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INTRODUCTION

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1 What is the Common European Framework?

The Common European Framework (CEF) seeks to standardise the description and assessment of levels achieved in different languages across Europe.

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A1: This is the first level described by the CEF and it refers to students in their first year or two of studying English. This can otherwise be referred to as Elementary.

A2: This is the second level which is usually reached by students who have been studying English for up to three years. This can otherwise be referred to as Pre-Intermediate

'Can-do' checklist

The Can-do checklist at the end of each unit tells the teacher and students what particular aspects of language the unit has practised. They are called 'can-do statements', as they concentrate on the language learners can successfully use in English, and are directly linked to the CEF descriptors for these levels. The contents page of this book summarises the functional language practised.

2 Why should I use this book?

It is a rich resource of lively, photocopiable materials for use with secondary-school students who have been studying English for one to three years.

This book is perfect for teachers looking for interesting skills work to complement a course book.

- The topics are fun and engaging for teenagers.
- Each unit is carefully staged to be both entertaining and achievable.
- Each unit presents and practises a wide range of new vocabulary.
- Each unit provides REAL language practice, linked to the CEF descriptors.
- Each unit provides practice in writing and speaking, and reading or listening.
- Each unit takes between 45-60 minutes of class time.

3 How do I use this book?

This shows that the unit is reading based.

 $\binom{12}{2}$ This shows that the unit is listening based. This example indicates that the listening is the second in unit 12.

The book is divided into two sections. Units 1-20 are suitable for students at A1 level and units 21-40 are for students at A2 level. The first ten units in each section have a reading input and the second ten have a listening input.

Within the sections, the units gradually become more difficult. (The grading of the units is a guide.) You may wish to use the more difficult units to stretch your students or easier units for less advanced classes.

The Teachers' Notes, at the end of the book, give ideas on how to stage the lessons. There are also some suggestions for extra activities, keys to the exercises and transcripts for the listening items.

Select activities to give extra practice for language presented in your course book or simply for fun! Choose the appropriate units for your class from the contents page where you can find information about level, topic and language items practised.

Writing activities can be used for homework, or done in class, at your discretion.