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Introduction

Viewpoint is an innovative new series for adult and young adult learners of English. It is a corpus-informed course, drawing on extensive research into the corpus of North American English in the Cambridge English Corpus – a large database of everyday conversations and texts that show how people actually use English. The database also includes the multimillion-word Cambridge Learner Corpus, which shows us how learners at different levels use English, what problems they have, and what the most common errors are at each level.

Corpus research ensures that learners using *Viewpoint* will encounter the most useful and widely-used words, phrases, and grammar in a range of everyday situations. The research also makes possible the introduction of the important syllabus area of conversation management strategies – for example, how to comment on one's own and others' statements, how to soften opinions, and how to build an argument or avoid topics of conversation. The result is a groundbreaking course of language and skills development that helps learners communicate naturally and effectively.

Easy and enjoyable to teach, *Viewpoint* is full of new and exciting ideas, offering a fresh approach to the teaching and learning of English. Here are some answers to the questions that people have asked us about the *Viewpoint* series.

Viewpoint is a corpus-informed course. What is a corpus exactly?

A corpus is a database of spoken and / or written English. The texts in a corpus can be collected from a variety of sources. For example, texts in a written corpus may come from newspapers, magazines, books, or the Internet, while "texts" in a spoken corpus may come from everyday conversations between friends and family, strangers, coworkers, etc. *Viewpoint* was written using the corpus of North American English in the *Cambridge English Corpus* – a database that currently holds more than a billion words from spoken and written texts.

What kinds of information can you learn from a corpus?

With computer software to analyze a corpus, we can find out the most commonly-used English words and expressions. The use of a corpus is a major innovation that makes it possible to develop an exciting new approach to learning English.

We used the Corpus to answer questions like these:

What are the most frequent words and phrases in English? By analyzing the Corpus, we can identify the most frequent words and expressions in everyday conversation. For example, we can find the top 50, 500, 1,000, or 5,000 words in the spoken Corpus and see how these are different from the most frequent words in the written Corpus. This ensures that students learn the most useful conversational words right from the beginning.

Which English words are most likely to occur together? We can find typical collocations, or words frequently used together, by looking at all the examples of an individual word and seeing what words most often precede or follow it. For example, we can identify the nouns that are most frequently used after the phrasal verb *run out of*. We learn that the top four are *time*, *money*, *space*, and *breath*. Another example is adjectives that are modified by *not quite* (*sure*, *right*, *true*, *clear*, and *certain*). This kind of information helps us present phrasal verbs, as well as other words and phrases, in natural and useful collocations.

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What are the most common meanings and uses of a particular grammar structure? By using the Corpus, we can search for sophisticated grammatical patterns – for example, the future perfect continuous form – to see exactly when and how they are used and their most common meanings and contexts. We can also find out which adverbs are most commonly used with modal verbs. We can see which structures are more common in speaking than in writing and vice versa. Such information enables us to foreground the patterns and usage that are most frequent and appropriate.

How do people manage conversations effectively? By reading the multitude of conversations in the Corpus, we can see how people interact in real-life situations. For example, we see that people often signal their attitude to what they're saying by using *-ly* adverbs such as *seriously*, *clearly*, *luckily*, or *surprisingly*; they soften what they say by using *would* in expressions such as *I would think*, *I'd say*. We can also see different types of responses people make, for example, *I suppose*, *I think so*, *I guess not*. We see how people use rhetorical questions to make a point as well as how people add to or repeat their ideas with expressions like *What I'm saying is*, . . . or *I don't mean* . . . In sum, we learn how people use their grammar and vocabulary resources to create and maintain good relations with their conversational partners. Identifying these conversation strategies has made it possible in *Viewpoint* to teach students useful skills for managing their own conversations in English.

What are the most typical contexts for specific vocabulary and grammar structures? Searching the Corpus helps us find typical situations for using specific grammar structures and vocabulary so that we can present new language in natural contexts. For example, we can see that *be going to* is generally followed by a continuous verb in spoken rather than written English and that the relative pronoun *whom* is over 15 times more frequent in written English than in conversation. Therefore we are able to determine the best contexts, spoken or written, for presentation of structures. The articles, podcasts, conversations, interviews, and listening and reading material that students encounter in the series are constructed in ways that reflect the character and content of the material in the Corpus.

What errors do students make most frequently with grammar or vocabulary? Searching the Learner Corpus helps us find the most frequent and persistent errors that learners typically make. Examples include the uncountable nouns that students have the most problems with or using verbs with two objects correctly. This information from the Learner Corpus enables us to target such problem areas and alert students to them as points to watch out for.

How does this corpus-informed approach help me and my students?

By identifying what language is essential to basic communication and what language allows us to speak and write clearly and precisely, corpus-informed materials can take learners to their goals more quickly and efficiently.

In addition, a study of a spoken corpus teaches us important things about social communication. As a result, activities based on corpus-informed materials can focus on the most important features of listening and speaking skills, making students more effective listeners and communicators. Successful spoken interaction is often called "the fifth skill."

Do I need to know a lot about the Corpus to be able to teach with *Viewpoint*?

Not at all. You don't need any special knowledge of the Corpus to use the course successfully. But you can feel assured that we, as authors, have checked the Corpus carefully to ensure that the language we teach is frequent, natural, and useful, and that the statements we make about language are accurate.

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As you teach from *Viewpoint*, you and your students will learn many interesting facts about language coming from our corpus research. Throughout the Student's Books you will see *In conversation* panels, which give useful information about spoken grammar and vocabulary or differences between informal and formal spoken English. There are also *Writing vs. conversation* panels, which point to differences between written and spoken English. On many of the *Vocabulary notebook* pages you will find fun facts about vocabulary, such as the most frequent adjectives that start with *self-*. The *Common errors* panels give useful advice on the common errors to avoid with a particular language item. In the Teacher's Edition we provide additional information about grammar and vocabulary that we feel will be of particular interest to you as a teacher. See pages xviii–xxi in this Teacher's Edition for a list of the 500 words used most frequently in conversation.

What methodology will I be using in Viewpoint?

Viewpoint merges the best features of proven and familiar communicative methodologies while, at the same time, offering stimulating activities carefully crafted to focus on the learning process. The *Viewpoint* philosophy maintains that a successful course meets all of the following goals:

- **1. It is interaction-based.** An important learning aim in every lesson is to get students talking to each other. This strong emphasis on spoken interaction enables students to use new language immediately in order to communicate with their classmates. In addition, *Viewpoint* devotes a full lesson in every unit to the teaching of conversation strategies so that students can learn the skills needed for effective spoken communication.
- **2.** It personalizes the learning experience. *Viewpoint* offers engaging activities that encourage students to talk about their own lives and ideas as they discuss topics relevant to their interests and experiences. Students will enjoy talking about topics such as social networks, life in the future, world issues, getting along with friends and family, nature, and travel. The *About you* icon points out some of these opportunities.
- **3. It promotes noticing and inductive learning.** Throughout the series students complete tasks that actively involve them in the learning process. Students are also challenged to notice and figure out (inductive learning) grammar structures or English usage. Solving a problem or figuring something out for oneself is a powerful aid to understanding, and research shows that activities that have students notice and figure things out result in successful learning. *Figure it out* tasks challenge students to think about how target grammar structures are formed and used before they are formally introduced. *Notice* tasks in the *Conversation strategy* lessons encourage students to think about how people manage conversations effectively. *Word sort* tasks and *Vocabulary notebook* pages get students to actively learn new vocabulary.
 - Clear learning aims at the start of each unit and *Progress checks* at the end of each Workbook unit enable students to monitor their own learning. Each Teacher's Edition provides a testing program that gives you and your students another valuable tool for assessing progress.
- **4.** It recognizes the importance of review and recycling. Language students need constant review, and *Viewpoint* systematically recycles and reviews target language in several sections of the Student's Book in *Conversation strategy, Reading* and *Listening, Vocabulary notebook*, and *Checkpoint*, as well as in the Workbook. Grammar, vocabulary, and conversation strategies taught in earlier units are recycled in later units. *Recycle* icons throughout the Teacher's Edition point out these and other opportunities for review and recycling.



5. It offers flexibility to meet the needs of specific classes. *Viewpoint* can be used with large and small classes. Activities can be done in pairs, groups, or as a whole class, depending on your particular needs. *Viewpoint* can also be adapted to varying course lengths. For shorter courses, the *Vocabulary notebook* pages and many of the *Reading* and *Writing* tasks can be assigned for homework. For longer courses, the Workbook provides additional learning tasks. The Teacher's Edition offers a variety of extra classroom activities to reinforce learning when time allows.

Can I teach the lessons in a unit out of order?

It is highly recommended that Lessons A, B, C, D, and Writing are taught in order. This is because the new structures and vocabulary taught in the earlier lessons are generally recycled and reused in the later lessons. Each lesson in a unit assumes that students have learned the language of the previous lesson(s).

A special thank-you from the authors . . .

We would like to extend a very personal thank-you to all the teachers and students who have provided so many constructive comments during the development of *Viewpoint*. We sincerely hope that you will enjoy using *Viewpoint* and that it will contribute to the success of your English classes. We welcome your feedback and look forward to hearing from you.

With our very best wishes, Mike McCarthy Jeanne McCarten Helen Sandiford



Course components

Each level of *Viewpoint* consists of a Student's Book, a Workbook, a Teacher's Edition with Assessment Audio CD / CD-ROM for the quizzes and tests, and the Class Audio CDs. In addition, teachers can download recordings of grammar charts and readings from the *Viewpoint* website.

Student's Book

There are 12 units in each Student's Book. Each unit consists of:

- four two-page lessons (Lessons A, B, C, and D) that present grammar, vocabulary, and conversation strategies, and include listening, speaking, and reading practice
- a single-page lesson that teaches the language and skills of writing including a special grammar chart about the grammar of writing
- a *Vocabulary notebook* page with practical learning tips to help students catalog new vocabulary, reinforce collocations, and further develop their vocabulary-building skills
- two *Grammar extra* pages at the back of the book that contain additional information and practice exercises on the target grammar of each A and B lesson
- a Speaking naturally activity at the back of the book that presents and practices a feature of pronunciation, linked to the language of the unit

Four *Checkpoint* lessons review the language taught in the previous three units.

Unique features of the Student's Book include:

- the *Conversation strategy* lesson, which covers the important syllabus area of conversation management techniques
- the Vocabulary notebook, which systematically covers vocabulary-building strategies to ensure effective learning
- Figure it out tasks, which involve students in figuring out how target structures are formed and used
- *Word sort* tasks, which encourage students to take an active role in learning new vocabulary
- information panels about differences between conversation and writing

Workbook

The Workbook is a natural extension of the Student's Book, providing reinforcement and consolidation of the material in the Student's Book. There are two pages of activities to practice the grammar from Lessons A and B, a page of vocabulary activities, a page of conversation strategy practice, two pages of reading, and a page of writing practice. In addition, there is an extra page of listening – *Listening extra*. The Workbook provides:

- thorough consolidation and practice of the vocabulary, grammar, and conversation strategies taught in the Student's Book
- extra reading, writing, and listening activities to reinforce these important skills
- a wide variety of activity types, with photos and illustrations to provide context and keep students motivated
- a *Progress check* at the end of the book to help students plan further independent study

Teacher's Edition with Assessment Audio CD / CD-ROM

The interleaved Teacher's Edition contains practical, step-by-step teaching notes for each page of the Student's Book. It also offers:

■ *Language notes* that not only provide an overview of the language presented in each unit but also give useful information, drawn from the Corpus, on the frequency of grammatical forms, words, and expressions

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- a wide variety of optional interactive classroom tasks geared to both small and large classes
- a photocopiable testing package containing general, writing, and speaking quizzes for every unit, along with answer keys and scripts
- audio scripts for all recorded material from the Student's Book and Workbook
- unit-by-unit language summaries that include the unit vocabulary and expressions
- the Workbook answer key

An Assessment Audio CD / CD-ROM bound into the Teacher's Edition contains:

- general, speaking, and writing tests one test of each type for Units 1–6, one for Units 7–12, and one for Units 1–12. All tests are available as both PDFs and Word documents.
- PDFs and Word documents of all the general, speaking, and writing quizzes (also available in the printed Teacher's Edition)
- audio recordings, answer keys, and scripts for the *Viewpoint* testing program

Class Audio Program

The Class Audio CDs and downloadable recordings provide students with natural models for speaking and pronunciation as well as the opportunity to listen to a variety of voices and accents. The Class Audio CDs contain all the material for the presentation and listening activities. The grammar charts and the Lesson D reading texts are available as downloadable recordings from www.cambridge.org/viewpoint/audio

Presentation Plus

Viewpoint Presentation Plus allows you to present the contents of *Viewpoint* in a more lively, interactive way by conveniently bringing the following materials together in one place in front of the classroom:

• Student's Book

Video Activity Worksheets

Class Audio

Video Program

Workbook

• Cambridge Dictionaries Online

Video and Video Resource Book

The *Viewpoint* video, available on DVD, provides video conversations that accompany the Student's Book. The *Video Resource Book* offers video worksheets for each unit. These can be used in class as extension activities.

Online Workbook

The Online Workbook provides the Workbook content as interactive activities. Students complete the activities online and have their answers automatically marked. Teachers can look at scores for the class and for each student.

Online Course

The Online Course uses the same syllabus and learning outcomes as the Student's Book. The material has been carefully adapted and extended to take students through a fully-supported learning program, which can be used to create a wide range of blended learning solutions – from 100 percent classroom learning to 100 percent online learning or anywhere in between.

The Online Course includes newly-created multimedia presentation and personalized, interactive practice. It offers original activities, engaging video clips, and opportunities for students to record their voice, post blogs, write wikis, and leave spoken messages.

For more information about these components, see: www.cambridge.org/viewpoint

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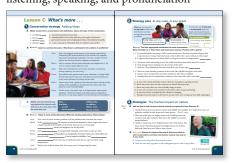
Structure of the units in the Student's Book

All units contain the following basic structure. It is important to note that lessons should be taught in A, B, C, D, Writing order. There may be some variety from unit to unit in the exact position of vocabulary, pronunciation, listening, and speaking activities. Below is a typical unit.

Lesson A – Vocabulary, grammar, and speaking



Lesson C – Conversation strategies, listening, speaking, and pronunciation



Writing – Writing skills and grammar for writing

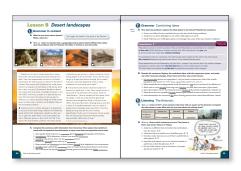


Strategies for learning vocabulary

Vocabulary notebook -



Lesson B – Grammar and listening



Lesson D – Reading, vocabulary, listening, and speaking



After Units 3, 6, 9, and 12





At the back of the Student's Book

Speaking naturally – Pronunciation and intonation



Grammar extra – Information and exercises to extend the grammar in Lessons A and B



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Features of the units in the Student's Book

Lesson A

Lessons A and B present the main grammar points of the unit. Each lesson contains useful vocabulary, and one of the two lessons also teaches the main target vocabulary of the unit. Sometimes these lessons end with a *Viewpoint* group discussion or a *Listening* task. In some lessons, teachers are directed to a *Speaking naturally* pronunciation task at the back of the book.



Unit aims

show the key topics and functional areas, grammar, and strategies that are taught in Lessons A-C

Grammar in context / Vocabulary in context

- presents new grammar in natural contexts such as conversations, interviews, formal discussions, podcasts, articles, questionnaires
- focuses on the most frequent and useful language for everyday communication
- Vocabulary in context sections also include target words and / or expressions

Word sort

- helps students organize new vocabulary in meaningful ways to help the learning process
- gives opportunities for students to use the new vocabulary immediately in personalized interactions with classmates

Grammar charts

 provide a clear presentation of new structures with straightforward examples to make the grammar easy to assimilate

Common errors

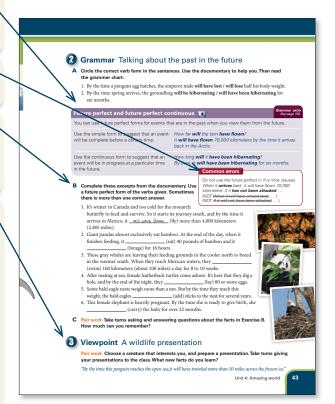
provides information from the Learner Corpus about key errors to avoid

Grammar exercises

- give students both controlled and freer practice with the new structure
- offer opportunities to apply the structure in expressing their own thoughts and experiences and to exchange their own personal information

Viewpoint

- includes pair, group, and class discussions and tasks on questions and issues that flow out of the lesson topics and issues raised
- provides an opportunity for students to use the language presented in the unit
- includes expressions that would be useful for the discussion in an *In conversation* information panel (These expressions are recycled from the *Touchstone* series.)
- includes pair, group, and class discussions on questions and issues derived from the reading
- provides an opportunity for students to use the language presented in the unit as well as showing expressions useful for the discussion in an *In conversation* information panel



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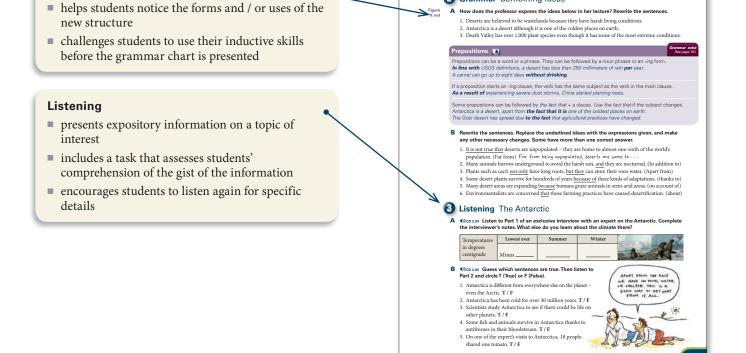
Lesson B

Figure it out



Grammar in context / Vocabulary in context

- presents new grammar in natural contexts such as conversations, interviews, formal discussions, podcasts, articles, questionnaires
- focuses on the most frequent and useful language for everyday communication

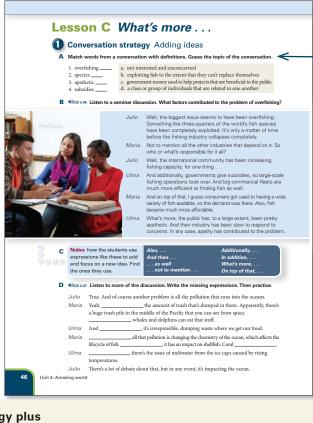


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Lesson C

Lesson C teaches conversation management strategies in the *Conversation strategy* and *Strategy plus* sections. It always includes common expressions that are useful in conversation. The final section is a speaking or a listening and speaking activity that practices again and reinforces the conversational language and strategies of the earlier sections. The grammar in this lesson is always recycled and is thus grammar that students already know.



Conversation strategy

- teaches students techniques for managing conversations more effectively in English
- offers an exciting syllabus of strategies drawn from conversations in the Corpus, covering techniques such as checking understanding of what people say, using rhetorical questions to make a point, expressions for drawing conclusions, showing strong agreement, and much more

This section provides a four-step presentation and practice where students:

- First, do schema building, preparation, and / or a vocabulary warmup activity.
- Then, listen and understand the content of the conversation.
- Next, notice the strategy (presentation) and find more examples in the conversation.
- Finally, use the strategy in controlled, then freer, interactive and personalized practice.

Strategy plus

- teaches conversation management expressions chosen for their relevance and frequency such as No wonder, I think so, I have to say . . . , and You know what?
- extends and reinforces the material presented in Conversation strategy

In conversation

• often includes information panels about the use or frequency of the structure in conversation, sometimes in contrast to its use in writing

Strategies

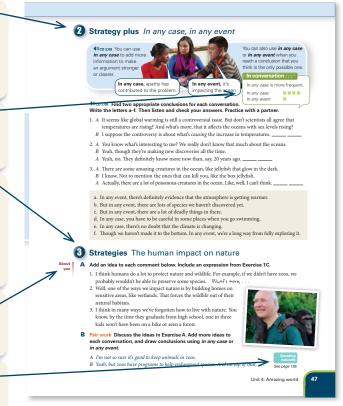
- provides practice with expressions or skills from Conversation strategy and Strategy plus within conversations and extracts that are all based on real-life language
- provides an opportunity to use conversation strategies to discuss reallife situations with a partner, group, or whole class

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signals a personalized practice task that allows students to apply their learning

Speaking naturally

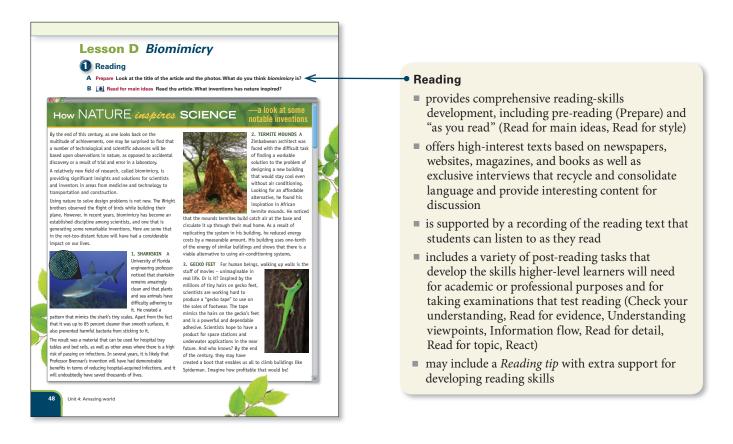
■ In some units, teachers are directed to a *Speaking naturally* section at the back of the book, where the teaching point from Lesson C is integrated with and uses the expressions taught in the lesson.

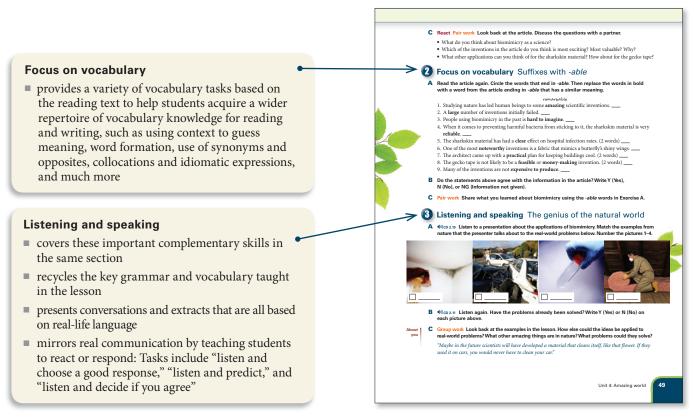


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Lesson D

Lesson D focuses on reading skills while also providing additional listening and speaking activities. Most units include a *Reading tip* that helps students become more familiar with conventions of formal writing by providing useful information about techniques writers use to structure texts, create interest, avoid repetition, and so forth.

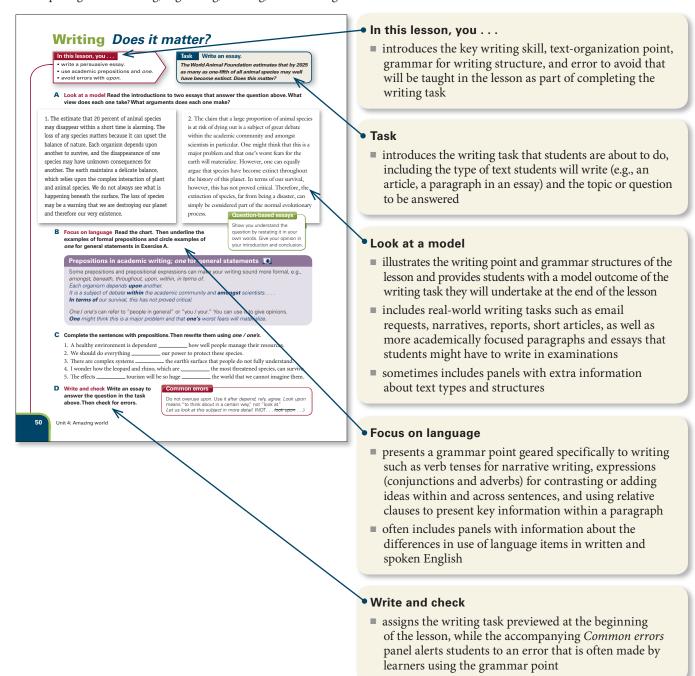




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Writing

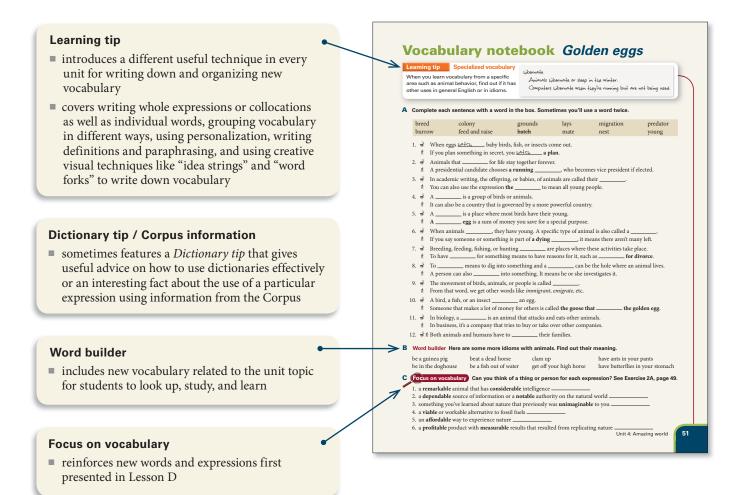
The one-page *Writing* lesson teaches and develops formal writing skills such as describing charts and graphs, planning an argument, contrasting viewpoints, writing different types of essay (persuasive, descriptive, etc.), and structuring paragraphs and essays. A model text is provided that exemplifies the various teaching points as well as a grammar chart that presents a "grammar for writing" structure. Students are guided through the writing process with tasks requiring brainstorming, organizing, drafting, and checking for errors.



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Vocabulary notebook

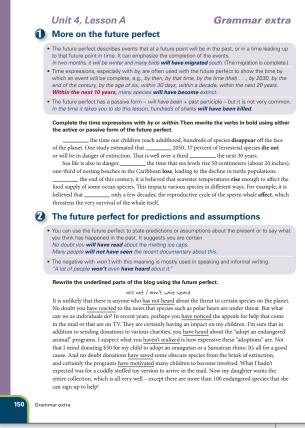
Vocabulary notebook provides a page of enjoyable tasks at the end of every unit to help students organize and write down new vocabulary. It allows students to customize their own vocabulary learning, working in class or at home, and encourages them to learn additional vocabulary in the *Word builder* activities.



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Grammar extra and Speaking naturally

Grammar extra provides information and exercises to extend the grammar from Lessons A and B. **Speaking naturally** enables pronunciation and intonation learning and practice.

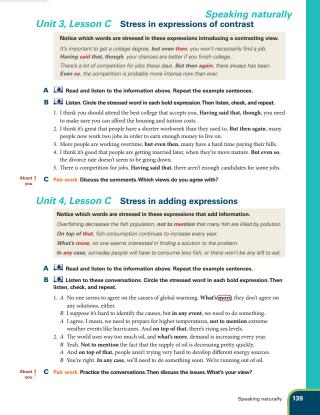


Grammar extra

- extends the grammar from Lessons A and B with extra information and activities that can be done in class or for homework
- provides a clear presentation of structures with straightforward examples to make the grammar easy to assimilate
- may include Common errors panels with information from the Learner Corpus about key errors to avoid

Speaking naturally

- helps students understand and use natural pronunciation and intonation
- is closely integrated with the grammar, vocabulary, or strategies of the main units
- covers the key areas of linking and reduction, stress and intonation, basic grammatical forms, and common problems in listening comprehension
- provides communicative and personalized practice to fully integrate pronunciation into the lesson



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Corpus frequency

The top 500 spoken words

This is a list of the top 500 words in spoken North American English. It is based on a sample of four and a half million words of conversation from the *Cambridge English Corpus*. The most frequent word, *I*, is at the top of the list.

1 I 2 and 3 the 4 you 5 uh 6 to 7 a 8 that 9 it 10 of 11 yeah 12 know 13 in 14 like 15 they 16 have 17 so 18 was 19 but 20 is 21 it's 22 we 23 huh 24 just 25 oh 26 do 27 don't 28 that's 29 well 30 for 31 what 32 on 33 think 34 right 35 not 36 um 37 or

41 with 42. he 43 one 45 this 46 there 47 I'm 48 all 49 if 50 no 51 get 52 about 53 at 54 out 55 had 56 then 57 because 58 go 59 up 60 she 61 when 62 them 63 can 64 would 66 me 67 mean 68 some 69 good 70 got 71 OK 72 people 73 now 74 going 75 were 76 lot 77 your 78 time 79 see

80 how

81 they're 82 kind 83 here 84 from 85 did 86 something 87 too 88 more 89 very 90 want 91 little 92 been 93 things 94 an 95 you're 96 said 97 there's 98 I've 99 much 100 where 101 two 102 thing 103 her 104 didn't 105 other 106 say 107 back 108 could 109 their 110 our 111 guess 112 yes 113 way 114 has 115 down 116 we're 117 any 118 he's 119 work 120 take

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1	122 those	168	kids	214	after
]	123 over	169	first	215	ever
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]	125 him	171	need	217	care
1	126 who	172	us	218	better
1	127 put	173	should	219	hard
1	128 years	174	talking	220	haven't
1	129 sure	175	last	221	trying
1	130 can't	176	thought	222	give
1	131 pretty	177	doesn't	223	I'd
1	132 gonna	178	different	224	problem
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1	144 home	190	though	236	anyway
1	145 will	191	most	237	came
1	146 nice	192	tell	238	six
1	147 never	193	being	239	family
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1	156 why	202	old	248	live
1	157 big	203	done	249	away
1	158 actually	204	sort	250	either
1	159 she's	205	great	251	read
1	160 day	206	bad	252	having
1	161 five	207	we've	253	far
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1	163 school	209	car	255	week
1	164 look	210	true	256	mhm
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259 next	305 looking	351 stay
260 couple	306 someone	352 mom
261 own	307 coming	353 sounds
262 wouldn't	308 eight	354 change
263 ten	309 love	355 understand
264 interesting	310 everybody	356 such
265 am	311 able	357 gone
266 sometimes	312 we'll	358 system
267 bye	313 life	359 comes
268 seems	314 may	360 thank
269 heard	315 both	361 show
270 goes	316 type	362 thousand
271 called	317 end	363 left
272 point	318 least	364 friends
273 ago	319 told	365 class
274 while	320 saw	366 already
275 fact	321 college	367 eat
276 once	322 ones	368 small
277 seen	323 almost	369 boy
278 wanted	324 since	370 paper
279 isn't	325 days	371 world
280 start	326 couldn't	372 best
281 high	327 gets	373 water
282 somebody	328 guys	374 myself
283 let's	329 god	375 run
284 times	330 country	376 they'll
285 guy	331 wait	377 won't
286 area	332 yet	378 movie
287 fun	333 believe	379 cool
288 they've	334 thinking	380 news
289 you've	335 funny	381 number
290 started	336 state	382 man
291 job	337 until	383 basically
292 says	338 husband	384 nine
293 play	339 idea	385 enjoy
294 usually	340 name	386 bought
295 wow	341 seven	387 whether
296 exactly	342 together	388 especially
297 took	343 each	389 taking
298 few	344 hear	390 sit
299 child	345 help	391 book
300 thirty	346 nothing	392 fifty
301 buy	347 parents	393 months
302 person	348 room	394 women
303 working	349 today	395 month
304 half	350 makes	396 found

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398	food	433	deal	468	hand
399	looks	434	mine	469	gosh
400	summer	435	reason	470	top
401	hmm	436	credit	471	cut
402	fine	437	dog	472	computer
403	hey	438	group	473	tried
404	student	439	turn	474	gotten
405	agree	440	making	475	mind
406	mother	441	American	476	business
407	problems	442	weeks	477	anybody
408	city	443	certain	478	takes
409	second	444	less	479	aren't
410	definitely	445	must	480	question
411	spend	446	dad	481	rather
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413	hours	448	lived	483	phone
414	war	449	forty	484	program
415	matter	450	air	485	without
416	supposed	451	government	486	moved
417	worked	452	eighty	487	gave
418	company	453	wonderful	488	yep
419	friend	454	seem	489	case
420	set	455	wrong	490	looked
421	minutes	456	young	491	certainly
422	morning	457	places	492	talked
423	between	458	girl	493	beautiful
424	music	459	happen	494	card
425	close	460	sorry	495	walk
426	leave	461	living	496	married
427	wife	462	drive	497	anymore
428	knew	463	outside	498	you'll
429	pick	464	bring	499	middle
430	important	465	easy	500	tax
431	ask	466	stop		

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Irregular verbs

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Viewpoint Level 2 Scope and sequence

	Functions / Topics	Grammar	Vocabulary	Conversation strategies	Speaking naturally		
Unit 1 A great read pages 10–19	 Talk about types of literature, reading habits, and favorite authors. Discuss the pros and cons of reading and writing blogs. Analyze and interpret a poem. 	Use auxiliary verbs, to, one, and ones to avoid repeating words and phrases.	Idiomatic expressions for understanding (I can't make heads or tails of it) and remembering (It's on the tip of my tongue) Synonyms (enduring - lasting)	 Use stressed auxiliary verbs (do, does) before main verbs to add emphasis. Use if so to mean "if this is true", and if not to mean "if this is not true." 	Stressing auxiliaries for emphasis page 138		
Unit 2 Technology pages 20–29	 Talk about technology and its impact on your life. Discuss the issue of privacy vs. security. Evaluate the pros and cons of modern conveniences. Discuss how you respond to new technologies. 	 Add information to nouns with different types of expressions. Use two-part conjunctions like either or to combine ideas. 	• Compound adjectives to describe technology (high-speed, energy-efficient) • Suffixes (innovation, radical)	Use adverbs like predictably and apparently to express what you predict, expect, etc. Emphasize that something is impossible with can't / couldn't possibly.	• Stress in noun phrases page 138		
Unit 3 Society pages 30–39	 Talk about different social pressures that you and others face. Discuss the challenges of starting college and other new experiences. Discuss how children put pressure on parents. Evaluate gender differences in language. 	 Use participle clauses to link events and add information about time or reason. Add emphasis with so that, such that, even, and only. 	Expressions with take (take advantage of, take credit for) Synonyms (often – frequently; show – reveal)	 Express a contrasting view with expressions like having said that and then again. Use even so and even then to introduce a contrasting idea. 	Stress in expressions of contrast page 139		
Checkpoint 1 Units 1–3 pages 40–41							
Unit 4 Amazing world pages 42–51	 Talk about the natural world. Present information about a member of the animal kingdom. Consider the impact that humans have on nature. 	 Use future perfect forms to talk about the past in the future. Use prepositions and prepositional 	• Expressions to describe the behavior of wildlife (hibernate, predator) • Suffixes with -able (remarkable,	 Use expressions like What's more to add and focus on new ideas. Use in any case and in any event to strengthen arguments and reach 	• Stress in adding expressions page 139		

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Listening	Reading	Writing	Vocabulary notebook	Grammar extra
The blogosphere • A presenter shares statistics about blogging. My interpretation is • Someone gives an interpretation of a poem.	A brief history of poetry • An article about different types of poetry through history	 Write a review of a book you have enjoyed. Describe, evaluate, and recommend a book. Coordinate adjectives. Avoid errors with yet. 	Heads or tails Think of situations when you can use certain idioms.	 More on auxiliary verbs to avoid repetition too, either, so, neither, and (to) do so More on using to to avoid repeating verb phrases More on one lones to avoid repeating countable nouns pages 144–145
Privacy or convenience? Two friends discuss privacy and fingerprinting. How do you multitask? Three conversations about multitasking	As technology changes, so do adoption life cycles. • An article about the willingness of consumers to invest in new technology	 Write a report about Internet use. Describe graphs, charts, and tables. Describe and compare statistics. Avoid errors with as can be seen, etc. 	High-tech gadgets Use compound adjectives with nouns to say something true about your life.	 Adjectives after nouns Negative phrases after nouns More on two-part conjunctions Two-part conjunctions with phrases and clauses pages 146–147
It's an issue Two people discuss the challenges when kids become more independent. Language and gender A professor introduces a course on language and gender.	Language and Society • Course outlines of classes about language and society	 Write an evaluation of a course. Plan and write an evaluative report. Express results in writing. Avoid errors with therefore. 	Take credit! • Write sentences that paraphrase the meaning of new expressions.	 Clauses with prepositions and conjunctions + -ing Passive forms of participle and time clauses More on so and such More on even and only pages 148–149
	Check	xpoint 1 Units 1–3 pa	ages 40–41	
The Antarctic • An expert answers questions about Antarctica. The genius of the natural world • A presenter shares ideas about how biomimicry could solve problems.	How nature inspires science – a look at some notable inventions • An article about how nature inspires innovation	 Write a persuasive essay about an environmental concern. Use academic prepositions and impersonal one. Avoid errors with upon. 	Golden eggs Notice the use of specialized vocabulary in general English or in idioms.	 More on the future perfect The future perfect for predictions and assumptions Formal prepositional expressions More on the fact that; prepositions + perfect forms pages 150–151

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Unit 5 Progress pages 52–61	 Talk about inventions, progress, and human achievements. Evaluate the motivation of people who are driven to perform dangerous feats. Discuss the pros and cons of research. Discuss inventions and innovations. 	 Use adverbs with continuous and perfect forms of the passive. Use past modals with the passive. 	 More formal adjectives (obsolete, portable) Adjectives into nouns (convenient – convenience; easy – ease) 	Use expressions like Let's put it this way to make a point. Use expressions like Maybe (not), Absolutely (not), and Not necessarily in responses.	• Stress in expressions page 140
Unit 6 Business studies pages 62–71	 Talk about business and retail. Consider the motivations behind shopping habits. Evaluate the benefits of online and instore shopping. Present the advantages of big business and small business. 	 Use relative clauses that begin with pronouns or prepositions. Use some, any, other, others, and another to refer to people and things. 	Verbs that mean attract and deter (entice, discourage) Adjectives (malicious, vulnerable)	 Use negative and tag questions to persuade others of your point of view. Use granted to concede points. 	Prepositions in relative clauses page 140
	CI	neckpoint 2 Units	4–6 pages 72–73		
Unit 7 Relationships pages 74–83	 Talk about relationships, marriage, and family life. Discuss the most important issues to consider before getting married. Talk about the best ways to meet people. Evaluate the pros and cons of monitoring family members. 	Use conditional sentences without if to hypothesize. Use wh-clauses as subjects and objects.	Binomial expressions with and, or, but (give and take, sooner or later, slowly but surely) Building synonyms (see – perceive; improve – enhance)	Use expressions like in the end and in a word to summarize or finish your points. Use then and in that case to draw a conclusion from something someone said.	• Binomial pairs page 141
Unit 8 History pages 84–93	 Talk about people and events in history. Determine what makes a historical event "world-changing." Talk about the importance of one's family history. 	 Use the perfect infinitive to refer to past time. Use cleft sentences beginning with It to focus on certain nouns, phrases, and clauses. 	Adjective antonyms (lasting – temporary; superficial – profound) Metaphors (sift, bring to life)	 Use expressions like Let's not go there to avoid talking about a topic. Respond with That's what I'm saying to focus on your viewpoint. 	• Saying perfect infinitives page 141

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Kristen Ulmer – a world-class extreme skier • A reporter relates her conversation with Kristen Ulmer. What's the point of research? • Two people discuss the benefits and drawbacks of research.	Invention: inspired thinking or accidental discovery? • An article about how inventions come about	 Write an opinion essay about technological progress. Compare and contrast arguments. Use it clauses + passive to say what people think. Avoid errors with affect and effect. 	Old or ancient? • Learn synonyms to express basic concepts in formal writing.	 Adverbs in present and past passive verb phrases Adverbs in perfect verb phrases Adverbs and past modal verb phrases Questions with passive past modals pages 152–153
 Too good to be true? Four consumer experts talk about special promotions. The top threats A business expert discusses the risks of running a business. 	Data leakage – Are you protected? • An article about keeping a business's information secure	 Write a report on data security. Use modals to avoid being too assertive and to make recommendations. Use expressions to describe cause (This may be the result of). Avoid errors with can and could. 	It's tempting. • Write word family charts.	 Pronouns and numbers in relative clauses Nouns in relative clauses other, every other, other than More on another pages 154–155
	Check	point 2 Units 4–6 pa	ages 72–73	
Bringing up baby? • A student talks about his experience with a "baby simulator." Keeping tabs on the family • A family counselor discusses using technology to keep track of family members.	Technology – is it driving families apart? • An article about how technology impacts family dynamics	 Write a magazine article about how to enhance friendships. Express number and amount with expressions like a number of, a great deal of. Avoid errors with a number of, etc. Use expressions like affect, have an effect on to describe effects. 	Now or never • Use expressions in sentences that are personally meaningful.	 More on inversions More on what clauses what clauses with passive verbs and modals in writing pages 156–157
Tracing family histories • Two friends talk about their family backgrounds. Citizen participation projects • A lecturer describes projects that help uncover the past.	The Ancient Lives Project • An article about the collaboration between experts and volunteers in piecing together the past	 Write a narrative essay about your family or someone you know. Order events in the past. Avoid errors with in the end and at the end. 	Deep, low, high Look up the synonyms and antonyms of new words.	 More on perfect infinitives The perfect infinitive after adjectives and nouns More on cleft sentences with it + be it + be + noun phrase in writing pages 158–159

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Listening	Reading	Writing	Vocabulary notebook	Grammar extra
Other amazing feats • Three documentaries describe marvels of engineering. Is she for real? • A radio interview about a robot.	Robots • An article about the widespread use of robots in society	 Write an essay about whether robots can replace humans. Express alternatives. Avoid errors with would rather / rather than. 	How do you do it? • Ask yourself questions using new vocabulary.	 whatever, whichever, and whoever as subjects and objects Patterns with however and whatever More on inversion Inversion with modals and in passive sentences pages 160–161
	Checkp	ooint 3 Units 7–9 pa	ges 104–105	
Journalism • A guest on a radio program discusses trends in journalism.	Establishing the truth: How accurate are news reports? • An article about issues in news reporting	 Summarize an article. Use subject-verb agreement. Avoid subject-verb agreement errors in relative clauses. 	Trust your instincts • Find multiple verbs that collocate with the same noun.	 Simple vs. continuous infinitives More on perfect continuous infinitives More on the subjunctive The subjunctive and conditional sentences pages 162–163
Online lies • Two friends talk about the lies that people tell about themselves online. Fakes of art! • A radio program profiles artist John Myatt.	Authenticating art • An article about the techniques used to identify art forgeries	 Write an essay about fake designer goods. Share your views and those of others. Use academic conjunctions and adverbs. Avoid errors with provided that. 	Use it or lose it. Use new vocabulary in imaginary conversations with a friend.	 More on be to; be due to, be meant to be to for orders and instructions More on passive perfect infinitives would rather pages 164–165
"Helicopter" parents • A mother and son talk about overprotective parents. Understanding the brain – outcomes • Four professionals lecture about the impact of brain research on their fields.	The developing brain • An article about how brain development relates to behavior	 Write a report using statistics. Compare statistics. Use expressions like twice as likely, four times more often. Avoid errors with twice. 	Pick and choose • Create a thesaurus.	 Common verbs, adjectives, and nouns + object + -ing More on reflexive pronouns Referring to unknown people pages 166–167
	Checkpo	oint 4 Units 10–12 pa	ages 136–137	

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Teaching higher-level learners of English

Viewpoint is intended for higher-level learners of English. At this point, students are considered to have crossed the threshold to becoming independent learners, a qualitative change from the dependent learner at the beginner or elementary level. It is not just a question of learning more language; it is about becoming a different kind of learner. So what happens when students move from intermediate to advanced levels? What substantive changes mark this shift?

Issues for higher-level learners

Higher-level learners have different needs from those at more basic levels. These include the needs to:

- move beyond general language toward more vocational and academic language.
- improve accuracy and confidence in using grammatical structures by understanding their complexities.
- review and correct common grammatical errors.
- learn new structures that are frequent and useful so students feel they are moving forward and covering new ground.
- learn more about appropriateness of use, such as formal and informal grammatical structures, vocabulary, and expressions, and understand which are suitable for writing and which are not.
- be able to operate fluently and confidently in a wider range of speaking situations, not only in informal conversations with friends but also in more formal settings such as the workplace or at seminars or presentations.
- develop skills for how to approach more formal writing and how to structure texts.

Teaching vocabulary

Ideally, students at the threshold of the more advanced levels will already recognize some 4,000 words. Most of the new words encountered in English at this point are fairly uncommon, and students are less likely to encounter them on a regular basis. Phrasal vocabulary is also increasingly important at the advanced level. Here we need to introduce themes and topics that will be relevant to students who typically have vocational, academic, and professional goals. What this means is that a topic such as travel and vacations can be expanded and specialized to include issues such as tourism and its impact on cultures and environments; friendship and socializing in general can make way for more demanding issues such as peer pressures and academic pressures. In *Viewpoint* students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own vocabulary development through a section in each unit called *Vocabulary notebook*. This encourages them to write notes and improve their vocabulary learning strategies as part of the general learning process.

Teaching grammar

The *Viewpoint* presentations and activities expose students to the grammar used in speaking and also, perhaps crucially for these levels, to the grammar of writing. The grammatical syllabus has been organized by careful corpus analysis of the kinds of texts and contexts that more advanced students will need to work with. It has also been influenced by research in how examiners evaluate and assess students' writing.

Teaching speaking

At the advanced levels, students are expected to have a high level of fluency, precision, and spontaneity in speaking. The CEFR, for example, sees the C-level learner as being able to speak "without much obvious searching for expressions," and to be skilled at "differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations." At this point, we can help students communicate more precisely *and* interactively. As well as helping them

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