



Starter Unit

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Objectives

- revise greetings, the alphabet, numbers 1–20, time.

Greetings

- Say *hello* to the students and then ask students to say *hello* to each other.
 - Elicit other phrases that we use when meeting and greeting people and write them on the board, e.g. *Good morning*, *How are you?*
 - Students can work in pairs to complete gapped conversation.

-  **1.01** Play the recording for students to check their answers.
 - Put students in pairs so they can practise reading the conversation.



Answers

- 1 Hi! 2 What's your name? 3 I'm
4 Nice to meet you,

Optional activity

- Students can write a short conversation based on the one in Exercise 1, using their own names.

The alphabet

-  **1.02** Say *A, B, C, D* and then ask: *What is this?* Elicit *the alphabet* and write the phrase on the board.
 - Tell students they are going to listen to the alphabet in English. If any students are confident enough to say it before you play the recording, ask them to do so.
 - Play the recording for students to repeat the alphabet.
-  Ask two students to read out the example and then spell your name out for the class.
 - Put students in small groups to ask and answer the question.
 - To **extend** this exercise, you could then ask students to work in pairs and test each other on the spelling of some basic words in English, e.g. *cat*, *name*.

Numbers


- Before students do the exercise, revise numbers 1–20 and check students' understanding of the following vocabulary: *plus (+)*, *minus (-)*, *divided by (÷)* and *multiplied by (×)*.
 - Students can then work in pairs to do the calculations and write the numbers as words.

Fast finishers

Students can write four calculations like the ones in Exercise 5. Collect these and then put them on the board for further practice after students have checked their answers to Exercise 5.

Language note


Pay particular attention to the pronunciation of the *-teen* numbers to ensure that students are putting the stress on the second syllable.

-  **1.03** Play the recording for students to check their answers to Exercise 5.

Answers


b four plus six equals ten **c** eight minus five equals three
d seven minus three equals four **e** nine times two equals eighteen **f** ten divided by five equals two

- Students work alone to order the results of their calculations in Exercise 5.

-  **1.04** Play the recording for students to check their answers to Exercise 7.

Answers

two/2 three/3 four/4 nine/9 ten/10 eighteen/18

-  Read out the question and ask students to repeat it after you.
 - Put students in pairs to ask and answer the question.
 - Ask two or three students to report back to the class on what their partner said, e.g. *Mario is 12 years old*.

Time

- Draw a clock on the board, point to it, and ask: *What time is it?*
 - Refer students to the clocks in Exercise 10. Do the first one as an example and then ask students to work in small groups to complete the exercise.
 - Check answers, then remind students of the difference in meaning between *clock* and *watch*.

Answers

a 2 **b** 4 **c** 5 **d** 7 **e** 1 **f** 3 **g** 6

Your turn

- Read out the four questions and check that students understand them. You could then ask students to ask you the questions, so that you can introduce them to the preposition *at* which they need to use here, e.g. *My first lesson in the morning is at nine*.
 - Put students in pairs to ask and answer the questions.
 - Ask a few students to report back to the class on what their partner said, e.g. *Lucas's first lesson is at a quarter to nine*.

Optional activity

- Put students into groups of three (A, B and C).
- Student A draws a clock face in their notebook showing a particular time. Student B then asks Student C: *What's the time?*
- Student C says the time he or she can see.
- Students continue like this until every member of the group has had a chance to draw a clock face, ask a question and answer a question at least once.



Set Exercises 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 on page 3 of the **Workbook** for homework.

Objectives

- revise prepositions, classroom objects, *this*, *that*, *these* and *those*.

Prepositions

- Using objects in the classroom, e.g. a book or a pen, elicit the prepositions in the box. Put the object in various places around the room and then ask: *Where is it?* Students say: *it's on the floor, it's in the bag, it's next to the window*, etc.
 - Students work in pairs to do the matching exercise.
 - Check answers.

Answers

2 in front of 3 in 4 on 5 next to 6 behind

Classroom objects

- Read out the words in the box. Ask students to repeat them after you.
 - Check that students understand the words.
 - Ask students to identify the board in the picture and then ask them to work alone to find the remaining objects. (All the words in the box can be found in the picture.)
 - Students can compare answers in pairs before you check answers with the class. Check answers by pointing to the objects and asking: *What is this?* Alternatively, if you have the Presentation Plus software, display the picture and ask different students to come to the board and show and name the objects.

Game

- Play *Could you spell that, please?* using the words in Exercise 2.
- See **Games Bank** on page 28.

- Read out the example question and answer.
 - Students can work alone to complete the exercise. You could give **weaker students** the questions and ask them to write the answers.
 - Check answers.

Suggested answers

- Where's the white rubber? It's next to the ruler.
- Where's the red pencil? It's next to the book.
- Where's the board? It's on the wall.
- Where are the books? They're on the bookshelf.
- Where's the laptop? It's in front of the board.
- Where's the bag? It's behind the desk.

Game

- Play *The Picture Game* using the words in Exercise 2.
- See **Games Bank** on page 28.

Your turn

- Refer students to the example and then ask them to work in pairs to do the activity.
 - To **extend** this exercise, you could ask students to work in pairs to take it in turns to put objects in different places in the classroom and ask where the objects are.

this, that, these and those

- Write *this*, *that*, *these* and *those* on the board.
 - Using objects in the classroom, illustrate the difference between the four words. For example, hold up a pencil and say: *This is my pencil*. Point to a student's pencil and say: *That is Danuta's pencil*. Hold up some books and say: *These are my books*. Point to some books belonging to a student and say: *Those are Gabriel's books*.
 - Complete the first sentence with the class as an example and write the sentence on the board.
 - Model more sentences using *this*, *that*, *these* and *those* by holding up and pointing to objects in the classroom.
 - To **extend** this exercise, you could ask students to work in pairs and take it in turns to point to and describe objects that are both near to and far away from them.
 - Monitor while students do this. Check they are using the words correctly.

Answers

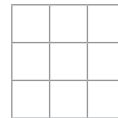
- These are my books. 3 Those are my shoes.
- This is my pencil.

Language note

This and *these* are examples of minimal pairs, i.e. words which differ from one another in only one sound. Point out that the /i:/ in *these* is a longer sound than the /ɪ/.

Optional activity

- Play bingo to test students on the /ɪ/ and /i:/ sounds.
- Ask students to draw a 3x3 square in their notebooks.



- Write the following list of words on the board: *this, these, ship, sheep, it, give, eat, leave, bin, hit, sit, seat, his, cheese*.
- Ask students to choose nine words to write in their square.
- Call out words from the list and make sure you keep a note of which words you call out.
- If students have their words in their square, they tick them off. A student says *Bingo!* if he or she thinks you have called out all nine words that he or she has in their square.



Set Exercises 1, 2 and 5 on page 4 of the **Workbook** for homework.

Objectives

- revise possessive adjectives and possessive pronouns, personal possessions and adjectives, possessive 's.

Possessive adjectives and possessive pronouns

- 1
- Books closed. Pick up objects in the classroom belonging to both you and the students, and describe them in the following way: *This is my pencil. It's mine. This is her bag. It's hers. This is his notebook. It's his.* Write these sentences on the board and highlight the possessive adjectives and possessive pronouns. Elicit or introduce the idea of possession (use L1 if necessary) and point out that we use the highlighted words to talk about possession.
 - Ask students to open their books at page 6.
 - Students can work in pairs to complete the chart.
 - For further information and additional exercises, ask students to turn to page 98 of the **Grammar reference** section.

Answers

subject pronouns	possessive adjectives	possessive pronouns
I	my	mine
<u>you</u>	your	yours
he	his	his
<u>she</u>	her	hers
it	its	—
we	our	<u>ours</u>
you	<u>your</u>	yours
<u>they</u>	their	theirs

Language note

You could ask students to make a note in L1 in their notebooks concerning the use of subject pronouns in English. Although there are occasions when subject pronouns are not used (in informal spoken language, for example, we might say *Don't know*), a subject pronoun is a requirement of a standard sentence in English. We say: *It's my ruler*, rather than *Is my ruler*.

- 2
- Read out the example.
 - Do this exercise with the class as a whole, asking students to identify whether the correct words in each sentence are subject pronouns, possessive adjectives or possessive pronouns.
 - Alternatively, ask students to work in small groups to complete the exercise. Encourage **weaker students** to check their answers against the information in the chart in Exercise 1.
 - Check answers and then ask students to look at sentence 7. Focus on the difference between *you're* and *your*. Explain that native speakers regularly mistake the two forms when they write. Ask students to write four sentences, two with the subject pronoun *you* and two with the possessive adjective *your*.

Answers

- 2 her, It's 3 your, mine 4 They, our 5 his, hers
6 their 7 You're

Personal possessions and adjectives

- 3
- Match one thing in the box with a picture as an example.
 - Students can then work alone to complete the exercise.
 - Allow **weaker students** to check the meanings of the words by using their phones to look for images of the objects online.
 - Check answers by pointing to the pictures in turn and saying: *What's this?*

Answers

- 2 a new skateboard 3 an old mobile 4 a big bike
5 a small bike 6 a nice car

Possessive 's

- 4
- Read out the information in the box about the possessive 's. Point to various objects belonging to the students. Say something about the objects using the possessive 's, e.g. *This is Andres's ruler*.
 - Ask two or three students to volunteer similar sentences of their own.
 - For further information and additional exercises, ask students to turn to page 98 of the **Grammar reference** section.
 - Refer students to the pictures and sentences in Exercise 4. Ask students to describe the objects in the pictures, e.g. *a new bike*.
 - Read out the example and then ask students to work in pairs to write the remaining sentences.

Fast finishers

Students can write five sentences describing things members of their family possess using the possessive 's, e.g. *My brother's new computer is great*.

Answers

- 2 Jake's computer is great! 3 My mum's car is small.
4 My brother's skateboard is old. 5 Kate's new book is big.

Optional activity

- This is a good activity to do with **stronger students**.
- Write some sentences on the board, e.g. *Liam's my best friend. That's Liam's new skateboard*.
- Ask students if all three 's are possessive 's.
- Point out that the third one is the possessive 's, but that the first two are a contracted form of the verb *be*.
- Ask students to work in pairs to write four sentences including both possessive 's and the contracted form of *is*.
- Students swap sentences with another pair for peer checking.



Set Exercises 3 and 4 on page 4 and Exercises 1 and 2 on page 5 of the **Workbook** for homework.

Objectives

- revise *be*: affirmative, negative and questions, days of the week, months and dates.

be: affirmative, negative and questions

- Books closed. Put students into small groups and give them 30 seconds to write down as many present forms (affirmative, negative and question) of *be* as they can.
 - Say *Stop!* when the time is up and then find out how many forms each group came up with.
 - Ask students to open their books on page 7 and work in pairs to complete the chart with the correct forms of *be*.
 - For further information and exercises, ask students to turn to page 98 of the **Grammar reference** section.

Answers

	+	-	
I	am	'm not	12.
He/She/It	is	isn't	
We/You/They	are	aren't	

Am	I		Yes, I am.	No, I'm not.
Is	he/she/it	12?	Yes, he/she/it is.	No, he/she/it isn't.
Are	we/you/they		Yes, we/you/they are.	No, we/you/they aren't.

- Read out the example and then ask students to work alone to complete the remaining sentences.
 - Check answers.

Answers

2 's 3 're 4 're 5 're 6 's 7 're 8 's

Game

- Play *Fill the Blanks* using the affirmative forms of *be*.
- See **Games Bank** on page 28.

- Refer students to the example and then ask them to work in pairs to make the sentences in Exercise 2 negative.
 - Check answers.

Answers

2 She isn't Sara. 3 We aren't friends.
4 You aren't Tim. 5 They aren't Pete and Suzie.
6 He isn't a teacher. 7 You aren't the students in my class.
8 It isn't a dictionary.

- Ask a student to read out the example sentence.
 - Ask students to work alone to complete the questions. Encourage **weaker students** to check their answers against the box on page 98 of the **Grammar reference** section.


Answers

2 Are we in an English class? / Are we in English class?
3 Is it cold today? 4 Is the school big? 5 Are you eleven? 6 Are the teachers children?

Your turn

- Put students in pairs to do this activity.
 - Monitor and check that students are both forming questions and using the short answers correctly.


Days of the week

- Ask: *What are the days of the week?*
 - Invite students to call them out in order and write the words on the board. Do not accept or reject the accuracy of the order.
-  **1.05** Play the recording for students to check their answers to Exercise 6.
 - You could then play the recording again for students to listen and repeat the words.

Answers


Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
Saturday Sunday

Months and dates

- Students can work alone to complete the months.
 - Allow **weaker students** to use dictionaries.
 - Students can compare answers in pairs.
-  **1.06** Play the recording for students to check their answers to Exercise 8.

Answers

January February March April May June July
August September October November December

- Write 1, 2, 3 on the board. Explain that these are 'cardinal numbers' and that they tell us about quantity: e.g. *I've got three video games*.
 - Write *first*, *second*, *third* on the board. Explain that they are 'ordinal numbers' and that we use them to talk about the order of things: e.g. *September 6th*.
 - Read out the example and then ask students to work in pairs to complete the matching exercise.
-  **1.07** Play the recording for students to check their answers to Exercise 10.

Answers

2 E May 1 3 B September 1 4 A January 24
5 H August 17 6 G December 17 7 D March 8
8 F February 12

Your turn

- Read out the four questions.
 - Put students into pairs to ask and answer the questions.




Set Exercises 3 and 4 on page 5 and Exercises 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 on page 6 of the **Workbook** for homework.

Objectives


- revise countries, nationalities and languages.

Countries, nationalities and languages

- 1 • Books closed. Write the following words on the board: *country, nationality, language*.
 - Explain or elicit the meanings of the words.
 - Elicit examples of countries, nationalities and languages and write these on the board.
 - Ask students to open their books at page 8.
 - Students can work in pairs to label the map.
- 2  **1.08** Play the recording for students to check their answers to Exercise 1.
 - Play the recording a second time for students to repeat the words.

Answers

2 the USA 3 Mexico 4 Colombia 5 Brazil 6 the UK
7 France 8 Spain 9 Turkey 10 Russia 11 India
12 China 13 Japan 14 Australia

- 3 Refer students to the information in the chart and then ask them to complete the gaps in pairs.
- 4  **1.09** Play the recording for students to check their answers to Exercise 3. Play it a second time for students to repeat the words. Encourage students to notice the way the word stress changes, e.g. *Canada – Canadian*.
 - To **extend** the work on nationalities, you could ask students to make a note in their notebooks of the common endings we use to make nationality adjectives, e.g. *-an/-ian/-ish*. Students group the nationalities they know under these headings and add more with the same endings.

Answers

1 Brazilian 2 Colombian 3 Indian 4 Russian
5 Spanish 6 Japanese


- 5 • Read out the examples and then ask students to work alone to complete the remaining sentences.
 - Check answers.

Answers

3 Sarah is from Australia. She's Australian.
4 Li Ping is from China. He's Chinese.
5 Vlad and Oksana are from Russia. They're Russian.
6 Raj and Sanjeet are from India. They're Indian.
7 Harry is from America. He's American.
8 Leticia and Pedro are from Mexico. They're Mexican.

Language note

Capital letters are used for countries, nationalities and languages in English.

- 6  Ask students to work in pairs to ask and answer the question.
 - To **extend** this, you could ask students to ask one another the same question about famous people, e.g. *Where is Neymar from?*

Optional activity

- Put students into pairs (A and B).
- Student B closes his or her book.
- Student A reads out the name of a country from the chart in Exercise 3.
- Student B says the appropriate nationality adjective.
- Students swap roles.

Background

Harry Styles, born in 1994, is an English singer in the band *One Direction*. He entered the TV talent show *The X-Factor* in 2010. Despite failing to make his mark as a solo act, he was put together with other contestants who had entered the show to form *One Direction*.

Kangaroos are marsupials (mammals which are born completely developed and which are carried in a pouch on the female's belly) found in Australia and New Guinea.

Moscow /'mɒs kəʊ/ is the capital of Russia. It has a population of over 11 million and its Red Square, in the centre of this city, is one of the most famous open spaces in the world.

Beijing /'beɪ dʒɪŋ/ is the capital of China. Located in the northeast of the country, the city held the Olympic Games in 2008. Popular sights with visitors are the Great Wall of China and the Forbidden City, the vast palace compound that was home to China's former emperors.

- 7 • Ask students to describe who and what they can see in the pictures, e.g. a famous singer, an animal, a city.
 - Students then work alone to answer the quiz questions.
- 8 • Ask students to work in pairs to compare their answers to the quiz.
 - Check answers to the quiz with the whole class.

Answers

1 English 2 Australia 3 English, French 4 Russia
5 Japanese 6 China

Optional activity

- Put students into small groups of three or four.
- Read out a country from Exercise 3 and then give students one minute to name its capital and think of a fact about the country.
- Each team gets a point for correctly naming the capital and two points if they can say the capital in English. Teams also get a point for an accurate fact and two points for a particularly interesting fact.
- The team with the most points at the end of the game wins.




Set Exercises 6, 7 and 8 on page 5 and Exercise 19 on page 5 of the **Workbook** for homework.

Speaking Asking for clarification

Objectives

- listen to teenagers talking about their name and nationality.
- practise asking for clarification.

- 1  **0.1** Books closed. Point to a student and then ask him or her to clarify that their first name is what you think it is, e.g. *Your first name is Juanita. Is that right?*
- Tell students that you are *asking for clarification* and then write this phrase on the board. Check students' understanding of the phrase. Use L1 if necessary. Provide or elicit further examples of asking for clarification, e.g. *It's Tuesday today. Is that right?*
 - Ask students to open their books at page 9.
 - Tell students that they will watch a few teenagers answer two questions.
 - Before you play the video, you could ask students to guess the nationalities of the teenagers in the chart, e.g. *I think Courtney is British.*
 - Play the video.
 - Students watch and complete the chart.

Videoscript


Adult: What's your name? Where are you from?
Rachel: My name is Rachel Jane Conn. I'm British and I'm from England.
Binnie: My name is Binnie and I'm from Guildford, in the UK.
Steven: My name is Steven. I'm from the United States. My mom and I are both American ... my dad's Israeli.
Emily: My name is Emily, and I'm from the UK. Uh, my mum is from California and my dad is also from the UK.
Courtney: My name is Courtney Lee and I'm from New York. My parents are from China and I'm from the US.
Freddie: Uh, my name is Freddie McCall and I'm English. My parents, uh, are both from England.
Adult: What's your name? Where are you from?


Answers

Name	Nationality	Parents' nationality
Rachel	British	British
Binnie	British	British
Steven	American	Mum: American Dad: Israeli
Emily	British	Mum: American Dad: British
Courtney	American	Mum: Chinese Dad: Chinese
Freddie	English	Mum: English Dad: English

Background


Katowice /ˌkɑ tɔˈvi tʃɛ/ is a city in Silesia in southwest Poland. It is at the heart of the most industrialised region of that country.

- 2  Put students into pairs to ask and answer the questions.

- 3  **1.10** Give students time to read the question, then play the recording. Students can compare their answers in pairs before you check answers.

Answer

12th April

- 4
- Give students time to look through the conversation.
 - Ask students to work alone to complete the conversation with the words in the box. Ask **stronger students** to complete the conversation without looking at the *Useful language box*.
 - Students can compare answers in pairs.
- 5  **1.10** Play the recording for students to check their answers to Exercise 4.
- Ask students to pay particular attention to the intonation used by the speakers.
 - Ask students to work in pairs to practise the conversation.


Answers

2 spell 3 Sorry 4 repeat 5 course

Background


Munich /'myu nɪk/ is a city in the state of Bavaria in the south of Germany. It hosted the 1972 Olympic Games and is well known for its annual festival *Oktoberfest*.

Hangzhou /'hæŋ'dʒou/ is a city in the Zhejiang province of Eastern China. It is a prominent cultural centre and its West Lake is popular with visitors.

- 6  Before students begin this exercise, make sure that they are able to pronounce both the names of the people on the cards and the cities that the people are from. Also check that students can say the names of the letters correctly, that they know how to read out a date of birth, and that they can know how to say the year 1999 (*nineteen ninety-nine*).
- Ask students to work with a partner to practise asking for clarification. They use the conversation in Exercise 4 as a model to follow, changing the words in bold to the information on the cards in Exercise 6. Pair **stronger students** with **weaker students** to do this task.

Optional activity

- Put students into pairs (A and B).
- Students take it in turns to dictate sentences.
- Student A reads out sentences. Student B listens and writes down what he or she hears, saying, when appropriate, *How do you spell that?* Or *Can you repeat that, please?*
- Students swap roles.

 For homework, ask students to make their own identity cards for their English class. They should provide the following information on their cards: name, age, date of birth, address and a photo. You can also set Exercise 9 on page 6 of the **Workbook** for homework.