairs and discuss the questions.
 - 1 Does your life look perfect on social redia? What about your friends' lives?
 - 2 Do you ever feel jealous when you see other people's status updates?

GRAMMAR 🗸

Present simple and present continuous

- A Look at the underlined verbs in the social media posts. Which verbs are in the present simple? Which are in the present continuous?
- **B** WORK IT OUT Match the sentences (a–f) with the rules (2–5).
 - a In the picture, you can see I'm smiling.
 - **b** I know what you mean about our 'perfect lives'.
 - c But now I<u>'m writing</u> this post, ...
 - d You have such a perfect life!
 - e l get up early every day.
 - f So now we're getting worried about money.

Present simple and present continuous

- 1 Dynamic verbs (talk, go) usually describe actions.
- 2 We use the present simple with dynamic verbs to talk about actions that always, usually or never happen.
- 3 We use the present continuous with dynamic verbs:a to talk about actions that are in progress at the
 - moment of speaking or writing.
 - **b** to describe actions in a picture, video, etc.
 - c to describe trends (e.g. something is happening more and more these days).
- 4 Stative verbs (*want, seem*) often describe feelings and ideas. We use the present simple with stative verbs.
- 5 A few verbs (*have, look, speak, think*) have two or more meanings. They are sometimes dynamic verbs and sometimes stative verbs.
- C Find at least one more example of each rule (2–5) in the posts.

D Go to the Grammar Hub on page 122.

E Are the verbs stative verbs (S) or dynamic verbs (D)?

1	contain	5	7	include	
2	cost		8	mean	
3	depend		9	own	
4	deserve		10	relax	
5	enjoy		11	seem	
6	happen		12	shine	

F SPEAK Work in groups and discuss the questions.

- 1 Why are you studying English? Why do you need English?
- 2 How is this week different from your normal weekly routine? What are you doing differently this week? What do you normally do?
- 3 What are people doing more and more these days? What are some trends in your own life?

SPEAKING

- A Work in groups. If you have some pictures on your phone, choose two or three to discuss with your group. If you do not, think about some of your favourite pictures of you and your friends or family.
- B Tell your group:
 - What's happening in the pictures?
 - Does your life seem perfect or exciting in the pictures? What's the real story behind the pictures?
 - Do you have any pictures of you doing normal things, e.g. watching TV? Why/Why not?
- C Write a short social media status update for one or two of your pictures. Decide whether to make your life seem perfect or normal.

Writing a status

We often leave out the subject and *be* from the beginning of status updates when it's easy for the reader to guess the missing words.

- (It) Looks good, doesn't it?
- (I) Had a very strange experience today.
- (It was) Great to see you this morning.

D Read some of your classmates' social media status updates. Do their lives look perfect or normal?

COMMUNICATION

There are Grammar Hub pages at the back of the book for easy reference that provide learners with clear grammar presentations.

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Clear rubric headers point out the kind of skill involved in the listening or reading activity.



LISTENING

A SPEAK Work in pairs and Jiscuss the questions.

- 1 What do you use your hobile phone for?
- 2 How did people do those things before they had mobile phones? What problems did they have?
- **B PREDICT** Work in pairs. You are going to listen to *A week without phones!* Look at the pictures and discuss the questions. Use the strategies in the box to help you.

Listening to check predictions

Before you list in to something in English, it's always a good idea to predict what you will hear.

If there's a the and pictures, you can try to predict the connection between them. Then you can listen to check your predictions.

- 1 W to are the people in picture a? What are they doing?
- 2 What is the device in picture b?
- What does the title mean? What's the connection
- with the people and the device?
- **C** LISTEN FOR GIST Listen to Part 1 of the podcast and check your answers to Exercise B.
- D PREDICT Work in pairs and discuss the questions.
 Then listen to Part 2 and check your answers.
 - 1 What went wrong when Olivia and Jackson tried to meet up on Monday?
 - 2 How did they solve the problem?

E PREDICT Work in pairs and discuss what you think Olivia and Jackson did differently on Tuesday when they met. Then listen to Part 3 and check your answer.

- F PREDICT Work in pairs and discuss the questions.
 Then listen to Part 4 and check your answers.
 - 1 Do you think Olivia and Jackson are enjoying the experiment?
 - 2 What do you think they're doing more or less of than usual?

G LISTEN FOR DETAIL Listen again. Choose the correct answers, a, b or c.

- 1 When is the last day of the experiment?
 - **a** Tuesday
 - **b** Thursday
 - c Sunday
- 2 Why does Olivia decide to stop waiting outside on Monday?
 - a She doesn't want to get wet.
 - **b** She thinks Jackson isn't coming.
 - c She knows the university closes at four o'clock.
- **3** How does Sebastian know Jackson and Olivia?
 - **a** They study together at university.
 - **b** Olivia met Sebastian outside the cake shop.
- c Sebastian has seen them before in pictures and videos.
- 4 Why is Olivia enjoying the concert more than usual on Tuesday?
- **a** She isn't recording it on her phone.
 - **b** The audience isn't having as much fun.
- c Jackson isn't there with her.
- 5 On Thursday, why is Olivia surprised at the end of the podcast?
 - a The university buildings are amazing.
 - **b** Jackson doesn't usually talk so much.
 - c She can't believe Jackson forgot his camera.

H SPEAK Work in groups and discuss the questions.

- 1 What problems did Olivia and Jackson have during the experiment?
- 2 What good things happened as a result?
- 3 Do you think Olivia and Jackson's experiment was a good idea?
- 4 Would you like to try a similar experiment? Why/Why not?



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1.1

Language Hub

Each lesson includes vocabulary practice and students are encouraged to use the Vocabulary Hub pages at the back of the book.

Seeing and hearing

- A Choose the correct verbs to complete the sentences from A week without phones! Then listen again and check your answers.
 - 1 In this week's podcast, we're *looking at / seeing / watching* phones.
 - 2 It *looks / sees / watches* like he isn't coming, and I'm not sure what to do.
 - 3 I'm *looking / seeing / watching* for Olivia, but I can't *look at / see / watch* her.
 - 4 | *hear / listen to / sound* your podcast every week, and I *look at / see / watch* all your videos.
 - 5 Yeah, that hears / listens / sounds like a great idea. Thanks a lot.
 - 6 Maybe you can *hear / listen to / sound* the music in the background.
 - 7 He plays the guitar in the band, and he hears / listens / sounds really good.
 - 8 It doesn't *look / see / watch* great, but it's good for telling the time!
 - **B** WORK IT OUT Complete the rules with the correct form of *hear*, *listen*, *look*, *see*, *sound* or *watch*.

hear, listen, look, see, sound and watch
1 When you
see or something, it just happens, not because you're trying to do it.

2 When you
at or or to something, you do it because you decide to do it.
3 When you
something, you look at it for a period of time, perhaps because it's moving.

- 4 When something good or good, it probably is good, but you aren't sure.
- 5 When it Like or like or like something is happening, it probably is happening, but you aren't sure.

C Go to the Vocabulary Hub on page 142.

D Complete the questions with the verbs in the box. There are two extra verbs.

notice observe recognise spot stare

- 1 Do you ever sit in a café and ______ the people through the window? Why do people enjoy doing this?
- 2 Are you good at remembering people's faces? Do you always ______ people when you meet them the second time?
- 3 When you're travelling around (e.g. by bus), do you usually ______ the buildings around you?
- **E SPEAK** Work in groups. Ask and answer the questions in Exercise D.

There are regular opportunities for pronunciation practice to prepare for speaking.

PRONUNCIATION C

Schwa /ə/

Schwa is the most common sound in English. We use it for most unstressed vowel sounds, especially in words like *a*, *the*, *of*, *to*, *and* and *but*.

- A Listen to the sentences from *A week without phones!* Underline all schwas. The numbers in brackets tell you how many schwas to find. The first one has been done for you.
 - 1 We're not looking $\underline{a}t$ our phones for \underline{a} whole week! (3)
 - 2 We arranged to meet here, outside the university, at four o'clock. (5)
 - 3 It's Monday afternoon and I'm late meeting Olivia. (3)
 - 4 I'll buy you a cake to say thank you, and you can tell us what you think of our podcasts. (6)
 - 5 Yes, I'm wearing a watch today an old one from when I was a teenager. (7)
 - **B** SPEAK Work in pairs. Practise saying the sentences. Listen and check your partner's pronunciation.

SPEAKING HUB

A Work in groups. You are going to make a short podcast about an experiment. Choose one of the ideas in the box or use your own ideas.

a week of doing something completely new every day a week speaking only English a week without complaining a week without the internet/TV, etc a week without spending any money a week of helping as many people as possible

- **B** PLAN Plan a short podcast (about two minutes). Imagine you are in the middle of your experiment. Make notes on:
 - what you can see and hear during your podcast.
 - what's going well and/or badly with your experiment.
 - what you're doing more or less as a result of your experiment.
- **C SPEAK** Record your podcast and present it to the class.
- **D SHARE** After listening to the podcasts, discuss the questions.
 - Which group's experiment worked well?
 - Which podcast did you enjoy most?
- **E REFLECT** Work in new groups and discuss the questions.
 - Will you try any of the experiments in real life? Why/Why not?
 - Would you like to make a real podcast? What would your podcast be about? Do you think other people would want to listen to it?

○- Update your status on social media
○- Make a short podcast

COMMUNICATION 5

The Speaking Hub activity at the end of the lesson provides an opportunity for more detailed and structured speaking practice.



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Students practice

speaking in pairs after

each section.

GRAMMAR

Subject and object questions

- A Put the words in the correct order to make questions.
 Then listen to the interview again and check your answers.
 - 1 you / I / a / questions / ask / can / few / ?
 - 2 countries / did / which / visit / you / ?
 - 3 England / happened / what / in /?
 - 4 changing / English / is / how / ?
 - 5 MLE / uses / who / ?
 - 6 mean / do / 'Standard English' / by / you / what / ?
 - 7 to / you / need / non-standard English / saying / are / learn / we / so / ?
 - **B** WORK IT OUT Match the questions (1–7) in Exercise A with the rules (a–c).

Subject and object questions

- a When we make questions in English, we usually put the auxiliary verb (*be, have, can*) before the subject.
- **b** In sentences with no auxiliary verb, we add *do*, *does*, or *did* when we make a question.
- c When the question is about the subject, we use the same word order as in sentences. We don't add *do, does* or *did.*
- **C PRACTISE** Make questions about the missing information.
 - (Somebody) writes a blog for a website.
 Who <u>writes a blog for a website</u>
 - Juan visited (a number of countries).
 How many
 - 3 You (can/can't) give me an example.
 - 4 (A form of English) is becoming popular in London. Which ?
 - 5 (A number of people) speak non-standard English. How many _____?
 - 6 Most native speakers (speak/don't speak) Standard English.

D Go to the Grammar Hub on page 122.

E SPEAK Work in pairs. Student A – go to the Communication Hub on page 149. Student B – go to the Communication Hub on page 150.

PRONUNCIATION

Pronouncing questions

- A Listen to two people asking questions from the interview.
 What differences do you notice in the way they speak? Who is easier to understand?
 - 1 Why do you want to talk to me?
 - 2 What do you want to talk about?
 - a Which speaker joined the words together?
 - **b** Which speaker is easier to understand?
 - **B** SPEAK Work in pairs. Read the information in the box. Then practise saying the questions. First, try to say them by joining the words together. Then try to say them as clearly as possible.
 - What do you think?Where did you go?
 - Why did you say that?

• Do you want to talk about it?

Pronouncing questions

Many English speakers join words together when they speak quickly. In questions with do/did + you, it can be difficult to hear whether the speaker is saying do or did.

- What do you want to do? /wpdga wpna dui/
- How did you travel? /haʊʤə trævəl/
- C SPEAK Work in pairs. Listen to two people asking the questions in Exercise B. Which version is better for you to use, the first or the second speaker? Why? Tell your partner.

SPEAKING

- A Work in pairs. You are going to interview another student about their experiences of using English and communicating with English speakers. Write five questions. Use the prompts to help you. You can also use your own ideas.
 - often communicate / English speakers?
 - using English in the classroom / in real life?
 - for work / while travelling?
 - problems: speaking/understanding?
 - Standard/non-standard English?
 - advice for others?
- **B** Work in new pairs. Use your questions to interview your partner. Listen carefully and ask follow-up questions.

Follow-up questions

Really? Why?

What happened? What went wrong?

Can you give me an example?

C Work in groups and discuss the questions.

- 1 What was the most interesting thing you learnt from your interview?
- 2 What advice can you give to other people about using English in real life?

At the back of the Student's Book there are extra speaking activities in the form of information gap tasks.

Each unit has two sets of listening and reading texts. 1.2 B READ FOR GIST Read Use it or lose it? quickly and READING answer the questions. A SPEAK Work in pairs and discuss the questions. 1 Is the writer generally positive or negative about learning 1 Look at the title of the magazine article. What do you languages? think it means? 2 What's the connection between the pictures, the word 2 Think of some examples where you can lose something cloud and language learning? if you stop using it. Have you ever lost a skill or an ability because you didn't use it? e it or lose it

What's the worst thing about learning a language? Is it the hundreds of hours you need to spend studying and practising? No, although that's bad enough. In fact, the worst thing is how easy it is to forget everything!



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COMMUNICATION

2 How do I know? From bitter experience! Many years ago, I lived in Spain for a year and studied Spanish for hours every day. By the end of that year, I spoke Spanish fluently (but not very accurately). But now, 20 years later, it's all gone. My only evidence that I ever spoke Spanish is an old certificate.

So is there any hope for me and my Spanish? Recent research suggests that there is. Imagine your brain is like a big library. As you keep adding new information to that library, the old information doesn't disappear; it just gets harder to find.

How does this work in practice? When I see a dog, my English-speaking brain thinks of the word *dog*. But when I lived in Spain, my brain had two words to choose from, *dog* and *perro* (and yes, that's *dog* in Spanish!). My brain learnt to block the wrong word: it blocked *dog* when I was speaking Spanish and *perro* when I was speaking English. Over time, my brain got very good at blocking words.

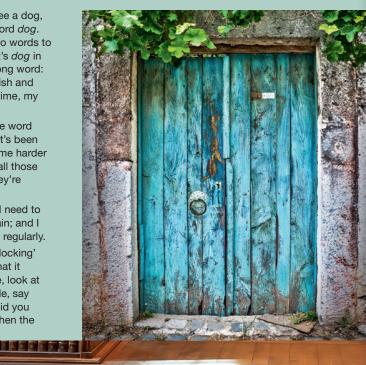
5 And what happened when I left Spain? The word perro stayed blocked. And, like a door that's been closed for years is harder to open, it became harder to unblock the word! Now, 20 years later, all those Spanish words are still in my brain. But they're blocked behind heavy old doors.

How can I open those doors? Two things: I need to make an effort to push the doors open again; and I need to keep the doors open by practising regularly.

Is there anything good to say about this 'blocking' process? In fact, there's lots of evidence that it makes your brain work better. For example, look at the words in the box. As quickly as possible, say what colour they're written in. Try it now. Did you notice how hard it was to say the colour when the

word itself was a colour? That's because 'bad information' (the word on the page) blocked the 'good information' (the colour of the word).

- What's the connection with language learning? It turns out that bilingual people are much better at activities like this than monolingual people, because their brains are trained to block 'bad information' quickly and accurately. And in the modern world, where we have to deal with too much information all the time, the ability to block 'bad information' is the key to success.
- What's the best thing about learning a language? Is it the ability to communicate with different people around the world? No, although that's amazing enough. In fact, the best thing is that it makes our brains more powerful.



Lessons include clearly presented new reading and listening skills.

C SCAN Read again. How many rhetorical questions are there? Use the information in the box to help you.

Rhetorical questions 🌔

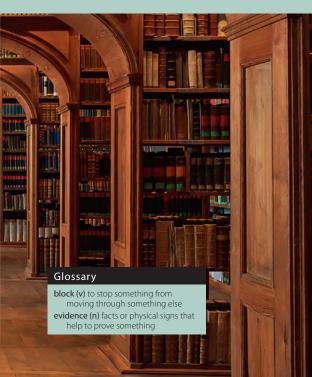
A rhetorical question is a question that you ask when you don't expect other people to answer it. You often answer the question yourself. It's a useful way of presenting information because it makes the reader or listener think about the answer. When you read a rhetorical question at the beginning of a paragraph, always pause to predict the answer first. Then read

the rest of the paragraph to check.

- **D** Work in pairs. Look at the rhetorical questions at the start of each paragraph. Discuss the answer. Then read the paragraph again to check.
- **E SPEAK** Work in pairs and discuss the questions.

What does the writer mean by 'we have to deal with too much information all the time'? Can you think of any examples from your own life?

block yellow dog brain red black blue door white green library



VOCABULARY Languages

A WORK IT OUT Look at the sentences from the interview between Mona and Juan and from *Use it or lose it?* Then use the correct form of the underlined words to complete the definitions (1–5).

They used really strange words and $\underline{phrases}$ – lots of \underline{idioms} that I've never heard before.

Plus, the people had very strong <u>accents</u>, so I couldn't understand very much at all!

By the end of that year, I spoke Spanish <u>fluently</u> (but not very <u>accurately</u>).

It turns out that <u>bilingual</u> people are much better at activities like this than <u>monolingual</u> people.

- 1 If you're _____, you only speak one language; if you're _____, you speak two languages.
- 2 A(n) ______ is a group of two or more words that go together as a unit (e.g. heavy old doors).
- 3 Your ______ is the way you pronounce words. It sometimes shows which part of a country you are from.
- 4 A(n) ______ has its own meaning (e.g. 'Use it or lose it'). It's often hard to work out the meaning just by looking at the words.
- 5 If you speak _____, you don't pause to think in the middle of sentences. If you speak _____, you don't make mistakes.
- B Go to the Vocabulary Hub on page 142.

SPEAKING HUB _

- A Work in groups. You are going to give a short presentation about learning and using languages. Choose a topic from the list or use your own ideas. You can talk about English, your own language or both.
 - accents
 - standard and non-standard varieties
 - advice on fluency and accuracy
 - advice on how to practise
 - how the language is changing
 - why it's good to be bilingual
- **B PLAN** Write three or four rhetorical questions about your topic. Then plan how you can answer those questions in a presentation. Make notes but do not write the answers down.
- C PRESENT Give your presentation to the class. While you are listening to the other presentations, listen carefully and be ready to ask questions.

D REFLECT Work in groups and discuss the questions.

- 1 What did you learn from the presentations? What surprised you?
- 2 Will you use rhetorical questions again in your presentations or writing?

O- Plan and conduct an interview O- Use rhetorical questions in a presentation

COMMUNICATION 9

Café Hub 1.3 Welcome back

(F)- ask for, offer and respond to help (P)- intonation and stress



The Functional Language sections allow students to create an expanding bank of phrases to be used in real-life situations.

COMPREHENSION

A **•** Watch the video. Complete the sentences with the names in the box.

Gaby	Milly	Neena	Sam	Zac
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- ____ owns a café. 1
- runs a vintage clothes shop. 2 ____
- _____ is Sam's best friend. 3
- 4 _____ lives with Gaby and Zac.
- 5 _____ is meeting Milly's mum tomorrow.
- _____ agrees to lend Zac some clothes. 6
- ____ falls over and hurts her arm. 7

B Work in pairs and discuss the questions.

- 1 Why is Gaby taking pictures?
- 2 Why does Sam say 'Oh no Zac, I'm so sorry ...'?
- 3 Why does Zac need to borrow some clothes?
- 4 Why is Sam surprised when Zac asks for pants?
- 5 Why is Gaby worried about tomorrow?
- **C** Imagine you wanted to borrow the items in the box. Who would you ask and why? Tell your partner.

€10 €500 a belt a book a ladder a scarf a suitcase or rucksack some shoes or boots



FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

Asking for, offering and responding to help

A Complete the phrases with the correct form of *give*, *help* or need.

Asking for help

Could you ¹_____ me out?

Would you mind ²_____ me a hand?

Do you think you could ³_____ me out? | 4 _ a favour. Can you lend me some clothes?

Please?

Offering to help I can ⁵_____ you a hand with that. I'd be happy to ⁶_____ you with that. Can I⁷_____ you with that? Shall I bring some stuff round to the flat later? Do you ⁸_____a hand? Do you need any ⁹____?

Responding to help

- Thank you so much, that would be great. That would be awesome. If you wouldn't mind. l can manage. I'm OK. It's OK – I can do it myself. Listen, let me ¹⁰_____ you.
- B **D** 01:01-03:40 Watch the last part of the video. Mark the eight phrases you hear in the order in which you hear them.

MMUNICATION 10



Ask for, offer and respond to help
 Turn to page 156 to learn how to write a report about trends.

COMMUNICATION 1

Language Hub

The final page in each unit provides a review of the language learned.

Unit 1 Review

GRAMMAR

A Complete the social media update with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.



B Read part of a report about social media trends. Then write questions about the underlined information in the report. Use the prompts to help you.

> These days, more and more people ¹are choosing to stop using social media completely. I asked ²twelve people about the way they use social media. ³Three people said they never use social media, and ⁴two are using it less and less. One student, Franek, believes social media is dangerous ⁵because it makes us feel jealous of other people's 'perfect' lives. Another student, ⁶Lin, thinks social media is useful for his work, but he never uses it with his real friends. He says his friends can speak to him face-to-face to find out his news!

- 1 What / more and more people / do / these days? What are more and more people doing these days?
- 2 How many people / the writer / ask / about the way they use social media?
- 3 How many people / say / they never use social media?
- 4 How many people / use / social media less and less?
- 5 Why / Franek / believe / social media is dangerous?
- 6 Who / think / social media is useful for work?

VOCABULARY

A Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

hear listen look see sound watch

- **1** A: 'I think we should go soon.'
 - B: 'Yes, that ____ __ like a good idea.'
- 2 I prefer normal phone calls to video calls it's better when the other person can _____ _____ you, but aney can't _____you!
 Excuse me. I ______for means the second se
- ___ for my dog. I can't find him anywhere. Have you seen him?
- 4 I usually _____ to podcasts while I'm travelling to work.
- 5 Can I call you back later? I ____ a TV programme and I don't want to miss the end.
- **B** Choose the correct words to complete the conversation.
 - A: Ah, this is nice, just sitting outside a café and relaxing. I think it's really interesting to ¹observe / recognise / stare all the people in the street.
 - B: Yes, but be careful. It looks like you're ²noticing / spotting / staring at other people a bit too much. It's quite rude.
 - A: Don't worry! They're too busy to ³notice / observe / recognise me! They're all looking at their phones, anyway!

C Read about five English-speaking friends. Then answer the questions.

Angela only speaks English and no other languages. You can hear that Brian is from New Zealand because of the way he pronounces ed.

When Eryk is speaking English, he doesn't make many mistakes

Francesca speaks English as well as Italian.

George loves using phrases like 'use it or lose it' and 'plan B'.

- 1 Who speaks accurately?
- 2 Who's monolingual?
- 3 Who likes idioms?
- 4 Who's bilingual?
- 5 Who has a strong accent?

FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

Complete the dialogues with the words in the box.

busy could favour hand help mind want

- 1 A: Hey, Gary, I need a ____ . Have you got a few minutes?
- B: Sorry, Paul, I'm really _____ ____ right now.
- 2 A: Do you think you _____ help me write this?
 - B: Sure, I can give you a ______ with that.
- 3 A: Do you _____ me to have a look at that? B: If you wouldn't ____
- 4 A: Hi, Sam. If you aren't busy, I could use your __ with my application letter.
 - B: Sure.

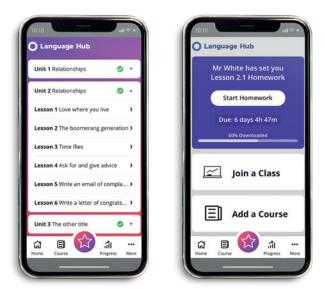
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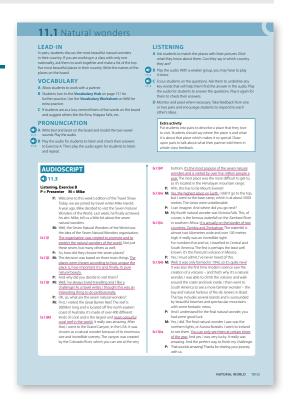
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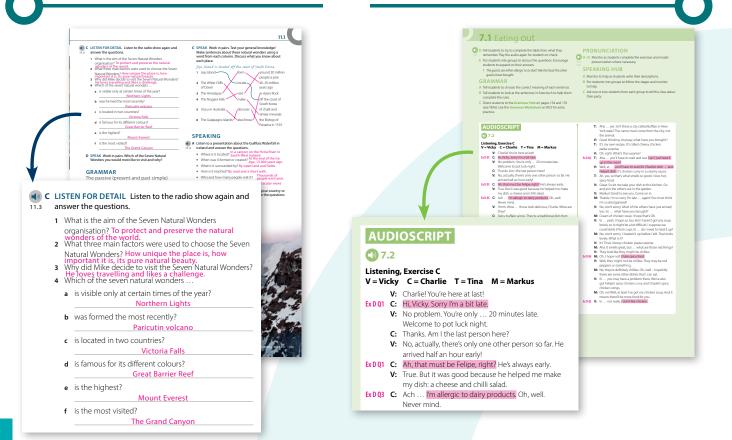
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5.1 There's no place like home

SPEAKING

B Use the prompts to write questions and short an

washer in the kitchen? (?)

here a TV in the bedroom? (?) No, there isn't.

in the garden? (?) No. there isn't.

in the fridge? (?) No, there aren't.

Are there any plates in 2 dishwasher / in the kitche

Is there a dish

GRAMMAR

GRAMMAR HUB

There's a

5.1 there is/are A Complete the sentences with is or are.

is /'s a mirror in

here <u>are //re</u> some eggs : the fridge.

are /'re_____some

5.1 the

TB43 PLACES

TEACHING IDEA by David Seymour and Maria Popova

Vocabulary: Animal extremes

Write the following superlatives on the board:

the biggest, the most beautiful, the most dangerous, the fastest, the slowest, the most unusual, the cuddliest, the ugliest, the smelliest, the friendliest

Arrange students in pairs and ask them to agree on an animal to fit each of the descriptions. When students have finished, ask them to compare their ideas with another pair and see how many answers they agree on.

turns describing an animal to their parts guess what animal they are describing VOCABULARY

LEAD-IN

A Arrange students in pairs. Tell them they have one minute list all the animals they know. When the time is up, ask the

11.2 Animal images

other pairs to add any other animals which were Direct students to the Vocabulary Hub on page

GRAMMAR HUB 11.1 The passive (present and past simple) A General the mightes in each sentence. 1 The volcand past he middle of a jungle. 2 The offs wave form 200 million years ago.

- The mountain a make of a strong type of rock.
 The village descrit known for its at.
 The new park warnt open by anyone famous.
 She stracted to Africa because of the wildlife.
- TEACHING IDEA by the strength of the strength
- antisocial moody Think of another adjective to describe each animal and explain why you chose it.

TEACHING IDEA between report Vocabulary: Animal extremes Wether he fature guarantians on the band dragsaction of the most learning of the band dragsaction of the description, when subjects the smelles the scale of the description, when subjects the smelles them to compare when its works have been paid used to band them to compare when its works have been paid and see how

cussion, ask students to create a other students to take up their hobby.

Toby It (2) was created

Toby: I know! Also, it (4) is owner

groups, students tell their group about one of their Afree students time to comove their ideas before

Tobys It's (6) not

TEACHING IDEA by David Segmour

Speaking: My hobby Write on the board

NATURAL WORLD

The Teacher's Book includes useful **step by-step** instructions.

- SPEAKING

- A Show images of different holiday homes around the world. Ask students to guess which your favourite is. Then ask students to imagine where their perfect holiday home would be.
- B Give model answers for each question in the planning stage by talking about your imaginary holiday home from Exercise A. Students then work through the steps individually, making notes on their answers.
- C Students prepare an advert for a house swap. Refer students to the example advert on page 42, and highlight the type of layout and language used.
- D Put students into groups. Ask them to read each other's adverts and ask follow-up questions about the house (e.g. *Is it near a city?*). Students then decide who they would like to swap with. For whole-class feedback, ask each group to share their decisions with the rest of the class.

Extra activity

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