

GOLD EXPERIENCE

2ND EDITION

Gold Experience second edition is an 8-level course that prepares students for the Cambridge English exams while building their language and real-world skills. The course gives students thorough exam preparation in terms of both strategy and language, while simultaneously developing the life skills that students will need to use English successfully beyond the classroom. Real-world, engaging materials ensure students are switched on and curious to learn more. This second edition is fully updated with new content and a new design.

The A2 level

Gold Experience A2 is aimed at students aged 12–15 years old, who are at the beginning of their journey learning English, and may be working towards one of the *Cambridge for Schools* qualifications. The A2 level introduces students to the task types and strategies that they'll need when they sit the A2 Key for Schools exam. However, the engaging activities and themes also make *Gold Experience A2* suitable for students who are not preparing for an exam.


Gold Experience A2 provides students with a solid grounding in the basics of English grammar, and will begin to develop students' confidence in speaking in English. It includes themes accessible to pre-teens, and gives them achievable yet challenging tasks.

The principles and methodology

Reliable

First and foremost, you need your course to help you help students build language skills and pass exams. With *Gold Experience* second edition, the syllabus is based on a combination of exam requirements and the Global Scale of English, ensuring comprehensive language coverage. Meanwhile, we have brought together highly experienced authors and exam consultants to ensure accuracy and rigor in exam preparation, as well as managing the balance of general English, exam English and life skills. This means you can rest assured that your students will be learning the right language with suitable practice to help them excel in their exams and communicate with confidence.

'Under-the-hood' exam preparation

We believe that students need training and practice to excel in exams, but that this doesn't need to be the overarching feel of a class. In *Gold Experience* second edition, exam tasks are woven seamlessly into the flow of the lesson, but can be easily identified by the  icon. Each unit includes activities based on exam task types to develop familiarity with these while building on the target language of the unit. Over the course of the book, students build their exam strategies and their confidence through the step-by-step core activities and task-based exam tips. For those classes or individuals wanting more targeted exam preparation we have a full practice test in the Workbook, and an additional Exam Practice book for practice of full papers.

Engagement

Gold Experience second edition aims to bring new experiences to students, and encourage students to bring their own experience to the classroom. We believe that any text or discussion topic should be interesting regardless of the language, and at A2, we have used a range of light, quirky topics that students will have fun with.

Where possible, we have used authentic texts and real people in reading texts allowing students to investigate anything that takes their interest. Authentic broadcast video from a variety of sources, and grammar 'vox pop' interviews with the general public, introduce students to authentic accents and real experiences and stories. Most of the vox pop interviewees are young teenage schoolchildren, which we feel will engage your students because they will identify closely with their views and experiences.

As every teacher knows, when students are engaged with the topic and the material, they are engaged with English and everything else is just that little bit easier.

'Whole student' development

As well as language and exams, we know you care about developing your students as citizens of the world. This means helping them develop their ability to think critically, assimilate new information and points of view, and formulate, express and defend their opinions. This means helping them develop research techniques, work both alone and with others, and reflect on their own learning. In *Gold Experience* second edition, these skills are developed throughout each unit in the *Speak Up* sections, where students are encouraged to express their own views, and in a more focused way, at the end of each unit in the *Project* section. The *Projects* are designed to be flexible and you can decide to do them quickly in class, or expand them into longer-term projects over several classes or weeks.

Flexible resources

We know that the real classroom can often be far more complex than the ideal classroom we imagine. For that reason, we've provided a wealth of materials to provide extra support or further challenge for students who need it, plenty of additional and alternative ideas and resources for you, and a full suite of components to allow you to tailor your teaching package to your classroom.

COURSE COMPONENTS

For students

Student's Book with App

- **Nine topic-based units** divided into 8 main teaching lessons, plus video, project, wordlist and unit check.
- Initial **Starter** unit to review and consolidate the very basics of English which may or may not have been covered by students before starting this course.
- Final **tenth unit review** provides revision of language and skills from the course.
- Training and practice for the **Cambridge A2 Key for Schools** exam is seamlessly integrated into every unit.
- Students and teachers can easily **identify exam-like tasks** with the **e** icon.
- Students are encouraged to begin to communicate their ideas, opinions and knowledge of the world from the first lesson, through frequent **discussion opportunities**, for example through Speak up activities.
- **Video clips** expose students to a variety of authentic broadcasting formats, accents and ideas, and encourage students to think critically about what they watch.
- Where appropriate, **grammar vox pop** interviews give authentic examples of target grammar in use.
- End of unit **projects** can be adapted depending on the time available, and encourage students to explore a topic, collaborate and work creatively with classmates, and present back to the class.
- The back of book **Grammar file** gives a full page of detailed grammar and language explanation, plus a full page of practice activities for every unit.
- **Writing file** and **Speaking file** give task-by-task exam-related help and useful language for productive tasks.
- **Student's App** gives access to videos and the extensive class and workbook audio, as well as additional fun practice of course vocabulary. Accessed via a code in every Student's Book.

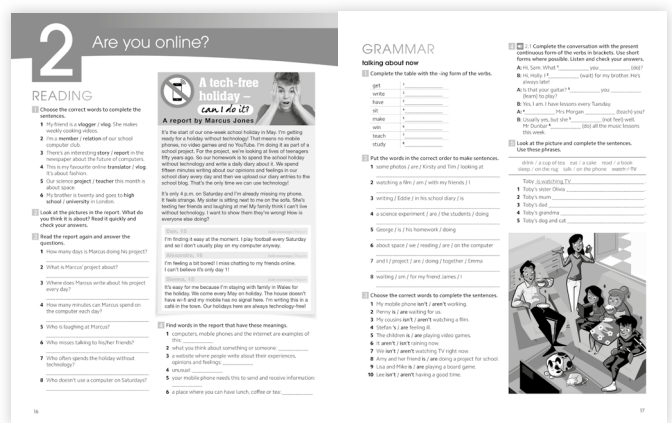


eBook for students

- Full Student's Book in digital format with embedded audio, video and interactive activities.
- Suitable for computer or tablet.

Workbook

- **Mirrors the Student's Book** lesson-by-lesson and consolidates learning with targeted practice.
- Additional **topic-related practice** of reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.
- Extensive practice of course grammar and vocabulary, including practice of **Extend vocabulary** from the back of the Student's Book for stronger students
- **Complete A2 Key for Schools practice exam** in Unit 10.
- Designed for either independent study at home or in-class extra practice.
- Audio for listening lessons available on the **Student's App**.

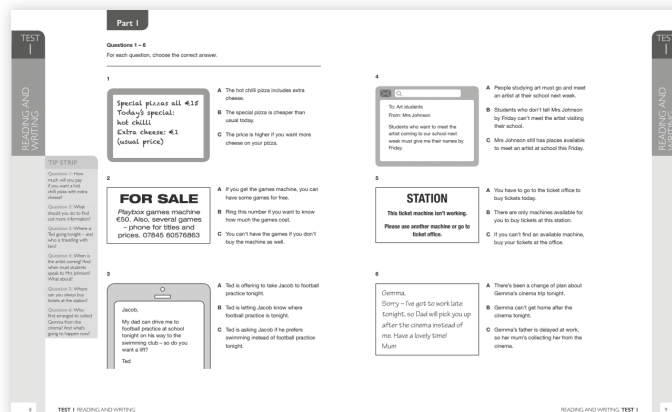


Online Practice for students

- **Fully interactive digital version** of the Workbook, which consolidates and consolidates the Student's Book material.
- **Instantly graded** activities with supportive feedback.
- Personal **gradebook** for students to review their performance.
- Access to Student's Book video and audio for students.

Exam practice books

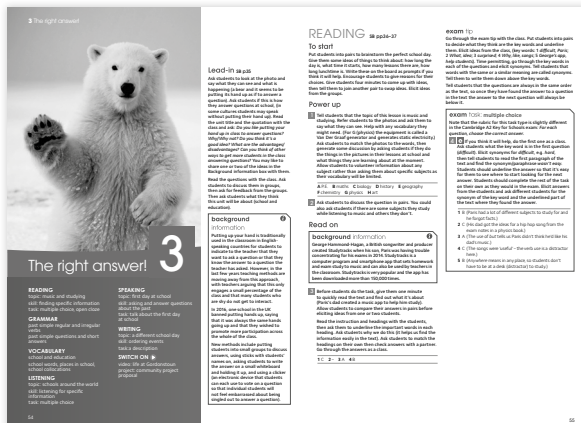
- Additional intensive practice for the **Cambridge A2 Key for Schools** exam.
- Two complete practice tests, one with tips and guidance for every task.
- Extensive support for productive tasks at the back of the book.
- Online answer keys, audio and speaking test videos with teacher's resources.



For teachers

Teacher's Book

- Teaching notes with a wealth of additional and alternative classroom ideas, including an idea for how to start and finish each lesson, and ideas for mixed-ability classes, fast finishers, and additional questions to encourage critical thinking.
- Exam information, including how Student's Book activities may differ from exam tasks (for example, shorter text length, fewer items, a focus on unit language meaning less variety of tested language than in the exam, etc.).
- 'How to' sections in the introduction, giving advice on teaching for exams, flipping the classroom, developing your students as independent learners, teaching with projects and teaching with readers.
- Speaking and Writing Success Criteria at the back of the book to help you and your students understand what a solid answer, a good answer and an 'acing it' answer looks like.
- Photocopiable videoscripts at the back of the book.
- Workbook answer key.
- Access code for all *Gold Experience* digital teacher tools.



Teacher's Online Resources

All the support a busy teacher needs in one place, accessed via the access code in the Teacher's Book or via your Pearson consultant.

Presentation tool



- Front-of-class teacher's tool with fully interactive version of every Student's Book and Workbook activity with integrated audio and video.
- Planning mode, including teacher's notes, and teaching mode.
- Easy navigation via either book page or lesson flow.
- Additional whole-class game activities – plus score and timer tools for teacher-led games.

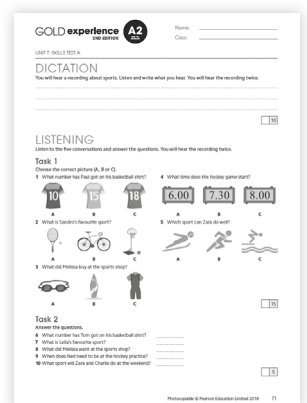
Resources



- Teaching notes (digital Teacher's Book).
- Detailed grammar PowerPoint presentations for each unit's grammar points (see screenshot above).
- Three photocopiable worksheets (Grammar, Vocabulary + skill or exam focus) per Student's Book unit, with full teaching notes and answer key.
- Class audio and video.
- Assessment package (see details below).
- Expanded Wordlists for each unit of the Student's Book, including example sentences and phonetics. These wordlists are editable, allowing teachers to add their own examples or translations.

Assessment package

- Extensive range of tests for use throughout the course.
- A/B versions of core tests to prevent copying.
- Versions for students with dyslexia.
- Available as ready-to-print pdfs or editable word documents.
- Answer keys and audio files.
- Test pack includes:



- Diagnostic test to help place students and identify strengths or weaknesses.
- Unit tests with two papers: Vocabulary and Grammar; Listening and Reading.
- Review tests every three units with three papers: Vocabulary and Grammar; Writing; Speaking.
- End of Year test with three papers: Listening, Language and Reading; Writing; Speaking.

Online Practice for teachers

- Teacher view of Online Practice provides a full learning management system.
- Assign tasks to the whole class, groups or individual students depending on their needs.
- Automatic marking to save time.
- Performance area lets you see how individual students and the whole class are progressing overall and by skill.

