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### **TO THE TEACHER**

### What is Transitions?

Transitions offers standards-based integrated-skills material to help prepare adult students for success at work or in an academic setting. Aimed at advanced students, Transitions focuses on developing reading and writing skills with high-interest topics such as self-confidence, teamwork, and having a positive attitude.

### **Unit organization**

Within each unit there are six lessons:

LESSON A Listening focuses students on the topic of the unit.

- Talk about the pictures creates student interest and activates prior knowledge about the topic. The visuals help teachers assess what learners already know and serve as a prompt for the key vocabulary of each unit.
- Listening, based on a mini-lecture, has a note-taking exercise to help students practice listening for main ideas and important details. A communicative activity at the end gives students an opportunity to discuss questions related to the theme.

**LESSON B Grammar** focuses on speaking.

- Grammar focus presents the grammar in chart form.
- Practice checks comprehension of the grammar point and provides guided practice.
- Communicate guides students in generating answers and conversations.

**LESSON C Grammar** focuses on writing.

- Grammar focus presents the grammar in chart form.
- Practice has students notice the structure, write sentences with it, and recognize and correct mistakes in a paragraph.
- Collaborate and write asks students to write a paragraph using the structure.

LESSONS D and E Reading develop reading skills and vocabulary.

- Before you read activates prior knowledge and encourages learners to make predictions.
- Read introduces a passage of several paragraphs on a high-interest topic related to the theme of the unit.
- After you read checks understanding through questions that require close reading and includes two vocabularybuilding exercises, focusing on strategies and academic words. The lesson concludes with a summarizing activity.
- The College and Career Readiness section in the back of the Student's Book (pages 122-151) provides

additional reading, critical thinking, and academic vocabulary building for each unit.

**LESSON F Writing** provides writing practice within the context of the unit.

- Before you write activates the language students will need for the writing task and provides a writing model and a structure to help students plan the writing.
- Write gives students the writing prompt and refers to previous exercises to help guide their writing.
- After you write has a checklist for students to check their own work and key points to look for when reacting to a classmate's writing.

### **Components**

### **UPDATED Workbook**

Two pages of exercises for each lesson can be assigned in class, for homework, or as student support when a class is missed. Students can check their own answers with the answer key in the back. The Workbook can extend classroom instructional time by 35 to 40 minutes per lesson.

### **UPDATED** Interleaved Teacher's Edition

Easy-to-follow lesson plans for every unit.

- Teaching tips address common problem areas for students and provide additional suggestions for expansion activities and building community.
- Additional practice material across all Ventures components is clearly organized in the More Ventures chart at the end of each lesson.
- Additional skills-related teaching tips on the World of Better Learning Blog are linked via QR codes.
- Multiple opportunities for assessment—such as unit, midterm, and final tests—are in the Teacher's Edition. Customizable tests and test audio can be downloaded from eSource.

### Teacher Resources

Presentation Plus: Digitally project the contents of the Student's Book in front of the class for a livelier, interactive classroom.

Online Teacher's Resources: Additional worksheets and classroom materials, such as Collaborative Worksheets and Projects, are available for download from cambridge.org/ventures/resources

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# **UNIT TOUR**

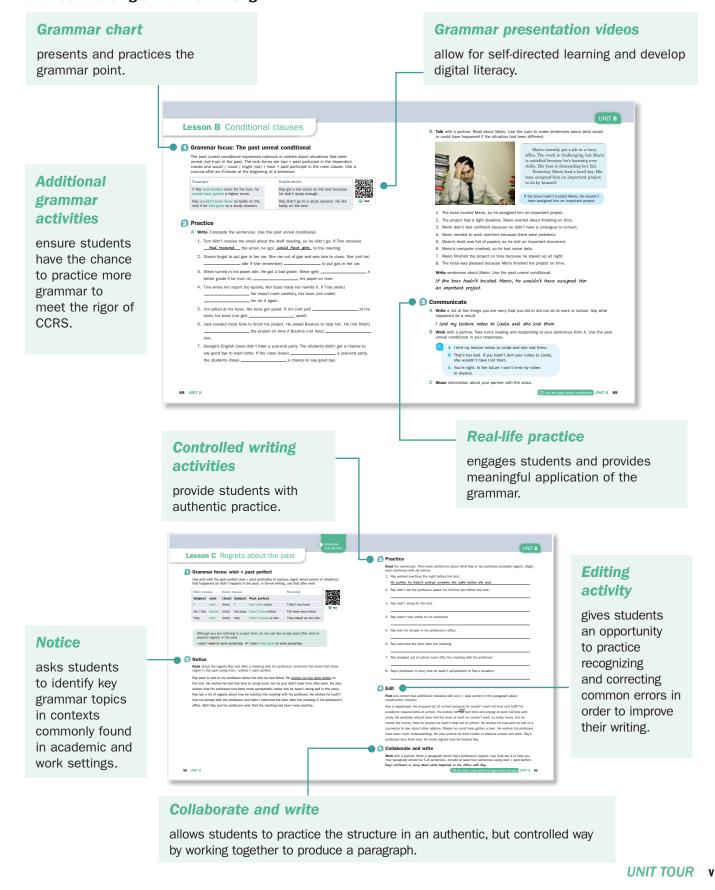
### **The Most Complete Course for Student Success**

- Specifically prepares students for the critical thinking, reading, and listening skills needed for the newly updated standardized tests
- Helps students develop the skills needed to be college and career ready and function successfully in their community
- Covers key NRS and WIOA requirements
- Aligned with the English Language Proficiency (ELP) and College and Career Readiness (CCR) standards





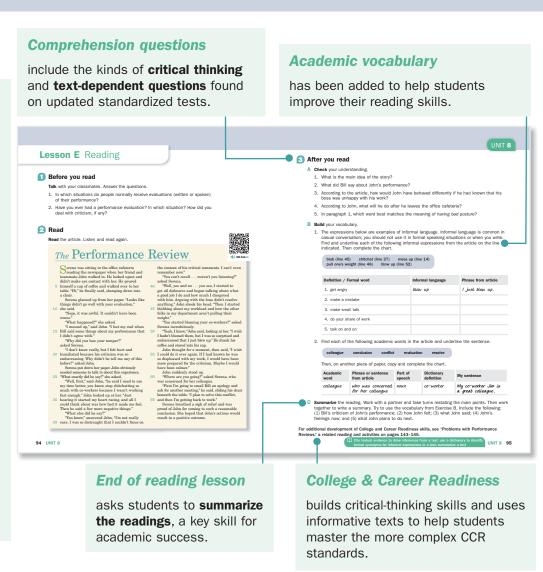
### Every unit has two grammar lessons taught using the same format. Lesson C is new and focuses on grammar for writing.





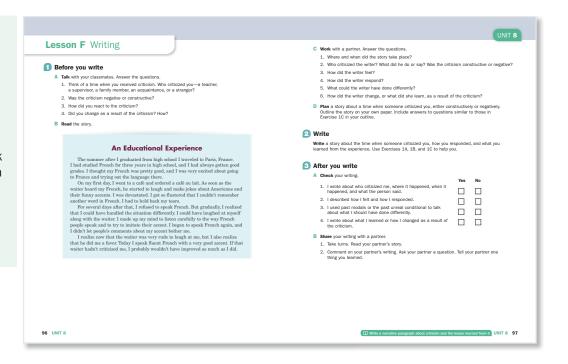
## Reading (Lessons D & E)

- uses a 3-step reading approach to highlight the skills and strategies students need to succeed in both academic and workplace settings.
- combines reading with writing and listening practice for an integrated approach to ensure better comprehension.
- brings complex, informative texts into the classroom to help students read independently and proficiently.



### Writing

- helps students develop a robust process-writing approach.
- supports students to meet the challenges of work and the classroom through academic and purposeful writing practice.



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### **College and Career Readiness**

A set of College and Career Readiness (CCR) worksheets for each unit is in the Student's Book (pages 122-151). These worksheets provide added reading practice and should be taught after Lessons D and E. They can be done during class or as independent study. These CCR worksheets enable students to:

- Cite evidence in response to text-dependent questions
- Identify and use **academic words** that appear in formal texts
- Practice academic language
- Develop critical-thinking skills by comparing and analyzing two or more articles on the same topic
- Build knowledge by having students **write expository texts** such as compare / contrast, summary, opinion, argument, and problem / solution to demonstrate comprehension



#### cambridge.org/kahoot/ventures

#### What is Kahoot!?

Kahoot! is a game-based learning platform that makes it easy to create, share, and play fun learning games and trivia quizzes in minutes. Students can play Kahoot! on any mobile device or laptop with an internet connection.

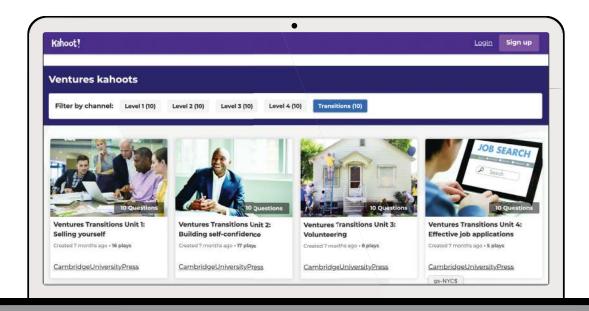
### What can you use Kahoot for?

Ventures kahoots are based on the listening and grammar from each unit and can be used for review, formative assessment, or homework.

### When should you play Kahoot?

You can use a Kahoot quiz before starting the unit as a **diagnostic test**, during the unit as **formative assessment**, or at the end of a unit to **test student knowledge**.

To launch a live game in the classroom, simply click on "play" when launching Kahoot.



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UNIT TITLE	FUNCTIONS	LISTENING AND SPEAKING	VOCABULARY
Unit 1 Selling Yourself pages 2–13	<ul> <li>Describe hard and soft skills</li> <li>Describe characteristics of a good goal</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Listen and take notes using strategy of writing only important words</li> <li>Discuss own job goal and hard and soft skills needed for the job</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use a dictionary to find the meaning of words as they are used in a reading</li> <li>Determine the meaning and use of identified adjectives</li> <li>Recognize and use academic words</li> </ul>
Unit 2 Building Self-Confidence pages 14–25	<ul> <li>Define self-confidence</li> <li>Recognize characteristics of self-confidence</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Listen and take notes using the strategy of omitting vowels from the middle of words</li> <li>Discuss strengths, weaknesses, and self- confidence</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recognize suffixes that indicate part of speech and determine the root word</li> <li>Identify words in the same word family and their part of speech</li> <li>Recognize and use academic words</li> </ul>
Unit 3 Pathways to Build Skills and Experience pages 26–37	<ul> <li>Describe and compare pathways to building skills</li> <li>Report speech</li> <li>Summarize information about pathways to building skills</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Listen and take notes using the strategy of eliminating small connecting words</li> <li>Discuss advantages and disadvantages of different pathways</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recognize prefixes that make words negative, e.g., un-, dis-, non-</li> <li>Identify gerunds and the related nouns that refer to a person instead of an action</li> <li>Recognize and use academic words</li> </ul>
Unit 4 Effective Job Applications pages 38–49	<ul> <li>Describe steps in finding a job</li> <li>Discuss important events in own life</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Listen and take notes using the strategy of writing only the first 3 or 4 letters of a word</li> <li>Discuss own experiences in applying for jobs and filling out applications</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recognize suffixes that change part of speech</li> <li>Guess meaning of new words from context</li> <li>Recognize and use academic words</li> </ul>
Unit 5 Successful Interviews pages 50–61	<ul> <li>Describe rules for making a first impression</li> <li>Express past regrets and logical conclusions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Listen and take notes using the strategy of noting clue words</li> <li>Discuss ways to make good first impressions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identify context clues to determine whether words carry a positive or negative meaning</li> <li>Identify and understand idiomatic phrases</li> <li>Recognize and use academic words</li> </ul>

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### **Transitions Student's Book**

#### **ACADEMIC & ACADEMIC & COLLEGE AND CAREER GRAMMAR WORKPLACE WORKPLACE READINESS READING SKILLS WRITING SKILLS PAGES 122-151 FOCUS** Participial adjectives Determine the central idea of ■ Write a résumé Reading: Compare and contrast three texts Verb tense review a text and explain how it is that follows about goal setting and achieving success at supported by key details correct format and work Summarize a text about goals incorporates relevant Vocabulary: Read a text closely to information Use context clues to determine if words determine what it says explicitly have a positive or negative meaning and to make logical inferences ■ Recognize, define, and use academic words Summarize a text about skills Writing: Develop a persuasive paragraph needed for success arguing that goal setting is beneficial or detrimental to achieving success Reading: Compare and contrast three texts Present passive Determine the central idea of Write a paragraph ■ Past passive a text and explain how it is that identifies own about self-confidence strengths and supported by key details Vocabulary: Relate academic words to everyday words Summarize a text about provides supporting understanding self-confidence examples Recognize, define, and use academic words Read a text closely and refer to Writing: Develop a paragraph / essay that details and examples to explain compares behaviors and consequences of what the text says explicitly people with no self-confidence with those with too much self-confidence Summarize a text about building self-confidence Indirect (reported) Determine the central idea of Use a cluster Reading: Analyze two texts about the statements a text and how it is conveyed graphic organizer to advantages and disadvantages of volunteering Vocabulary: Indirect (reported) through specific examples organize ideas Summarize a reading about ■ Write a summary Identify the use of punctuation marks to *auestions* the similarities and differences paragraph about signal definitions or synonyms between two pathways three different ■ Recognize, define, and use academic words Determine the central idea pathways to building Writing: Develop a persuasive paragraph of a text and cite evidence to about whether the advantages of volunteering support it outweigh the disadvantages, citing evidence Summarize a reading about the from the texts to support the argument benefits of volunteering Determine the central idea of Reading: Analyze three texts about online job ■ Past tense Write a cover Past and past perfect a text and explain how it is letter that follows applications supported by key details Vocabulary: tenses correct format and Summarize a reading about the incorporates relevant Identify transition words and phrases that danger of scammers information link similar ideas and signal contrast in Read a text closely and refer to details and examples to explain ■ Recognize, define, and use academic words what the text says explicitly Writing: Develop a persuasive paragraph about Summarize a reading about whether the advantages of online applications reasons and tips for a outweigh the disadvantages successful job application ■ Past modals to Determine the central idea of ■ Write a thank-you Reading: Compare and contrast two texts express regret or a text and how it is conveved note that follows about suggestions for gaining meaningful something not done: through key details correct format and employment should(n't) have and Summarize a text about includes specific Vocabulary: Identify suffixes to determine part of speech could have successful interviews details Past modals to Read closely to determine what and define meaning indicate a logical the text says explicitly and to ■ Recognize, define, and use academic words conclusion: must make logical inferences Writing: Develop an opinion paragraph / essay (not), have, might Summarize a text about with evidence from the texts to support opinion (not) have following up on an interview about the rule to gain meaningful employment



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Unit 6 Small Talk pages 62–73	<ul> <li>Discuss purposes of and appropriate topics for small talk</li> <li>Initiate and respond to small talk</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Listen and take notes using the strategy of writing only the first and last letters of one-syllable words</li> <li>Discuss examples of small talk in own countries and in US</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recognize verb + preposition, their meaning, and a synonym for their combination</li> <li>Recognize phrasal verbs and how their meaning is different from the original verbs</li> <li>Recognize and use academic words</li> </ul>
Unit 7 Improving Relationships pages 74–85	<ul> <li>Identify benefits in teamwork</li> <li>Describe imaginary situations</li> <li>Give advice</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Listen and take notes using the strategy of writing important facts</li> <li>Discuss effects of teamwork and own feelings about teamwork</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Determine the meaning of words from textual clues</li> <li>Recognize and define the meaning of various idioms</li> <li>Recognize and use academic words</li> </ul>
Unit 8 Giving and Receiving Criticism pages 86–97	■ Give and accept criticism ■ Express past wishes	<ul> <li>Listen and take notes using the strategy of citing source for facts</li> <li>Discuss negative and constructive criticism</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identify adverbs and the words they modify</li> <li>Identify informal language and relate it to formal language</li> <li>Recognize and use academic words</li> </ul>
Unit 9 The Right Attitude pages 98–109	Describe people with positive and negative behaviors	<ul> <li>Listen and take notes using the strategy of leaving space to fill in important words that are missed</li> <li>Discuss positive and negative people and how they behave</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identify suffixes to determine part of speech and define meaning</li> <li>Identify context clues to determine whether words carry a positive or negative meaning</li> <li>Recognize and use academic words</li> </ul>
Unit 10 Writing at Work and School pages 110–121	<ul> <li>Describe tips for writing emails and other business correspondence</li> <li>Identify a problem</li> <li>Recommend solutions and consequences</li> <li>Cite evidence from texts to support an argument</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Listen and take notes using the strategy of noting unfamiliar vocabulary or concepts</li> <li>Discuss characteristics of good writing and goals for improving own writing</li> <li>Cite evidence that supports the importance of writing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use a dictionary to identify synonyms and antonyms of words within a reading</li> <li>Identify the meaning of new words in context and use a dictionary to identify additional meanings</li> <li>Recognize and use academic words</li> </ul>

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