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Events
Madonna
Self-image
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- S** Famous events
S Things in common
Anecdote: A person who made a big impression on you
S Madonna
S People's self-image, clothes
W *Extra* Informal letter
WB **W** Writing a short biography

- R** Four people talking about memorable events
R Two people meeting in a coffee shop
R Image Queen
R Four men talking about their self-image
Useful phrases: Talking about people's appearance

- G** Tense review. *so* and *neither*.
Question tags. Indirect questions
V Collocations to do with appearance.
Word formation: prefix *re*.
Clothes idioms
P Intonation in question tags

2 Generations

School exchanges
Relationship with parents
Boyfriends and girlfriends
Home stays
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- S** Ages and stages
S School exchanges
S Meeting the parents
S Home stays
Anecdote: Somebody's home you have stayed in
WB **W** Writing emails

- R** Vive la différence
R Problem parents
R Interview with some parents
R Interview with a boyfriend
R Conversation between boyfriend and girlfriend
R Conversation between boyfriend and his girlfriend's parents
R An au pair talking about her experience
Useful phrases: Showing someone around your house

- G** Verb patterns (1). Adjective structures
V Language learning. Relationships. Describing people. Sayings. Social register
V *Extra* Learning about words
P Single vowel sounds

3 Gold

The 1849 gold rush
Making money
Treasured possessions
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- S** Spending money
S Having money
S If you governed your country
Anecdote: Your most treasured possession
W *Extra* Description
WB **W** Writing a story from pictures

- R** Gold Fever
R Sam Brannan: California's first millionaire
R Father and daughter discussing money
R Where's my car?
R Three people discussing money
R What price a life?
R Three people talking about their most treasured possessions
Useful phrases: Shopping. Explaining what you want

- G** Reported speech. Unreal conditionals
V *have, make, take* collocations. Metaphor. Money expressions
P The schwa /ə/ in sayings about money

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4 Challenge

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- S** Challenging situations
Anecdote: A challenge you have faced
S Doing things for charity
S The future
S Health and exercise
S Healthy eating
WB **W** Writing an article

- R** Ben Saunders: Polar explorer
R Polar bear story
R Personal challenges: MoonWalk
R Four people talking about exercise
R I know it's bad for me, but I still can't stop
Useful phrases: Common ailments: showing sympathy; recommendations and advice

- G** Narrative tenses. Future continuous and perfect
V Word formation: prefix *self-*; suffixes *able / ible*. Collocations in a text. Phrasal verbs
V *Extra* Phrasal verbs
P Sounding sympathetic

5 Ritual

Superstitions
Habits
Weddings
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- S** Personal rituals
S Habits and routines past and present
S Marriage and romance
Anecdote: A wedding you've been to
W *Extra* Article: expressing an opinion
WB **W** Writing a letter of complaint

- R** Mind Games
R A woman talking about her father and his car
R The King and I
R Four people talking about wedding rituals
R Four people talking about romance
Useful phrases: Annoying habits

- G** *will, would & used to* for present and past habits. Verb patterns (2)
V Guessing from context. Collocations. Expressions with *go*. Weddings
P Sounding annoyed

6 Eat

Restaurants
Food
Vegetarianism
Food waste
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- S** Restaurant experiences
S Food
Anecdote: Your favourite restaurant
S Vegetarianism
W Using linkers
S Food waste
S Significant numbers
WB **W** Writing a discursive essay

- R** A man talking about the worst waiter he's encountered
R How to do restaurant sign language
R Interview with a restaurant critic
R Is it time to give up meat?
R What's so bad about bottled water?
R What a waste
Useful phrases: Complaints in a restaurant; food idioms

- G** Present perfect simple and continuous. Passives review
V Parts of the body. Body collocations. Food collocations. Guessing from context. Linkers. Numbers
V *Extra* Exploring synonyms
P Pronouncing numbers

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7 Escape

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- S** Beach holidays
Anecdote: A childhood family holiday
S Travel experiences
S People you meet on holiday
W *Extra* travel guide
WB **W** Writing a description of a place

- R** Extract from *Notes From A Big Country* by Bill Bryson
 Five people talking about their favourite beach
 Three people talking about their holidays
R Every postcard tells a story
R Never again!
 Two people talking about holiday romances
R Gone fishing
Useful phrases: Advice and recommendations

- G** Reporting verbs with or without direct objects. Past modals of obligation. Articles
V Beach holidays. Reporting verbs Word formation: suffixes *ful*, *ish* and *less*
Spoken discourse markers
P Pronunciation of *the* in place names

8 Attraction

Descriptions
Cosmetic surgery
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- S** Beauty
S Cosmetic surgery
S Dating and relationships
S 'The law of attraction'
Anecdote: The most positive (or negative) person you know
WB **W** Writing a description of a person

- Five people say what they think makes a face attractive
R Is beauty in the eye of the beholder?
 Three people discussing cosmetic surgery
R Surgery changed my life
R Your dream partner ... in five minutes!
 A radio programme about 'The law of attraction'
Useful phrases: Body idioms

- G** Passive report structures. *have/get something done*. Unreal conditionals: alternatives to *if*
V Appearance and character. Compound adjectives. Word building
V *Extra* Metaphor
P Word stress: nouns and adjectives

9 Genius

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Ancient ruins
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Inventions
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- S** Buildings and places
S Ancient ruins
Anecdote: Your favourite historic place
S Art and paintings
S Inventions
W *Extra* Narrative
WB **W** Writing a story

- R** Where to go to see a masterpiece
 A radio documentary on Stonehenge
 A museum guide describing three of Frida Kahlo's paintings
R Frida Kahlo
 Interview with Trevor Baylis
R Dream invention
Useful phrases: Explaining how something works

- G** Past modals of deduction. *look, seem, appear*
V Describing places. Time expressions. Collocations. Word families
P Word stress

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- S** Logos and adverts
S Celebrities and the media
S Product placement in films
Anecdote: A blockbuster movie you have seen
WB **W** Writing a film review

- R** Bonfire of the Brands
 A marketing executive and a head teacher talking about advertising
R Commercial breakdown
 Discussion about truth and accuracy in tabloids
R Licence to Sell
Useful phrases: Using emotive language

- G** Relative clauses. Emphasis (cleft sentences)
V *look at* and *see*. Sales and Marketing collocations. Spoken discourse markers. Collocations in a text
V *Extra* Collocations
P Stress in cleft sentences

11 Student

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- S** Education
Anecdote: Your favourite (or least favourite) teacher at school
S The future
S Student holidays
S Telling a dramatic story
W *Extra* CV and letter of application for a job
WB **W** Writing a letter of application

- R** Look at us now!
 Interview with an eighteen-year-old's parents
 Interview with an eighteen-year-old about her future
R Why students love a journey to hell
Useful phrases: Using appropriate language in a job interview

- G** Future forms review. Future time clauses after *when, if* ...
V Education. *is likely to, is expected to*
Colloquial expressions. Exaggeration
P Abbreviations and acronyms

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Rooms
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- S** Houses and lifestyles
S Rooms
Anecdote: Your favourite room
S Breakfasts
WB **W** Writing a description of a holiday home

- R** The earth shelter and the lighthouse
 Describing what a room says about a person
R A miner's breakfast: extract from *Sons and Lovers*
 Three people describe breakfast from their country
Useful phrases: Ways of saying hello and goodbye

- G** Participle clauses. Nouns and quantity expressions
V Houses. Collocations. Furnishings. Breakfast food
V *Extra* Get it right

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