

LANGUAGE HUB UPPER-INTERMEDIATE (B2) - syllabus 90 hours

UNIT & HOURS	LESSONS	TOPICS & VOCABULARY	GRAMMAR	LISTENING & PRONUNCIATION	READING & WRITING	SPEAKING & FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE
Unit 1 CONNECTIONS (9x45min)	Lessons 1-3 – 1.1 Personality SB pg. 1-5, 122, 142,	✓ feelings	 ✓ question forms 	 ✓ intonations in yes/no and wh-questions ✓ listening for main ideas ✓ listening for detail 	 ✓ skimming for main ideas ✓ reading for detail 	 ✓ planning and preparing to speak ✓ talking about feelings and reactions ✓ presenting a meet- up group
	Lessons 4-6 – 1.2 Who we are SB pg. 6-9, 122, 143, 149, 152	 ✓ personality adjectives ✓ noun suffixes 	✓ tenses review	 ✓ connected speech: final consonant and initial vowel ✓ listening for main ideas ✓ listening for detail 	 ✓ reading for gist ✓ scanning ✓ reading for detail 	 ✓ planning and preparing to speak ✓ comparing, contrasting and summarising short biographies ✓ talking about people that have influenced you
	Lesson 7 – 1.3 Cafe Hub & video Keeping it in the family SB pg. 10-11	✓ idioms: family		 ✓ stress and intonation 		 ✓ planning and preparing to speak ✓ developing and introducing new topics ✓ giving your opinion on the role of inherited ability in success
	Lesson 8 - Review 1 SB pg. 12	✓ review	✓ review			Success



	OPTIONAL – WRITING a formal letter asking for information SB pg. 154 Lesson 9 – Test 1 (TRC)				 ✓ structuring formal letters ✓ planning and preparing to write ✓ editing 	
Unit 2 LIFESTYLES (9x45min)	Lessons 10-12 – 2.1 A full life SB pg. 13-17, 124, 143	✓ health and fitness	Simple vs. Present Perfect Continuous	 ✓ connected speech: Present Perfect Continuous ✓ predicting ✓ listening for gist ✓ listening for main ideas ✓ listening for reasons 	 ✓ predicting ✓ scanning ✓ reading for detail 	 ✓ planning and preparing to speak ✓ talking about health and lifestyle choices ✓ planning and conducting a lifestyle survey
	Lessons 13-15 – 2.2 Change SB pg. 18-21, 124,	 ✓ adverbs of stance ✓ adverb + adjective collocations 	get used to, be	 ✓ catenation: used to ✓ listening for gist ✓ listening for detail 	 ✓ scanning ✓ reading for gist ✓ identifying assumptions 	 ✓ planning and preparing to speak ✓ conducting an interview about lifestyle changes ✓ debating the impact of smartphones
	Lesson 16 – 2.3 Cafe Hub & video Clean eating SB pg. 22-23			 stress and intonation in questions 		 ✓ adding emphasis ✓ backchannelling and lexical repetition ✓ giving your opinion on food choices
	Lesson 17 – Review 2 SB pg. 24	✓ review	✓ review			



	OPTIONAL – WRITING an article giving advice SB pg. 155 Lesson 18 – Test 2 (TRC)		 ✓ structures to give advice 		✓ planning and preparing to write✓ editing	
Unit 3 SURVIVAL (9x45min)	Lessons 19-21– 3.1 Staying alive SB pg. 25-29, 126, 144, 150	 ✓ descriptive verbs 	✓ narrative tenses	 ✓ dramatic storytelling techniques ✓ listening for gist ✓ listening for detail 	 ✓ reading for gist ✓ following the sequence of a narrative 	 ✓ planning and preparing to speak ✓ creating a collaborative story ✓ telling a personal anecdote
	Lessons 22-24 – 3.2 Fear and danger SB pg. 30-33, 126,	 ✓ phrasal verbs to describe problem ✓ dependent prepositions: adjectives 	 ✓ alternatives to <i>if</i> in conditionals 	 ✓ intonation in conditional sentences ✓ listening for gist ✓ listening for definitions, examples and explanations 	 ✓ reading for gist ✓ reading for detail 	 ✓ planning and preparing to speak ✓ discussing priorities in a survival situation ✓ talking about fears ✓ offering advice
	Lesson 25 – 3.3 Cafe Hub & video Don't look down SB pg. 34-35	✓ shortened idioms✓ backtracking				 ✓ backtracking ✓ summarising ✓ describing a journey
	Lesson 26 - Review 3 SB pg. 36	✓ review	✓ review			
	OPTIONAL – WRITING A short story SB pg. 156				 ✓ using adverbs to add detail to a story ✓ reading for detail 	



	Lesson 27 – Test 3 (TRC)				 ✓ scanning ✓ planning and preparing to write ✓ editing 	
Unit 4 THE FUTURE (9x45min)	Lessons 28-30 – 4.1 My future SB pg. 37-41, 128	 ✓ collocations: noun + preposition ✓ nouns and verbs with the same spelling 	✓ future forms	 ✓ nouns and verbs with the same spelling ✓ listening for gist ✓ listening for detail ✓ listening for key information ✓ identifying assumptions 	 ✓ scanning ✓ identifying evidence 	 planning and preparing to speak talking about future plans and goals making predictions about the future of work
	Lessons 31-33 – 4.2 What will life be like? SB pg. 42-45, 128, 145	✓ intensifiers	 ✓ Future Perfect Simple ✓ Future Continuous ✓ Future Perfect Continuous 	 ✓ intonation with intensifiers ✓ listening for gist ✓ identifying agreement and disagreement 	 ✓ predicting ✓ reading for gist ✓ identifying opinion 	 ✓ planning and preparing to speak ✓ evaluating future predictions ✓ debating a range of transport proposals
	Lesson 34 – 4.3 Cafe Hub & video The robot revolution SB pg. 46-47	✓ right		 ✓ listening for main idea ✓ summarising 		 ✓ asking for clarification ✓ giving your opinion on automation in the workplace
	Lesson 35 – Review 4 SB pg. 48	✓ review	✓ review			



	OPTIONAL – WRITING a for and against blog post SB pg. 157 Lesson 36 – Test 4 (TRC)				 ✓ structuring a for and against blog post ✓ predicting ✓ scanning ✓ planning and preparing to write ✓ editing 	
Unit 5 CHANGE (9x45min)	Lessons 37-39 – 5.1 Changing environment SB pg. 49-53, 130, 151	✓ green vocabulary	 ✓ Passive Voice ✓ causative have and get 	 ✓ glottal stops ✓ listening for key words ✓ listening for detail 	 ✓ scanning ✓ identifying cause and effect 	 ✓ planning and preparing to speak ✓ summarising a sequence of past evets ✓ evaluating a range of proposals
	Lessons 40-42 – 5.2 Changing places SB pg. 54-57, 130, 145, 147	 ✓ describing areas of a city ✓ prefixes 	 ✓ -ing and infinitive forms 	 ✓ words that lose a syllable ✓ listening for main idea ✓ listening for rhetorical questions ✓ inferring meaning 	 ✓ predicting ✓ scanning ✓ reading for organisation 	 ✓ planning and preparing to speak ✓ rhetorical questions ✓ talking about changes in your town or city ✓ evaluating candidates ✓ putting together a team
	Lesson 43 – 5.3 Cafe Hub & video Getting into the habit SB pg. 58-59	 ✓ conditional counterarguments 		 ✓ conditional counterarguments ✓ summarising ✓ listening for detail 		 ✓ planning and preparing to speak ✓ taking the floor



	Lesson 44 – Review 5 SB pg. 60 OPTIONAL – WRITING a problem solution article SB pg. 158 Lesson 45 – Test 5 (TRC)	 ✓ 	review describing problems and solutions	~	review			* * *	scanning planning and preparing to write describing problems and solutions editing	V	discussing ways to help environment
Unit 6 COMING OF AGE (9x45min)	Lessons 46-48 – 6.1 The right method? SB pg. 61-65, 132, 145	~	education	✓	obligation, permission, prohibition pronoun referencing	✓ ✓ ✓	intonation to show interest listening for gist listening for detail	✓ ✓ ✓	predicting scanning identifying pronoun referencing	✓ ✓ ✓	planning and preparing to speak discussing rules in education talking about changes to education in your country
	Lessons 49-51 – 6.2 Traditions of youth SB pg. 66-69, 132, 151, 152, 171	× ×	compound adjectives phrases with <i>make</i> and <i>do</i>	~	articles	$ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\$	intrusive /ʃ/ sounds predicting listening for gist listening for detail decoding: idioms	✓ ✓	scanning reading for detail	* * *	planning and preparing to speak discussing age milestones in your country debating the best time to start university
	Lesson 52 – 6.3 Cafe Hub & video	~	emphatic structures	~	emphatic structures	~	using the right register			~	planning and preparing to speak



	A new perspective SB pg. 70-71 Lesson 53 – Review 6 SB pg. 72 OPTIONAL – WRITING A report SB pg. 159 Lesson 54 – Test 6 (TRC)	 ✓ review ✓ describing data 	✓ review	✓ listening for detail	 ✓ reading for organisation ✓ planning and preparing to write ✓ describing data ✓ editing 	 ✓ using the right register ✓ giving your opinion on an aspect of education
Unit 7 COMMUNITY (9x45min)	Lessons 55-57 – 7.1 Open spaces SB pg. 73-77, 134,	 ✓ verbs to describe change 	 ✓ first conditional with different future forms ✓ unreal conditionals 	 ✓ connected speech in conditionals ✓ listening for main idea ✓ listening for detail 	 ✓ scanning ✓ identifying speculation 	 ✓ planning and preparing to speak ✓ discussing community development projects ✓ discussing responses to hypothetical situations
	Lessons 58-60 – 7.2 Make a change SB pg. 78-81, 134, 146	 ✓ three-part phrasal verbs ✓ compound nouns 	 ✓ wish ✓ if only 	 ✓ two-stress phrasal verbs ✓ listening for organisation ✓ listening for detail 	 ✓ scanning ✓ inferring meaning 	 ✓ planning and preparing to speak ✓ talking about wishes and regrets



	Lesson 61 – 7.3 Cafe Hub & video A shared vision SB pg. 82-83	✓ you know		 ✓ listening for detail ✓ listening for specific information 		 ✓ designing and presenting the community project ✓ planning and preparing to speak ✓ talking on the telephone ✓ giving your opinion on a social initiative
	Lesson 62 – Review 7 SB pg. 84	✓ review	✓ review			
	OPTIONAL – WRITING a formal letter of complaint SB pg. 160 Lesson 63 – Test 7 (TRC)	✓ hedging			 ✓ scanning ✓ planning and preparing to write ✓ hedging ✓ editing 	
Unit 8 MYSTERY (9x45min)	Lessons 64-66 – 8.1 Myths and legends SB pg. 85-89, 136, 147, 149, 151, 152	✓ word families	✓ past modals of deduction	 ✓ thought groups ✓ listening for gist ✓ listening for detail 	 ✓ scanning ✓ reading for detail ✓ decoding: similes and metaphors 	 ✓ planning and preparing to speak ✓ speculating about past evets ✓ summarising a cultural story
	Lessons 67-69 – 8.2 Who did it? SB pg. 90-93, 97, 109, 136, 146, 148, 150, 153	 ✓ easily confused verbs ✓ crime 	 ✓ order of adjectives 	 ✓ adding information ✓ listening for organisation ✓ listening for conclusions 	 ✓ predicting ✓ skimming ✓ reading for main idea ✓ inferring meaning 	 ✓ planning and preparing to speak ✓ performing a short scene



	Lesson 70 – 8.3 Cafe Hub & video Fact or fiction? SB pg. 94-95	✓ understatement		 ✓ following an argument ✓ understatement ✓ listening for detail 		 ✓ speculating about the causes and consequences of a crime ✓ planning and preparing to speak ✓ discussing how to test an idea
	Lesson 71 – Review 8 SB pg. 96 OPTIONAL – WRITING an essay SB pg. 161	✓ review	✓ review		 ✓ summarizing ✓ planning and preparing to write ✓ writing conclusions 	
Unit 9	Lesson 72 – Test 8 (TRC) Lessons 73-75 – 9.1	✓ dependent	✓ relative clauses	✓ pitch on non-	 ✓ editing ✓ reading for main 	 ✓ fronting for
BUSINESS (9x45min)	Customers SB pg. 97-101, 138, 149, 150, 153	prepositions: verbs		 defining relative clauses ✓ listening for gist ✓ listening for fronting 	idea ✓ reading for detail	 emphasis planning and preparing to speak talking about the risks and benefits of apps making an effective complaint about a product or service
	Lessons 76-78 – 9.2 Products SB pg. 102-105, 138, 153	✓ science✓ advertising	✓ determiners✓ quantifiers	 ✓ connected speech: determiners and quantifiers 	 ✓ reading for gist ✓ topic sentences ✓ reading for detail 	 ✓ planning and preparing to speak



				 ✓ listening for main idea ✓ listening for detail 		 ✓ conducting a survey about what influences our purchases ✓ presenting an advertising campaign
	Lesson 79 – 9.3 Cafe Hub & video Raising capital SB pg. 106-107 Lesson 80 – Review 9 SB pg. 108 OPTIONAL – WRITING a proposal SB pg. 162	 ✓ illustrating your argument ✓ review ✓ discourse markers 	✓ review	 ✓ listening for detail ✓ illustrating your argument 	 ✓ reading for main ideas ✓ planning and preparing to write 	 planning and preparing to speak reformulating and paraphrasing discussing investment opportunities
	Lesson 81 – Test 9 (TRC)				 ✓ using discourse markers in formal writing ✓ editing 	
Unit 10 MEDIA (9x45min)	Lessons 82-84 – 10.1 Reporting the news SB pg. 109-113, 140	✓ traditional media	✓ Reported Speech	 ✓ avoiding interruption ✓ predicting ✓ listening for gist ✓ listening for detail ✓ listening for repair and elaboration 	 ✓ reading for main idea ✓ reading for detail 	 planning and preparing to speak giving opinions on recent news stories intervening appropriately in a discussion



Lessons 85-87 – 10.2 Digital media SB pg. 114-117, 140, 146	 ✓ social media ✓ collocations: adjectives + nouns 	✓ reporting verbs	 ✓ using intonation to attract and keep interest ✓ listening for organisation ✓ listening for detail 	 ✓ predicting ✓ skimming ✓ substitution 	 ✓ planning and preparing to speak ✓ reporting a conversation ✓ planning a viral marketing sport
Lesson 88 – 10.3 Cafe Hub & video Watch on demand SB pg. 118-119	✓ from to		 ✓ summarising ✓ listening for key information ✓ circumlocution 		 ✓ planning and preparing to speak ✓ circumlocution ✓ giving your opinions on streaming
Lesson 89 – Review 10 SB pg. 120	✓ review	✓ review			services
OPTIONAL – WRITING a persuasive essay SB pg. Lesson 90 – Test 10	✓ concession			 ✓ scanning ✓ identifying concession ✓ planning and preparing to write ✓ editing 	
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