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1D Write an article				
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Review and extension More practice		WORDPOWER <i>as</i>		
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Getting started Discuss travelling				
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6B Discuss changes	The passive	Describing change		
6C Introduce requests and learn to say you are grateful			Consonant sounds	Introducing requests; showing you are grateful
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Getting started Discuss the design of new buildings				
7A Discuss living in cities	<i>too / enough; so / such</i>	Describing life in cities		
7B Discuss changes to a home	Causative <i>have / get</i>	Film and TV; Houses	Sounds and spelling: <i>o</i>	
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8B Discuss moral dilemmas and crime	Third conditional; <i>should have</i> + past participle	Crime	Sounds and spelling: <i>/</i>	
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