4 THINKING OUTSIDE
THE BOX

Learning Outcomes

FUNCTIONS expressing frustration
GRAMMAR be / get used to (doing) vs. used to (do); adverbs and adverbial phrases
VOCABULARY personality adjectives; common adverbial phrases

Basic competences

In this unit students will
• revise vocabulary related to describing personality. CLC, SCC
• interpret the idea of using creative thinking to solve problems. CLC, SIE, SCC, L2L
• practise describing past and present habits and familiar and unfamiliar situations. CLC, CMST
• look into the value of being imaginative. CLC, L2L, SIE
• review how adverbs and adverbial phrases express shades of meaning. CLC, CMST, L2L
• explore internet problem pages and what help they can offer. CLC, DC
• learn to express and respond to frustration. CLC, SCC
• assess the importance of supportive attitudes and behaviour. CLC, SCC
• review material and test themselves to reflect on their learning progress. CLC, L2L, SIE

CLC Competence in Linguistic Communication
L2L Learning to Learn
SCC Social and Civic Competences
DC Digital Competence
CAE Cultural Awareness and Expression
SIE Sense of Initiative and Entrepreneurship
CMST Competence in Mathematics, Science and Technology

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UNIT OPENER
Focus attention on the photo. If you’re using an interactive whiteboard (IWB), display the image on the screen. Check/clarify: ladybird. Ask volunteering students to describe the image, and ask the rest of the class to add details until they are all satisfied they have described everything in the photo. Elicit suggestions for what may be happening. Ask students to speculate what might have motivated one ladybird to take a different direction. There is no correct answer, so accept any ideas, no matter how far-fetched.

Answer
1 The photo shows a line of ladybird insects following each other up the stem of a plant. One of the ladybirds appears to be going down a branch away from the line. The ladybirds seem to be following each other except for the one going off on the separate branch.

For questions 2 and 3, put students together in pairs to discuss them. Make a note of the most interesting ideas to share with the class at the end. Ask two or three pairs to share their ideas with the class, and invite comments from the other students.

Suggested answers
2 The phrase is a metaphor which means to think differently, unconventionally or from a new perspective.
3 By having original thoughts rather than follow what others think, you are being true to how you think and feel. There is also the possibility that thinking from a different perspective could be better than the status quo that has always been followed and not questioned. In general, it is good to think outside the box in situations that would benefit from thinking creatively.

Optional extension
Ask students to think of situations where it isn’t good to think outside the box – situations which don’t benefit from creative thinking. Allow two or three minutes for students to discuss their ideas in pairs or small groups before eliciting some of them in open class. Examples might include simple tasks which need the coordination of team members in order to get completed on time, or situations where following procedure is vital, e.g. surgical operations or flying a plane.

READING

Background information
The Masai are a nomadic tribe in Kenya and Tanzania, numbering roughly 1.6 million people. Despite modern influence, they largely maintain their traditional lifestyle of desert farming. They are famous as warriors and herders of cattle. They measure wealth by the number of cattle owned and the number of children in a family. If you have access to the Internet in the classroom, students may like to see examples of Masai people who have distinctive clothes, body modifications, or things they would like to visit there.

1 Books closed. As a lead-in, divide the class into teams and give them two minutes to make a list of countries in Africa. Who can write the most? After two minutes, find out which team listed the most and ask them to read their list to the class while others cross off countries which also appear on their lists. Ask students: What do you know about Africa? How do people live? What problems do they have? What places or things would you like to visit there?

Students discuss the questions in pairs. Listen to some of their ideas in open class.

Books open. If there is an interactive whiteboard (IWB) available in the classroom, this activity could
be done as a heads-up activity with the whole class.
Say lions and nominate a student to point to the
picture on the board. Alternatively, students
do the matching activity in pairs before checking
answers with the whole class.

Answers
lions – C  cattle – D  a scarecrow – A  a light bulb – E
a battery – B  a solar panel – B

2 \(\square\) Divide the class into pairs for students to
complete the exercise. Give some examples of your own
to get them started if necessary (e.g. they could put a
scarecrow on the back of some of the cattle to scare the
lions). During feedback, listen to some of their ideas in
open class and praise the most creative ideas.

3 Tell students they are going to read an article about
lions in Africa. Students read the article to find the
answer to the question. Tell them it is not important
to understand every word, but to focus on matching
the summaries to the sections. To encourage students
to read quickly, set a two-minute time limit. Students
compare their answers with a partner before checking in open class.

Answers
1 D 2 F 3 B 4 A 5 E

4 This exercise is closely modelled on Reading and
Use of English Part 6 of the Cambridge English:
First exam. Check/clarify cowsheads, posed no danger,
kept well away, conflict. Tell students that the best
approach for this type of exercise is to first identify
the key information in the sentences that will help
them place the sentences in the text (e.g. that in
sentence A; this motionless thing in sentence B).

Next, they should read the words around the gap in
the text and look for connections between the text
and the sentence in the gap. Do the first one as an
example in open class and clarify how the sentence
in the gap is connected to the text. Students complete
the rest of the exercise individually. Suggest that they
locate the parts of the text that help them find the
answers. Students check their answers with a partner.
Do not confirm answers at this stage.

5 \(\square\) 1.22 Play the audio for students to check their
answers to Exercise 4. Confirm answers in open class,
asking students to refer to the parts of the text to
explain the answers.

Answers
1 G 2 A 3 B 4 E 5 D 6 H 7 C

6 \(\square\) Divide the class into pairs or small groups
to answer the questions. Monitor to help with
vocabulary and to prompt students to give reasons
for their answers. Asking students to come to an
agreement as a group focuses their speaking towards
the achievement of a tangible goal, which in turn
motivates them to speak more. Listen to some of their
answers during open-class feedback. Have a quick
show of hands to find out how impressive they think
the invention was and nominate students to give
reasons for their opinions.

Optional extension
Make groups of three. One student in each group is Richard
the inventor and the other two are members of the audience.
The audience members can ask their questions for Richard to respond.

Lateral thinking
1 Books closed. Refer students to the title of the unit
Thinking Outside the Box. Ask students to work with
a partner and discuss the meaning of the phrase.
Elicit students’ ideas before you explain the correct
meaning with examples. Ask: Is this a useful skill? Why?
Listen to some of their ideas in open class.

Books open. Ask students to read the text in the
yellow box and try to think of answers before they
read the text that follows to see if any of the ideas
they came up with were mentioned.

2 \(\square\) Give students time to read situations 1–3.
Check/clarify: operating theatre. Divide the class into
pairs or small groups for students to discuss possible answers.
Remind students that there may be more
than one possible solution and encourage them
to come up with as many ideas as they can. Monitor
and praise students who make the effort to explain
their ideas in English rather than reverting to their
first language. Ask two or three volunteering students
to share their ideas in open class and have a class
discussion about the most likely answers.

Possible answers
1 The doctor is the boy’s mother.
2 The woman is in a hotel room and the person in the next
room is snoring loudly. She calls the number to wake
them up and to stop the snoring.

3 The man is not tall enough to reach the button for the
third floor.

Optional extension
Here are two more lateral thinking problems:
A cowboy rode into town on Friday, spent one night there,
then left on Friday. How is that possible? (His horse is called
Friday.)

A woman had two sons, Billy and Bobby, who were born at
the same hour on the same day of the same year, but they
were not twins. How is this possible? (They were two of a set
of triplets.) Alternatively, do an internet search for lateral thinking
problems and choose two which would be suitable for your
group.

Divide the class into AB pairs and give each student a
different problem with the solution. Give students time
to read and understand their problem and solution. Ask
students to exchange problems, but not solutions. Students
ask each other questions to find the solution to each
problem. Tell them they can only ask yes/no questions (Not
Who, What, Why, etc.) as this makes the exercise more difficult
and maximises language practice.
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GRAMMAR

be / get used to (doing) vs. used to (do)

1 Ask students to read sentences 1–4. Ask: Which two words are in all of the sentences? (used to). Ask students to work with a partner to complete the exercise. During feedback, point out that in sentence 2, used to is preceded by are and in sentence 3 by get. Students work with a partner to complete the rule. Encourage them to refer to the example sentences to help them. Check answers.

Answers

1 exist 2 attacking 3 seeing 4 play

Rule

1 used to do 2 be used to doing 3 get used to doing

LANGUAGE NOTE

Students often make the following mistake due to L1 interference:

I am used to get up early.

Point out that we use the gerund form here to talk about something familiar, not to describe something as a regular or habitual event.

I am used to getting up early. = Getting up early is normal for me, it's not particularly difficult.

2 Ask students to work individually to choose the correct form in each sentence and encourage them to refer to the rule to check their answers. Allow them to compare answers with a partner before feedback in open class.

Answers

1 to look after 2 to hearing 3 to seeing 4 to watch
5 to imagine 6 to speaking

Fast finishers

Ask students to write sentences about famous people with used to and be/get used to -ing. For example: Lionel Messi used to live in Argentina. Now he lives in Spain. When he arrived in Spain, he found the language quite different, but now he's used to listening to Castilian Spanish.

3 If you're short on time, set this exercise for homework.

Ask students to work in pairs and complete the exercise. Remind them to check if the sentence requires a positive or negative form. Check answers with the whole class, checking students' pronunciation of used to. Draw attention to the elision of the /d/ and /t/. If necessary, refer back to the rule to clarify understanding.

Answers

1 am/m 2 get 3 got 4 get 5 Are 6 weren't

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4 Divide the class into pairs for students to discuss their answers. Encourage them to go into detail and to ask each other questions. Monitor as they are doing this and make a note of common errors with used to and be/get used to -ing. Write these up on the board, ensuring anonymity, and ask students to correct them as part of whole-class feedback.

VOCABULARY

Personality adjectives

1 Books closed. As a lead-in, give students a minute to write as many personality adjectives as they can think of. Ask the person with the longest list to read out their answers, then elicit further examples from the class.

Books open. Ask students to work with a partner to discuss meaning of the twelve adjectives. During whole-class feedback, ask questions to check understanding. For example: Does a decisive person take a long time to make a choice? (no); If you are confident, do you get shy when you meet new people? (no). When checking pronunciation, you may like to write the words on the board and elicit and mark the stress.

Answers

bright, responsible

Optional extension

As a further check on understanding, ask students to work in pairs to group the adjectives into positive and negative. Check answers.

Positive: bright, responsible, decisive, imaginative, organised, practical, confident, cautious

Negative: bad-tempered, impatient, arrogant, dull

2a Ask students to work individually and read the sentences to complete the exercise. Allow them to check their answers with a partner before feedback in open class.

Answers

0 × 1 ✓ 2 ? 3 ✓ 4 × 5 ✓ 6 ? 7 ✓ 8 ✓

b Students work with a partner to choose a word from Exercise 1 for each sentence. Check answers in open class. Also make sure students are pronouncing the words correctly, paying particular attention to word stress. When you check the answer for 8, ask students to cover the top of the page, and choose the correct English spelling from the Get it right! box before moving on (responsible).

Answers

1 bright 2 cautious 3 decisive 4 dull 5 imaginative 6 impatient 7 organised 8 responsible
UNIT 4

Fast finishers
Ask students to think of things that someone who is each adjective does. For example, an imaginative person has a lot of ideas, makes up stories, dreams a lot, etc.

Optional extension
Students may like to work with a partner to rank the adjectives from best to worst. This can lead to some interesting discussions – is it better to be decisive or responsible? Dull or arrogant?

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SPEAKING

1. Ask students to read the instructions and the example. Students can do the exercise together in pairs or small groups, but make sure that they all write down the sentences. Monitor and help with unfamiliar vocabulary. Students may like to work with a partner to rank the adjectives from best to worst. This can lead to some interesting discussions – is it better to be decisive or responsible? Dull or arrogant?

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Mixed-ability
Weaker students can write sentences about three different people.

2. Regroup students and ask them to read their sentences to their partner, who should then guess which adjective is being described. During feedback, listen to some examples in open class.

3. Students ask each other extra questions about the adjectives. Monitor and help with vocabulary as necessary. Avoid error correction unless errors really hinder comprehension. Make a note of any nice expressions in English that students use during the activity, emphasising lexical range over accuracy. At the end, write them on the board for the whole class to copy, and praise the student who used them. Giving positive feedback like this will encourage students to be more adventurous in similar communication tasks.

Mixed-ability
Give weaker students time to work with a partner and write down their questions before completing the oral part of the task.

LISTENING

Being imaginative
1. Books closed. As an introduction to this activity, take a piece of rea (a frying pan or coat hanger are good examples) into the classroom and show it to students without saying anything. In open class, brainstorm possible uses for the object, encouraging students to be as inventive as possible by praising those who come up with the most imaginative ideas. Books open. Read through the task with students during the activity, emphasising lexical range over accuracy. At the end, write them on the board for the whole class to copy, and praise the student who used them. Giving positive feedback like this will encourage students to be more adventurous in similar communication tasks.

Audio Script Track 1.23

Boy So, did you do the one with the brick?
Girl Yes.
Boy OK. So. How many things did you think of?
Girl Well I only came up with six things.
Boy Only? I think six is a lot! What are they, then, your six?
Girl Well, first of all, a paperweight – you know, put it on top of a pile of papers to stop them blowing away when you open the window.
Boy Right. Of course! Why didn’t I think of that?
Girl Then, a doorstop, to stop a door banging in the wind. Then, er, something to put your laptop on, make it higher so you don’t have to look down at the screen. Erm then you can use the brick to stand on …
Boy What?
Girl You know, when you’re at a concert or something, and you can’t see, you stand on the brick. That’s four. And the other two are … a hammer, to knock nails into a wall, and lastly you can put the brick behind the wheel of a car to stop it moving.
Boy You’re not serious, are you?
Girl About what?
Boy About using a brick as a hammer. I mean, it’s too soft, the brick would break.
Girl Oh please. It’s only a game. Don’t take it so seriously.
Boy Yeah, OK. What about the picture one?
Girl I haven’t done that one yet. Have you?
Boy Yes, and I got four things.
Girl Come on then. What are they?
Boy Well, I can see … two people’s faces looking at each other if you focus on the trunk … and I can see a tree …
Girl Yes, yes. That’s obvious. What else? Come on! Boy OK, OK, don’t be so impatient! A piece of broccoli …
Girl OK … hmmm, yes, OK, although any tree could be said to look like a piece of broccoli. And …?
Boy … and then lastly, a human brain …
Girl What? How do you see a human brain in this picture?
Boy Can’t you see it? Look – there! The top bit … if you ignore the trunk.
Girl Oh come on! You can’t just base it on one part of the picture and ignore the other … that’s cheating!
Boy Now who’s taking things too seriously?
3 Divide the class into groups for students to compare their ideas with those of Briony and Mark.

4 Listening Part 2 of the Cambridge English: First exam. Ask students to read the sentences and check the meaning of any unfamiliar words or phrases. Get them to identify the key information they will need to listen for and to make predictions as to possible answers or the types of word needed to complete the sentences, before listening. Play the audio while students check their answers.Let students compare with a partner before feedback in open class.

Answers
1 comes up with 2 pile of papers 3 nails 4 cheating 5 how imaginative 6 hard

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Appreciating creative solutions

1 Ask students to work individually to choose the best ending for the sentence. Tell students that there isn’t only one correct answer. Students compare ideas with a partner. During feedback, have a quick vote to find out which sentence students chose. Nominate one or two students to give reasons for their choice.

2 Working individually, students rank the five items in order of importance. Remind them to think about what is important for themselves, not for people in general. Encourage them to reflect on the reasons for their choices and to note these down.

3 Ask students to compare their answers in pairs or small groups. Listen to some of their ideas in open class during feedback and also decide on the best order to rank the five items, as a class.

Optional extension

Write the following questions on the board:
1 In which school subjects do you have to be imaginative? Do you like those subjects? Why (not)?
2 Do scientists need to be imaginative? Why (not)?
3 What would a society full of very imaginative people be like? What about a society where nobody had any imagination?

Ask students to discuss the questions in pairs or small groups, then listen to some of their ideas in open class and encourage further debate and discussion.

Answers
1 F (He wants to work in TV.) 2 T 3 T 4 F (She says she can completely relate to his post.) 5 T 6 T 7 F (She thinks we shouldn’t see things as ‘right’ or ‘wrong.’)

5 Divide the class into pairs or small groups for students to discuss the questions. Monitor and help with vocabulary as necessary. Try the ‘silent tick’—writing a tick on a student’s notebook if they speak well. Students can be quite motivated by this! Ask some of the students to share their opinions with the whole class and encourage open-class discussion.

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READING

1 A recording of this text is available with your digital resources.

Books closed. As a lead-in to this exercise, ask students: Do you know what you want to do when you finish school? Go to university/start work? Is there anything that worries you about going to university or starting work? Ask students to work with a partner and discuss the questions. During feedback, make a note of the most common worries and elicit ideas on the best way to overcome them.

Books open. Tell students they are going to read a post from a student who is worried about university. Working individually, students quickly read the text and answer the question. Set a two-minute time limit to encourage them to read quickly, for gist, rather than getting bogged down in trying to understand every word. Check answers with the whole class. Ask students to cover the post, and answer the question in the Get it right! box before checking their answer in the text. Remind them to use singular verbs after pronouns like everyone.

Answer
He’s worried about the course he’s planning to do at university because he doesn’t think he’s creative enough to be able to succeed at it.

2 Working in pairs, students discuss the best way to reply to Paul’s post. Listen to some ideas in open class and make a note on the board for future reference, but do not comment at this stage.

3 Tell students they are going to read a reply from Sarah. Check/clarify: 1 Yes, sorry. But honestly – who makes these things up? Do you think they really say anything about a person? 2 No, I don’t see much in them. What’s so creative about thinking of things to do with a brick? 3 You’ve got a point, I guess. Fun, though, isn’t it?

4 Do the first statement together. Before reading the text again, ask students to identify the key words in the statements that will help them decide if the sentence is true or false. Students read the letters again and complete the activity. Check answers with the whole class. Ask students to correct false statements.

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PRONUNCIATION

For practice of pronouncing words with gh go to Student’s Book page 150.
UNIT 4

GRAMMAR

Adverbs and adverbial phrases

1 Books closed. Divide the class into two teams and have a game of ‘vocabulary tennis’. Teams take it in turns to say an adverb. Elicit one or two in whole class to check students are clear on what an adverb is. If a team makes a mistake or takes more than five seconds to think of an adverb, the other team scores a point. To avoid stronger students dominating the game, nominate a different student for each answer. As well as acting as an introduction to this language point, this game will give you an idea of the extent of students’ current knowledge of adverbs.

Books open. Ask students to read the instructions. Check/clarify time, manner, place and certainty with adverbs that do not appear in the exercise (e.g. finally, happily, outside and certainly or clearly). Ask students to work with a partner and complete the exercise. Check answers in open class.

Answers
1 T 2 C 3 C 4 P 5 M 6 P 7 C 8 T 9 M

2 Check understanding of qualify. Do number 1 in class to make sure students understand the activity. Students look back at the text on page 48 to complete the exercise. Allow them to check answers with a partner before whole-class feedback.

Answers
1 relate 2 start to believe 3 thinking 4 think 5 work

3 Explain to students that an adverbial phrase is a group of words that are used in the same way as an adverb i.e. they qualify a verb. Look at the examples in lists A and B with students. Ask students to work with a partner and complete the exercise. Check answers in open class.

Read through the rule in open class and elicit answers. Refer back to the sentences in Exercise 3 for examples of the two types of adverbial phrase. Put the adverbial phrases into sentences for further clarification. For example He completed the exercise without difficulty.

Answers
A friendly  B fear
interesting  surprise
strange  enthusiasm

Rule
1 adjective  2 noun

4 If you’re short on time, set this exercise for homework. Ask students to work individually and complete the sentences with an adverbial phrase of their choice. Allow students to compare answers with a partner before feedback in open class.

Answers
1 a friendly / strange / horrible way 2 difficulty / interest / enthusiasm 3 a / an interesting / strange / different way 4 excitement / interest / enthusiasm 5 enthusiasm / excitement / interest

Fast finishers
Ask students to close their books and write down all of the adverbs and adverbial phrases from page 49 that they can remember. When they have completed their lists, students open their books to check.

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VOCABULARY

Common adverbial phrases

1 Look at the example in open class. Ask students to work with a partner and complete the exercise. Check answers in open class. During feedback, say the adverbial phrases for students to repeat. Pay particular attention to the pronunciation of row /rəʊ/ and purpose /ˈpɜːpəs/.

Answers
1 in public 2 in private 3 on purpose 4 by accident 5 in a panic 6 in a hurry 7 in a row

2 Give students time to read through the sentences. Check/clarify: behaved, staring. Working individually, students choose the correct option for each sentence. Students compare answers with a partner before feedback in open class.

Answers
1 in private 2 on purpose 3 in public 4 in a row 5 in a hurry 6 in a panic 7 by accident 8 in secret

Optional extension
Divide the class into AB pairs. Ask As to close their books and Bys to read sentences from Exercise 2 at random, replacing the adverbial phrases with ‘beep’ for A to guess them. After three minutes ask students to switch roles and repeat.

3 Ask students to read the questions and reflect on their answers. As these questions are difficult to answer spontaneously, give students some thinking time to make notes on their answers. You could also give some example answers of your own to get them started. Students discuss the questions in pairs or small groups. Monitor and answer any questions about vocabulary, but as this is a fluency practice activity, do not interrupt to correct mistakes unless inaccuracy hinders comprehension. Ask some students to share the most interesting or surprising thing they learned about their partner.

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PHOTOSTORY 2

Writer’s block

1 Look at the title and elicit students’ interpretations of what it might mean. Accept any suggestions and invite comments from the rest of the class, before you confirm its meaning: ‘the condition of being unable to create a piece of written work because something in your mind prevents you from doing it’. If you are using an IWB, project the photos on the board and ask students to close their books. Ask students to try to remember the names of the teenagers (Emma, Liam, Justin and Nicole) from episode 1. Students look at the photos and read the questions. Ask them to predict answers to the questions based solely on the photos. Write some of their ideas on the board.

2 1.26 Play the audio for students to listen and check their answers from Exercise 1. During whole-class feedback, refer to students’ ideas on the board. Ask: Who guessed correctly?

Answers
1 To write a story.
2 She’s anxious about it.
3 No, he isn’t helping.

3 Ask students: What do you think happens next? Get them to brainstorm possible endings. Students work in pairs or small groups, with one student in each group acting as secretary and taking notes. During whole-class feedback, write students’ ideas on the board to refer back to once they have watched the video. Don’t give away answers at this stage.

4 EP2 Play the video for students to watch and check their answers. During whole-class feedback, refer to students’ ideas on the board. Who guessed correctly?

5 Ask students to complete the exercise in pairs. Monitor and help with any difficulties. Play the video again, pausing as required for clarification. Check answers with the whole class.

Answers
1 c 2 e 3 g 4 a 5 f 6 d 7 b

PHRASES FOR FLUENCY

1 Ask students to locate expressions 1–6 in the story on page 50. To encourage speed-reading, you could do this as a race and ask students to find the expressions as quickly as possible. Ask students to compare their answers with a partner before whole-class feedback.

Answers
1 Emma 2 Justin 3 Nicole 4 Emma 5 Nicole 6 Liam

2 Working in pairs, students complete the dialogues. Check answers. If you’d like to do some pronunciation work with your students, focusing on intonation, drill the dialogues in open class (for students to repeat together).
to work with a partner to think of examples of frustrating things that have happened to them. Listen to some of their ideas in open class.

Look at the seven phrases. Students work with a partner to answer the questions. Ask students to find the phrases in the photostory before checking answers in open class. Say the phrases for students to repeat and check pronunciation.

Answers
She doesn’t say 2, 3, 5 or 6.
The sentences all express a negative opinion about personal ability or a situation.

2 Ask students to work individually to write three possible ways the woman might express her frustration. Remind them to add detail to the phrases from Exercise 1 to make it clear in what way the situation is frustrating for the woman.

WRITING
A story
The planning for this exercise can be done in class and the writing can be set as homework.

Tell students they are going to write a story ending with the words Thanks, you saved my life! and that the story doesn’t have to be true. You could tell them a story of your own to act as an example or elicit Emma’s story.

Give students a short while to think of ideas for a story and to make notes. Divide the class into pairs for students to share their ideas with a partner. Encourage partners to ask questions to elicit further details about the story and to give suggestions as to how they might make their stories more interesting. In open class, brainstorm adverbs or adverbial phrases (from page 49) and personality adjectives (from page 46) that students could use in their stories. When students have told their stories, ask them to work individually to expand on the notes they have made in order to make the story as interesting as possible and to try to use four items of vocabulary from the unit. Finally, students should write their final version in class or at home.

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LIFE SKILLS
Being supportive
Books closed. Write the word supportive in the middle of the board, and give students half a minute or so think about examples of situations where people behave in a supportive way. Elicit examples, and ask the rest of the class to say if they agree the situations described illustrate the meaning of the adjective. If necessary, give them the dictionary definition: ‘giving help and encouragement; showing agreement’. Ask students: In your own experience, in what kind of situations do you expect people around you to be supportive? Elicit a few ideas. Ask: Do you need to be supportive if the problem is not really serious? Elicit students’ own opinions.

Books open. Students read the introductory paragraph, and decide to what extent they agree with it.

1 Elicit the events from episode 2 of the photostory. Ask: What happened in the story? After the students have described the key parts of the plot, ask them to discuss and answer the questions in pairs. Ask volunteering pairs to share their answers with the class – and ask them to quote the parts of the photostory that support their ideas. Ask the rest of the class to comment on or amend the answers, as appropriate.

Answers
1 Justin doesn’t have much sympathy for Emma’s problem.
2 Emma thinks that Justin is being insensitive, and the teacher probably agrees.
3 Students own ideas.

2 Explain that students are going to evaluate three everyday situations, and select the most supportive responses. Before they begin, ask them to read the three tips in the box. Ask students to justify their choices by explaining why they think they are the most supportive responses. Monitor the conversations, and make a note of any interesting ideas to share with the class later. Once pairs have discussed the questions, put them together with another pair in a group of four to compare ideas before eliciting answers with the whole class. There may be more than one correct answer – as long as students are prepared to explain their reasons.

Answers
1 b 2 b 3 a

3 Divide the class into pairs or small groups of three or four – preferably different groupings from the previous activities, so students get a chance to interact with other partners. Ask them to read each scenario, and brainstorm ideas for supportive responses. Monitor, and help with language, as necessary.

4 Form new pairs or groups for students to compare their responses. Ask each pair or group to decide which of the suggested responses they thought was the most and the least supportive. Ask them to write down the most supportive response for each scenario on a piece of paper. To wrap up the activity, collect the pieces of paper, and display them around the classroom. Ask students to walk around and quickly read each one, and write a tick next to the suggestion they like best – this will help the class ind the phrases in the photostory before checking answers in open class. Say the phrases for students to repeat and check pronunciation.

Answers
1 Justin doesn’t have much sympathy for Emma’s problem.
2 Emma thinks that Justin is being insensitive, and the teacher probably agrees.
3 Students own ideas.

5 Give students a couple of minutes to think about their own experiences. Ask them to make brief notes, using the questions in the book. Monitor the activity, and provide help with ideas and language, as necessary.

6 Divide the class into groups again, and ask students to take turns to share their experiences with the others. For each situation, ask the listeners to comment on the response from the story, and where appropriate, suggest alternative things to say which could have been even more supportive.
Optional extension
Ask students to think back to a situation in their own lives where they perhaps weren’t as supportive to someone as they should have been. Ask them to think and write down what they should have said then, make a mental note to try and use the ideas to be more supportive in the future. This activity focuses on personal development and it is potentially sensitive, so the ideas and situations do not need to be discussed in English class.

Student’s Book pages 53–54

GET IT right! Units 3 & 4

much vs many

Focus: Students at this level sometimes use much and many for countable and uncountable nouns and in expressions incorrectly.

1 Elicit the rules for using much for uncountable, and many for plural countable nouns. Elicit other expressions that the words appear in, for example so much, very much, much more (used for emphasis), many others (used for indeterminate groups of things/people) and so on. Ask students to identify which word the missing much or many refers to in each sentence, then compare ideas in pairs. Students complete the exercise individually before whole-class check.

Answers
1 many (children)
2 much (time)
3 (knows) much
4 many (idios)
5 much (time)
6 much (more)

much and a lot of

Focus: Students at this level sometimes make mistakes about when we should use the different determiners with uncountable nouns.

2 Write the following sentences on the board, and ask students to decide which forms are possible. Remind them that in some cases, both may be correct: I spend much / a lot of time studying. I don’t spend much / a lot of time studying? Do you spend much / a lot of time studying? Elicit that both forms are correct in negative sentences and questions, but we only use a lot of in affirmative sentences. Make sure students notice that a lot of is correct in each case before an uncountable noun. Students go through the six sentences and decide which of them may be used with much, and rewrite those that cannot. Ask them to compare their answers in pairs before you check with the whole class.

Answers
1 Our teachers give us a lot of homework every day.
2 (correct)
3 (correct)
4 We were late because there was a lot of traffic on the road today.
5 Marta saved a lot of money and wants to buy a new phone.
6 (correct)

SAY IT right!

Words ending in -ough

1 ▶ 1.27 Books closed. As a quick lead-in, give students two minutes to write a list of as many English words with the ending -ough as they can think of. The student with the most correct words on the list wins. Ask the winner to read out their list, then elicit further examples from the others. Elicit or point out that in English, spelling does not always reflect the pronunciation of a word – usually we must learn a new word together with the correct way of saying it.

Books open. Read the advice together. Ask students to work in pairs to say the words 1–4 and a–d to each other, and try to match the rhyming pairs. They then check their answers with another pair before you play the audio for them to check the correct answers.

Answers
1 d enough [ɪnʌf], puff [pʊf]
2 c through [θruː], slow [sləʊ]
3 a through [θruː], new [njuː]
4 b cough [kɒf], off [ɒf]
UNIT 4

2 Students work in pairs to practise saying the sentences. Monitor, and make a note of any persistent pronunciation errors to highlight during the checking activity and the drilling afterwards.

3 Play the audio for students to listen and check their ideas, then play it again for them to listen and repeat. Make sure that any errors you noted during the practice stage are rectified.

Optional extension
Ask students to try to think of other examples for each type of pronunciation of the ending -ough. Ask: Which type has no other common examples? (Possible answers: 1 tough, rough; 2 although, dough; 3 no other common examples; 4 trough.

TEST YOURSELF UNITS 3 & 4

VOCABULARY

1 Answers
1 strict 2 organised 3 helmets 4 bad-tempered
5 well 6 public 7 imaginative 8 panic
9 secret 10 grow

GRAMMAR

2 Answers
1 enthusiasm 2 None 3 live 4 few 5 living
6 little

3 Answers
1 The test was such so difficult that nobody got everything right.
2 Harry was used to being alone in the old house so he wasn’t worried.
3 Sara was too much scared to stay there after dark.
4 Manu listened with interesting interest to the interview with the local politician.
5 There was hardly any of space on the shelf, so I couldn’t put the books there.
6 My grandmother always preferred her laptop. She never got used to using a tablet.

FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

4 Answers
1 I’ll never, so 2 such, I can’t 3 so, such 4 hopeless, so