



Language Hub

UPPER INTERMEDIATE Student's Book

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	UNIT REVIEW (p60)	WRITING (p158) Write a problem solution article KEY SKILL Describing problems and solutions		

READING • LISTENING	SPEAKING • WRITING
<p>read an online article about everyday heroes KEY SKILL Skimming for the main ideas listen to three conversations at meet-up groups</p>	<p>discuss how you would react in three different scenarios SPEAKING HUB plan and present an idea for a new meet-up group in your area</p>
<p>read biographies of famous people who overcame challenges listen to a radio interview about personality types KEY SKILL Listening for the main ideas</p>	<p>research and discuss famous people that overcame great challenges SPEAKING HUB discuss someone influential from your past</p>
<p>▶ watch a video about an Olympic medal winner ▶ watch people talking about family traits</p>	<p>KEY SKILL Developing and introducing new topics SPEAKING HUB debate the influence of practice on ability</p>
<p>read a newspaper article about how to live longer listen to radio interviews about lifestyle changes KEY SKILL Listening for reasons</p>	<p>discuss health, fitness and modern lifestyles SPEAKING HUB conduct a lifestyle survey and offer advice</p>
<p>listen to a TV interview about quitting the rat race read a for and against article about the impact of social media KEY SKILL Identifying assumptions</p>	<p>interview your partner about how their life has changed over the last ten years SPEAKING HUB have a debate about the impact of smartphones on personal relationships</p>
<p>▶ watch a video about clean eating ▶ watch people talking about food</p>	<p>KEY SKILL Backchannelling and lexical repetition SPEAKING HUB present your opinion on veganism</p>
<p>read a newspaper article about someone who survived against the odds KEY SKILL Following the sequence of a narrative listen to a radio phone-in programme about extreme sports</p>	<p>tell a dramatic survival story SPEAKING HUB tell an anecdote from your personal experience</p>
<p>read an interview with a survival expert listen to an extract from an audiobook about phobias KEY SKILL Listening for definitions, examples and explanations</p>	<p>discuss how to survive a dangerous situation SPEAKING HUB discuss people's fears and how to address them</p>
<p>▶ watch a video about climbing a mountain ▶ watch someone telling an anecdote</p>	<p>KEY SKILL Backtracking SPEAKING HUB tell an anecdote about a journey</p>
<p>listen to a podcast about turning points in people's lives read a magazine article about the future of work KEY SKILL Identifying evidence</p>	<p>interview your partner about their plans and goals SPEAKING HUB discuss jobs and automation</p>
<p>read a magazine article about predictions in films listen to a debate about the future of transport KEY SKILL Identifying agreement and disagreement</p>	<p>discuss predictions from film and TV SPEAKING HUB debate transport options in a city</p>
<p>▶ watch a video about the automation of jobs ▶ watch people talking about running a small business</p>	<p>KEY SKILL Asking for clarification SPEAKING HUB conduct an interview on the use of robots in the workplace</p>
<p>read a magazine article about the reintroduction of wolves in Yellowstone park KEY SKILL Identifying cause and effect listen to a radio interview about making a house more eco-friendly</p>	<p>describe changes to an ecosystem SPEAKING HUB discuss how to make a school more eco-friendly</p>
<p>read an article about fast-growing cities listen to a radio interview with Mars One applicants KEY SKILL Listening for rhetorical questions</p>	<p>discuss key changes in your town or city SPEAKING HUB select the perfect team for a Mars mission</p>
<p>▶ watch a video about how to encourage changes in behaviour ▶ watch people discussing a green issue</p>	<p>KEY SKILL Taking the floor SPEAKING HUB prioritise steps we can take to live a greener lifestyle</p>

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U6	COMING OF AGE			
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6.2	Traditions of youth (p66) Discuss age milestones in your country Debate the best time to start university	articles	compound adjectives phrases with <i>make</i> and <i>do</i>	intrusive /j/ sounds
6.3	Café Hub A new perspective (p70) give your opinion on an aspect of education		emphatic structures	
	UNIT REVIEW (p72)	WRITING (p159) Write a report	KEY SKILL Describing data	
U7	COMMUNITY			
7.1	Open spaces (p74) Discuss community development projects Discuss responses to hypothetical situations	first conditional with different future forms unreal conditionals	verbs to describe change	connected speech in conditionals
7.2	Make a change (p78) Talk about wishes and regrets Design and present a community project	wish and if only	three-part phrasal verbs compound nouns	two-stress phrasal verbs
7.3	Café Hub A shared vision (p82) give your opinion on a social initiative		<i>you know</i>	
	UNIT REVIEW (p84)	WRITING (p160) Write a formal letter of complaint	KEY SKILL Hedging	
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8.2	Who did it? (p90) Write and perform a short scene Speculate about the causes and consequences of a crime	order of adjectives	easily confused verbs crime	adding information
8.3	Café Hub Fact or fiction? (p94) discuss how to test an idea		understatement	
	UNIT REVIEW (p96)	WRITING (p161) Write a complex essay	KEY SKILL Writing conclusions	
U9	BUSINESS			
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9.2	Products (p102) Conduct a survey about what influences our purchases Design and present an advertising campaign	determiners and quantifiers	science advertising	connected speech: determiners and quantifiers
9.3	Café Hub Raising capital (p106) discuss investment opportunities		illustrating your argument	
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U10	MEDIA			
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10.2	Digital media (p114) Report a conversation Plan and create a viral marketing advert	reporting verbs	social media adjective + noun collocations	using intonation to attract and keep interest
10.3	Café Hub Watch on demand (p118) give your opinion on streaming services		<i>from ... to</i>	
	UNIT REVIEW (p120)	WRITING (p163) Write a persuasive essay	KEY SKILL Concession	

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listen to a radio discussion about different school systems listen to an interview about a new film KEY SKILL Pronoun referencing	design rules for the perfect school SPEAKING HUB discuss how education has changed in your country
read an article about coming-of-age ceremonies around the world listen to three interviews about age KEY SKILL Decoding: idioms	discuss legal milestones in your country SPEAKING HUB debate when the best time to start university is
▶ watch a video about a floating school ▶ watch people working on a presentation	KEY SKILL Using correct register SPEAKING HUB give a presentation about education
listen to a talk about regeneration projects read a magazine article about a failing restaurant KEY SKILL Identifying speculation	discuss the best way to regenerate an area SPEAKING HUB discuss how to address hypothetical situations
read a blog post and comments about regrets KEY SKILL Inferring meaning listen to an interview about a moneyless society	discuss your wishes and regrets SPEAKING HUB design a community project
▶ watch a video about building your own home in London ▶ watch a video call between two people	KEY SKILL Talking on the telephone SPEAKING HUB debate the merits of an approach to affordable housing
read an online article about unexplained mysteries KEY SKILL Decoding: similes and metaphors listen to a podcast about myths and legends	make deductions about an unexplained mystery SPEAKING HUB discuss myths and legends
read a scene from a detective story listen to a lecture about eye-witness testimony KEY SKILL Following an argument	write and perform a scene from a detective story SPEAKING HUB solve a murder mystery
▶ watch a video about an urban myth ▶ watch people discussing how to escape from a locked room	KEY SKILL Maintaining a conversation SPEAKING HUB discuss how to test different urban myths
read an article about the trust economy listen to a customer complaint KEY SKILL Fronting	talk about the risks and benefits of apps you use SPEAKING HUB practise making complaints
listen to a radio interview about health myths read an article about a successful entrepreneur KEY SKILL Topic sentences	conduct a survey about shopping habits SPEAKING HUB pitch a product
▶ watch a video about crowdfunding ▶ watch people discussing ways to raise money for a business	KEY SKILL Reformulating and paraphrasing SPEAKING HUB discuss how much to invest in different business ideas
read an article about the death of print listen to an interview about fake news KEY SKILL Listening for repair and elaboration	discuss recent news stories and your opinions of them SPEAKING HUB discuss fake news, bias and online media
read three fake news stories KEY SKILL Substitution listen to a talk about viral marketing campaigns	interview your partner and report their answers SPEAKING HUB design a viral marketing campaign
▶ watch a video about streaming services ▶ watch someone talking about getting a new job	KEY SKILL Circumlocution SPEAKING HUB debate the pros and cons of streaming services