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Menu

Part 1: Leisure and entertainment	Unit 1: Focus on reading skills Exam Exercise 1	In this unit you will: talk about leisure activities, practise reading strategies, read adverts, talk about preferences, make suggestions	Language focus: adjectives
	Unit 2: Focus on reading skills Exam Exercise 2	In this unit you will: discuss television programmes, read graphs, read about young people in France and Britain, read about beaches in Italy, talk about things you would/wouldn't do	Language focus: adverbs
	Unit 3: Focus on writing skills Exam Exercises 6 and 7	In this unit you will: talk about fast food, write an informal letter, express opinions, read about a shellfish found in Oman	Language focus: more adjectives and adverbs
	Unit 4: Focus on listening skills Exam Questions 1–6	In this unit you will: talk about transport, listen to people talking about different forms of transport, read about car accidents, read information in a table, listen to exam-type questions	Language focus: tenses – present continuous, present perfect simple, past simple, 'will' future
	Unit 5: Exam practice	In this unit you will practise: Exercises 1 and 2 (reading) and 6 and 7 (writing), and Questions 1–6 (listening)	
Part 2: Work and education	Unit 6: Focus on reading skills Exam Exercise 2	In this unit you will: talk about a language school, practise telephone conversations, give advice, read about changing schools	Language focus: prefixes
	Unit 7: Focus on reading and writing skills Exam Exercise 4	In this unit you will: look for details in a text, make notes, write a summary, give advice, read about an astronaut, read advertisements	Language focus: giving advice
	Unit 8: Focus on writing skills Exam Exercises 6 and 7	In this unit you will: learn about British English and American English spelling, read about spelling, write a formal letter, respond to an exam-type question, talk about job interviews	Language focus: spelling
	Unit 9: Focus on listening skills Exam Questions 9 and 10	In this unit you will: talk about CVs and résumés, listen to a radio interview, write a CV, listen to a job interview, interview someone, read about CVs in different countries	Language focus: question forms
	Unit 10: Exam practice	In this unit you will practise: Exercises 2 (reading), 3 (reading and writing) and 6 and 7 (writing), and Questions 9 and 10 (listening)	
Part 3: People and relationships	Unit 11: Focus on reading skills Exam Exercises 1 and 2	In this unit you will: talk about record-breaking, read about sports and athletes, read about Scott of the Antarctic, write diary entries and paragraphs	Language focus: vocabulary
	Unit 12: Focus on reading and writing skills Exam Exercises 4 and 5	In this unit you will: read about famous people, make notes, talk about twins, write a summary	Language focus: vocabulary
	Unit 13: Focus on writing skills Exam Exercises 6 and 7	In this unit you will: talk about youth groups, write paragraphs, read about Guides and Scouts, write an article	Language focus: vocabulary
	Unit 14: Focus on listening skills Exam Questions 7 and 8	In this unit you will: talk about the nursing profession, listen to a talk about Florence Nightingale, complete forms, talk about the ICRC, listen to an interview	Language focus: vocabulary
	Unit 15: Exam practice	In this unit you will practise: Exercises 1 and 2 (reading) and 4 and 5 (reading and writing), and Questions 7 and 8 (listening)	
Part 4: Ideas and the future	Unit 16: Focus on reading skills Exam Exercises 1 and 2	In this unit you will: talk about text language, read about e-mails, write about symbols in e-mails and texts, talk and read about mobile phones	Language focus: vocabulary
	Unit 17: Focus on reading and writing skills Exam Exercises 4 and 5	In this unit you will: discuss and read about global warming and the North Pole, answer an exam-type question, talk about climate problems, write a summary	Language focus: vocabulary
	Unit 18: Focus on writing skills Exam Exercises 6 and 7	In this unit you will: talk and write about chewing gum, write an article, discuss recycling, answer an exam-type question	Language focus: vocabulary
	Unit 19: Focus on listening skills	In this unit you will: talk about fashion, listen to a radio interview, plan and write a competition entry, listen to a talk about shoes, read an article about fashion	Language focus: vocabulary
	Unit 20: Exam practice	In this unit you will practise: a complete exam	

Introduction

This third edition is for students who are taking the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) English as a Second Language (E2L) examination, and follows on from Coursebook 1. However, Coursebook 2 can be used independently of the first level, purely as an examination-preparation course.

It is assumed that most of you who use this book will be studying English in order to improve your educational or employment prospects, and it therefore includes topics and themes relevant to this goal. You will find passages and activities based on a wide variety of stimulating topics and about people from all over the world, which I hope you will enjoy reading and discussing.

The book is divided into four themed parts: Leisure and entertainment, Work and education, People and relationships, and Ideas and the future. Each themed part is sub-divided into units based on the specific skill areas of the IGCSE E2L examination: reading, writing and listening. There are also four units providing examination practice. Speaking skills are practised through discussion activities and pair and group work, which occur in every unit. At the end of each unit, there is a selection of 'Further practice' exercises, so that you can do extra work at home or without a teacher.

The material becomes progressively more demanding, with longer and more advanced texts used in the second half of the book. The first three exam-practice units (5, 10 and 15) contain a selection of exercises related to material covered in the preceding units, whereas exam-practice Unit 20 is a complete sample examination paper. This progressive step-by-step approach, including exam tips throughout the book, will help to build your confidence in all the necessary skill areas, while also developing your techniques for success in the IGCSE E2L examination.

I hope you enjoy using this book, and I wish you success in your IGCSE E2L examination!

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