

FORMULA

FOR EXAM SUCCESS

TEACHER'S BOOK

with Presentation Tool, Digital Resources and App

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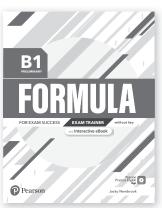
INTRODUCTION

Formula

Formula is the flexible, unique and enjoyable route to Cambridge exam success. Using Pearson's trusted exam know-how, Formula B1 Preliminary takes a fresh approach to topics, units and components to create an exam-focused package whatever your teaching and learning scenario. Its truly flexible learning materials are designed to work independently for short and intensive preparation or in combination for longer exam courses. Adaptable for the classroom, independent study and blended learning to fully digital environments – create your own Formula for exam success.

Unlike most traditional exam preparation courses, Formula is distinctive in that it has two core components – the Coursebook and the Exam Trainer. By having two core components, there is a choice of starting points: the Coursebook or the Exam Trainer or a combination of both. This way, you can decide what to focus on in class and what to focus on for homework.





The B1 Preliminary level

The B1 Preliminary level Coursebook is designed for classes where most students are preparing for the Cambridge B1 Preliminary exam. It is aimed at students who are already at the required language level. It provides thorough and targeted exam preparation, with each of its eight units covering at least one part of each exam paper in detail.

The Coursebook

This component includes eight units with each unit linked to human senses. With senses as the broad theme, the topic changes lesson by lesson making learning more dynamic and maintaining students' interest throughout the course as well as providing a more authentic exam experience.

The main units focus on exam training and link to the Grammar file, the Vocabulary file, the Writing file and the fold-out Exam file in the back of the book for language development and further exam-focused information.

The Exam Trainer

This component uses a Test, Teach, Test approach to exam preparation for each part of the exam. An introductory practice task tests students to see what they already know

and allows reflection on current performance. A teach section provides practice of strategies and skills to improve students' performance and allows them to approach the exam with confidence. The final exam-compliant exam task tests how well they can apply the strategies and skills they have practised.

The principles and methodology

Achieving exam success

First and foremost, Formula will enable students' core aim of passing the Cambridge B1 Preliminary exam at their desired grade. Formula's syllabus is based on the exam requirements and created by a team of authors and exam consultants to ensure comprehensive, authentic and rigorous exam preparation and practice.

Keeping students engaged

Formula takes a completely different approach to organising topics to avoid that well-known feeling of 'topic fatigue'. Each level of the Coursebook is organised around a general theme – for B1 Preliminary, the theme is human senses – with each of its units based on a different sense. This theme becomes the prism through which a number of different topics are covered from different angles, ensuring the material remains fresh, giving a sense of momentum and maintaining everyone's interest throughout the course.

Flexible exam preparation

The configuration and structure of *Formula's* two core components allows teachers to flex the course depending on the time available and different learning goals.

Exam focused

Around 30 hours – Use the **Exam Trainer** in class or for self-study.

Exam focused with language revision and consolidation Around 50 hours – Use the Coursebook main lessons in class and the additional bank of material (Grammar, Vocabulary, Writing and Exam file) for homework.

Exam focused with language development

Around 80 hours – Use the **Coursebook** main lessons, the additional bank of material (Grammar, Vocabulary, Writing and Exam file) and Digital resources in class and the **Exam Trainer** for homework.

Extensive exam and language development

Around 100+ hours – Use all the **Coursebook** content and *Test* and *Teach* sections from the Exam Trainer and Digital resources in class and final *Test* sections at home.

See the *Create your own Formula* section for detailed information on how to use *Formula* for different course lengths.

COURSE COMPONENTS

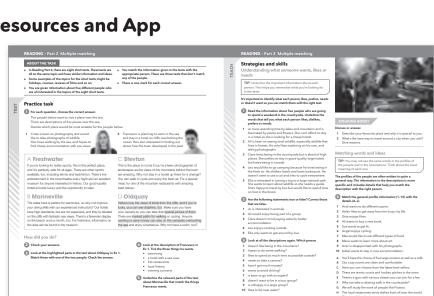
Coursebook with Exam file, Digital resources and App

Music is only for parties

- Eight units with each lesson covering one part of each paper from the Cambridge B1 Preliminary exam and with an exam focus and authentic practice task in each.
- A fold-out Exam file booklet in the back of the Coursebook containing Exam boost exercises for improving exam performance.
- The Grammar file gives a full page of detailed grammar and language explanation, plus a full page of practice activities for every unit.
- The Vocabulary file provides a comprehensive wordlist for the whole unit as well as further practice activities.
- The Writing file provides both example exam questions and model answers for each Writing part, as well as extra help and practice.
- Each exam part lesson links to the Exam Trainer component for more focused skills and strategies building in that same exam part.
- Access to Digital resources, including course audio and video, as well as the Pearson Practice English App and the Coursebook Interactive eBook.

Exam Trainer with Digital resources and App

- Works either as a standalone component or in combination with the Formula B1 Preliminary Coursebook.
- Its structure follows the Cambridge B1 Preliminary exam, working systematically through each paper and part, from Reading Part 1 to Speaking Part 4.
- Uses a Test, Teach, Test approach.
 Each section starts with a mini practice task (Test) that reflects the Cambridge B1 Preliminary exam, which is followed by extensive and focused strategies and skills exercises for improving performance in the exam (Teach) and ends with a full-length, authentic-style exam task (Test).
- Includes a full, authentic-style
 Cambridge B1 Preliminary exam paper, with audio.
- Access to Digital resources, including course audio and video, as well as the Pearson Practice English App and the Exam Trainer Interactive eBook.



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SPECIAL OFFER

Pearson Practice English App

The App gives access to **videos about the B1 Preliminary exam** as well as **Speaking test videos** and the extensive Coursebook and Exam Trainer **audio**. It also includes fun interactive practice of the course **grammar**. It can be accessed via the code in the Coursebook and Exam Trainer.



Teacher's Book with Presentation tool, Digital resources and App

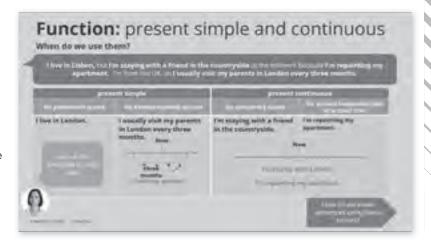
- Teaching notes with a wealth of additional and alternative classroom ideas, including warmer and cooler tasks, flexible follow-up tasks and ideas for fast finishers.
- Dyslexia focus boxes identify course resources and give ideas for alternative treatment of tasks.
- Full answer key, including smart answers for exam tasks.
- 'How to' sections giving advice on using the Exam file, using Formula for different course lengths, teaching for exams, developing your students as independent learners and mindfulness for exams.
- 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 in the B1 Preliminary exam looks like.
- Access to Digital resources and Pearson Practice English App.

Digital resources

- Teaching notes for the Exam Trainer.
- Detailed grammar PowerPoint presentations for use with each unit's grammar points.
- Four photocopiable worksheets (two for Vocabulary and two for Grammar) per Coursebook unit, with full teaching notes and answer key.
- Vocabulary maps.
- Coursebook and Exam Trainer audio.
- Extensive test package to use throughout the course, including Diagnostic, Unit, Progress and End of level tests.
- Dyslexia-friendly versions of each test.
- Both the standard and dyslexia-friendly versions of the test package available as editable Word documents or ready-to-print PDFs.
- Two full practice exams.
- Answer keys and audio files.

Presentation tool

- Front-of-class teacher's tool with fully interactive version of the Coursebook (including the practice activities from the Grammar file, the Vocabulary file and the Exam file).
- Static activities from the Exam Trainer with embedded audio and answer key.
- The Coursebook is interleaved with the relevant sections of the Exam Trainer for an easy back-and-forth between the components.
- Provides a **planning mode**, including teaching notes, as well as a teaching mode.
- Provides time-coded scripts for audio embedded in the activities.
- Easy navigation via either the book page or lesson flow.
- Score and timer tools for teacher-led activities.





HOW THE COURSEBOOK WORKS

Each unit is based around the overall theme of the B1 Preliminary Coursebook, **senses**. There are seven separate lessons in each unit: a general introductory lesson followed by six more, each of which is focused on an exam part from the B1 Preliminary paper. Each unit follows the structure of Opener page, Reading, Vocabulary, Listening, Grammar, Speaking and Writing.

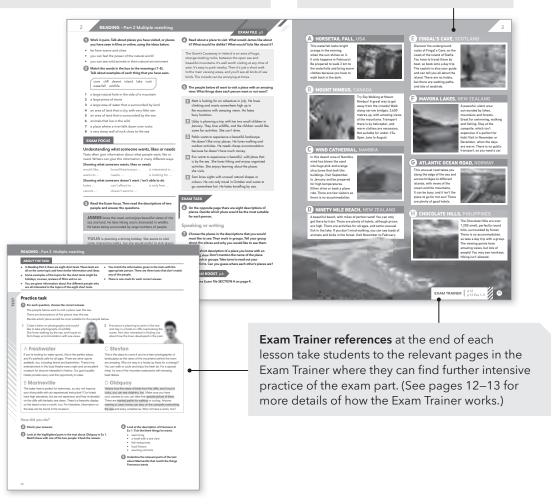
Each unit starts with an **Opener page**, with a lead-in photo and discussion questions to get students thinking about the unit theme and introduce related vocabulary.

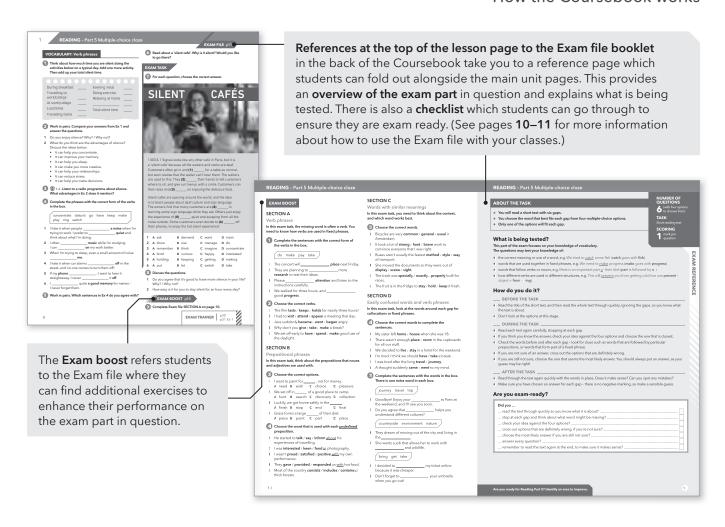
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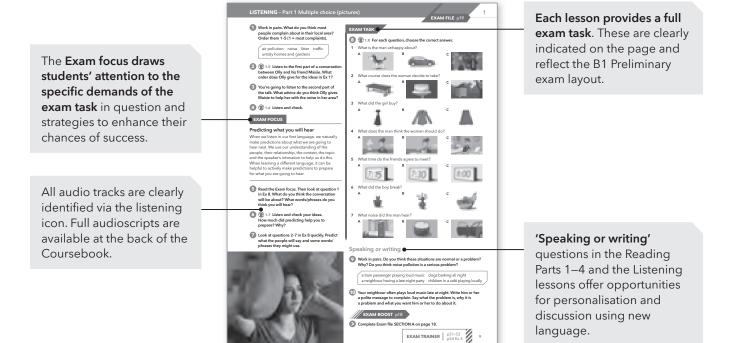
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(iii) How the spice.
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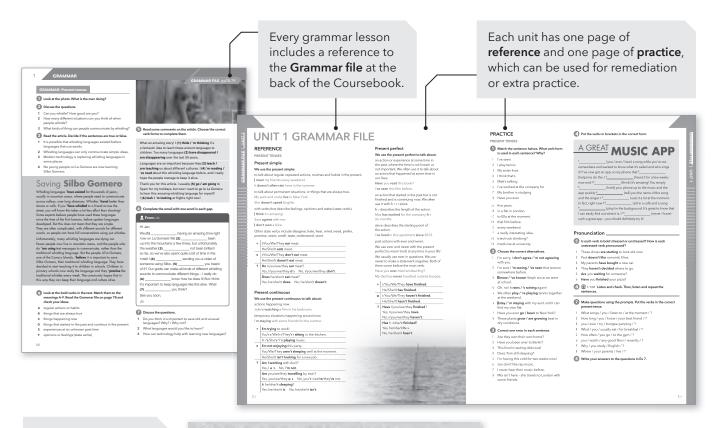
The six core lessons in each unit are based on a part from one of the Cambridge B1 Preliminary exam papers. There is an introduction via either listening or speaking with a partner before focusing in on the exam part and the skills required to complete it successfully.

The texts for Reading Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 have been recorded to offer additional support to dyslexic students. These recordings are indicated in the teaching notes.



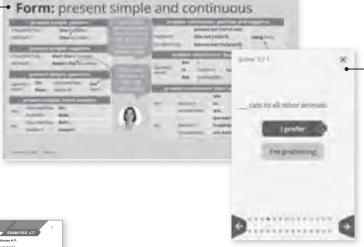




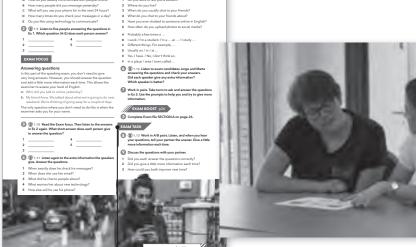


Editable PowerPoint presentations for each grammar area

save valuable preparation time, bring grammar to life and can aid dyslexic students through their explicit, scaffolded presentation.

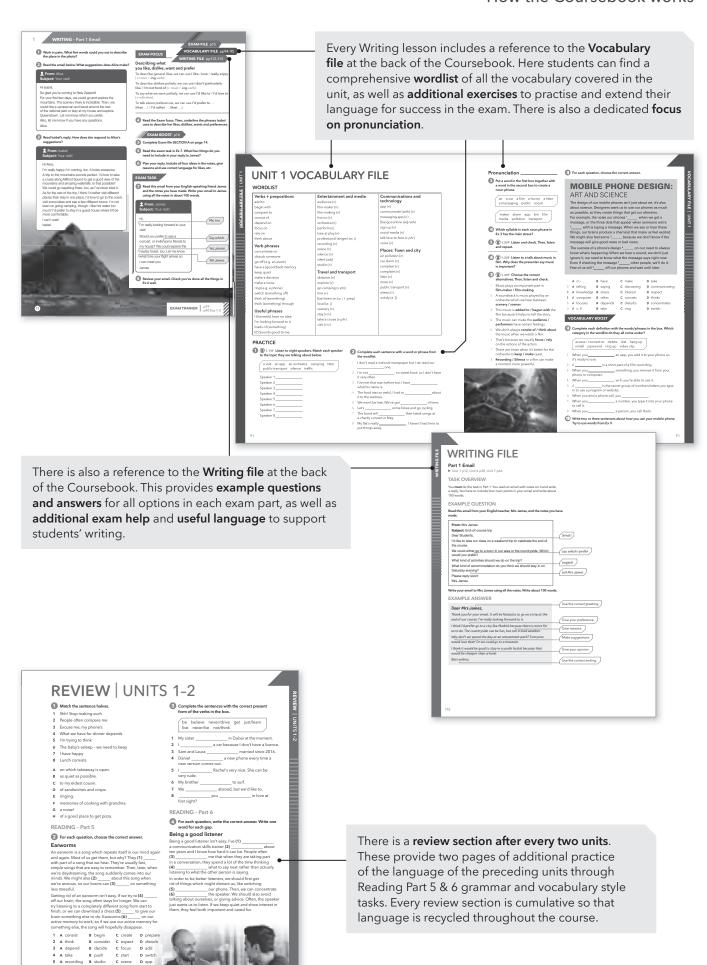


Additional fun interactive practice of each unit's grammar is available on the App, accessed via the Coursebook.



All Speaking lessons have accompanying **Speaking test videos** which are available to download from the Digital resources or via the App.

Example answers for the Speaking lesson exam tasks are provided in the Answer key.



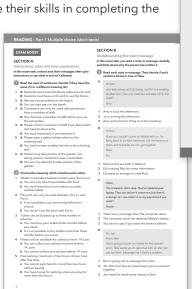
HOW TO USE THE EXAM FILE

What is the Exam file?

The Exam file is the fold-out booklet in the back of the Coursebook. It contains all the information you and your students need about each exam task in one place, making revision easy.

For each exam task, there's a reference page with information about what the task is, and the skills that are being tested in that task. There are also tips for completing the task successfully and a checklist to help students evaluate their skills in completing the

For each exam task, there's also an Exam boost page with additional exercises designed to help students prepare for that exam task. These exercises provide additional practice of what is taught in the main lessons, with some extension of language and skills work too. Where an exam task appears in the book four times, such as Reading Part 5 and 6, the Exam boost will have four sections (A, B, C and D). Where a task appears twice, e.g. Listening Parts 1–4, the Exam boost will have two sections (A and B), and so on. There is one dedicated Exam reference and Exam boost page for each part of the writing section.



How to use the Exam reference

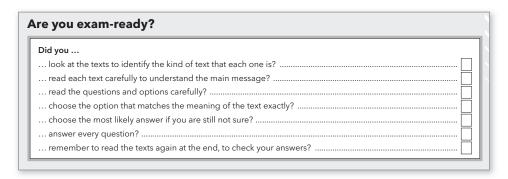
Encountering an exam task for the first time

It's a good idea to encourage students to use the Exam reference in the Exam file from the start of the course. When you first encounter each exam task in the Coursebook, you could ask students to look at the task and guess both what they have to do and what they are being tested on. You could then ask them to read the About the task and What is being tested? sections to check their ideas. Asking them to predict makes reading the reference information more attractive.

Before students do the exam task, you could ask them to predict what they think they should do before they do the task (e.g. read the text quickly), while they do the task and after they've done the task. Then, ask them to read the tips to check their ideas. When students do the exam task, encourage them to follow each tip to ensure they take the right approach.

On the other hand, you may want to ask students to complete the task and check answers, and then come up with a list of tips for *before*, *during* and *after* completing the task. This is more of a discovery approach which may be more meaningful for your class. It can also be easier to come up with tips after you've given a task a try. Once students have come up with their tips, they can compare them to those in the Exam reference.

The next step is to ask students to use the checklist to evaluate their skills – the checklist includes reference to both language skills needed to complete the task and exam skills. They can discuss the results in pairs, and you can use this to create a class discussion about what it is important to remember to do with this task and what in particular students feel they need to do better next time.



You may want to wait until closer to the exam to use this checklist, so that students don't get exam-weary too early in the course. If so, it's probably best if you do it early in the second half of the book, to give students time to use the checklist to adjust their approach before the exam.

Encountering an exam task after the first time

Each exam task appears at least twice in the book, with some appearing more often. When encountering an exam task for the second time, you might want to elicit from your class what tips they can remember from the Exam reference. They can then read the Exam reference again to check if necessary. After that, you may simply want to encourage them to use the tips to do the task. The more they use the tips, the more likely they are to adopt those strategies.

As you get closer to the actual exam, you may want students to do tasks without referring to the tips. You could then simply point out tips that students need to remember but often don't, for example reading quickly through a Part 6 Reading text when finished to check it makes sense with their answers and to spot any errors.

You might want to ask students to use the checklist to assess their skills and check that they're doing everything they should be doing during the course. It can help them to recognise progress, although you may not want to use it every time a task appears if it appears often, like Reading Part 5.

Just before the exam, students can use the Exam reference pages to review the exam tasks to remind themselves of what they should do.

How to use the Exam boost

In each lesson, there's an Exam boost subheading with a reference to the correct section and page number in the Exam file.



These subheadings may direct you to the Exam boost within a lesson or at the end. If you're directed there in the middle of a lesson, the additional exercise(s) in the Exam boost may well help students to complete the exam task at the end of that lesson more successfully. If it comes at the end, it may be that the exercise extends the focus in the book which is not necessarily tested in that particular exam task, but may be in others. In listening lessons, the reference to the Exam boost may come at the end as it may exploit audio from the exam task.

Wherever the Exam boost subheading appears in the lesson, you can either ask students to complete the exercise(s) in class or you can set them for homework. You could also set them as self-directed study, so students can select the exercises they feel would benefit them the most. They could choose them after reflecting on their performance in exam tasks.

If you ask students to complete the exercises in your lesson, then it's likely that you'll ask students to complete them individually, perhaps check answers with a partner, and then you'll check answers with the class. If students complete them at home, you can either check the answers in class the next day or supply the answers so that students can check their own. You can download the Answer key from the Digital resources found in the Presentation tool. Alternatively, you can copy the key in the Teacher's Book.

Students have access to the audio through the App and Digital resources.

If you're going to ask students to check their own answers at home, you might want to set aside two minutes of class time in their next lesson to find out how students got on with these exercises and if they have any questions or would like further practice in any particular area(s).

As you can see, the Exam file offers students the opportunity to understand the exam tasks better and develop their exam skills, leaving the main lessons for sub-skills and language development. By encouraging students to use the Exam file, you can help them build confidence and work towards a positive outcome in the exam.

HOW THE EXAM TRAINER WORKS

The first page of each exam part begins with a section entitled ABOUT THE TASK. This provides information about the exam task and its key testing aims.

The first TEST section starts with a mini exam Practice task, which is a reduced version of what is found in the actual B1 Preliminary exam.

The TEACH section provides detailed practice of the strategies and skills required to perform well in the exam part. The exercises develop the strategies and skills in a systematic, step-by-step way.

Strategies and skills

Complete the sentences with the relative pronouns in the box.

that what where when which who whose why

I live in a small village ______ everyone knows each other.

My sister is a person loves to play tennis.

I have no idea to do on Saturday now that my friend isn't coming to stay.

4 We were late so the show had already started

5 During the course I studied with Joe, a teacher special interest is ancient history

nne hotel, ______ was located in the town centre, was fantastic.

The show ______ I had originally intended to see was sold out so I couldn't get tickets.

What time do you usually go to bed? Is it the same in the week as at weekends?

In what situations do you find it difficult to get to sleep? What can you do to help?

My country life

kitchen and made myself (3) cup of coffee. It was going to be (4) very hot day and I could hear birds singing in (5) very hot day and I could hear birds singing in (5) very hot day and I could hear birds singing in (6) countryside, even though I have fewer opportunities for entertainment. I used to enjoy (7) evening out with friends, though now I think it's more of (8) advantage

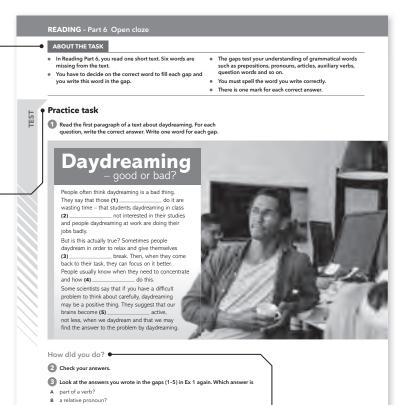
now! I think it's more of (8) ______advantage
to be able to do things like walking and cycling!! I think if
(9) _______healthiest I've ever been and don't regret (10) _______ thing about moving here.

Complete the paragraph with a. an or the.

When I woke up it was very early in (1) ____ morning. I got out of bed, went to (2) ____ kitchen and made myself (3) ____

Relative clauses

Discuss or answer.



3 Choose the correct word to complete each sentence We had to run because we didn't have **many / much** time before the bus came.

2 I only have a little / few work to do this weekend so we can go to the beach.

C part of a comparative?

4 I need to get some / any bread next time I go to the supermarket - we don't have any / many in the cupboard.

5 Only a few / little students get the top grade.

6 The jewellery she buys can cost as much / many as £2,000, which is a lot / lots of money!

7 | Yee lost my purse so I haven't got any / some cash on me.
Can you lend me some / lots?
8 | I find grammar a little / much difficult so I try to do a few / many expresse every night

special interest is ancient history.

I wasn't sure ____ the tour was cancelled and no one could tell me the reason.

Rewrite each sentence with the word in brackets in the correct place.

Jodie wears smart clothes that she always looks elegant. (such)

2 Most sports cars are expensive for people like me to buy. (too) 3 I'm not hungry to eat a big meal at the moment. (enough)

4 The tram was crowded that I had to walk home (so)

5 The second film was as good as the first one, in my opinion. (not)

6 The important thing for me is to do well at college. (most) 7 Some people think that dogs are friendly than cats. (more)

8 I haven't finished my project yet - it's harder I thought. (than)

5 Match the sentence beginnings (1-8) with the endings (A-H).

I was so busy reading 2 I didn't realise that there

vould be so 3 The hotter the day,
4 Jose is now one of the world's

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5 I love the film - I've seen it F the more difficult it is to stay cool.

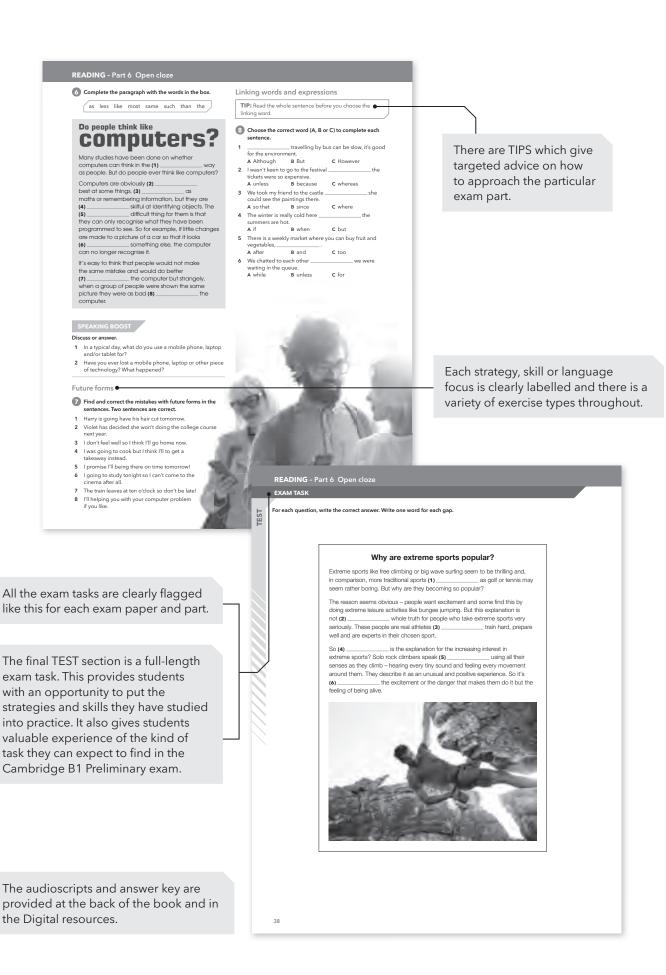
7 I was cold walking home because it was
8 The job would be perfect for someone

A like my friend Elena.
 B that I missed my station.

C most popular actors.
D such a snowy day.

The practice task is followed by a series of 'How did you do?' questions that encourage students to reflect on their performance

In Reading and Listening exam parts, there are optional Speaking boost tasks. These help develop students' communicative skills by prompting speaking practice in class. Alternatively, the questions can be answered individually at home for writing practice.



CREATE YOUR OWN FORMULA

Formula's building blocks

You can customise *Formula* depending on the length of your course and the language and skills your students need to develop. In this section, we have a selection of 'How to' guides for around 30, 50, 80 and 100+ hours to help give you suggestions on how you might customise *Formula* for your classes.

Formula consists of four building blocks:

- **Block 1** choose your component.
- **Block 2** choose which section(s) of the component(s) you want to use in class.
- **Block 3** choose which section(s) of the component you want to use for homework.
- Block 4 choose which digital resources will help you keep students engaged, help them best reach their goals and provide a change of pace during class or at home.

How it works

Use the following steps to help you decide how you can meet the specific needs of your group. Read about each building block and create the Formula that is right for your class.

Super (intensive 1-2 months)



Exam-focused

Exam Trainer 20–30 hours



Exam-focused with language revision and consolidation

Coursebook 40–80 hours



Exam-focused with language development

Coursebook and Exam trainer 80–100 hours



Extensive exam focus and language development

Coursebook and Exam Trainer 100+ hours

Extensive (full academic year)

Building block 1 COMPONENTS

Choose the most suitable component or combination of components for your course length.

Exam Trainer

Coursebook

Coursebook and Exam Trainer

Building block 2 SECTIONS IN CLASS

Choose the most suitable sections to use in class.

CoursebookExam TrainerMain unitsTestReviewsTeachGrammar fileTest

Vocabulary file Full practice exam

Writing file Exam file

Building block 3 SECTIONS FOR HOMEWORK

Choose the most suitable sections to use for homework.

CoursebookExam TrainerMain unitsTestReviewsTeachGrammar fileTest

Vocabulary file Full practice exam

Writing file Exam file

Building block 4 DIGITAL RESOURCES

Choose the most suitable digital resources for the specific needs of your class.

Specific need
Recycling
Photocopiables
Language development
Checking progress
Unit test
Progress test
End of level test
Dyslexia-friendly tests

Change of pace About the exam videos
Writing development Writing success criteria
Speaking development Speaking test videos
Speaking success criteria

HOW TO USE FORMULA FOR AROUND 30 HOURS

EXAM FOCUSED Around 30 hours

Use the **Exam Trainer** in class or for self-study

FORMULA B1 PRELIMINARY Exam Trainer and Interactive eBook are unique, full colour components which can be used independently or in combination with the Coursebook. The Exam Trainer uses a Test, Teach, Test approach to exam preparation for each part of the exam.

There are different ways that you can teach from the Exam Trainer depending on the overall length of your exam preparation course and how much class contact time you have available. If you have longer courses (40–60 hours), you might decide to work through each complete exam part from the Exam Trainer in class. For shorter courses (20–40 hours), you can choose which elements of the Test, Teach, Test and full practice exam you use in class or for homework. Here we are providing an example for around 30 hours.

Building block 1 COMPONENTS

Students

 Exam Trainer or the Interactive eBook with Digital resources and App





Teachers

• Presentation tool and/or Exam Trainer Teacher's Notes and Digital resources

The notes for each exam part provide:

- an Exam part overview which summarises the content in each exam part section
- a list of extra Formula Digital resources
- a dyslexia focus which highlights tasks which dyslexic students might find challenging and provides ideas for making suitable adjustments
- a warmer task to focus students' attention and get them ready for the lesson ahead, and a cooler task to round off the exam part at the end
- detailed teacher's notes for each exercise as well as embedded answer keys
- alternative approaches to some exercises
- ideas for using the Speaking boost questions, as well as extension ideas if you wish to enhance the communicative aspect of your exam classes

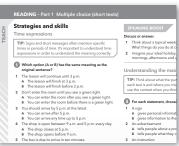
Building block 2 SECTIONS IN CLASS

Use Test and Teach sections.

 Test – An introductory practice task tests learners to see what they already know and allows reflection on current performance.



 Teach – This section provides practice of strategies and skills to improve learner performance and enables them to approach the exam with confidence.



Building block 3 SECTIONS FOR HOMEWORK

Use the final *Test* sections with some exam tasks carried out under exam conditions.

 Test – The final examcompliant exam task tests how well they can apply the strategies and skills they have practiced.

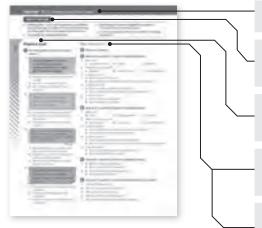


Example teaching scenario

Depending on the number of classes within the 30-hour course, you could provide single skill or multiple skill lessons. For example, you may have 15×2 -hour classes.

A 2-hour class may consist of the following: **Reading** – **Part 1 Multiple choice (short texts)** (1 hour) and **Speaking** – **Part 1 Introduction** (1 hour). A lesson of this type would enable a brief introduction to each part of the exam and some input and practice.

READING – Part 1 Multiple choice (short texts) (1 hour)



Use the Exam Trainer Presentation tool for each page.

Use Exam Trainer Teacher's Notes for Warmer and ABOUT THE TASK to start the lesson.

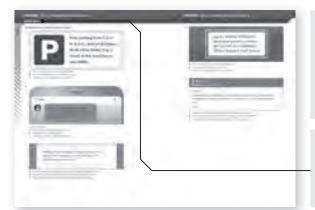
Students carry out the Practice task and try the reduced length task to become familiar with the task type.

Students carry out How did you do? activities and reflect on the task they have just completed.

Use Exam Trainer Teacher's Notes to go through the How did you do?

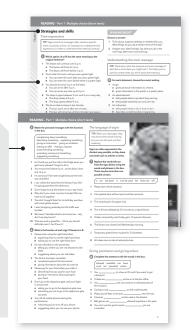


Use Exam Trainer Teacher's Notes to provide guidance on how to approach each task.



Pick and choose which sections to focus on in class depending on the strengths and weaknesses of the group. Students can complete the sections they are familiar with at home.

Students can complete the Exam task at home using what they have covered in class to help them.



Building block 4 DIGITAL RESOURCES

Before class

Video: About B1 Preliminary: Overview, About B1 Preliminary: Reading, About B1 Preliminary: Reading Part 1.



Less time

Ask students to complete the first practice task at home and do How did you do? activities in class.

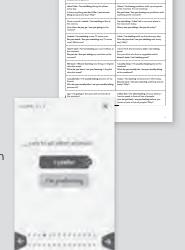
Need something extra or a change of pace

Video: About B1 Preliminary: Overview, About B1 Preliminary: Reading, About B1 Preliminary: Reading Part 1.



Why not try?

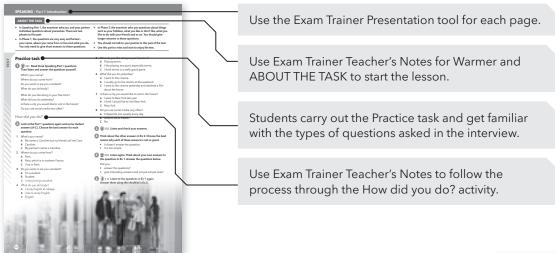
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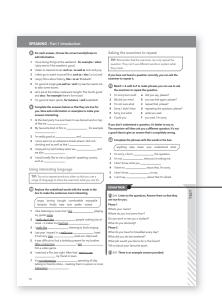


Quick homework

Pearson Practice English App activities.

SPEAKING – Part 1 Introduction (1 hour)





Students carry out the Strategies and skills tasks.

Use Exam Trainer Teacher's Notes to provide guidance on how to approach each task. Pick and choose which sections to focus on in class depending on the strengths and weaknesses of the group.

Students can either complete the Exam task in class or record their responses at home using what they have covered in class to help them give the most comprehensive answers.



Building block 4 DIGITAL RESOURCES

Before class

Video: About B1 Preliminary: Speaking, About B1 Preliminary: Speaking Part 1, B1 Preliminary Speaking Test 1, Part 1.



Why not try?

A photocopiable activity from the Digital resources.



Less time

Ask students to complete the first practice task at home and do How did you do? activities in class.

Need something extra or a change of pace

Video: About B1 Preliminary: Speaking, About B1 Preliminary: Speaking Part 1, B1 Preliminary Speaking Test 1, Part 1.



Quick homework

Pearson Practice English App grammar activity.



HOW TO USE FORMULA FOR AROUND 50 HOURS

EXAM FOCUSED WITH LANGUAGE REVISION AND CONSOLIDATION

Around 50 hours Use the Coursebook in class

FORMULA B1 PRELIMNARY Coursebook and Interactive eBook can be used in different ways depending on the overall length of your exam preparation course and how much class contact time you have available. If you have a course of around 50–60 hours, you might decide to use the main lessons in class and use the additional bank of material from the Grammar, Vocabulary, Writing and Exam file for homework. Here we are providing an example for around **50 hours**.

Building block 1 COMPONENTS

Students

 Coursebook or the Interactive eBook with Digital resources and App





Teachers

 Presentation tool and/or Coursebook Teacher's Book and Digital resources

The notes for each lesson provide:

- a Unit overview which summarises the content in each unit
- a list of extra Formula Digital resources
- a dyslexia focus which highlights tasks which dyslexic students might find challenging and provides ideas for making suitable adjustments
- a warmer task to focus students' attention and get them ready for the lesson ahead, and a cooler task to round off the lesson
- detailed teacher's notes for each exercise as well as embedded answer keys
- alternative approaches to some exercises
- flexible follow up to extend the previous activity

For the fastest path, use the basic notes; to extend the lessons, use the activities in the tinted boxes.

Building block 2 SECTIONS IN CLASS

Use the main lessons.

- Introduce students to the unit topic.
- Introduce students to the relevant exam part for the lesson and refer to the Exam file.

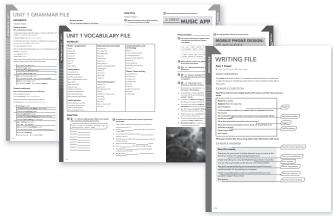


Building block 3 SECTIONS FOR HOMEWORK

Use some of the additional bank of material not completed in the lesson.

- Complete the relevant Grammar, Vocabulary, Writing file or Exam boost sections.
- 'Speaking or writing' from the main lesson – ask students to carry out the writing task.



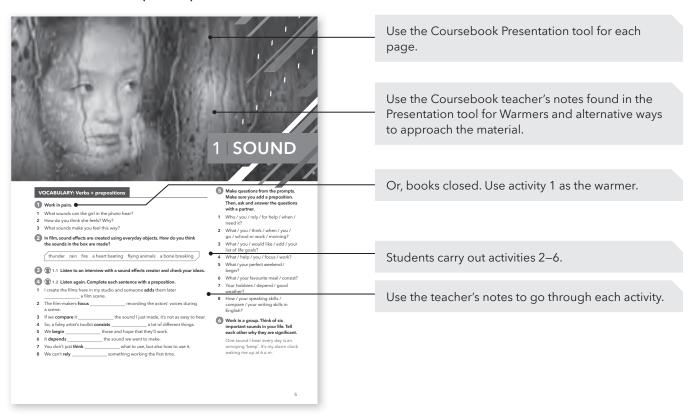


Example teaching scenario

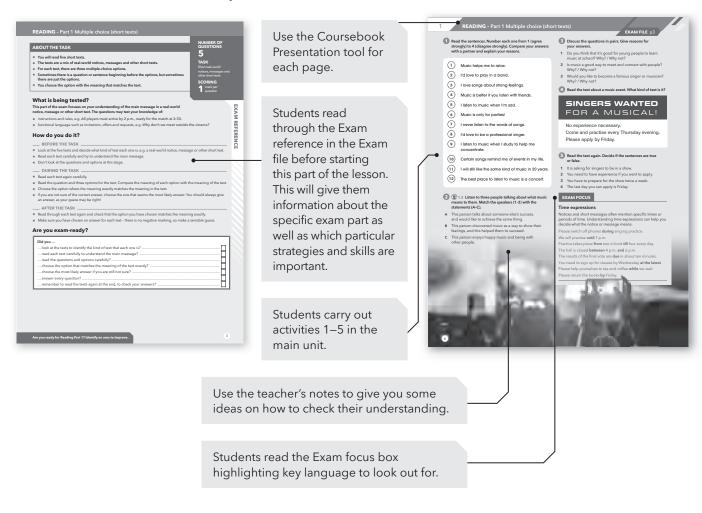
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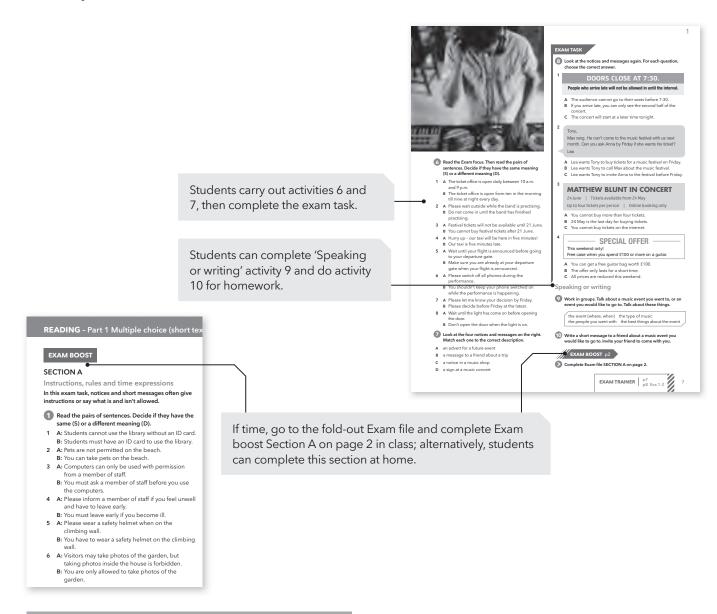
A 60-minute class may consist of the following: **Unit opener** and **Reading – Part 1 Multiple choice (short texts).** A lesson of this type would enable a brief introduction to each part of the exam and some input and practice.

UNIT OPENER (15 mins)



READING - Part 1 Multiple choice (short texts) (45 mins)





Building block 4 DIGITAL RESOURCES

Before class

Video: About B1 Preliminary: Overview, About B1 Preliminary: Reading, About B1 Preliminary: Reading Part 1.

Less time

Ask students to complete the exam task at home.



SCAM TASK So Lost the notices and messages again. For each question, choose the correct anxwer. DOORS CLOSE AT 7:30. People who arrive late will not be allowed in until the interval. A The audience cannot go to their seast before 7:30. B if you same late, you can only use the accord half of the B if you same late, you can only use the accord half of the C The concert will start at a later time tonight. Tony, Max rang, He can't come to the music festival with us next month. Can you ask Arns by Friday if she wards his ticket? Lea A Lea wants Tony to buy tickets for a music festival on Friday. B Lea wants Tony to buy tickets for a music festival or C Lea wants Tony to they fact with the music festival. C Lea wants Tony to buy tickets for a music festival or Friday. B Lea wants Tony to buy tickets for a music festival or Friday. B Lea wants Tony to buy tickets for a music festival or Friday. B Lea wants Tony to buy tickets for a music festival or Friday. B Lea wants Tony to buy tickets for a music festival or Friday. A Value awards Tony to buy tickets for a music festival or Friday. A Wat THEW BLUNT IN CONCERT 24 June | Tickets available from 24 May Up to four tickets per person | Online booking only A Voic cannot buy more than four tickets. B 24 May is the at addy for buying tickets. C You cannot buy stocks on the internet. This weekend only! Free case when you spend \$100 or more on a guitar.

You can get a free guitar bag worth £100. The offer only lasts for a short time. All prices are reduced this weekend.

Need something extra or a change of pace

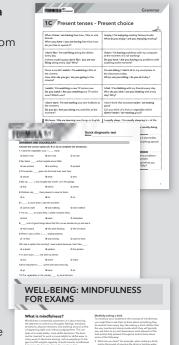
A photocopiable activity from the Digital resources.

Why not try?

The quick placement test to find out the group's strengths and areas to improve.

Quick homework

Read about Mindfulness for exams and carry out the Practice activity.



HOW TO USE FORMULA FOR AROUND 80 HOURS

EXAM FOCUSED WITH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT Around 80 hours

Use the **Coursebook** in class and the **Exam Trainer** for homework

FORMULA B1 PRELIMINARY Coursebook and Exam Trainer can be used in different ways depending on the overall length of your exam preparation course and how much class contact time and homework time you have available. If you have a course of around 80–100 hours, you might decide to use the Coursebook main lessons and the additional bank of material (Grammar, Vocabulary, Writing and Exam file) in class and use the Exam Trainer page references from the Coursebook to consolidate and extend lessons for homework. Here we are providing an example for around 80 hours.

Building block 1 COMPONENTS

Students

- Coursebook or the Interactive eBook with Digital resources and App
- Exam Trainer or the Interactive eBook with Digital resources and App



FORMULA FOR

Teachers

• Presentation tool and/or Coursebook Teacher's Book and Digital resources

The notes for each lesson provide:

- a Unit overview which summarises the content in each unit
- a list of extra Formula Digital resources
- a dyslexia focus which highlights tasks which dyslexic students might find challenging and provides ideas for making suitable adjustments
- a warmer task to focus students' attention and get them ready for the lesson ahead, and a cooler task to round off the lesson
- detailed teacher's notes for each exercise as well as embedded answer keys
- alternative approaches to some exercises
- flexible follow up to extend the previous activity

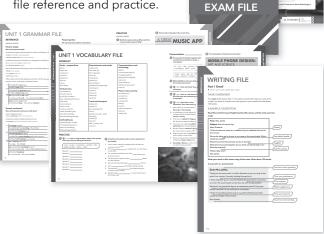
For the fastest path, use the basic notes; to extend the lessons, use the activities in the tinted boxes.

Building block 2 SECTIONS IN CLASS

Use the main lessons, the additional bank of material and Digital resources.

 Introduce students to the relevant exam part for the lesson and refer to the Exam file.

 Integrate Grammar, Vocabulary, Writing and Exam file reference and practice.



Building block 3 SECTIONS FOR HOMEWORK

Use the Exam Trainer page references from the Coursebook.

• Use selected exercises from the Test, Teach, Test sections.



Building block 4 DIGITAL RESOURCES

Grammar presentations, photocopiable worksheets, tests, videos, app

Example teaching scenario

Depending on the number of classes within the 80-hour course, you could provide single skill or multiple skill lessons. For example, you may have 60×90 -minute classes.

A 90-minute class may consist of the following: Writing – Part 1 Email. A lesson of this type would enable recycling of language from previous lessons, a full introduction to this part of the exam and extensive language input and practice.

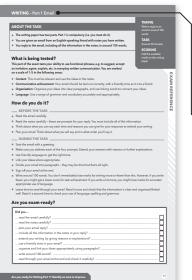
WRITING - Part 1 Email (90 mins)



Use Photocopiable 1A to recycle language from earlier in the unit.

Watch the About B1 Preliminary: Writing Part 1 video in the Digital resources.





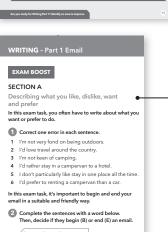
Use the Coursebook Presentation tool for each page. Use the Coursebook teacher's notes for Warmer.

Students read through the Exam reference in the Exam file before starting this part of the lesson. This will give them information about the specific exam part as well as which particular strategies and skills are important.

Students carry out activities 1-4 in the main unit including reading the Exam focus.

Use the teacher's notes to give you some ideas on how to approach the activities.

Students go to the fold-out Exam file and carry out Exam boost Section A on page 14.

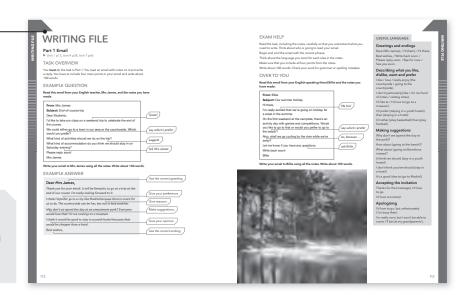


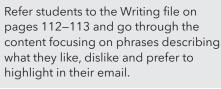
what you think.

Let me ______.
Write again ______.
I'm so ______ to hear about your new job

Looking forward to _____ Lovely to _____ Thanks for your _____

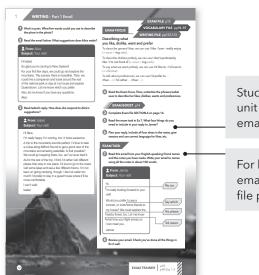
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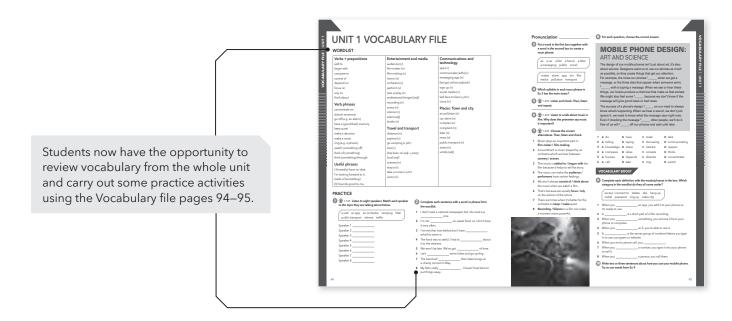


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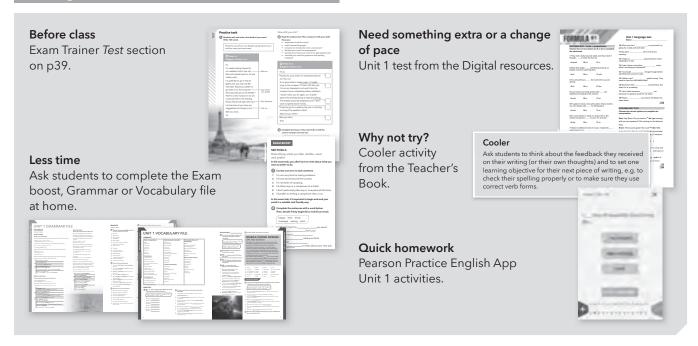


Students can then return to the main unit and work in pairs to plan their email which they can do for homework.

For homework, students can write their email using activity 7 and the Writing file pp112–113 to help them.



Building block 4 DIGITAL RESOURCES



HOW TO USE FORMULA FOR AROUND 100+ HOURS

EXTENSIVE EXAM AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT Around 100 hours

Use the **Coursebook** in class and the **Exam Trainer** for homework

FORMULA B1 PRELIMINARY Coursebook and Exam Trainer can be used in different ways depending on the overall length of your exam preparation course and how much class contact time and homework time you have available. If you have a 100–120-hour course, you might decide to use all parts of the Coursebook in class and use some sections from the Exam Trainer to consolidate exam skills for homework. Here we are providing an example for around 100–120 hours.

Building block 1 COMPONENTS

Students

- Coursebook or the Interactive eBook with Digital resources and App
- Exam Trainer or the Interactive eBook with Digital resources and App





Teachers

 Presentation tool and/or Coursebook Teacher's Book and Digital resources

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- detailed teacher's notes for each exercise as well as embedded answer keys
- alternative approaches to some exercises
- flexible follow up to extend the previous activity

For the fastest path, use the basic notes; to extend the lessons, use the activities in the tinted boxes.

Building block 2 SECTIONS IN CLASS

Use all the Coursebook content, *Test* and *Teach* sections from the Exam Trainer and Digital resources.

- Introduce students to the relevant exam part for the lesson and refer to the Exam file.
- Integrate Grammar, Vocabulary, Writing and Exam file reference and practice.
- Integrate photocopiable activities, grammar presentations, videos or unit/ progress/practice tests as required.
- Use initial Test and Teach sections from the Exam Trainer to develop exam awareness and provide exam training.





Building block 3 SECTIONS FOR HOMEWORK

Use the Exam Trainer page references from the Coursebook.

 Use selected exercises from the Test, Teach, Test sections.



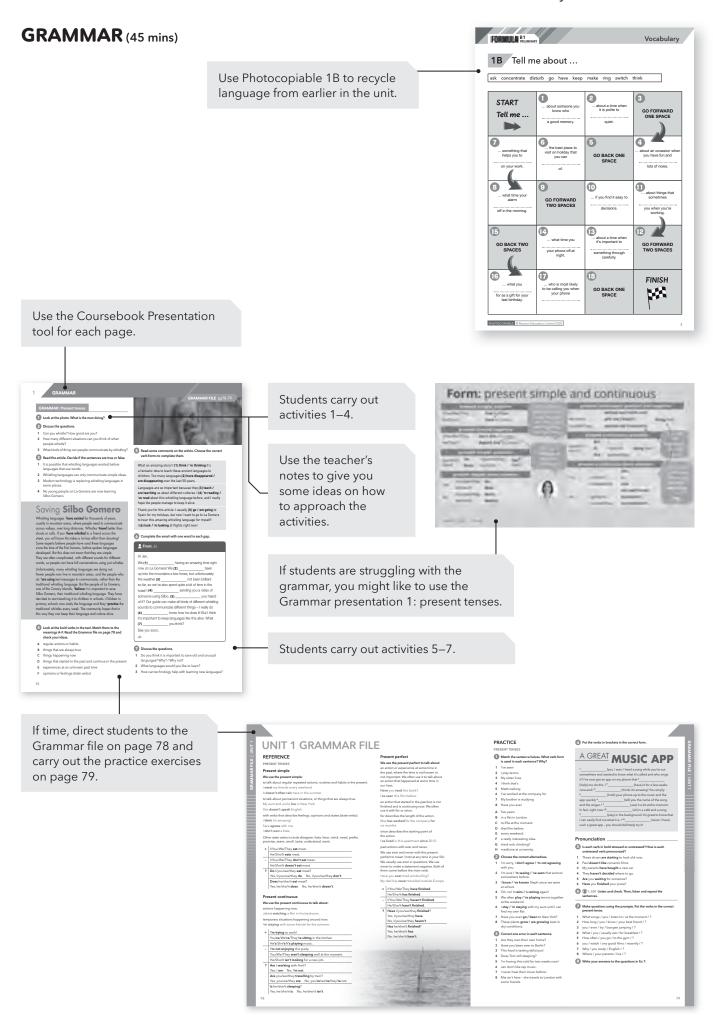
Building block 4 DIGITAL RESOURCES

Grammar presentations, photocopiable worksheets, tests, videos, app

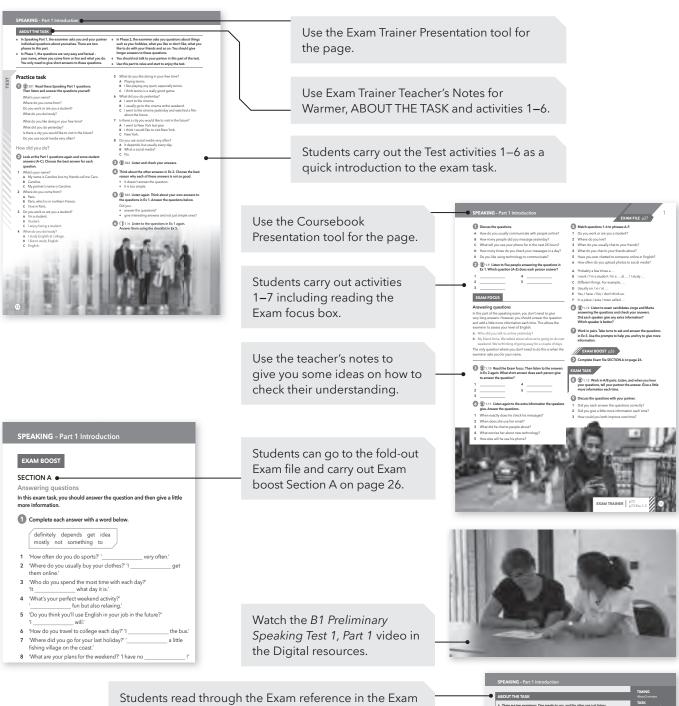
Example teaching scenario

Depending on the number of classes within the 100-120-hour course, you could provide single or multiple skill lessons. For example, you may have 60×2 -hour classes.

A 2-hour class may consist of the following: **Grammar** and **Speaking – Part 1 Introduction**. A lesson of this type would enable recycling of language from previous lessons, a full introduction to this part of the exam and extensive language input and practice.

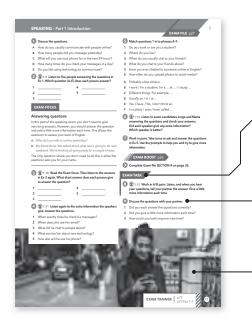


SPEAKING - Part 1 Introduction (1 hour 15 mins)



Students read through the Exam reference in the Exam file before starting this part of the lesson. This will give them information about the specific exam part as well as which particular strategies and skills are important.



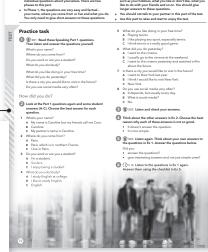


Students can now complete the Exam task in the main unit using the guidance they have found in the Exam file, the Exam focus and the video to help them.

Students can complete activity 9 with a partner.

Use the Coursebook teacher's notes for Cooler.

For homework, students can complete Speaking Part 1 – Introduction p72, p73 Exs 1–3 in the Exam Trainer.



ABOUT THE TASK

Cross out the unnecessary part of the answers below to make them sound more natural.

- Where do you live?
 I live in Genoa, in Italy.
- 2 What do you usually do in the evenings?
- In the evenings I usually chat to my friends online

 What's your favourite sport?

 My favourite sport is definitely football because
 I love team sports.
- How often do you look at your mobile phone?
 Hook at my mobile phone probably every ten minutes or so!
- 5 What did you do last weekend?
- Last weekend:

 Last weekend I went to the beach with my family.

 6 Who is your best friend?

 My best friend is Julia I've known her for years as she lives next door to me.
- 2 © S05 Listen and check your answers

3 Match questions 1-6 with answers A-F.

- Do you work or are you a student?
 How often do you go to the cinema?
- 3 Where do you usually meet your friends?
- Are you good at sport?

 Do you go on holiday abroad every year?

 Do you have many brothers and sisters?
- A Every weekend if I can.
- A Every weekend if I can.
 B I work. If in a teacher at a college.
 Different places. For example, the local café or the shopping mall.
 Not always, but most years.
 No, I don't think so, to be honest.

- F No, just one brother

Building block 4 DIGITAL RESOURCES

Before class

Exam Trainer Test section on p72.

Less time

Ask students to complete the Grammar file activities and the Exam boost at home.



Need something extra or a change of pace

Video: About B1 Preliminary: Speaking, About B1 Preliminary: Speaking Part 1, B1 Preliminary Speaking Test 1, Part 1.

Why not try?

A photocopiable activity from the Digital resources.

Quick homework

Pearson Practice English App Unit 1 activities.



HOW TO TEACH FOR EXAMS

What do teachers need to consider?

How is teaching for exams different from teaching general English classes?

- Exam classes often place more emphasis on reading, writing and grammar. General courses often include more speaking activities and general listening tasks that aim to develop communicative skills and fluency.
- An exam course is fixed, with an exam syllabus that
 must be completed. This means the teacher may feel
 there's little time to do many extension activities from
 the Coursebook that are either optional or not in exam
 format, even though these are clearly useful. When
 doing these activities, it's important that teachers
 explain their value clearly to the students so that they
 understand how they relate to the exam.
- Exam students may not be interested in learning
 English for its own sake they may simply want to pass
 the exam. This means they may be keen to do exam
 practice but may not see the value of spending time on
 communicative or fluency activities. However, if there are
 non-exam students in your class, they may want to do
 fluency work that improves their communicative ability.
- Students may feel under pressure to succeed. This could be because they need to pass the exam to continue their studies or to succeed in the career of their choice. This pressure can lead to a feeling of frustration if students aren't doing well.
- There can be problems if students are not at the level of the exam they're studying for. Students can become demotivated and teachers can feel frustrated.
- There is a very clear end goal which creates a shared bond among exam students. Non-exam students may also see a clear progression through the course and gain a sense of progress and achievement in their overall ability.

What do exam teachers need to know at the start of a course?

It's vital that teachers know about the exam before they start the course, so they can make crucial decisions about how much time to spend on the different aspects of the exam, when to start exam practice and so on. They also need to know the balance of exam and non-exam students.

Teachers should find out about students' priorities and how many students intend to take the exam. They should then find out about individual students' respective strengths and weaknesses in order to focus as much time as possible on those areas that students have trouble with. Information they need includes:

The format and content of the exam

- How many papers are there and what skills does each one test?
- How many different parts are there in each paper? Are they all compulsory or is there a choice?

- What is the grammar syllabus for the exam?
- How are the skills tested multiple choice questions, gap-fill, ...? What techniques are required for dealing with each one?

The practicalities of taking the exam

- How much time is allowed for each part of the exam?
 How should students balance their time?
- Where do students write their answers? Is there transfer time?

How the exam is marked

- What is the weighting of different papers?
- How many marks are there for each question?
- What are the assessment criteria for each part where there is no 'right' answer, i.e. when testing the productive skills of writing and speaking?

What happens after the exam?

- How are the results presented? Do students receive feedback? Are the grades linked to the CEFR? What level are they linked to?
- What can your students do with the qualification? Is it recognised internationally?
- What is the next exam that your students should progress to?

What makes a successful exam teacher?

Teaching for an exam is very rewarding, but it is also challenging. A good exam teacher:

- knows and understands the exam well, including the testing focus of each part and what techniques students need to deal with each one
- understands how to achieve a balance between developing skills and doing exam practice in lessons so as to engage all students in the work
- enjoys teaching towards a goal
- manages their own and their students' time effectively and efficiently
- listens to students' concerns and worries
- gives honest and direct feedback on students' performance
- motivates students and fosters confidence and independent learning

How important is balancing teaching and testing?

Students enrolled on an exam course will expect to go through a lot of practice tests and exam practice. However, if this is all you do, you will produce excellent test takers but poor language users! You may also risk losing the interest of any non-exam students. When time is restricted you need to make the most of the time you choose to teach and the time you need to be testing. This balance is different with every class.

How does *Formula* help with exam teaching?

Each lesson in *Formula* is designed to help learners develop the skills, language and strategies they need to communicate effectively in English and pass the Cambridge B1 Preliminary exam. They will learn about each part of the exam, what to expect and how to do it well.

Development of skills

Exam tasks require students to demonstrate a range of language at the appropriate level. Reading Part 5 and 6 lessons with a grammar or vocabulary focus develop this range unit by unit, which makes it easy for students to apply them to exam tasks and to the real world. A Grammar file and Vocabulary file for each unit provides additional practice too, for use both in class and out.

Development of language

Each skills lesson focuses on a sub-skill or strategy, with exercises to help students develop that sub-skill. Students then apply it in an exam task. In Reading Part 5 and 6 lessons with a grammar or vocabulary focus, students see the language in context and practise using it before they apply their knowledge of the language to an exam task.

Building exam skills

Exam file with Exam reference

Formula comes with a fold-out Exam file in the back of the Coursebook which provides a reference page for each exam task. It gives information about what the exam task is and what it tests, and provides tips for students on what to do before the task, during the task and after the task to make sure they use the best strategies possible. As they work through the Coursebook and become familiar with the tips, the tasks will become easier.

Exam boost section

The Exam file includes an Exam boost page for every exam task. These pages provide additional practice of the skill or language being taught in the main lessons, with some language extension too. This extra practice helps learners to work towards greater success in exam tasks.

Focus on the process

Learners are helped to understand not just the point of what they are doing but also how to complete each part well. Understanding what each task type is testing and the process they need to follow in order to complete it enables students to reach their overall goal.

Focus on the process of writing

To help students identify good practice in writing tasks, lessons in the Coursebook provide model answers. There are also tasks that encourage students to analyse the model answers, giving them greater understanding of how to complete the tasks themselves. These analytical tasks focus on the approach, content and language required by the different writing genres. Students are also guided to review and improve their work, or another student's work, and helped to understand where improvement is required. The Writing file provides further tips on how to approach the tasks, with further models.

Focus on speaking

Throughout the Coursebook there are discussion questions and tasks that encourage students to talk about ideas related to topics they have heard or read about. This helps students to prepare for the speaking exam and helps them develop real-world speaking skills. In sections specifically devoted to exam tasks, there are model answers for students to analyse. These answers give clear models for long turns and give examples of the best ways to interact with a partner.

Explanatory answer keys

There are clear answer keys provided for the exam tasks. In the reading and listening tasks the lines where the answers can be found are quoted. In the Reading Part 5 and 6 tasks there are explanations for the answers.

Practice exam

As well as working through regular unit tests, there are also two further practice exams in the Digital resources found in the Presentation tool as well as a full practice exam in the Exam Trainer, which they can check against the Answer key.

Resources for self-study

There are a number of resources which provide opportunities for self-study and also give supplementary information and further practice. These can be used in class or at home. They include:

- The Grammar file at the back of the Coursebook
- A Wordlist and extended Vocabulary section in the Vocabulary file at the back of the Coursebook
- The Writing file at the back of the Coursebook
- A full practice exam in the Exam Trainer
- The Exam file booklet in the back of the Coursebook
- Audioscripts for the listening tasks
- The Exam Trainer

HOW TO ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENT LEARNING

What is it and why is it important?

Independent learning is 'a process, a method and a philosophy of education whereby a learner acquires knowledge by his or her own efforts and develops the ability for enquiry and critical evaluation' (Philip Candy, 1991). In a language learning context, independent learners are those who are able to recognise their learning needs, locate relevant information about language and develop relevant language skills on their own or with other learners. The responsibility for learning is no longer with the teacher but with the learner, who is more actively involved in decision-making.

Reviews of both literature and research suggest that independent learning can result in the following:

- increased recognition of strengths, weaknesses and progress
- increased levels of confidence
- increased motivation
- better management of learning
- improved performance.

It therefore appears that being an independent learner can be extremely beneficial for students, both at school and beyond. Learning is, of course, lifelong.

Current best practices and methods

To help students become more independent, teachers can support them in a number of ways.

Make intended learning goals clear to learners

Sharing intended learning goals with a class helps students to see what they are trying to achieve and then later assess whether they have achieved it. Sharing goals can be done at the beginning of a lesson or series of lessons, or as a lesson progresses. They can be given by the teacher or, if the latter, elicited from the students. Note that they are described as *intended* learning goals. This is because teachers cannot fully determine what students will actually learn in a lesson. However, an intended learning goal can help students to understand what desired goals should be.

Help learners to personalise learning goals

This does not mean that every learner will be working on a different goal in each lesson but instead that they are given the opportunity to set goals relevant to their own needs before working outside the classroom or when doing tasks in the classroom. For example, before completing an exam task in a speaking lesson, students could set their own goal in relation to an area of weakness, e.g. I want to give a reason for my answer / organise my ideas better / use more linkers.

Focus on the process as well as the goal

Learners understand not just what their learning goal is but also how to achieve it. Understanding what success looks like and the process they need to follow in order to be successful will facilitate achieving the goal.

Provide opportunities for reflection on learning

Self- and peer-assessment of performance, as well as reflection on whether learning goals have been met, all help students to become more aware of their strengths, weaknesses and progress.

Recognition of progress helps to build confidence and motivation. Opportunities for assessment and reflection need not take too much time. Just two minutes after a task or at the end of a lesson answering the question *How has this lesson helped you?* can give students time to develop important meta-cognitive skills.

Provide feedback on learning

'Feedback is one of the most powerful influences on learning and achievement' (Hattie & Timperley, 2007) and it is certainly something considered to be important in helping learners to develop the skills they need to become independent. Feedback does not only have to come from the teacher though. Peers can often provide useful feedback and suggestions when encouraged to do so in a supportive and sensitive manner. Hattie & Timperley suggest that for feedback to be effective, it must help learners to understand where they are now in their learning, where they are going and how to get there.

Gradually transfer learning decisions to students

Students cannot become independent learners if all of their learning decisions are made for them. Allowing students in a class the opportunity to make some decisions about how they learn gives them a greater level of autonomy. Start with small decisions at first, for example asking students to decide whether to

- do a task alone or in pairs;
- use a set of useful phrases for support or not in a speaking task;
- discuss questions about one topic or a different topic.

This transfer of responsibility built up over time will help learners to become more independent.

Of course, as with any approach or strategy that you introduce, it is always beneficial to receive some feedback from learners during and at the end of a course to find out if they have been helpful.

You could ask your students to rate the following according to how useful they have been (1 = not useful, 5 = very useful) or rank them according to which they have found the most useful (1 = most helpful).

- Sharing the learning goal of the lesson
- Assessing my skills
- Setting my own goals
- Feedback from the teacher
- Helping to make decisions about lessons

Their ratings or rankings can then be a springboard for further discussion.

How does Formula help me with that?

Formula provides a number of resources that will help you to develop more independent learners.

Clear learning goals and models for success

Learning goals for each skill are outlined at the beginning of each unit in the Teacher's Book. These describe what the student will be able or better able to do at the end of the lesson. The language or skills focus of every lesson is clearly set out in the Contents page of the Coursebook.



A focus on process

To help students identify good practice in speaking and writing tasks, there are example answers for the Writing paper in the Writing file at the back of the Coursebook as well as further example answers for Speaking and Writing tasks in the Answer key. Furthermore, the Coursebook provides exercises throughout its lessons that encourage students to analyse the answers to better understand how to complete the tasks successfully. Analysis focuses on approach, content and language.

- 5 Read the exam task in Ex 7. What four things do you need to include in your reply?
- 6 Plan your reply.
- Decide how you'll start and finish your email.
- Decide what information to include.
- Decide what phrases you can include in your email.

Review tasks in Writing lessons

In each Writing lesson, students are asked to review their own work or a partner's work and make improvements. Scaffolded tasks help students to develop the skills they need to do this effectively.

- Check your article includes all four things in the Exam focus. What are you the most pleased with? Why?
- Read other students' articles from the class. Whose do you enjoy the most? Why?

Resources for self-study

There are a number of resources to help learners to achieve their goals. These can be used in class if the teacher wants to allocate part of a lesson to self-study or they can be used at home. They include:

- The Vocabulary file at the back of the Coursebook which includes a wordlist for each unit
- The Writing and Grammar files at the back of the Coursebook
- The Exam file with an Exam reference and an Exam boost page for every exam task
- The Exam Trainer

To take it further ...

Try these activities to help your students become independent learners.

1 Confidence scale

Write the intended learning goal of the lesson on the board (e.g. identify a speaker's attitude) as a 'can do' statement, e.g. 'I can identify a speaker's attitude'. Check students understand what attitude is and give an example (e.g. annoyed, sad). Draw a scale like the one below. Ask students to write down the number that shows how well they can do this now. Monitor and look at their numbers. Ask students to do this again at the end of the lesson, writing their new number next to the old one. Again, monitor. Whether students' numbers have gone up or down in general, lead a short class discussion to find out why (what helped, what was difficult, what they feel they need to do next).



You might choose to leave this activity until the end of a unit. Write all the intended learning goals on the board and ask students to rate their confidence levels in each one. You can then lead a class discussion on how they can gain more confidence in certain areas and use this information to plan future lessons.

2 Selecting the feedback focus

Before students complete a writing task, ask them to identify a personal learning goal, e.g. *I'd like to use paragraphs*. Encourage them to look back at your feedback on previous written work to help them identify this. Tell them to write this goal at the top of their work when they submit it and that you will provide feedback specifically on that goal when you mark it.

3 Record and reflect

Ask students to use their mobile phones to record themselves completing a speaking task so they can listen back and compare their performance to a model answer. Recording apps are usually free to download or are preloaded onto a smartphone.

4 Written feedback

When marking students' work, provide one comment under each of the headings below to help learners identify where they are in their learning now, where they need to go next and how to get there, as well as recognise that they have made progress to boost students' confidence.

- What you did well
- What you've improved
- What you can improve
- How you can improve it

5 Regular reflection

Put aside regular time for reflection in your lessons. For example:

- Ask students to predict how well they think they'll do in a task. Afterwards, they can discuss if they were right and why / why not.
- After speaking and/or writing tasks, ask students to make a list of common language errors for future reference.
- Ask students to share exam or writing task strategies so they can learn from each other.
- At the end of a lesson, ask students to say 3 words they want to review and remember, 2 things they felt they did well and 1 thing they'd like to improve next time.

WELL-BEING: MINDFULNESS FOR EXAMS

What is mindfulness?

Mindfulness is essentially awareness. It is about training the attention to notice our thoughts, feelings, emotions, sensations, physical reactions and anything around us that is happening right now, without judging them. This can help us to make better, more skilful decisions. The brain can be 'rewired' to work in more helpful or skilful ways. In many ways it's like brain training. Just as people go to the gym and lift weights regularly to build muscle, mindfulness helps train the brain by doing the practices daily.

Preparing for exams

Neuroscientists are starting to understand more about how mindfulness practice can help. Studies indicate that it helps in two main ways, especially when it comes to exams.

- 1 It helps to increase the density in the front of your brain. This is the part of the brain associated with memory, our ability to solve problems and to manage distraction.
- 2 It helps us to manage strong or difficult emotions. Feeling some stress and anxiety around exams is natural and, indeed, can help boost performance. It's when this becomes too much that it becomes a problem.

Mindfulness helps to calm activity in the bit of the brain associated with worry.

Doing and being

Very often, you might find that your students want to get straight into doing a task like revision just to get it finished and out of the way. This is called **doing** mode – it helps to get things done, but not always to consider the best way of tackling the task. Mindfulness helps by giving your students a moment to pause and enter **being** mode. This allows them time to ground themselves and to be fully focused on the present moment, so they experience things more fully. Usually this will help them to take a calmer and wiser approach to a task, which will mean they're more effective. The pressures of revision and exams may make them feel that taking 'time out' from revision to do these practices is not possible. However, regularly doing even short practices where they can drop into being mode can begin to give them greater mental space or clarity.



Mindfully making a drink

To introduce your students to the concept of mindfulness, you might like to ask them to think about something they do several times every day, like making a drink. Rather than the very mechanical doing mode which they will typically use, ask them to try and 'experience' each element of the task and be fully present throughout and to think about some of the following:

- What can you hear? For example, when making a drink, notice the sound of pouring the drink or boiling water.
- What can you smell? For example, for tea, coffee or juice, notice how the smells change as you make the drink.
- What can you see? For example, notice the colours and how they change.
- What can you feel? For example, the warmth or coolness of the drink in your hands.
- What can you taste? For example, when taking a sip
 of the drink, notice how it first tastes and any changes
 in taste.
- Enjoy being in the moment as you consume your drink.

This simple exercise can have a big impact. Many people find they notice and taste far more. When you take time to slow down and live in a more moment-to-moment way, you are able to experience life more fully and appreciatively. This can then help to create a greater sense of calm.

Being kind to yourself

Exam preparation can be a stressful time, so it's important to encourage your students to take some time out regularly to be kind to themselves: to recharge their batteries, give their brain some breathing space and acknowledge all the good preparatory work they're putting in. Remind your students to take regular breaks and enjoy some 'downtime' with friends and family to help recharge.

These mindfulness practices can help your students to stay calm and focused as they revise for their exams.

Important

If you suspect that stress and anxiety are getting on top of your students, encourage them to speak to someone they trust. Opening up about how they feel can really help in dealing with what can be an intense time. If they have recently experienced the loss of a loved one, a traumatic event, have been diagnosed with a mental illness or have any ongoing physical pain, it's really important that they check in with someone (such as a parent, counsellor, doctor or you, their teacher) before doing these practices.

Practising mindfulness

Just like learning any new skill, for example playing a sport or an instrument, mindfulness is something that has to be practised daily to have richer benefits. Doing daily practices of 10 minutes or so can really help your students to move their awareness to be fully in the present moment in a non-judgemental way, helping them to avoid overthinking, which can lead to worry, anxiety and stress.

Good posture for practice

Getting your posture correct for doing mindfulness practice is really important. This practice is designed to be done in a seated position. It can also be done lying down. Tell students to try to find a chair they can sit in that allows their feet to rest fully on the ground with their ankles, knees and hips all at right angles and with their back slightly away from the back of the chair. The room you choose should be somewhere you won't be disturbed. Make sure that students put their phones into silent or flight mode. Let other teachers that you work with know that you'll be doing mindfulness practice so that they do not disturb you. Mindfulness can help your students to take a healthy, effective approach to revision. But ensure they remember they will still need to plan and revise!

Mindfulness of breath and body

The benefits

Very often our minds like to wander. In this practice, your students focus their attention on their breathing and on different parts of their body. It's a bit like shining a torchlight so that they focus on just one thing at a time, feeling the sensations that arise. Practising this regularly helps the mind wander less, which leads to less worrying and helps with concentration. Remind your students that it is normal for the mind to wander while you are meditating as that is what minds do! They are just trying to train it. The Mindfulness of breath and body practice will help your students to develop their awareness and focus, which can help with revision. In addition, focusing on breath also has a calming effect (great if they're worrying about exams). Moving the focus to the body can also help to identify physical feelings caused by stress. Examples of stress in the body might be 'butterflies' or cramps in the stomach, hands shaking, getting sweaty or the mouth going dry.



Guidance on the practice

Explain to your students that if their mind wanders, they should try to bring it back with a sense of kindness. It doesn't matter how many times the mind wanders, it's bringing it back each time to the focus on the breath or the body that's important, as they are increasing their concentration and training their attention each time. Tell them not to get frustrated as it is just part of training the brain.

To access the audio file for this practice, please use the App. Because the audio is above B1 level, we have provided a list of words that your students might find challenging when listening to the track. Encourage them to look up the words in advance and remind them not to worry if they don't understand every word they hear.

Body parts

abdomen ankles calves chin diaphragm elbows lungs shoulders torso thoracic area throat windpipe wrists

Other

acknowledge (v) anchor (v) anxiety (n) compassionate (adj) ensure (v) expand (v) hunched (adj) let go (phr. v) rhythm (n)



UNIT OVERVIEW

Opener

- Language focus: Verbs + prepositions
- Topic: Sound effects in film

Reading

- Part 1 Multiple choice (short texts)
- Topic: Music

Reading - Vocabulary

- Part 5 Multiple-choice cloze
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- Topic: Silent cafés

Listening

- Part 1 Multiple choice (pictures)
- Topic: Noise pollution

Reading – Grammar

- Language focus: Present tenses
- Topic: Whistling languages

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- Part 1 Introduction
- Topic: Communication and social media

Writing

- Part 1 Email
- Topic: Milford Sound

Extra resources

(See lesson overviews for details)

- B1 Preliminary Exam Trainer
- Pearson Practice English App Unit 1 activities

Digital resources

- Presentation tool Unit 1
- Unit 1 Language test
- Unit 1 Language test for dyslexic students
- Unit 1 Photocopiable activities
- Unit 1 Grammar presentation
- Video: B1 Preliminary About the exam
- Video: B1 Preliminary Speaking test
- Cambridge B1 Preliminary practice exam papers

OPENER p5

DYSLEXIA FOCUS

Learners with dyslexia benefit from being explicitly told the learning objective of the lesson so that they can mentally prepare for the lesson and better understand the purpose of each activity.

Warmer

Ask students to sit in silence and listen to the sounds they can hear. Put them into pairs to discuss what they heard and whether they like those sounds or not. Invite students to share their ideas with the class.

VOCABULARY: Verbs + prepositions

1 Focus students on the photo. Put students into pairs to discuss the questions. Then, invite each group to share their ideas.

Answers

Students' own answers

2 Ask students if they know how sound effects in films are made (e.g. two halves of a coconut can be hit together to make the sound of a horse running). Elicit ideas for thunder to demonstrate the task, and then put students into pairs to discuss the other sounds. Elicit ideas from around the class, but don't confirm the answers at this point.

Answers

Students' own answers

3 1.1 Check students understand what a *crisp packet* is (the bag that crisps are sold in). Play the recording so that students can check their ideas in Ex 2. Check answers as a class.

Answers

thunder – moving a thin sheet of metal

rain – frying meat in a pan

fire – making a crisp packet into a ball with your hands and then releasing it

a heart beating – pushing the bottom of a metal bin flying animals – waving a glove in front of a microphone a bone breaking – breaking a carrot in half

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The presenter in the interview introduces the sound effects creator as a Foley artist, which is their official name. Foley artists are named after Jack Foley, one of the first people to create sound effects in films in the 1920s.

4 1.2 Give students time to read the sentences first and predict what preposition should follow each verb in bold. Then, play the recording for students to check their ideas and complete the gaps. Check answers as a class.

Answers

 1 to
 2 on
 3 to
 4 of

 5 with
 6 on
 7 about
 8 on

5 Elicit the first question from the class to demonstrate the task. Note that question 4 is a subject question and therefore has no auxiliary verb. Deal with this in feedback or provide the prompt *What helps* ... in advance. Monitor and help students with accuracy. Check answers as a class.

Next, ask students to take turns to ask and answer the questions in pairs. Encourage students to ask follow-up questions, e.g. Who do you rely on for help when you need it? Do they help a lot of different people or just you? Monitor. Ask a few students to share something they learnt about their partner with the class. Provide feedback on students' use of the verbs and prepositions.

Answers

- 1 Who do you rely on for help when you need it?
- 2 What do you think about when you go to school or work in the morning?
- 3 What would you like to add to your list of life goals?
- 4 What helps you (to) focus on your work?
- 5 What does your perfect weekend begin with?
- 6 What does your favourite meal consist of?
- 7 Do your hobbies depend on good weather?
- **8** How do your speaking skills compare to your writing skills in English?

Fast finishers

Ask students who finish writing the questions early to write a few more questions using the verbs + prepositions from Ex 4, e.g. What does your breakfast consist of each morning? What new clothes did you add to your wardrobe last month? They can then ask their partner these additional questions when they ask and answer the questions in the exercise.

6 Focus students on the example. Give them time to think of ideas and ways to use the verbs + prepositions in their discussion before you put them into groups. After their discussion, find out if there are any sounds common to a lot of students.

Answers

Students' own answers

Cooler

Put students into small groups. One student chooses a verb from Ex 4. Students compete to say a sentence with that verb and its dependent preposition, e.g. I might go out at the weekend – it depends on the weather. If the sentence is correct, the student gets a point. If not, students compete again. The winning student is the one with the most points.

READING – Part 1 Multiple choice (short texts) pp6-7

LESSON OVERVIEW

• Topic: Music

EXAM FILE p3

 Learning objective: Students will be better able to use time expressions to understand a short notice or message.

Extra resources

B1 Preliminary Exam Trainer

• Reading – Part 1 Multiple choice (short text) pp7–8

Digital resources

• Presentation tool, pp 6-7

• Video: About B1 Preliminary: Overview

• Video: About B1 Preliminary: Reading

• Video: About B1 Preliminary: Reading Part 1

BEFORE YOU START

Read through the Exam reference on page 3 of the Exam file before starting the lesson. This will give you information about the specific exam part as well as which particular strategies and skills are important.

DYSLEXIA FOCUS

Dyslexic students may struggle with the Exam task reading texts on page 7. You can allow students to listen to the audio recording of the texts to help support them in this task.

Dyslexic students may also benefit from the structured checklist in the Exam file on page 3 to check their preparedness for this exam part.

Warmer

Ask students to close their eyes. Play a piece of music without words (e.g. from a film soundtrack) and ask them to think about a scene they imagine in their mind when they hear this music, like a film scene. Ask them to think about what they can see, hear, smell, taste and how they feel. Put students into pairs to compare their scenes.

Draw a scale on the board to show 1 (agree strongly) at one end and 4 (disagree strongly) at the other. Add in 2, 3, and label them as agree / partly agree; partly disagree / disagree respectively. Ask students to rate each sentence in the exercise. Then put them into pairs to compare and explain their reasons. Ask pairs to share any interesting similarities or differences.

Answers

Students' own answers

2 1.3 Put students into pairs and ask them to discuss what music means to them. When finished, explain that they will hear three speakers answering the same question. Give students time to read the statements. Check they understand the meaning of *discovered* (found) and *succeed* (be successful). Play the recording so that students can do the task. Check answers as a class.

Answers

1 B **2** C **3** A

3 Give students time to read the questions and think of reasons before putting them into pairs. As students do the task, monitor and make a note of any particularly interesting answers. Ask those students to share their ideas with the class.

Answers

Students' own answers

4 Give students time to read the text and answer the question. Check the answer as a class. Explain that in Part 1 of the Reading paper, they will see and will need to understand signs, notices and messages.

Answer

It's an advert.

Give students time to do the task. You could elicit the first one from the class to demonstrate the task. When finished, do a quick class vote for each statement and ask one or two students to explain their answers each time. Clarify the answers. Make sure that students understand the meaning of *by Friday* (not after Friday).

Answers

1 true 2 false 3 false 4 true

EXAM FOCUS

Ask students to read the first three lines of the Exam focus. Put students into pairs to discuss the meaning of the time expressions in bold (during – at some point from the start of a time period to the end; until – up to; from ... till / between ... and ... – from one time to another time; due – expected; at the latest / by – no later than; while – at the same time). Check answers as a class.

Focus students on the pairs of sentences in Ex 6. Ask students to read the first pair and elicit the answer to demonstrate the task. Students then complete the rest of the exercise. Check answers as a class. Help students to understand the meaning of the time expressions in any sentences where they get the wrong answer.

Answers

1 S **2** S **3** D **4** D **5** D **6** S **7** S 8 D

This task helps learners to recognise the types of text they might see in Part 1 of the Reading paper, as well as to understand the general meaning of the messages in Ex 8. Elicit the difference between an advert (intended to persuade people to buy/use something), a sign (intended to give warnings or instructions) and a notice (a written statement giving information). After students complete the task, check answers as a class.

Answers

1 D 2 B 3 A 4 C

EXAM TASK

1.0 The reading texts have been recorded. To help support them in this task, you can allow dyslexic students to listen as they read.

8 Note that in the actual exam, the signs, notices and messages would be on a variety of topics and not just music. In this lesson there are four questions. In the exam, there are five.

Focus students on the exam task and refer them to the Exam reference notes on page 3 of the Exam file which give information about how to do this task. You could read through the notes as a class or encourage students to read them and follow the steps as they do the task.

Check students understand interval (the break in the middle of a concert). In the exam, students have around eight minutes to complete the task. When students have finished, check answers as a class. Ask students to explain their answers. Elicit why the other options are wrong.

Answers

- 1 B People who arrive late will not be allowed in until the interval - If you are late for the start, you can only see the second half of the concert.
- **2** C Can you ask Anna by Friday if she wants his ticket? Lea wants Tony to invite Anna to the festival before Friday.
- **3** A Up to four tickets per person You cannot buy more than four tickets.
- 4 B This weekend only The offer only lasts for a short time.

Fast finishers

If fast finishers aren't always the strongest students, but students who rush, check their answers and ask them to look at incorrect answers again.

Speaking or writing

Give students time to prepare first. You could demonstrate the task yourself by telling the group about an event you went to or would like to go to and encouraging students to ask you questions. Put students into groups to discuss their events. Ask one or two groups to share the most interesting event with the class.

Answers

Students' own answers

10 Give some possible examples of events (e.g. a local concert or a music festival). You could open it out to nonmusic events, too (e.g. a food festival). Put students into pairs, but make sure they're not sitting next to each other. You could provide a writing frame for students on the board or on a handout, e.g.

There's a ... on at the ... next ... I'd love ... Would you like ...? Let me know!

Students write their message to their partner, either on paper or electronically. When finished, ask students to share the message with their partner and reply to the one they receive. You could include a writing frame again, e.g.

Thanks for ... I'd love to ... / I'm sorry but I can't ... because ... Let me know how much ...

Look at the messages yourself, either as students write or after, and provide feedback.

Answers

Students' own answers

EXAM BOOST EXAM FILE Section A p2

The exercises on page 2 in section A of the Exam boost provide more practice in understanding time expressions, as well as understanding instructions and rules. These could be done in class or for homework.

Section A

1 1 S 2 D 3 S 4 D 5 S 6 S 2 1 B 2 A 3 B 4 B 5 A

Cooler

Read out the first sentence below or write it on the board and ask students to work in pairs to rewrite it using a different time expression. Elicit possible answers. Repeat the process for the other two sentences. Suggested answers are in brackets.

- 1 The concert starts at 7 and ends at 9. (The concert is from 7 until 9.)
- **2** The DJ is expected in five minutes. (The DJ is due in five minutes.)
- **3** Buy your tickets before 5 p.m. (Buy your tickets no later than 5 p.m.)

Extra practice

EXAM TRAINER | pp7-8

For further practice of the skills presented in this lesson for Reading Part 1, we recommend students complete the Practice task and How did you do? section on page 7 and Strategies and skills Exs 1–2 on page 8 of the B1 Preliminary Exam Trainer.

There is a full practice exam included on pages 88–110 of the B1 Preliminary Exam Trainer. There are also two full practice exams included in the Digital resources. For further practice, you can use Reading Part 1.

READING – Part 5 Multiple-choice cloze p8

LESSON OVERVIEW

• Topic: Silent cafés

EXAM FILE p11

• Learning objective: Students will be better able to use a set of verb phrases.

Extra resources

B1 Preliminary Exam Trainer

• Reading - Part 5 Multiple-choice cloze pp30-31

Digital resources

- Presentation tool p8
- Video: About B1 Preliminary: Reading Part 5

BEFORE YOU START

Read through the Exam reference on page 11 of the Exam file before starting the lesson. This will give you information about the specific exam part as well as which particular strategies and skills are important.

DYSLEXIA FOCUS

Students may find the format of Ex 4 challenging, as the words are in a horizontal list. To help them, you could write the words in the word box in a vertical list on the board.

Dyslexic students may also benefit from the structured checklist in the Exam file on page 11 to check their preparedness for this exam part.

Warmer

Welcome everyone to the class as if to start the lesson, and then stay silent for 20–30 seconds (or even up to a minute). If a student starts speaking, don't respond, just smile at them. When finished, ask students to work in pairs and say if they felt comfortable or uncomfortable during the silence and why. Elicit a few ideas from around the class. Tell them how you felt, too.

VOCABULARY: Verb phrases

1 Give students time to complete the task individually. Monitor and check that students are doing the task appropriately.

Answers

2 Put students into pairs to do the task. You might want to check students understand the meaning of *creative* (able to use your imagination to make new things or think of new ideas) first. Invite a few pairs to share something interesting they found out in their discussion.

Answers

Students' own answers

3 1.4 Ask students to read the question, then play the recording. Check answers as a class. If students haven't heard all of the advantages, play the recording a second time.

Answers

Silence can: help you concentrate, improve your memory, help you sleep, make you more creative, reduce stress (and relax), help you make decisions.

Focus students on the words in bold. Explain that they all form verb phrases with a verb which is missing. Check students understand the meaning of concentrate (think very carefully about) and disturb (interrupt someone so that they cannot continue what they are doing). Elicit the missing verb in the first sentence to demonstrate the task. After students complete the task, check answers as a class. Help students to understand phrases they are unsure of.

Answers

- 1 make, keep
- 2 play, concentrate
- 3 disturbs
- **4** go
- 5 rings, switch
- 6 have

5 Give students time to read the sentences in Ex 4 again and tick the ones they agree with. They should think about why they don't agree with the others. Put students into pairs to discuss the sentences in Ex 4 and give reasons for their opinions.

Answers

Students' own answers

6 Tell students that they are going to complete an exam task. This task helps them to understand the general meaning of the text. They should ignore gaps for now. You could also set a time limit, e.g. one minute. When finished, check answers as a class. Elicit what students think the word deaf means (unable to hear) and what sign language is (a silent language that uses hand movements).

Answer

It is silent because all the waiters and cooks are deaf, so they use sign language. People enjoy the silence, and the delicious food.

EXAM TASK

7 Focus students on the exam task and refer them to the Exam reference on page 11 of the Exam file which gives information about how to do this task. You could read through the notes as a class or encourage students to read them and follow the steps as they do the task.

Remind students that they have already read the text quickly, ignoring the gaps. Focus on gap number 1. Point out that the word after the gap is *for*. Elicit the missing word. Students complete the task. In the exam, they have around six minutes to skim, complete and check their answers to this task. Check answers as a class, discussing why the other options are wrong in each case.

Answers

- 1 A 'ask' + 'for'. The other verbs are not followed by 'for'.
- **2** B 'use your hands' is the normal collocation.
- 3 D 'concentrate' + 'on'. The other verbs are not followed by 'on'.
- **4** D 'interested' + 'in'. We use 'fond' + 'of', 'curious' + 'about', 'happy' + 'about'.
- **5** B The collocation is 'keep' + 'quiet'.
- 6 C We say 'switch' + 'off'.

Fast finishers

Ask fast finishers to check their answers and think about which answers are correct because of the meaning and which are correct because they are part of a phrase. Encourage them to share their ideas when you check answers.

8 Ask students to read the questions, allowing them a few minutes to think about their ideas individually. Put them into groups to discuss the questions. Nominate one or two groups to share an interesting point of discussion with the class.

Answers

Students' own answers

EXAM BOOST

EXAM FILE Section A p10

The exercises on page 10 in section A of the Exam boost provide more practice of using verb phrases. These could be done in class or for homework.

Section A

1 1 take **2** do **3** pay **4** made

2 1 lasts 2 attend 3 became 4 take 5 make

Cooler

Ask students to record some of the verb phrases from Exs 4 or 7 by creating a personalised example sentence for each one. Encourage students to record just those they feel they need to record, as there may be some they are already familiar with. You could ask students to check each other's sentences in pairs.

Extra practice

EXAM TRAINER | pp30-31

For further practice of the skills presented in this lesson for Reading Part 5, we recommend students complete the Practice task and How did you do? section on page 30 and Strategies and skills Ex 1 on page 31 of the B1 Preliminary Exam Trainer.

There is a full practice exam included on pages 88–110 of the B1 Preliminary Exam Trainer. There are also two full practice exams included in the Digital resources. For further practice, you can use Reading Part 5.

LISTENING – Part 1 Multiple choice (pictures) p9

LESSON OVERVIEW

• Topic: Noise pollution

EXAM FILE p19

• Learning objective: Students will be better able to actively predict what they will hear.

Extra resources

B1 Preliminary Exam Trainer

• Listening – Part 1 Multiple choice pp51–54

Digital resources

- Presentation tool p9
- Video: About B1 Preliminary: Listening
- Video: About B1 Preliminary: Listening Part 1

BEFORE YOU START

Read through the Exam reference on page 19 of the Exam file before starting the lesson. This will give you information about the specific exam part as well as which particular strategies and skills are important.

DYSLEXIA FOCUS

Although the questions in the exam task are read out in the recording, students have around 30 seconds to read them before they listen. Give dyslexic learners an extra ten seconds to read and prepare.

Dyslexic students may also benefit from the structured checklist in the Exam file on page 19 to check their preparedness for this exam part.

Warmer

Put students into pairs. Ask them to tell each other five things they enjoy about the area where they live, and two things they dislike. You could give them time to think about these things first. When finished, nominate one or two pairs to share any likes and dislikes they have in common. Find out what students would most like to change about where they live.

1 Check students understand the meaning of *litter* (rubbish on the street). Give them time to order the complaints on their own first. After the pair discussion, elicit ideas from the class.

Answers

2 1.5 Explain to students that they will listen to just the first part of a conversation between friends, who are discussing the issues in Ex 1. Play the recording for students. Check answers as a class. Ask students if people complain about similar ideas in their area.

Answer

1 noise 2 litter 3 untidy homes and gardens

4 traffic 5 air pollution

3 Ask students to read the question. Put them into pairs to discuss their ideas. You might want to elicit a few ideas from the class.

Answers

Students' own answers

1.6 Play the second half of the conversation for students to check their answers to Ex 3. When finished, ask the class what advice they heard and whether or not they predicted it.

Answers

Try wearing ear plugs, put headphones on and play relaxing music or nature sounds, ask the landlord to put in new windows, speak to the manager of the place which plays loud music until late, and complain to the council about their noise if necessary.

EXAM FOCUS

5 Tell students that they are going to complete an exam task. Ask students if they sometimes predict what someone will say to them in their mother tongue and how they know. Students read the Exam focus box to compare their ideas. Ask students if they think they do this in English, too.

Focus students on question 1 in the exam task in Ex 8. Ask them to discuss the questions in pairs and then check ideas. Don't confirm the answer at this point, but guide students towards suggesting appropriate ideas.

Answers

Students' own answers

6 1.7 Play the recording for question 1 of the exam task so that students can check their ideas. Check answers as a class. Then put them into pairs and ask them to discuss the question. Elicit answers from the class. Discuss how useful prediction is in the exam task.

Answer

The man is unhappy with the noise the neighbours create. We hear words like 'neighbours', 'annoying', 'noisy', 'complain', 'late-night parties', 'sleeping', 'problem', 'car alarm going off', 'pets', 'children', 'noise'.

Ask students to repeat what they did in Ex 5 with questions 2–7 of the exam task in Ex 8. You might want to set a time limit for this as they will only have around 30 seconds to do this in the exam. However, as this is Unit 1, you may want to give them more time at this point to help them develop this skill.

Answers

Students' own answers

EXAM TASK

8 • 1.8 Focus students on the exam task and refer them to the Exam reference on page 19 of the Exam file which gives information about how to do this task. You could read through the notes as a class or encourage students to read them and follow the steps as they do the task.

Point out that all three options will be mentioned, but only one is the correct answer. Play the recording twice so that students can complete the task. Check answers as a class, playing specific sections of the recording if necessary to help students get the correct answer.

Answers

- 1 B 'now they have a problem with their car alarm going off at all hours of the day and night'
- 2 A 'so it's either a baking course or a furniture-making course. I love making cakes and things like that, but I've done it before. I really ought to choose something I've never done.'
- 3 C 'I went there looking for a skirt ... in the end I just got what I went there for.'
- **4** C 'If I were you though, I'd work in the staff café.'
- **5** B 'So, I suggest we try and find each other outside the theatre at seven thirty.'
- **6** A 'I was taking my backpack off and it hit the plant near the door'
- 7 A 'Actually, it was Mike next door leaving the house... He shut the door a bit too hard.'

Speaking or writing

Ask students what verb describes the noise a dog makes (bark). Give students time to prepare before they work in pairs. Students should give reasons for their ideas. Find out if the situations in the box are normal or a serious problem according to the class, and why. Elicit other types of noise they don't like and why.

Answers

1 SOUND

10 You could ask students to do the task collaboratively in pairs. They could produce their messages on paper or digitally. You might want to provide a writing frame, e.g.

I am writing to you because ...

It's a problem because ...

Please could you ...

Best wishes,

When finished, take in the messages and provide feedback to the class on their strengths and any areas they need to develop.

Answers

Students' own answers

EXAM BOOST EXAM FILE Section A p18

The exercises on page 18 in section A of the Exam boost provide more practice of predicting information and help students to think about why the incorrect answers in the exam task were incorrect. These could be done in class or for homework.

Section A

1 1 E 2 A 3 G 4 D **5** C **6** B

2 1 A **2** B **3** B **5** A **4** A **6** B

Cooler

On the board, write these prompts:

- an activity at home you hate doing
- a place you love spending time
- a shop you often visit
- a food you love
- how you spend your Sunday mornings

Put students into pairs. Students predict their partner's answers and take notes. They then share their own answers with their partner and listen and check if their predictions were correct or not.

Extra practice

EXAM TRAINER | pp51-54

For further practice of the skills presented in this lesson for Listening Part 1, we recommend students complete the Practice task and How did you do? section on pages 51-52, and Strategies and skills Exs 1-4 on pages 53-54 of the B1 Preliminary Exam Trainer.

There is a full practice exam included on pages 88-110 of the B1 Preliminary Exam Trainer. There are also two full practice exams included in the Digital resources. For further practice, you can use Listening Part 1.

GRAMMAR p10

LESSON OVERVIEW

- Topic: Whistling languages
- Language focus: Present tenses
- Learning objective: Students will be better able to use present tenses correctly.

Digital resources

- Presentation tool p10
- Grammar presentation 1: Present tenses
- Pearson Practice English App

The Grammar reference and exercises on pages 78–79 of the Grammar file provide more practice of the present tenses. This could be done in class or for homework.

BEFORE YOU START

This lesson doesn't provide any specific exam practice. However, it focuses on language that may be tested in Reading - Part 6 Open cloze.

DYSLEXIA FOCUS

Dyslexic students may benefit from the more explicit presentation of the grammar in this lesson in the PowerPoint presentation that can be found in the Digital resources.

Warmer

Put students into pairs. Give them three minutes to think of as many world languages as possible and write them down. When finished, ask pairs to count up their lists. The pair with the most wins.

GRAMMAR: Present tenses

1 Focus students on the photo and elicit what the man is doing (whistling). Help them to say and spell this word correctly. Elicit why students think the man is whistling.

Answers

Students' own answers

2 Put students into pairs to discuss the questions. You might want to give the class some prompts to help them with ideas for question 2 (e.g. think about different jobs, sports, walking around, music, communication). Elicit ideas from around the class.

Answers

3 Ask students to read the article title and predict who or what Silbo Gomero is (it's a language). Give students time to read the article and answer the questions. Put students into pairs to check their answers. Check answers as a class. There are videos online which show Silbo Gomero in action. You could play one of these if possible.

Answers

1 true 2 false 3 true 4 false

Focus students on the verbs in bold in the article. Explain that these are all present tenses. Give them time to match the verbs individually. Then put them into pairs to discuss their answers. Check answers as a class. Use this time to clarify the meaning of each tense and how it is formed.

WATCH OUT FOR

Some students might think the present perfect is a past, not present, tense. Point out that it can be used to show a connection between the past and present in a period of time which isn't finished yet (i.e. thousands of years up to now, your life up to now).

Answers

1 D 2 B 3 E 4 C 5 F 6 A

5 Explain that these are comments that readers made after reading the article in Ex 3. Elicit the first answer from the class and elicit why (it describes an opinion, which is a state). Once students are clear about the task, give them time to do it individually. Put students into pairs to check their answers. Check answers as a class, asking students to explain their reasons for each choice.

Answers

1 think2 have disappeared3 teach4 've read5 go6 'm looking

Ask students if they'd like to go to La Gomera to hear the whistling language. Explain that the person who made the final comment in Ex 5 is now in La Gomera and has written the email in Ex 6. Ask students to read the email, ignoring the gaps, to find out if Jo is enjoying her trip to the island (yes, but it's raining). Focus students on the first gap and elicit the correct word and why (it's an action happening now; the subject is we). Note that this isn't an exam task, but it is similar to Part 6 of the Reading paper. Once students have completed the exercise, check answers as a class.

Answers

1 are 2 have 3 has 4 am 5 Have 6 not 7 do

Give students time to think of ideas first. Put them into small groups to share and discuss their ideas. Invite one or two groups per question to share their ideas with the class.

Answers

Students' own answers

Cooler

Write the following prompts on the board. Put students into pairs to discuss them.

- a friend you've known for a long time
- something you're spending a lot of time doing at the moment
- something you do that you believe is good for you
- a place you've never been to, but would like to visit

SPEAKING - Part 1 Introduction p11

LESSON OVERVIEW

• Topic: Communication and social media

EXAM FILE p27

 Learning objective: Students will be better able to answer questions about themselves and their experiences.

Extra resources

B1 Preliminary Exam Trainer

• Speaking - Part 1 Interview pp72-73

Digital resources

• Presentation tool p11

• Video: About B1 Preliminary: Speaking

• Video: About B1 Preliminary: Speaking Part 1

• Video: B1 Preliminary Speaking Test 1, Part 1

BEFORE YOU START

Read through the Exam reference on page 27 of the Exam file before starting the lesson. This will give you information about the specific exam part as well as which particular strategies and skills are important.

DYSLEXIA FOCUS

In Ex 3, give dyslexic students the answers mixed up so that they only have to add the speaker number next to each one.

Dyslexic students may also benefit from the structured checklist in the Exam file on page 27 to check their preparedness for this exam part.

Warmer

Ask students to imagine they have lost their mobile phone. Ask: *How would this affect you?* Put students into pairs to discuss the question. Elicit ideas from the class.

1 Put students into small groups to discuss the questions. When finished, ask students to share one or two interesting points of discussion with the class. You could extend these into a class discussion.

Answers

Students' own answers

2 1.9 Explain that students will hear five people answering the questions in Ex 1. Play the recording. You might want to pause between each speaker to give students time to think and write their answer. When finished, check answers as a class.

Answers

1 D **2** A **3** B **4** E **5** C

EXAM FOCUS

3 1.10 Explain to students that they need to start by answering a question directly (e.g. *My friend Anna*) before adding more information (e.g. *We talked about ...*). Play the recording so that students can complete the task. Pause the recording between each speaker to give them time to do this. If you're using the Presentation tool, click on the first part of each answer in the transcript several times for students to hear it. Check answers as a class.

Answers

- 1 All the time!
- 2 I use messaging apps.
- 3 Around ten, maybe.
- 4 Yes and no.
- 5 To listen to music.

4 1.11 Give students time to read the questions. Then play the recording again so that students can focus on how the speakers extend their answers.

Answers

- 1 When he hears his phone make a sound.
- 2 Only for work.
- **3** He was trying to organise a surprise birthday dinner for his mum.
- **4** Her daughter talks to her phone all the time, which she thinks is unhealthy.
- 5 He will use a running app to track his run in the park.

Explain that there are more ways that students can answer questions before giving more information. Give them time to match the questions to the phrases. Check answers as a class. You could ask questions 1–6 to students around the class and ask them to respond using the phrases, although they might want to change them a little, e.g. *Probably every day*. Don't ask them to expand their answers yet.

Answers

1 B **2** F **3** D **4** C **5** E **6** A

1.12 Explain that Jorge and Marta are answering questions in Part 1 of the Speaking test. Give students time to read the questions and then play the recording. When finished, elicit ideas from the class. Note that in the exam, both candidates are always asked questions 1 and 2 from Ex 5 to start. If students produce long rehearsed answers for these, the examiner will stop them and move onto the next question. Note that in this recording, the subsequent questions are all on the theme of chatting and technology. In the actual exam, there would be a variety of topics.

Answer

Jorge answered the question and gave a little more information. Marta only answered the question, and would probably get a lower score in the exam because she didn't show that she knew a range of English.

Demonstrate the task by asking a confident student one of the questions in Ex 5 and encouraging them to answer the question and then extend it. Give students time to think about how they can answer the questions (e.g. what, when, how, why). Put students into pairs to ask and answer the questions. Monitor and assess how well they extend their answers. When finished, provide feedback on what they did well and what they could improve and how. This will help them to perform better in the exam task.

Answers

Students' own answers

EXAM BOOST

EXAM FILE Section A p26

The exercises on page 26 in section A of the Exam boost provide more practice of giving answers in Part 1 of the Speaking exam. These could be done in class or for homework.

Section A

1	1	Not	2	mostly	3	depends	4	Something
	5	definitely	6	get	7	То	8	idea

21 H 2 C 3 F 4 A 5 E 6 B 7 G 8 D

3 Students' own answers

EXAM TASK

8 1.13 Note that in order to provide more practice there are more questions in this task than there would be in the actual exam. Focus students on the exam task and refer them to the Exam reference notes on page 27 of the Exam file which give information about how to do this task. You could read through the notes as a class or encourage students to read them before doing the task.

Put students into pairs and tell each one whether they are Student A or Student B, or ask students to decide. Explain that they should tell their partner the answers to their questions. Play the recording. Pause between questions. Each student answers their questions.

Example answers

What's your name? I'm Inma Sánchez.

Where do you live? I live here in Bilbao.

Do you work or are you a student? I study. I'm a student at the university.

What do you do or study? Engineering. I hope to be a civil engineer in the future.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time? I like hanging out with my friends. We often go round to someone's house and chat, or we sometimes go shopping. We usually go out in the evenings on a Friday or Saturday night.

How often do you see your friends? I see them most days because they're at the university, too. I see some of them in my classes and the others I see at lunch.

When did you start learning English? I don't remember the exact age, but it was eight or nine. We started studying it in elementary school although it was fairly simple English at first. It became more difficult in secondary school.

How do you think you'll use English in the future? I'll probably need it in my job to communicate with people who aren't from Spain, because engineering projects sometimes include people from different countries.

Have you ever spoken in English outside the classroom? I play computer games and sometimes talk to people online in English. I also visited Ireland one summer and used it all the time there.

Tell us about your plans for this evening. I'm going to go home and have dinner with my family. Then, I'll probably just hang out in my room and watch some videos online. I might watch a film or something like that.

After discussing the questions, students could repeat the exam task with a new partner to try to make any improvements they want to make.

Answers

Students' own answers

Alternative



Organise pairs into groups of four. One pair of students takes turns to ask and answer the questions in pairs, while the other pair listens and notes down the extra information that is given for each answer. They can give feedback to the first pair before they swap roles.

Cooler

On the board, write these topics: family, free time, friends, music, work/studies. Then add these prompts:

- How / When / Where / How often do you usually ...?
- Have you ever ...?
- Do you like ...?

Put students into pairs and ask them to think of questions (each one on a different topic) using the prompts. Students then take turns to ask and answer their questions.

Extra practice

EXAM TRAINER | pp72–73

For further practice of the skills presented in this lesson for Speaking Part 1, we recommend students complete the Practice task and How did you do? section on page 72 and Strategies and skills Exs 1–3 on page 73 of the B1 Preliminary Exam Trainer.

There is a full practice exam included on pages 88–110 of the B1 Preliminary Exam Trainer. There are also two full practice exams included in the Digital resources. For further practice, you can use Speaking Part 1.

WRITING - Part 1 Email p12

LESSON OVERVIEW

• Topic: Milford Sound

EXAM FILE p15

• Writing file: p112–113

Vocabulary file: pp94–95

• Learning objective: Students will be better able to write about likes, dislikes and preferences in an email.

Extra resources

B1 Preliminary Exam Trainer

• Writing – Part 1 Email pp39–40

Digital resources

Presentation tool p12

• Video: About B1 Preliminary: Writing

Video: About B1 Preliminary: Writing Part 1

The Writing File on pages 112–113 provides an example and exam help for Writing Part 1 Email.

The Wordlist on page 94 of the Vocabulary file is compiled from vocabulary from all the lessons covered in this unit. Once you have completed this Writing lesson, the exercises on pages 94–95 provide more practice of the vocabulary from this unit. These could be done in class or for homework.

BEFORE YOU START

Read through the Exam reference on page 15 of the Exam file before starting the lesson. This will give you information about the specific exam part as well as which particular strategies and skills are important.

DYSLEXIA FOCUS

Dyslexic students may also benefit from the structured checklist in the Exam file on page 15 to check their preparedness for this exam part.

Warmer

Put students into pairs and ask them to tell each other about the last trip they had. They should say where it was, why they went there, who they went there with and what they did. Ask students to share information about any interesting trips with the class.

1 Focus students on the photo and ask them if they can guess where it is (New Zealand). Put students into pairs to agree on their words. Elicit ideas from around the class.

Answers

Students' own answers

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Milford Sound is a fiord in the south west of New Zealand's South Island. It covers an area of around 25 km² in the Fiordland National Park and is known for its natural beauty.

2 Tell students that they are going to read an email from someone living in New Zealand (Alice) to a friend, Isabel, about a visit. Check they understand the meaning of campervan (a van which people sleep inside when they go camping). Students read the email. Check the answer as a class.

Answers

To explore the mountains; to hire a campervan and travel around the national park; or to stay at her house and explore Queenstown.

3 Check students understand what *kayaking* is (one person travelling in a small, light boat). Give students time to read the reply. Check the answer to the question as a class.

Answer

She wants to go to the mountains, take the cruise and also go kayaking; she wants to travel around but not in a campervan.

EXAM FOCUS

4 Ask students to close their books or cover the Exam focus. On the board, write these categories.

- Describing general likes
- Describing dislikes politely
- Saying what we want politely
- Talking about preferences

Ask students to work in pairs and discuss different phrases for each category. You could elicit one or two first, e.g. I really like Elicit ideas from around the class and then ask students to read the Exam focus to compare their ideas. Give students time to underline phrases in the emails and answer the questions. Check answers as a class.

Answers

<u>I'd love to</u> take a cruise along Milford Sound
I think <u>I'd rather</u> visit different places than stay in one place
<u>I'd love to</u> go to the coast
<u>I'm not keen on</u> going camping

<u>I'd prefer to stay in a guest house</u>

Flexible follow-up

Put students into pairs and ask them to tell each other their general likes, dislikes, wants and preferences when travelling, e.g. I really enjoy going sightseeing. I'd love to go on a cruise. I'm fond of trying new food.

EXAM BOOST EXAM FILE Section A p14

The exercises on page 14 in section A of the Exam boost provide more practice of describing what you like, dislike, want and prefer. These could be done in class or for homework.

Section A

1 1 fond on of

2 love to travel

3 keen of on

4 campervan to than a hotel

5 like staying / to stay 6 prefer to renting / prefer to rent

2 1 seeing (E)

2 hear (B)

3 message (B)

4 know (E)

5 soon (E)

6 happy (B)

5 Ask students to read the exam task. Point out the four handwritten notes to help students answer the question. Check answers as a class.

Answers

You need to: say that you're looking forward to the trip, too; say which activity you'd prefer; say you'd like to go to the local forest; tell James what time your flight arrives.

6 Elicit from the class why a plan is helpful before writing an exam task (the email will probably be better organised with fewer mistakes or corrections). Encourage students to write a paragraph plan, e.g.

Hi James,

Paragraph 1: Thanks. Excited.

Paragraph 2: Friends – more sociable, not fond of big events.

Forest – great, love nature.

End email: Flight time. See you soon.

Answers

Students' own answers

EXAM TASK

For guidance on marking Writing Part 1, please refer to the Writing success criteria on pages 154–156.

7 Focus students on the exam task and refer them to the Exam reference on page 15 of the Exam file which gives information about how to do this task. You could read through the notes as a class or encourage students to read them and follow the steps as they do the task.

Students could write their email in class, or for homework. If students do this exam task under timed conditions, allow them 20 minutes.

Example answer

Hi James,

I can't wait for my visit either! We'll definitely have fun.

I think I'd prefer to invite some people round to your house one night, if that's OK. It's a bit easier to talk to each other than going to a concert, and it'll be nice to meet some of your friends, too. Maybe we could have a barbecue or something.

Going for a hike in the forest at the weekend sounds good. I'd enjoy getting some fresh air and exercise.

My flight arrives early – at 8:30 a.m. – so I can take a taxi to your house if it's easier. Let me know.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Larry

8 Students could do this alone or you could ask them to work in pairs to review each other's emails. If students review each other's work, provide them with some useful prompts for giving feedback, e.g. I think you ... well. Perhaps next time you could

Answers

Students' own answers

Cooler

Ask students to think about the feedback they received on their writing (or their own thoughts) and to set one learning objective for their next piece of writing, e.g. to check their spelling properly or to make sure they use correct verb forms.

Extra practice

EXAM TRAINER | pp39-40

For further practice of the skills presented in this lesson for Writing Part 1, we recommend students complete the Practice task and How did you do? section on page 39 and Strategies and skills Exs 1-2 on page 40 of the B1 Preliminary Exam Trainer.

There is a full practice exam included on pages 88-110 of the B1 Preliminary Exam Trainer. There are also two full practice exams included in the Digital resources. For further practice, you can use Writing Part 1.