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Activity	Level	Time (minutes)	Aims	
1 Language-awareness activities				
1.1 The archeologists	Upper-intermediate	45	Various	17
1.2 A shrinking sentence	Intermediate and above	30	Various, depending on the sentence	19
1.3 Proverbs	Upper-intermediate	45 +	Various	20
1.4 Funny little rhyming couplet poems	Pre-intermediate and above	25	Creative writing with rhythm and rhyme	21
1.5 Crazy gaps	All (Follow-up: intermediate and above)	30 + 60	Parts of speech, vocabulary	22
1.6 Songs and jingles	Upper-intermediate and above	2 hours over 3 lessons	Translation (structures and vocabulary varies), dictionary skills	23
1.7 Idioms	Intermediate and above	50 + 50	Understanding idioms	25
1.8 English in the environment	Beginner and above	30 + 50	Vocabulary building, understanding the role of English in the world	27
1.9 Street names	Intermediate and above	50 + 50	Past tense, writing a short descriptive text	29
1.10 What's in a name?	Intermediate	45 +	Verb <i>to be</i> , past tense, professions, dictionary work.	30
1.11 Repair English	Intermediate and above	50	Rules of the language	31
1.12 Word association	All	15 +	Categorizing, vocabulary building; pronunciation	32

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1.13 Sentence building	Pre-intermediate and above	15	Vocabulary building; sentence structure	33
1.14 Tongue twister competition	Pre-intermediate and above	30	Pronunciation	33
1.15 Make a tongue twister	Upper-intermediate and above	30	Parts of speech, pronunciation	34
1.16 The world's longest sentence	Intermediate and above	30 +	Sentence structure, vocabulary building, error correction	36
1.17 My language, your language	Intermediate and above	45	Grammar, pronunciation	37
1.18 Collocation cards	Intermediate and above	20	Collocations	39
1.19 Silent scene	Intermediate and above	60	Creative writing, dialogues; speaking practice	40

2 Creative and critical thinking tasks

2.1 Observe your world	Pre-intermediate and above	20–30	Vocabulary building; dictionary skills (in Variation 1)	44
2.2 Crossword puzzles	All	45	Vocabulary building; devising clues and questions	45
2.3 Color stories	Intermediate and above	30	Writing from a prompt	47
2.4 Newspaper lessons	Intermediate and above	45 + 30–45	understanding a newspaper structure; discussing similarities and differences; speaking, telling a story	48
2.5 Shared drama	Pre-intermediate and above	45	Process writing; story language, parts of speech; speaking practice (in Variations 1 and 2)	50
2.6 What if ...?	Intermediate and above	45 +	What if ... conditionals	51
2.7 If I were king for a day	Intermediate and above	45	Conditionals; future tense forms	52
2.8 Questions for the future	Beginner and above	60	Forming questions, question words; note taking, summarizing, comparing	53
2.9 The meaning of dreams	Intermediate and above	60 +	Various	54
2.10 What would inanimate objects say?	Intermediate and above	60	Writing a first person narrative	56
2.11 Rescue expedition	Intermediate	45	Various	58

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2.12 Sell a product	Intermediate	90 +	Descriptive language, developing a persuasive argument	58
2.13 The stock market	Intermediate and above	Ongoing	Numbers, comparatives, prediction (<i>will</i>), past tense, present perfect	60
2.14 Unanswered questions	Intermediate and above	60 over two lessons	Question forms; conditionals, developing an argument	63
2.15 The best excuses	Intermediate and above	30 +	Various	64
2.16 Glass half full	Intermediate and above	30	Various	64
2.17 Map	Pre-intermediate and above	15	Directions, prepositions of place, geographical locations	66
2.18 Reporter at large	Upper-intermediate and advanced	50 × 3	Conducting an interview; using information from an interview to write a narrative story	68
2.19 Poetry slam	Intermediate and above (pre-intermediate for Variation 1)	50 × 4	Poetry; parts of speech; vocabulary	71
2.20 Usefulness of animals to mankind	Intermediate and above	30 +	Comparatives, superlatives, adjectives, prepositions; writing a short paragraph	73
2.21 Details	Intermediate and above	30 +	Descriptive language, adjectives	74
2.22 Who's stronger?	Beginner and above	15 +	Comparatives, superlatives, descriptive language	75
2.23 Epitaphs	Intermediate and above	60 × 2	Descriptive language, rhyme and intonation, poetry	76

3 Teenager topics

3.1 Hybrid sports	Pre-intermediate	25	Describing the rules of a game or a sport	79
3.2 Sounding off!	Intermediate and above	30 +	Expressing opinions	80
3.3 Teacher's pet	Intermediate and above	30 +	Expressing opinions and preferences, explaining choices, describing people and animals	81
3.4 Name that celebrity!	Pre-intermediate and above	1–2 hours preparation + 30	Question forms; adjectives; past, present, and future tenses (simple and continuous)	82
3.5 Timelines and biographies	Pre-intermediate and above	60 × 2	Present and past tenses; sequencing words; writing a narrative story	84

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3.6	Soundtrack of my life	Intermediate and above	Depends on class size	Various	86
3.7	What happened to you?	Beginner and above	45	Past tense, time expressions, writing an email	87
3.8	Make a recipe	Pre-intermediate	30	Imperatives	88
3.9	Life game	Pre-intermediate and above	45	Describing events, simple past	89
3.10	Holidays and festivals	Pre-intermediate and above (beginner in Variation 2)	60	Describing an event	90
3.11	Martian law	Intermediate and above	60	Various	91
3.12	Save the Earth	Intermediate	30	Cause and effect sentences; environment vocabulary	93
3.13	The next big trend	Intermediate and above	30	Rhetorical phrases such as <i>I think...</i> , <i>In my opinion...</i> , <i>We believe...</i> ; future tenses (<i>will</i> and <i>going to</i>); conditional (<i>could be</i>); past tense (for Follow-up 2)	94
3.14	Monuments and memorials	Intermediate and above	60	Writing a descriptive text	94
3.15	Teen alphabet book	Beginner and above	50 + 30	Vocabulary building	97
3.16	Anti-rules	Pre-intermediate and above	30 +	Imperatives; superlatives; negation; antonyms	99
3.17	Gapping songs	Intermediate and above	15 +	Listening skills; vocabulary building	100
3.18	Music survey	Intermediate and above	90	Asking questions and noting answers; analyzing, comparing, and evaluating data; working with numbers	101
3.19	Surveys	Intermediate and above	60 + 90	Asking questions and noting answers; analyzing, comparing, and evaluating data; working with numbers	103
3.20	Debates	Upper-intermediate and above	90 +	Public speaking skills; active listening; note-taking; rhetorical phrases	105
3.21	Advice column	Intermediate and above	60	Giving advice; conditionals; imperatives	108
3.22	Modern phobias	Intermediate, upper-intermediate	60 × 2	Vocabulary building; dictionary work; present and past tenses (for Follow-up)	109
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