



Scheme of Work General English: Starter GES

Course Length: 50 Lessons Lesson Length: 100 minutes

Course Aims: (adapted from the CEFR 'Can do' statements for A1)

By the end of the course students will be able to

- Recognise familiar words and very basic phrases concerning myself, my family and immediate concrete surroundings when people speak slowly and clearly.
- Use simple phrases and sentences to describe where I live and people I know.
- Write a short, simple postcard, for examples sending holiday greetings. I can fill in forms with personal details, for example entering my name, nationality and address on a hotel registration form.
- Interact in a simple way provided the other person is prepared to repeat or rephrase things at a slower rate of speech and help me formulate what they're trying to say.
- Ask and answer simple questions in areas of immediate need or on very familiar topic.
- Understand familiar names, words and very simple sentences, for example on notices and posters or in catalogues.
- Write simple isolated phrases and sentences.

Course Outline

Unit	Topic/ Lexical focus	Grammar/Langua ge Objectives	Skills Objectives	Materials CB - Courseboo k WB - Workbook
1. (1A)	My Name (names)	Verb 'to be'; 'what is your name?' Greetings	Speaking: meeting other students; pronunciation – contractions (1) Reading (four dialogues). Identify gist.	CB pp.6-7
2. (1B)	My Country (cities & countries)	Verb to be (2); Personal adjectives Greetings (2) Asking and saying where you're from	Speaking: forming an introductory dialogue. Listening (an introductory dialogue): imitating heard language.	CB pp.8-9

3. (1C)	My Number (numbers 1-10)	Greetings (3) Asking for & saying phone numbers	Speaking: roleplay exchanging phone numbers; Pronunciation - intonation (10 'wh' questions Listening (four phone dialogues): imitating heard language.	CB pp.10- 11
4. (1D)	Review	Review Unit 1		CB pp.12- 13
5. (2A)	Hotel lobby (the alphabet, numbers 11-20)	Spelling names	Speaking: acting out and forming a hotel dialogue. Pronunciation - the alphabet Listening (a hotel dialogue): imitating heard language; identifying specific language.	CB pp.14- 15
6. (2B)	Hotel Room (common objects)	This/that/here/the re	Speaking : asking what something is.	CB pp.16- 17
7. (2C)	Hotel Cafe (food & drink)	Plurals, indeterminate articles In a café	Speaking: Forming a roleplay in a café. Pronunciation - an individual vowel sound. Reading (a dialogue); identifying vocabulary. Listening (in a café): imitating heard language; identifying specific language.	CB pp.18- 19
8. (2D)	Review	Review Unit 2		CB pp.20- 21
Self- Study Advice (1&2)	Refer students to: Language reference (units 1&2)			CB p.22
9. (3A)	International Workers (jobs)	To be(affirmative) Asking about jobs	Speaking: discussing jobs. Pronunciation - consonant sounds. Reading (text on international workers): identifying gist.	CB pp24- 25
10. (3B)	International Train (colours & nationalities)	To be(negative)	Speaking: playing a game Pronunciation - contractions (1). Listening (a train dialogue): Identifying gist; identifying specific details.	CB pp.26- 27
11. (3C)	International School (days of the week)	To be (questions and short answers) Saying goodbye	Speaking - saying goodbye. Reading: identifying specific details.	CB pp.28- 29
12. (3D)	Review	Review Unit 3		CB pp.30- 31
13. (test)		Progress test: Assessment of Students progress		Progress Test

14. (4A)	Personal Photos (numbers 21- 100)	It, they Numbers 21-101 Talking about age	Speaking: discussing how old things are. Listening (dialogues about age): identifying gist; identifying specific language.	CB pp.32- 33
15. (4B)	Personal Web Page (possessives)	Possessive 's	Speaking: talking about family. Pronunciation - schwa Reading (a webpage): identifying specific details.	CB pp.34- 35
16. (4C)	Personal Possessions (possessions)	Prepositions of place	Speaking: describe and draw. Listening (dialogues): Identifying gist; identifying specific details.	CB pp.36- 37
17. (4D)	Review			CB pp.38- 39
Self- Study Advice (3&4)	Refer students to: Language reference (units 3&4)			CB.40
18. (5A)	Working Life (common verbs & nouns)	Present Simple (1) (affirmative)	Speaking: discussing where you live and work. Reading (a text on working life): identifying gist; identifying specific details.	CB pp.42- 43
19. (5B)	Technology Life (technology/ computers)	Present Simple (2) (negative; 'and' & 'but') Emails	Speaking: conducting a survey. Pronunciation - 3 consonant sounds. Listening (dialogues): identifying specific language; identifying specific details.	CB pp.44- 45
20. (5C)	Hard Life (adjectives 1)	Present Simple (3) (questions & short answers)	Speaking: playing a game. Pronunciation - intonation (2) yes/no questions. Reading (an interview): identifying gist; identifying specific details.	CB pp.46- 47
21. (5D)	Review	Review Unit 5		CB pp.48- 49
22. (6A)	Daytime (common verbs & nouns 2)	Adverbs of Frequency Telling the time (1)	Speaking: Discussing your daily routine. Pronunciation -individual sounds. Reading (a text on morning and night people): identifying gist; identifying specific details; reflecting on a text through discussion.	CB pp. 50- 51
23. (6B)	Free time (common verbs and nouns 3)	Present Simple (4) ('wh-' questions) Telling the time (2)	Speaking: roleplay about free time. Pronunciation - connected speech (1)	CB pp.52- 53

24. (6C) 25. (6D)	Meal time (food 2 & meals) Review	Present Simple 4 (Wh-questions) Review Unit 6	Reading (a community centre notice board): identifying specific language. Listening (a phone call): identifying specific language; identifying specific details. Speaking: Making a survey. Reading (a survey): identifying missing language.	CB pp.54- 55 CB pp. 56- 57
Self- Study Advice (586)	Refer students to: Language reference (units 5&6)			CB p.58
26. Progress Test		Progress test: Assessment of Students progress		Progress Test
27. (7A)	City Break (places in a city	'There is/There are' (1)	Speaking: Presentation a city you know. Pronunciation - word stress. Reading (travel article): anticipating a text through discussion; identifying gist; identifying specific details.	CB pp.60- 61
28. (7B)	City Life (adjectives 2/places in a city 2)	'There is/there are (2) (questions & negatives)	Speaking: Communicating about two places. Reading (a dialogue): identifying gist/ identifying specific details.	CB pp.62- 63
29. (7C)	City Tour (travel words/signs)	Survival English	Speaking: roleplaying tourists in New York. Listening (a guided tour): Identifying gist; identifying specific details.	CB pp.64- 65
30. (7D)	Review	Review Unit 7		CB pp.66- 67
31. (8A)	Film Sequels (years)	Was/were	Speaking: talking about films and TV; giving a presentation about yourself in the past. Pronunciation -years Reading (a magazine article): identifying specific language; reflecting on a text through discussion.	CB pp. 68- 69
32. (8B)	Film Script (television)	Was/were (questions, negative & time expressions)	Speaking - find someone who. Reading (a dialogue): identifying specific details.	CB pp.70- 71
33. (8C)	Film Reviews	Subject & object pronouns	Speaking: playing a game.	CB pp.72- 73

	(adjectives of opinion)	Giving an opinion	Listening (dialogues about opinions): Identifying gist; identifying specific details.	
34. (8D)	Review	Review unit 8		CB pp.74- 75
Self- Study Advice (788)	Refer students to: Language reference (units 788)			CB p.76
35. (9A)	Holiday (big numbers)	Past Simple irregular verbs (affirmative)	Speaking: discussing a holiday. Reading (an email): identifying specific details.	CB pp.78- 79
36. (9B)	Last Days (songs/music words)	Past simple regular verbs (affirmative & negative verbs)	Speaking: retelling the story of the Beatles Reading (an article about the Beatles): identifying specific language	CB pp.80- 81
37. (9C)	Independence Day (months)	Prepositions of time ('in', 'on', 'at') The date	Speaking: interviewing a peer about Independence Day. Listening (a discussion): anticipating through discussion; identifying gist; identifying specific details.	CB pp.82- 83
38. (9D)	Review	Review Unit 9		CB pp.84- 85
37. Progress Test				Progress Test
38. (10A)	Good Weekend (weekend activities)	Past Simple Questions (1)	Speaking: forming a guided dialogue about the weekend. Listening (a discussion): identifying specific language; identifying specific details.	CB pp.86- 87
39. (10B)	Good Question	Past Simple Questions (2) Guessing	Speaking: composing a quiz Reading (a text about quizzes): identifying specific details. Listening (a quiz): identifying specific details.	CB pp.98- 99
40. (10C)	Good Deal (money & prices/clothes labels)	In a shop	Speaking: composing shopping questionnaire Reading (an article on night markets): identifying specific details. Listening (four dialogues): identifying gist; identifying specific details.	CB pp.90- 91
41. (10D)	Review	Review Unit 10		CB pp. 92- 93
Self- Study Advice	Refer students to:			CB p.94

(9&10)	Language reference (units 9810)			
42. (11A)	Special People (can/can't)	'Can/Can't'	Speaking: playing a game Reading (descriptions): identifying gist; identifying specific details.	CB pp.96- 97
43. (11B)	Special Event (international organisations)	Present continuous	Speaking: dialogues on the phone. Listening (four telephone dialogues: identifying gist; identifying specific details.	CB pp. 98- 99
44. (11C)	Special Paintings	Talking about a painting	Speaking: describing a painting. Reading (an article on paintings): identifying gist; identifying specific details; reflecting on a text. Listening (dialogues about paintings): identifying gist; identifying specific details	CB pp. 100- 101
45. (11D)	Review	Review Unit 11		CB pp. 102- 103
46. (12A)	The Phone (telephoning)	Telephoning/ Telephone English	Speaking: guided phone call Reading (a text on mobile phone use): anticipating a text through discussion; identifying gist; identifying specific details; reflecting on a text through discussion. Listening (three phone calls): identifying gist; identifying specific language	CB pp. 104- 105
47. (12B)	The Airport (at the airport)	Going to (1): future plans At the airport	Speaking: describing a picture; forming a roleplay at the airport. Listening (five dialogues at the airport): identifying gist; identifying specific details	CB pp.106- 107
48. (12C)	The End (feelings)	Going to (2): future time expressions Best wishes for the future	Speaking: guided dialogue - end of course. Reading (a blog): anticipating a text through discussion; identifying gist; identifying specific details;	CB pp.108- 109
49. (12D)	Review	Review Unit 12		CB pp.110- 11
Self- Study Advice (11 &12)	Refer students to: Language reference (units 9&10			CB p.112

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