

Lessons in the First English Course

First English Course is for beginner-level adult English Language Learners (ELLs). The course uses a video, *Putting English to Work 1*, as a basis for the content. The video shows an adult school ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) teacher and her class as they learn and practice English in the classroom. There are also videos about the students' lives outside of the classroom.

UNITS

There are twenty units. Students earn a score for each completed unit.

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LESSONS

Each unit has three main lessons. The lessons are scored.

- **Introduction & Vocabulary**
- **Language Practice**
- **Review and Quiz**

Some units have two vocabulary lessons and two Language Practice lessons.

ACTIVITIES

Each lesson has activities. Some activities are scored. Some are not scored.

Students learn vocabulary. They learn grammar and language functions. They watch video scenarios. After each scenario students do listening, speaking, reading and writing activities to practice what they are learning. At the end of the unit, students review what they learned and take a Quiz.

Each unit builds on content from previous units. It is important to do the units and activities in order.

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Unit 1: First English Class

Key Vocabulary	Classroom Directions ask spell Introductions listen type point watch Alphabet read write say
Grammar	First person use of "be"
Language functions / Life Skills	Introducing yourself Understanding lesson directions Spelling first and last names

Unit 2: In the Classroom

Key Vocabulary	People and Things in a Classroom class eraser student notebook teacher paper backpack pen book pencil chair table clock
Grammar	Be-statements Contractions Pronouns
Language functions / Life Skills	Spelling practice Identifying common objects and people in the classroom

Unit 3: Numbers

Key Vocabulary	Numbers 0-10 zero six one seven two eight three nine four ten five	Numbers 10-20 etc. eleven sixteen twelve seventeen thirteen eighteen fourteen nineteen fifteen twenty	Address phone number zip code
Grammar	Questions using “what is” and “what’s”		
Language functions / Life Skills	Asking for an address or phone number Completing a personal information form (phone number, address)		

Unit 4: Around the Clock

Key Vocabulary	Times of Day morning 2:30 noon 2:45 afternoon 5:00 evening 5:45 night 5:55 midnight 9:10 2:00 9:25 2:15	Daily Activity Verbs wake up brush your teeth shave take a shower get dressed eat breakfast read the newspaper leave walk
Grammar	Present Continuous	
Language functions / Life Skills	Reading an analog clock Asking for and giving the time Discussing daily activities	

Unit 5: The Calendar

Key Vocabulary	Calendar	Ordinal Numbers
	year month week day Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	January February March April May June July August September October November December
Grammar	Questions using “when is and “when’s”	
Language functions / Life Skills	Reading a calendar Asking for and giving the date/ birthday	

Unit 6: Places to Go

Key Vocabulary	Places in the Community
	house park office market school cafe address street
Grammar	Questions and short answers with “ <i>be</i> ”
Language functions / Life Skills	Asking and answering questions about times, addresses and daily activities Taking phone messages

Unit 7: Countries & Nationalities

Key Vocabulary	Countries United States Mexico Russia Iraq Korea China India France Japan Italy	Nationalities El Salvador Canada England American Mexican Japanese Italian Canadian Salvadoran French Russian Korean English Chinese Iraqi Indian
Grammar	Questions using “where” and “what”	
Language functions / Life Skills	Asking and answering questions about nationality and home country Completing questions on a form about residence and country of origin	

Unit 8: Celebrations

Key Vocabulary	Holidays holiday New Year's Day Independence Day Veteran's Day Christmas birthday party sing dance food	Party-related Nouns and Verbs to-do list invite buy gift cake make a cake decorations put up clean eat drink
Grammar	Simple Present Tense of <i>Like</i> Questions and Short Answers with <i>Can</i>	
Language functions / Life Skills	Making a to-do list Inviting people to a party	

Unit 9: Family

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Language functions / Life Skills	Giving information about marital status and family in conversation and on forms Recognizing information requested on a personal information form																																				

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Grammar	Possessive Adjectives and Nouns																		
Language functions / Life Skills	Reading an informational flyer Conversing with school personnel at a Parent-Teacher Night																		

Unit 11: Clothes and Colors

Key Vocabulary	Clothing, Jewelry jeans sneakers t-shirt sandals dress shoes skirt jewelry sweater necklace blouse earrings jacket ring hat bracelet suit watch	Colors red white blue black green gray orange yellow brown purple pink
Grammar	Adjectives and Nouns Present Continuous of <i>wear</i>	
Language functions / Life Skills	Reading a clothing store ad Identifying clothes sizes	

Unit 12: Money and Shopping

Key Vocabulary	U.S. coins and bills money half dollar penny one dollar nickel five dollars dime ten dollars quarter twenty dollars fifty dollars one hundred dollars	Areas of a store store pay back receipt stapler front calculator entrance backpack aisle ruler restrooms checkout
Grammar	Questions with “how much” Prepositions	
Language functions / Life Skills	Identifying U.S. coins, bills, and amounts Reading a receipt and price tags Asking for prices Asking for locations inside a store	

Unit 13: Places in the Neighborhood

Key Vocabulary	Community Locations bank parking lot gas station pharmacy hair salon police station hospital post office hotel restaurant laundromat supermarket park	Prepositions of Place around the corner across from behind between next to
Grammar	“There is” and “There are” Prepositions	
Language functions / Life Skills	Asking for and giving directions Using a map	

Unit 14: Food

Key Vocabulary	Food hamburger milk carrot sandwich coffee celery chicken soda vegetables fish hungry beef salad thirsty pork fries orange meat pie apple cheese water fruit candy	Restaurant Workers busboy server dishwasher cook manager
Grammar	Simple present tense of <i>want</i> and <i>like</i>	
Language functions / Life Skills	Expressing likes and dislikes in foods Ordering food in a restaurant Identifying the jobs of restaurant workers	

Unit 15: The Body

Key Vocabulary	Parts of the body head back finger ear stomach leg eye arm knee nose elbow ankle mouth wrist foot neck hand feet throat toe shoulder	Aches and Pains Earache headache stomachache backache sore throat break your leg hurt your foot
Grammar	Questions and short answers with <i>have</i> Plural forms of body parts	
Language functions / Life Skills	Asking how someone feels Stating illnesses Reporting a 911 emergency	

Unit 16: Doctors and Medicine

Key Vocabulary	Medical Check-up patient thermometer breathe in breathe out hold your breath lift your arm bend your elbow take your pulse take a temperature step on the scale	Common Ailments and Over-the-counter Medicine lozenge pain tablets reliever eye drops prescription antacid cough cough syrup cold rash itchy eyes pharmacist skin cream
Grammar	Commands Some/any	
Language functions / Life Skills	Following doctor's instructions Reading a prescription label Telling a story in sequence	

Unit 17: Finding a New Home

Key Vocabulary	Rooms and Locations around a Home dining room apartment house balcony yard living room gate garage kitchen roof laundry room bathroom sidewalk bedroom front door air conditioning pool elevator porch
Grammar	Simple Present Tense Questions and Short Answers
Language functions / Life Skills	Reading a For Rent sign with abbreviations Inquiring about a rental

Unit 18: Furniture and Appliances

Key Vocabulary	Furniture and Appliances bed lamp night table plant dresser painting bookcase sofa chair television coffee table refrigerator table stove curtains sink	Adjectives poor condition old cheap small expensive medium excellent big condition reasonable new
Grammar	Prepositions Questions with “how much”	
Language functions / Life Skills	Reading a garage sale newspaper listing Inquiring about items to be purchased	

Unit 19: Transportation

Key Vocabulary	Types of Transportation bicycle plane bus pedestrian car schedule driver train limousine truck metro rail motorcycle
Grammar	Simple present tense of “can” and “do” Questions about transportation: “How do you get to...?”
Language functions / Life Skills	Reading a Bus Schedule Road signs

Unit 20: Recreation and Weather

Key Vocabulary	Recreational Activities have a picnic bring food sit in the sun laugh play sports play games	Weather snow smoggy foggy windy clear cloudy sunny rain	Seasons and Temperature cold warm hot winter fall summer cool spring seasons
Grammar	Present continuous review Future Tense for planned activities		
Language functions / Life Skills	Making a list Reading a weather report		