


# Welcome

## Lesson 1

Welcome back to

# THE AMAZING EXCHANGE CLUB

Meet your new team for this year. Have fun talking and sharing your ideas on this year's projects!

- 1 Look at the photos in the profiles. What hobbies do they show?
- 2 Read the profiles. Check your ideas in Activity 1. Whose hobby and favourite place are most similar to yours?
- 3  Ask and answer about the Amazing Exchange Club team.

Where's Mason from?

He's from Sydney in Australia.

What's his hobby?

He likes athletics.

What's his favourite place?

The sandy beach and ocean near where he lives.

What does he enjoy most about the Amazing Exchange Club?

Talking to young people in different countries around the world.

## UNIT OBJECTIVES

- Meet the Amazing Exchange Club team
- Review free-time activities, natural and city features and adjectives to describe places
- Review the present perfect, the present passive, the first conditional and the future with *will* and *going to*
- Review the Amazing Exchange Club and how it works

ABOUT

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Name: Mason

Age: 11 Birthday: 24 June

Nationality: Australian

Hometown: Sydney, Australia

I love doing athletics in my free time. My favourite place is the sandy beach and ocean near where I live. I like talking to young people in different countries around the world in the Amazing Exchange Club.



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Name: Elena

Age: 12 Birthday: 12 October

Nationality: Spanish

Hometown: Madrid, Spain

I love dance and pop music. My favourite place is the southern coast of Spain.

The thing I enjoy most about the Amazing Exchange Club is learning about different cultures.



ABOUT PHOTOS MESSAGE X



**Name:** Bruno  
**Age:** 12 **Birthday:** 30 August  
**Nationality:** Brazilian  
**Hometown:** São Paulo, Brazil  
 My favourite hobby is yoga. I really love going to quiet places with lots of green space. The best thing about the Amazing Exchange Club is using video calls and messages to communicate with other young people.

ABOUT PHOTOS MESSAGE X




**Name:** Ling  
**Age:** 11 **Birthday:** 28 February  
**Nationality:** Chinese  
**Hometown:** Beijing, China  
 My favourite hobby is photography. I love going to the volcano and grasslands near my grandparents' house. I like sharing our monthly projects with other young people around the world in the Amazing Exchange Club.

1  Listen and choose the correct options.

- Mason has run in lots of races and wants to try **gymnastics** / **martial arts**.
- Elena started salsa dance classes **five years ago** / **when she was five**.
- Bruno does yoga with his friends and **has trained as** / **would like to be** a yoga teacher.
- Ling **has** / **hasn't** taken photos of the desert and coral reef in Australia.



2  Ask and answer about activities you have done and activities you would like to do.



I've played the piano for three years. I love music and I'd like to see more musicals.

I've done gymnastics since I was nine. I'd like to try martial arts.





- 1  Read the Amazing Exchange Club blog. Which monthly project did Ling and Bruno enjoy most last year? Why?

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We asked two members of the Amazing Exchange Club to tell us about their favourite monthly project



## LING FROM CHINA, AGE 11

My favourite project was 'Make and do' because I found out about some cool ways that products are made. One of my teammates shared a class

project with us all about materials we can use that are good for the environment. For example, clothes made of bamboo are better for the environment than cotton, because bamboo uses less water than cotton. Also, I didn't believe it at first, but nowadays some bags and shoes are made of mushrooms! It's called mushroom leather. It was so interesting I read more about it, then my teammates and I made a video. We each showed it to our class at school. It was really fun!



## BRUNO FROM BRAZIL, AGE 12

I loved 'Protect the planet'. I think we should all learn about what we can do to help our planet. If we don't change the way we live, climate change will continue and

the global crisis will become worse.

My teammates and I were all especially worried about deforestation and seeing animal habitats destroyed. On our video calls we shared a lot of ideas about what we can do to help. One of my teammates visited a wildflower garden. She learned all about how to help wildflowers grow. She shared the information with us and I've made a wildflower area in my garden. There are lots of bees there now. I like watching them going from flower to flower collecting pollen.



Why don't you tell us about your favourite monthly project from last year? Here they are:

- Let's get outside
- Medieval history
- Try something new
- Have an adventure
- How we live
- Protect the planet
- Make and do
- Your business brain
- Try new food

What did you learn? What did you do? Did something inspire you?

 Email us your thoughts [here](#). We'll post some of them in next week's blog.

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- 2 Read again. Answer *True* or *False*. Correct the false sentences.

- 1 Ling learned that cotton is better for the environment than bamboo.
- 2 Ling learned about a new leather made of mushrooms.
- 3 Bruno thinks everyone should learn about how we can protect our planet.
- 4 Bruno grew wildflowers in the garden at school.

- 3  Look at the list of last year's monthly projects in the blog. Think and discuss.

- 1 Which was your favourite monthly project and why?
- 2 What do you think the four club members will learn about this year?

## 1 Listen and read. Where is the Amazing Exchange Club's trip going to be?

**M:** Hi, Elena, nice to see you again!

**E:** Hi, Mason, nice to see you too! I'm excited about making new friends this year!

**M:** Yes, me too.

**E:** And it'll be great to see what new projects we have.

**M:** Yes! The first project we're going to do is called 'Explore'. It's about travelling and exploring different places.

**E:** Oh, I love travelling! In the summer, I'm going to visit my cousins in Barcelona and I'll go to the beach when I'm there too. My city is quite crowded and noisy, and it isn't near the coast, so I love going to Barcelona. Do you have any plans for your next holidays?

**M:** Yes. I live in Sydney. It's on the coast and it has amazing beaches. It's really nice in the summer especially, because there are lots of cycle paths and areas for pedestrians. So I think I'll be here for most of the summer, but we might visit a canyon near Sydney and go camping there too.

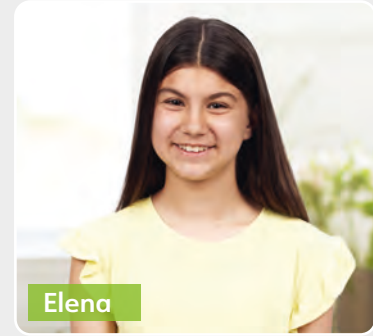
**E:** Australia sounds great! We're going to have an exchange trip to Sydney at the end of the year, aren't we?

**M:** Yes, that's right. So, we'll be able to meet in person!

**E:** Yes, it'll be great to meet everyone!



Mason



Elena

## 2 Answer the questions with E (Elena) or M (Mason). Who ...

- 1 is excited to find out about what projects they'll have this year?
- 2 knows the topic for the first project they're going to do?
- 3 is going to visit family in the summer?
- 4 will stay in his or her hometown during most of the summer?
- 5 is going to travel to Australia?

## 3 Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

- 1 Is your hometown more like Mason's or Elena's? In what ways?
- 2 What are you going to do for your next holidays? If you don't have any plans yet, what do you think you'll probably do?



- 3 Which team member from Lessons 1 and 2 would you like to visit most? Why?