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**Speakout Upper
Intermediate
Second Edition**

**Alignment with the Global Scale
of English and Common European
Framework of Reference**

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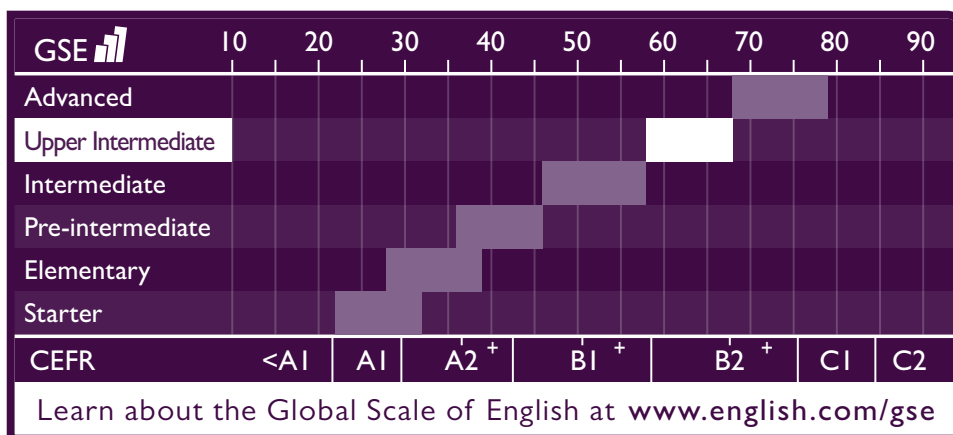
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Unit One NEW THINGS

Lesson 1.1 Time for a chat

Grammar Direct and indirect questions

Vocabulary Personality

Pronunciation Sentence stress

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can identify the main topic and related ideas in a structured text (P)	B1	56	8
Listening	Can follow main points of short talks on familiar topics delivered in clear, standard speech (P)	B1	45	8
Speaking	Can summarise and comment on a short story or article and answer questions in detail (CA)	B1+	56	8
	Can engage in extended conversation in a clearly participatory fashion on most general topics (CA)	B2	61	9
Writing	Can check and correct basic spelling, punctuation and grammar mistakes in written work (P)	B1+	55	10

Lesson 1.2 Try something new

Grammar Present perfect

Vocabulary Feelings; word building: nouns

Pronunciation Word stress; connected speech

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can scan a long text or set of related texts in order to find specific information (CA)	B2	60	12
Listening				
Speaking	Can give detailed accounts of experiences, describing feelings and reactions (C)	B1	49	11
	Can develop an argument giving reasons in support of or against a particular point of view (N2000)	B1	46	13
Writing				

Lesson 1.3 I'd like to enquire

Function Polite enquiries

Vocabulary Adverts

Pronunciation Polite intonation

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can find specific information in simple, brochures, letters and short articles (P)	A2+	38	14
Listening	Can take messages and communicate enquiries and problems in detail (P)	B1+	53	14
Speaking	Can exchange information on a wide range of topics within their field with some confidence (CA)	B2	59	15
Writing				

Lesson 1.4 Great experiences

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can find specific information in simple, brochures, letters and short articles (P)	A2+	38	16
Listening	Can understand a large part of many TV programmes on familiar topics (CA)	B1+	58	16
Speaking	Can summarise and comment on a short story or article and answer questions in detail (P)	B1+	56	16
	Can describe the personal significance of events and experiences in detail (CA)	B2	60	17
Writing	Can develop a clear written description or narrative with relevant supporting detail and examples (CA)	B2	62	17

Unit Two ISSUES

Lesson 2.1 Making a difference

Grammar Present perfect simple and continuous

Vocabulary Issues; verbs/nouns with the same form

Pronunciation Word stress; weak forms: auxiliaries

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can scan a long text or set of related texts in order to find specific information (CA)	B2	60	20
Listening				
Speaking	Can briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions, plans and actions (C)	B1+	51	22
Writing				

Lesson 2.2 You're being watched

Grammar The passive

Vocabulary Surveillance

Pronunciation Sentence stress: passives

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading				
Listening	Can identify the main reasons for and against an argument or idea in a discussion delivered in clear, standard speech (P)	B1+	56	23
Speaking	Can give or seek personal views and opinions in discussing topics of interest (C)	B1	46	23
	Can summarise and comment on a short story or article and answer questions in detail (P)	B1+	56	24
	Can justify a viewpoint on a topical issue by discussing pros and cons of various options (CA)	B2	60	24
Writing	Can demonstrate understanding of formality and conventions in standard letters (P)	B1+	56	25
	Can write a letter of complaint with appropriate register, structure and conventions (P)	B2	61	25

Lesson 2.3 Good point!

Function Opinions

Vocabulary Opinion adjectives

Pronunciation Intonation for partially agreeing

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can find specific information in simple, brochures, letters and short articles (P)	A2+	38	26
Listening	Can follow main points of short talks on familiar topics delivered in clear, standard speech (P)	B1	45	26
Speaking	Can summarise and comment on a short story or article and answer questions in detail (P)	B1+	56	26
	Can justify a viewpoint on a topical issue by discussing pros and cons of various options (CA)	B2	60	26/27
	Can develop an argument giving reasons in support of or against a particular point of view (N200)	B2	63	26/27
	Can express and comment on ideas and suggestions in informal discussions (P)	B1+	56	26
Writing				

Lesson 2.4 A quiet revolution

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can find specific information in simple, brochures, letters and short articles (P)	A2+	38	28
Listening	Can understand a large part of many TV programmes on familiar topics (CA)	B1+	58	28
Speaking	Can summarise and comment on a short story or article and answer questions in detail (P)	B1+	56	28
	Can express and comment on ideas and suggestions in informal discussions (P)	B1+	56	28
	Can develop an argument giving reasons in support of or against a particular point of view (N200)	B2	63	29
	Can give a short, rehearsed talk or presentation on a familiar topic (CA)	B1+	52	29
Writing				

Unit Three STORIES

Lesson 3.1 And the moral is...

Grammar Narrative tenses

Vocabulary Sayings

Pronunciation Weak forms: auxiliaries

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can recognise the writer's point of view in a structured text (P)	B1+	56	32
Listening				
Speaking	Can describe the personal significance of events and experiences in detail (CA)	B2	60	33/34
Writing	Can develop a clear written description or narrative with relevant supporting detail and examples (CA)	B2	62	34

Lesson 3.2 A life in six words

Grammar I wish/if only

Vocabulary Adjectives for stories; multi-word verbs

Pronunciation Sentence stress

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can find specific information in simple, brochures, letters and short articles (P)	A2+	38	37
Listening	Can follow main points of short talks on familiar topics delivered in clear, standard speech (P)	B1	45	35
Speaking	Can summarise and comment on a short story or article and answer questions in detail (P)	B1+	56	35/36
	Can give clear detailed descriptions on a wide range of familiar subjects (CA)	B2	66	37
Writing				

Lesson 3.3 It's a great read

Function Expressing likes and dislikes

Vocabulary Reading genres

Pronunciation Sentence stress

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading				
Listening	Can identify the main reasons for and against an argument or idea in a discussion delivered in clear, standard speech (P)	B1+	56	38
Speaking	Can summarise orally the plot and sequence of events in an extract from a film or play (CA)	B2	64	39
Writing				

Lesson 3.4 Tess

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can find specific information in simple, brochures, letters and short articles (P)	A2+	38	40
Listening	Can understand a large part of many TV programmes on familiar topics (CA)	B1+	58	40
Speaking	Can summarise and comment on a short story or article and answer questions in detail (P)	B1+	56	40
	Can summarise orally the plot and sequence of events in an extract from a film or play (CA)	B2	64	41
Writing	Can write clear detailed descriptions on a variety of subjects related to their field of interest (C)	B2	64	41

Unit Four DOWNTIME

Lesson 4.1 Out of time

Grammar Present and past habits

Vocabulary Free time

Pronunciation Connected speech: contractions

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can make inferences or predictions about the content of newspaper and magazine articles from headings, titles or headlines (P)	B1+	58	44
Listening				
Speaking	Can exchange information on a wide range of topics within their field with some confidence (CA)	B2	59	45
Writing	Can write a structured text clearly signalling main points and supporting details (P)	B1+	58	46

Lesson 4.2 Great getaways

Grammar Future forms

Vocabulary Positive adjectives; uncountable and plural nouns

Pronunciation Word stress; connected speech

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can find specific information in simple, brochures, letters and short articles (P)	A2+	38	47
Listening	Can understand most of a radio programme about a familiar topic (CA)	B2	59	47
Speaking	Can describe future plans and intentions in detail, giving degrees of probability (P)	B1+	58	49
Writing				

Lesson 4.3 How does it work?

Function Describing procedures

Vocabulary Abilities

Pronunciation Stress and intonation: mirror questions

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading				
Listening	Can follow chronological sequences in extended informal speech at natural speed (P)	B2	61	50
Speaking	Can give a clear, detailed spoken description of how to carry out a procedure (C)	B2	60	51
Writing				

Lesson 4.4 The happiness formula

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can find specific information in simple, brochures, letters and short articles (P)	A2+	38	52
Listening	Can understand a large part of many TV programmes on familiar topics (CA)	B1+	58	52
Speaking	Can summarise and comment on a short story or article and answer questions in detail (P)	B1+	56	52
	Can give detailed answers to questions in a face-to-face survey (P)	B1+	58	53
Writing	Can clearly signal problem and solution relationships in a structured text (P)	B1+	58	53

Unit Five IDEAS

Lesson 5.1 Bright ideas?

Grammar Articles

Vocabulary Change; compound nouns

Pronunciation Weak forms and linking: *the*

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can scan a long text or set of related texts in order to find specific information (CA)	B2	60	56
Listening				
Speaking	Can express and comment on ideas and suggestions in informal discussions (P)	B1+	56	56/58
	Can justify a viewpoint on a topical issue by discussing pros and cons of various options (CA)	B2	60	58
Writing				

Lesson 5.2 Consumer crazy

Grammar Real and hypothetical conditionals

Vocabulary Advertising collocations

Pronunciation Sentence stress: conditionals

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading				
Listening	Can understand most of a radio programme about a familiar topic (CA)	B2	59	59
Speaking	Can exchange information on a wide range of topics within their field with some confidence (CA)	B2	59	60
Writing	Can write a brief standard report conveying factual information, stating reasons for actions (CA)	B2	59	61
	Can interpret the main message from complex diagrams and visual information (P)	B2	59	61

Lesson 5.3 What do you think?

Function Suggesting ideas

Vocabulary Collocations with *idea*

Pronunciation Intonation: showing reservations

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can find specific information in simple, brochures, letters and short articles (P)	A2+	38	62
Listening	Can follow main points of short talks on familiar topics delivered in clear, standard speech (P)	B1	45	62
Speaking	Can express and comment on ideas and suggestions in informal discussions (P)	B1+	56	62
	Can develop an argument giving reasons in support of or against a particular point of view (N200)	B2	63	63
Writing				

Lesson 5.4 Genius

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can find specific information in simple, brochures, letters and short articles (P)	A2+	38	64
Listening	Can understand a large part of many TV programmes on familiar topics (CA)	B1+	58	64
Speaking	Can summarise and comment on a short story or article and answer questions in detail (P)	B1+	56	64
	Can give clear presentations highlighting significant points with relevant supporting details (CA)	B2	66	65
Writing	Can write a structured text clearly signalling main points and supporting details (P)	B1+	58	65

Unit Six AGE

Lesson 6.1 The time of my life

Grammar Modal verbs and related phrases

Vocabulary Age; word building: prefixes

Pronunciation Connected speech: elision

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can scan a long text or set of related texts in order to find specific information (CA)	B2	60	68
Listening				
Speaking	Can give the advantages and disadvantages of various options on a topical issue (CA)	B2	60	68
	Can take part in routine formal discussions conducted in clear standard speech in which factual information is exchanged (CA)	B1+	57	70
Writing				

Lesson 6.2 Future me

Grammar Future perfect and continuous

Vocabulary Optimism/pessimism

Pronunciation Weak forms: auxiliaries

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading				
Listening	Can understand most of a radio programme about a familiar topic (CA)	B2	59	71
Speaking	Can describe future plans and intentions in detail, giving degrees of probability (P)	B1+	58	72
Writing	Can write personal emails/letters giving and commenting on news in detail (CA)	B1+	58	73

Lesson 6.3 So what you're saying is...

Function Persuading

Vocabulary Collocations

Pronunciation Intonation: persuading

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can find specific information in simple, brochures,			
Listening	Can understand most of a radio programme about a familiar topic (CA)	B2	59	74
Speaking	Can justify a viewpoint on a topical issue by discussing pros and cons of various options (CA)	B2	60	74/75
	Can plan what is to be said and the means to say it, considering the impact on the recipient (CA)	B2	64	75
Writing				

Lesson 6.4 How to live to 101

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can find specific information in simple, brochures, letters and short articles (P)	A2+	38	76
Listening	Can understand a large part of many TV programmes on familiar topics (CA)	B1+	58	76
Speaking	Can summarise and comment on a short story or article and answer questions in detail (P)	B1+	56	76
	Can develop an argument giving reasons in support of or against a particular point of view (N200)	B2	63	77
Writing	Can systematically develop an argument giving the reasons in support of or against a point of view (P)	B2	62	77

Unit Seven MEDIA

Lesson 7.1 TV Globetrotters

Grammar Quantifiers

Vocabulary Television; multi-word verbs

Pronunciation Connected speech: linking

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can quickly scan long, complex texts for key information (P)	B2	65	80
Listening				
Speaking	Can develop an argument giving reasons in support of or against a particular point of view (N200)	B2	63	82
	Can exchange information on a wide range of topics within their field with some confidence (CA)	B2	59	82
Writing				

Lesson 7.2 The camera never lies

Grammar Reported speech

Vocabulary Reporting verbs

Pronunciation Word stress

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading				
Listening	Can understand most of a radio programme about a familiar topic (CA)	B2	59	84
Speaking	Can develop an argument giving reasons in support of or against a particular point of view (N200)	B2	63	85
Writing	Can show the relationship between and opinion and a counter argument in a discursive text	B2	61	85

Lesson 7.3 What's in the news

Function Adding emphasis

Vocabulary The press

Pronunciation Sentence stress

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading				
Listening	Can follow main points of short talks on familiar topics delivered in clear, standard speech (P)	B1	45	86
Speaking	Can summarise and comment on a short story or article and answer questions in detail (P)	B1+	56	86
	Can speculate about the causes of an issue or problem (CA)	B2	63	87
Writing				

Lesson 7.4 News blunders

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can find specific information in simple, brochures, letters and short articles (P)	A2+	38	88
Listening	Can understand a large part of many TV programmes on familiar topics (CA)	B1+	58	88
Speaking	Can summarise and comment on a short story or article and answer questions in detail (CA)	B1+	56	88
	Can summarise and give opinions on issues and stories and answer questions in detail (CA)	B1+	56	89
Writing	Can write a concise summary of the main ideas of a longer structured text (P)	B1+	58	89

Unit Eight BEHAVIOUR

Lesson 8.1 It's a tough call

- Grammar** Past and mixed conditionals
Vocabulary Collocations: decisions; compound adjectives
Pronunciation Connected speech: weak forms

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can understand inferred meaning in a formal structured text (P)	B2	64	92
Listening				
Speaking	Can describe the personal significance of events and experiences in detail (CA)	B2	60	94
Writing				

Lesson 8.2 Fair share

- Grammar** *-ing* form and infinitive
Vocabulary Values
Pronunciation Connected speech: intrusive /w/

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading				
Listening	Can understand main points and check comprehension by using contextual clues (CA)	B2	64	95
Speaking	Can speculate about causes, consequences, hypothetical situations (N200)	B2	64	95
Writing	Can develop a clear written description or narrative with relevant supporting detail and examples (CA)	B2	62	97

Lesson 8.3 Have you got a minute

- Function** Handling an awkward situation
Vocabulary Behaviour
Pronunciation Sentence stress and intonation

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading				
Listening	Can follow main points of short talks on familiar topics delivered in clear, standard speech (P)	B1	45	98
Speaking	Can explain a problem and demand what action should be taken in an appropriate way (CA)	B2	64	98/99
	Can plan what is to be said and the means to say it, considering the effect on the recipient (CA)	B2	64	99
Writing				

Lesson 8.4 The human animal

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can recognise significant points and arguments in straightforward newspaper articles on familiar topics (CA)	B1+	54	100
Listening	Can understand TV documentaries, interviews, plays and most films in standard speech (CA)	B2	64	100
Speaking	Can give a clear, detailed spoken description of how to carry out a procedure (C)	B2	60	101
Writing	Can develop a clear written description or narrative with relevant supporting detail and examples (CA)	B2	62	101

Unit Nine TROUBLE

Lesson 9.1 Witness

- Grammar** -ing form and infinitive
Vocabulary Crime; dependent prepositions
Pronunciation Connected speech: elision

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can quickly scan long, complex texts for key information (P)	B2	65	104
Listening				
Speaking	Can express views clearly and evaluate hypothetical proposals in informal discussions (CA)	B2	64	106
Writing				

Lesson 9.2 Scam

- Grammar** Past modals of deduction
Vocabulary Synonyms
Pronunciation Connected speech: past modals

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading				
Listening	Can understand main points and check comprehension by using contextual clues (CA)	B2	64	107
Speaking	Can speculate about the causes of an issue or problem (CA)	B2	63	109
Writing	Can write a structured text clearly signalling main points and supporting details (P)	B1+	58	109

Lesson 9.3 It's an emergency!

- Function** Reporting an incident
Vocabulary Incidents
Pronunciation Sentence stress

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading				
Listening	Can follow main points of short talks on familiar topics delivered in clear, standard speech (P)	B1+	54	110
	Can justify a viewpoint on a topical issue by discussing pros and cons of various options (CA)	B2	60	110
Speaking	Can initiate, maintain and end discourse naturally with effective turn-taking (CA)	B2	64	110
	Can use synonyms to describe or gloss an unknown word (CA)	B1+	55	111
Writing				

Lesson 9.4 Survival

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can recognise significant points and arguments in straightforward newspaper articles on familiar topics (CA)	B1+	54	112
Listening	Can understand TV documentaries, interviews, plays and most films in standard speech (CA)	B2	64	112
Speaking	Can summarise and comment on a short story or article and answer questions in detail (CA)	B1+	56	112
	Can justify and sustain views by providing relevant explanations and arguments (CA)	B2	60	113
Writing	Can develop a clear written description or narrative with relevant supporting detail and examples (CA)	B2	62	113

Unit Ten CULTURE

Lesson 10.1 Moving experiences

Grammar Relative clauses

Vocabulary Adjectives to describe films

Pronunciation Intonation: relative clauses

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading				
Listening	Can recognise the speaker's point of view in a structured presentation (P)	B2	60	116
Speaking	Can express their thoughts in some detail on cultural topics (e.g. music, films) (CA)	B1+	55	117
Writing	Can write a structured review of a film, book or play with some references and examples (CA)	B2	65	118

Lesson 10.2 Popular culture

Grammar Participle clauses

Vocabulary The arts; two-part phrases

Pronunciation Word stress; connected speech

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading	Can synthesise information from different sources in order to give a written or oral summary (P)	B2	65	119
Listening				
Speaking	Can describe the personal significance of events and experiences in detail (CA)	B2	60	121
Writing				

Lesson 10.3 On your left...

Function Giving a tour

Vocabulary Dimensions

Pronunciation Intonation in comments

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading				
Listening	Can follow main points of short talks on familiar topics delivered in clear, standard speech (P)	B1	45	122
Speaking	Can exchange information on a wide variety of topics within their field with some confidence (CA)	B1+	59	122
	Can give clear, detailed descriptions on a wide range of familiar subjects (CA)	B2	66	122
Writing				

Lesson 10.4 The People's Palace

Can do objectives		CEFR	GSE	PAGE
Reading				
Listening	Can understand TV documentaries, interviews, plays and most films in standard speech (CA)	B2	64	124
Speaking	Can exchange information on a wide variety of topics within their field with some confidence (CA)	B1+	59	124
	Can justify a viewpoint on a topical issue by discussing pros and cons of various options (CA)	B2	60	125
Writing	Can write clear, detailed descriptions on a variety of subjects related to their field of interest (C)	B2	64	125