

English

Language Express

Topics/Sub-topics

Pronunciation

1. The relationship between letters and sounds in English
2. Sounds of English: vowels and consonants
3. Pronouncing words right: some important patterns
4. Stress and intonation

Vocabulary

1. Homonyms, homophones and homographs
2. Synonyms and antonyms
3. Word formation
 - Compounding
 - Prefixes and suffixes
4. Collocations
5. Phrasal verbs
6. Idioms
7. Word meanings and senses
8. Connotations
9. British and American vocabulary
10. Jargon
11. Register
12. Words of foreign origin
13. Words commonly confused
14. Words commonly misspelt
15. Buzzwords
16. Archaisms to avoid
17. Abbreviations and acronyms

Grammar

1. Nouns
2. Pronouns
3. Articles
4. Genitives and possessives
5. Demonstratives
6. Quantifiers and distributives
7. Adjectives
8. Verbs
9. Tenses
10. Active and passive voice
11. Subject-verb concord
12. Infinitives, gerunds and participles
13. Adverbials
14. Modals
15. Conjunctions
16. Prepositions
17. Sentence types based on function
18. Sentence types based on structure
19. Conditionals
20. Linkers
21. Reported speech

Listening Skills

1. for the sounds of English: consonants
2. Listening for match between sounds and spellings
3. Listening the sounds of English: vowels
4. Listening for word stress
5. Listening for theme/subject
6. Listening for details
7. Listening for specific information
8. Listening for speaker's tone/attitude

Speaking Skills

Module 1

Unit 1: Meeting people, exchanging greetings and taking leave

Unit 2: Introducing yourself

Unit 3: Introducing people to others

Unit 4: Giving personal information

Unit 5: Talking about people, animals and places

Module 2

Unit 6: Answering the telephone and asking for someone

Unit 7: Dealing with a wrong number

Unit 8: Taking and leaving messages

Unit 9: Making inquiries on the phone

Unit 10: Calling for help in an emergency

Module 3

Unit 11: Getting people's attention and interrupting

Unit 12: Giving instructions and clarifications

Unit 13: Making requests and responding to requests

Unit 14: Asking for directions and giving directions

Unit 15: Thanking someone and responding to thanks

Module 4

Unit 16: Inviting, and accepting and refusing an invitation

Unit 17: Apologising and responding to an apology

Unit 18: Congratulating and responding to a congratulation

Unit 19: Complimenting, encouraging and responding

Unit 20: Asking for, giving and refusing permission

Module 5

Unit 21: Talking about the weather

Unit 22: Describing daily routines

Unit 23: Talking about possessions

Unit 24: Talking about current activities

Unit 25: Asking for the time and date

Module 6

Unit 26: Asking for and giving an opinion

Unit 27: Agreeing and disagreeing with opinions

Unit 28: Seeking and giving advice and making suggestions

Unit 29: Persuading and dissuading people

Unit 30: Making a complaint and responding to one

Module 7

Unit 31: Expressing likes and dislikes

Unit 32: Expressing hopes, wishes, regrets and concern

Unit 33: Expressing sympathy and offering condolences

Unit 34: Expressing emotions

Unit 35: Talking about past events

Module 8

Unit 36: Talking about quantity

Unit 37: Describing manner and frequency

Unit 38: Assuming and inferring

Unit 39: Making comparisons

Unit 40: Explaining words and actions and giving reasons

Module 9

Unit 41: Talking about future events

Unit 42: Talking about intentions/plans

Unit 43: Talking about purposes and consequences

Unit 44: Talking about arrangements

Unit 45: Reporting what people said

Module 10

Unit 46: Expressing certainty and uncertainty

Unit 47: Expressing possibility and Impossibility

Unit 48: Expressing probability and improbability

Unit 49: Expressing obligation and necessity

Unit 50: Expressing ability and inability

Reading Skills

1. Reading for theme/subject
2. Reading for plot/outline
3. Reading for main points and sub points
4. Reading for details and specific information
5. Reading for word meanings from context
6. Reading for writer's attitude and point of view

Writing Skills

A. General Writing

1. Paragraphs
2. Descriptive writing
3. Narrative writing
4. Expository writing
5. Argumentative writing

B. Correspondence

- 6. Letter writing
- 7. E-mails
- 8. Curriculum vitae
- 9. Statement of purpose
- 10. Faxes

C. Business Writing

- 11. Memos
- 12. Notices
- 13. Agendas
- 14. Minutes
- 15. Reports

D. Academic Writing

- 16. Notes
- 17. Abstracts
- 18. Summaries
- 19. Articles
- 20. Reviews

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