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References



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After multiple efforts by the Quevedo community, the National Congress finally created the Technical State University of Quevedo – UTEQ, through the Republic Law of January 26, 1984, published in Official Registry No. 674 on February 1, 1984.

This higher education institution started its activities as UTEQ with the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, later renamed the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences (FCA). Subsequently, the Faculties of Animal Sciences (FCP), Business Sciences (FCE), Environmental Sciences (FCAMB), Engineering Sciences (FCI), and the Distance Studies Unit (UED) were created, offering programs in line with the demands of the environment and student demand.

The university also has the Postgraduate Unit, where recognized and approved Master programs are carried out by the Higher Education Council (CES), contributing to the strengthening of a postgraduate culture that meets the needs for advanced education of the institutional, local, regional, and national professional population.

The Technical State University of Quevedo is a university accredited by the Council for Evaluation, Accreditation, and Assurance of the Quality of Higher Education (CACES).

Currently, UTEQ is a pioneering university in the training of professionals, ready to serve our country, leaders, competitive, with critical thinking, and with human values, committed to the development of a just, equitable, and solidarity society, to contribute to improving the quality of life and promoting sustainable development in Ecuador.

The UTEQ trains professionals with a general and comprehensive culture, in various areas of knowledge committed to the development of the territory and the country. As a way to achieve this goal, on this occasion the University presents this series of books for teaching English as a second language.

These books are a beginner's guide to learning English, focusing on the development of essential communication skills through structured lessons on grammar and vocabulary relevant to the profession and daily life.

The Authors



I LOVE FOOD!

BY THE END OF THIS UNIT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- » Talk about food likes and dislikes.
- » Describe eating habits using adverbs of frequency.
- » Give opinions about healthy and unhealthy food.

Lesson A:

I like fruits.

Warm up

Look at the picture for 1 minute. Try to remember all the food items you see.





Vocabulary

Fruit and Vegetables



Grains



Dairy / Fats and Oils

Dairy



Fats and Oils







Food

Complete the chart with your information. Then ask 2 classmates, and share with the class.

ME	CLAS	SSMATE 1	CLASS	MATE 2
I like	S/he likes	S/he doesn't like	S/he likes	S/he doesn't like

Conversation

Jane: Hey, Charles. Do we need any carrots for the salad?

Charles: Great idea. Let's get some carrots and some onions.

Jane: Do we have any beans?

Charles: No, we need some. And we don't have any potatoes.

Jane: Let's get some potatoes, then. And some beef, too.

Charles: We have some beef at home.

Jane: Oh, all right. How about some lemons?

Charles: Sure. I love lemons with the salad.

Jane: Fantastic! Let's buy some.





Grammar

Count and noncount nouns; some/any

1. Which statements are true?

We	use	anı	/	
V V C				

- A. ... to talk about count and noncount nouns.
- B. ... to make negative statements and questions.
 - C. ... to make affirmative statements.

2. Use some or any to complete the sentences.

- 1. Do we need _____ carrots?
- 2. No, we don't need _____ carrots.
- 3. I think we have _____ lettuce at home, too.





3. Make a question with the words. Imagine you and your partner are going to make Hawaiian pizza.



Ask DO WE NEED ...? Questions about the ingredients for the pizza.

A: DO WE NEED any pineapples?

B: Yes, we need some pineapples.

DO WE NEED any oranges?

A: No, we don't need any oranges.

B: DO WE NEED ...?

Wrap-up



- 1. When do we use some?
- 2. When do we use any?
- 3. Give 5 examples of count nouns.
- 4. Give 5 examples of noncount nouns.
- 5. Make a sentence using *some*.

6. Make two sentences using *any* (a negative sentence, and a question)

Lesson B:

I always have juice for breakfast.

What's your favorite meal

of the day?

My favorite meal is

Warm-up

Favorite meals



breakfast



lunch



dinner



Adverbs of Frequency

Mark: What do you do on weekends?

Melissa: I usually clean my bedroom, but sometimes I go

to the gym.

Mark: Oh, I see. Does your sister do the same?

Melissa: Not really. She always wakes up late on weekends

because she works from Monday to Friday.

Mark: That's nice. I never sleep late. On weekends I

wake up at 7.30 a.m.

Melissa: Wow! That's early for a Saturday or Sunday. I rarely

wake up early those days.

Mark: Well, the thing is that I often work those days, so

I have to wake up early. When I don't work on Saturday, I have homework to do, so it's better for

me to start early.

Melissa: Do you ever do something fun on weekends?

Mark: Rarely. I mean, I guess on vacation I usually go

to the mall and shop for clothes with my brother. He's really generous so he always pays for all the

clothes I buy. I think that's so cool!

I always eat breakfast.	100%
You usually have soup for lunch.	90%
He frequently eats meat.	80%
She often cooks beef.	70%
It sometimes eats chicken.	50%
We occasionally drink soda.	30%
They seldom have dessert.	10%
I rarely have dinner.	5%
We never eat shrimps for breakfast.	0%

Sometimes it eats chicken.





Do you **ever** eat shrimps for breakfast?

- Yes, I always do.
- Sometimes I do.
- No, I never do.



1. Match

- are ...
- 1. Adverbs of Frequency ... a.... usually, always, never, etc.
- 2. Some adverbs of frequency b.... describe how often an action happens.

2. Put the adverbs in the correct place.

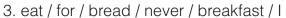
- A: Do you have eggs for breakfast? (usually)
- B: Well, on weekends I eat eggs with my family. (always)
- A: Do you eat lunch with your friends? (ever)
- B: Yes, I eat lunch with them. (sometimes)





3. Unscramble the sentences:

1. I / have / hardly ever / tomatoes / for lunch





Wrap-up

- 1. What are frequency adverbs used for?
- 2. Tell the class about something you never eat.
- 3. Tell the class about something you always eat for breakfast.
- 4. Do you ever have fish for dinner?



Lesson C:

Healthy and Unhealthy

Listening

A. Look at the picture, then answer the following questions: What do you see in the picture? Do you ever eat that? Is it good for your health?

B. Listen to the conversation and choose the correct answers.

1. For his main course, Andy chooses...

- a) normal cheeseburger
- b) a doble cheese burger
- c) a burger with chips

2. For dessert, Andy chooses ...

- a) ice cream
- b) chocolate cake
- c) banana cake

3. To drink, Andy chooses ...

- a) Apple juice
- b) fuzzy water
- c) still water



Reading

Look at the photos. Then read and answer:



 What does Sarah have for breakfast and why does she like that option?

Healthy and Unhealthy diets



Sarah, 25 years old

I am very health-conscious and eat healthy every day. For breakfast, I enjoy oatmeal with fruits and nuts. For lunch, I often have a salad with vegetables and grilled chicken. I drink water and herbal tea instead of soda. I feel great and have a lot of energy. Healthy eating is important for a happy life!



Mike, 19 years old

I don't pay much attention to my diet. I usually eat fast food for lunch—burgers and fries are my favorites. For breakfast, I often skip it or have sugary cereal. I drink soda every day. I know I should eat better, but it's hard to change my habits.



Tom, 28 years old

I love snacks, but I often choose chips and candy. I want to eat healthier, like fruits and nuts. I sometimes feel guilty about my choices. I'm thinking about making small changes to my snacks to feel better.



Lisa, 31 years old

I try to eat a balanced diet. I enjoy fruits and vegetables but also treat myself to pizza on weekends. I think it's important to enjoy food while staying healthy. Finding balance makes me feel good and happy!





- How does Tom feel about his snack choices and what does he want to change?
- Why does Lisa believe it is important to enjoy food while eating healthily?

Read the text and then answer the questions.

The Benefits of a Healthy Diet

Eating healthy is important for everyone. A balanced diet gives your body the energy it needs to work, play, and learn. Healthy foods, like fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins, help you stay strong and active.

There are many benefits to a healthy diet. It can improve your mood, give you more energy, and help you concentrate better in school. Eating healthy also helps you stay at a healthy weight, reducing the risk of diseases like heart problems and diabetes.



In some schools, students are encouraged to eat healthy snacks and exercise regularly. By eating well and being active, you can feel your best every day!



1. What does a healthy diet provide your body with?

- a) Junk food
- b) Energy
- c) Water
- d) Sugar

3. What is one benefit of eating healthy?

- a) It makes you sleepy
- b) It helps you stay strong and active
- c) It gives you more sugar
- d) It makes you thirsty

5. What can eating healthy reduce the risk of?

- a) Flu
- b) Heart problems
- c) Colds
- d) Headaches

7. Which of these is a healthy source of protein?

- a) Lean meats
- b) Soda
- c) Chips
- d) Candy

2. Which of the following is NOT a healthy food?

- a) Fruits
- b) Vegetables
- c) Candy
- d) Whole grains

4. How can a healthy diet help you in school?

- a) It helps you concentrate better
- b) It makes you tired
- c) It reduces your homework
- d) It helps you skip classes

6. What are students encouraged to do in some schools?

- a) Eat junk food
- b) Skip meals
- c) Eat healthy snacks
- d) Sleep more

8. What can you do to feel your best every day?

- a) Eat well and be active
- b) Watch TV all day
- c) Drink soda and eat fast food
- d) Sleep late and skip breakfast





Writing

- 1. Answer the following questions to make a paragraph about your habits
- 1. How often do you have breakfast at home?
- 2. What time do you usually have breakfast?
- 3. What do you usually drink in the morning?
- 4. How often do you have snacks in the afternoon?
- 5. How often do you eat fast food?
- 6. How often do you eat "encebollado"?



Wrap-up

Tell the class about an interesting dish you have tried. Name the ingredients and say when, and where you tried it. How often do you eat it? How healthy is it? Why?







HOW MANY SPORTS DO YOU PRACTICE?

BY THE END OF THIS UNIT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- » Discuss about sports to watch and play.
- » Talk about skills, and talents.
- » Identify your abilities.

Lesson A:

My Favorite Sport

Warm-up

What sports do you know?





Football (Soccer)

Baseball

American Football

Rugby

Basketball

Tennis

Ice Hockey

Volleyball

Golf

Skiing

Bowling

Boxing

Gymnastics

Swimming

Surfing

Badminton

Rock Climbing

Running

Cycling

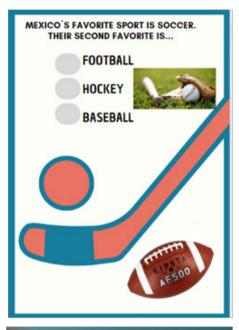
Table Tennis



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Listen and practice.











Can you guess what sports are the second favorite in each country? Check the sports. Do you like sports?

What sports are popular in Ecuador?

Vocabulary

Skiing

Sports

1. Listen and write the number to match each sport with the picture.

1)	2)	3)	10)	11)	12)
4)	5)	6)	13)	14)	15)
7)	8)	9)	16)	17)	18)
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Football (Soccer)	Bowling
Baseball	Boxing
American Football	Gymnastics
Rugby	Swimming
Basketball	Surfing
Tennis	Badminton
Ice Hockey	Rock Climbing
Volleyball	Running
Golf	Cycling

Table Tennis

Conversation

What sports do you like?

Mia: So, Alex, what are your hobbies?

Alex: Well, I love sports.

Mia: That's great! What sports do you enjoy?

Alex: My favorite sports are basketball and soccer.

Mia: Wow! You're a great athlete. When exactly do you practice?

Alex: I play basketball on the weekends and soccer during the

week.

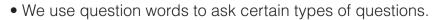
Mia: That's cool! You must have fun.

Alex: Yes, I really enjoy it!



Grammar

Wh- question words







Wh-word	Function	Example
What	Asking for information about something.	What kind of music do you like?
When	Asking about time.	Who do you study with in the afternoons?
Where	Asking in or at what place or position.	Where do they live?
Which	Asking about choice.	Which colour do you want?
Who	Asking about a person or people (subject).	Who do you study with in the afternoons?
Why	Asking for reason, asking whatfor.	Why do you buy that car?
How	Asking about manner.	How does she practice English?

The simple present tense / Information Questions

Wh questions	Answers
What sports do you practice?	I practice football and tennis.
Who do you play volleyball with?	I play with my classmates.
Where do you play volleyball?	We play at the school volleyball court.
How often does she practice?	She always practices in the afternoon.
When does she practice?	She practices on Fridays.
What time does she start?	She starts at seven in the evening.

How often?

every day on Friday nights once a week three times a week twice a month





1. Complete the sentences

A: _____ do you usually go to school?

B: I usually go to school at 7:30 AM.

A: _____ does your dad take you to school?

B: He takes me to school every day.

A: _____ do you have for breakfast before going to school?

B: I usually have cereal and fruit.

A: _____ does your teacher start the math class?

B: She starts the math class at 8:00 AM.

A: _____ do you study after school?

B: I study at the library with my friends.

A: _____ do you spend your free time after school?

B: I usually play soccer or read a book.

A: _____ do you play soccer with?

B: I play soccer with my classmates in the park near my house.

What time do you go to school?



Wrap-up

Present Tense Questions with What / Where / When

- We can ask questions using the question words **who, what, where, when, why,** and **how**. If a question starts with one of these words, it is not a yes/no question.
- "What" asks about a thing.
- "Where" asks about a place.
- "When" asks about a time.



Question Word + do/does + subject + verb...?

Remember to use "does" if the subject is **he, she, it,** or **one person, one thing,** or **one animal** (not I or You).

After the verb, you can use an infinitive, object, place, or time.

Use this pattern to make 5 questions in present tense. Example:

A: What do you want to eat?

B: I want to eat pizza.

Lesson B:

What can I do?

Warm-up

ABILITIES Can you play the piano very well?



I can play football



I can swim



I can cook



We can row



I can sky



I can fish







I can play baseball

we can play dodge ball

I can play tennis







I can fly a kite

I can play volleyball

I can dance

Conversation

Can you play the piano?

Listen and practice the conversation with your partners.

Emma: Hey, there's a cooking contest on Saturday.

Joan: Oh, I can't enter a cooking contest. I mean... What can I

do?

Emma: You cook delicious meals for your family.

Joan: Thanks! But I guess I need to learn more about it.

Emma: I'm sure you can do it. Go for it!

Joan: OK, but only if you join me!

Emma: Of course. We can totally do this! **Joan:** Alright. Let's start practicing tonight!





Grammar

CAN AND CAN'T

WeuseCANandCAN´Ttotalkabout someone's skill or general abilities:

She can speak several languages.

He can swim like a fish.

They can't dance very well.



We use CAN and CAN'T to talk about the ability to do something at a specific time in the present:

I can see you.

Help! I can't breathe.





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"Can" for abilities and talents. Sub + can + Verb + Complement



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AFFIRMATIVE					
I	can	help	you with that.		
You	can	pick up	the item at the store.		
Не	can	make	a payment online.		
She	can	exchange	the item.		
It	can	save	you time and money.		
We	can	speak	English and French.		
They	can	pay	their bill on the 5th.		

"Can" for abilities and talents. Sub + can't + Verb + Complement

NEGATIVE				
I	can't	help	you with that.	
You	can't	pick up	the item at the store.	
Не	can't	make	a payment online.	
She	can't	exchange	the item.	
It	can't	save	you time and money.	
We	can't	speak	English and French.	
They	can't	pay	their bill on the 5th.	





"Can" for abilities and talents. Can + sub + Verb + Complement?



	INTERROGATIVE					
Can	I	help	you with that?			
Can	You	pick up	the item at the store?			
Can	Не	make	a payment online?			
Can	She	exchange	the item?			
Can	It	save	you time and money?			
Can	We	speak	English and French?			
Can	They	pay	their bill on the 5th?			

"Can" for abilities and talents.

Yes, + Subj. + can. No, + Subj. + can't.

Short answers		
Yes, I can.	No, I can't.	
Yes, You can.	No, You can't.	
Yes, He can.	No, He can't.	
Yes, She can.	No, She can't.	
Yes, It can.	No, It can't.	
Yes, We can.	No, We can't.	
Yes, They can.	No, They can't.	



For second person singular questions, answer Yes, I can. / No, I can't.



1. Listen to three people talk about their abilities. Write J (Joshua), M (Monica), or A (Anthony) on the things they can do well.



1. My dog _____ (swim) very well.

2. I _____ (not play) the guitar.

3. She _____ (speak) three languages.

4. We _____ (not go) to the party tonight.

5. They _____ (run) very fast.

6. He _____ (drive) a car yet.

Wrap-up

- 1. When do we use CAN and CAN'T?
- 2. Is it correct to use CAN NOT in negative short answers?
- 3. Is it correct to add an "S" to CAN or to the BASE FORM of the verb with third person singular?





Lesson C:

Talents and Abilities

Listening

Listen to the conversations. Decide if the sentences are affirmative or negative. Choose the correct option.



Reading

Human talents and abilities are diverse and unique. Read the text to explore the various types of talents and skills that people possess, and then answer the questions.

A World of Talents



Everyone has different talents and abilities. Talents are special skills that we have naturally. Abilities are skills that we can develop through practice and learning.

Artistic Talents: Some people have a natural ability to create art. They can paint, draw, or design. Artistic talents help express feelings and ideas in beautiful ways.



Athletic Abilities: Some people excel in sports. They are fast runners, skilled soccer players, or great swimmers. Athletic abilities often come from practice and physical training.





Musical Talents: Many individuals can sing or play instruments. Musical talents include understanding rhythms melodies. These skills bring joy to others through music.

Academic Skills: Certain students have a talent for subjects like math or science. They can solve problems quickly and understand complex ideas. These abilities are important for learning.



1. What are talents?

- A) Skills we can learn easily
- B) Special skills we have naturally
- C) Skills that everyone has
- D) Abilities that need no l practice
- 2. True or False: Musical talents include the ability to understand rhythms and melodies.
- A) True
- B) False
- C) Sometimes true
- D) Not mentioned

3. Which type of skills helps students in subjects like math or science?

- A) Athletic Skills
- B) Artistic Talents
- C) Academic Skills
- D) Musical Talents

Which type of talent involves creating art?

- A) Athletic Talents
- B) Musical Talents
- C) Artistic Talents
- D) Academic Skills





5. True or False: Everyone 6. What can artistic talents has the same talents and help express? abilities. A) Feelings and ideas A) True B) Physical strength B) False C) Musical rhythm C) Sometimes true D) Academic knowledge D) Not mentioned 7. Which of the following is 8. What do athletic abilities NOT mentioned as a type of often come from? talent in the text? A) Natural talent only A) Athletic Talents Practice and physical B) B) Scientific Talents training C) Musical Talents C) Learning in school D) Artistic Talents D) Playing instruments

Speaking

Answer the following questions to talk about your talents and abilities

1.	What can you do very well?	
2.	What can you do at home?	
3.	What languages can you speak?	
4.	What things you can't do?	play soccer
5.	What sports can you practice or play?	25
6.	What foods can you cook?	ACC
7.	What instruments can you play?	dance





Wrap-up

Tell your classmates about your favorite sports using the simple present tense and the things you can do very well.











SHE'S GOING TO HAVE A BARBECUE

BY THE END OF THIS UNIT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- » Talk about weekend and birthday plans.
- » Discuss holidays celebrations.
- » Discuss festival, and special occasions.

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Lesson A:

Are you going to have a party?

Warm-up

Look at the picture. Try to guess the celebrations.





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Vocabulary

Months of the year

January	February	March	April
May	June	July	August
September	October	November	December

Ordinal Numbers

Complete the numbers

		C	ordinal numbers	S	
1st	First	11th	Eleventh	21th	Twenty first
2nd	Second		Twelfth		Twenty second
	Third	13th	Thirteenth	23th	Twenty third
4th	Fourth	14th	Fourteenth		Twenty fourth
5th	Fifth		Fifteenth	25th	Twenty fifth
	Sixth	16th	Sixteenth		Twenty sixth
7th	Seventh	17th	Seventeenth	27th	Twenty seventh
8th	Eighth	18th	Eighteenth		Twenty eighth
9th	Ninth		Nineteenth		Twenty ninth
	Tenth	20th	Twentieth		Thirtieth

Conversation

Steven: Are you going to graduate from college this year?

Paula: Yeah, on May 30th. My parents are going to have a

big party.

Steven: Great! Is the party going to be at their house?

Paula: No, it's not going to be at the house. They're going to

have it at a restaurant.

Steven: Are you going to get a job right away?

Paula: No, I'm not. First, I'm going to travel. Then I'm going

to look for a job.





Grammar

Future with be going to

The future with be going to				
Are you going to do anything tonight?	Yes, I am. I'm going to visit my parents. No, I'm not. I'm going to stay home.			
Is Michael going to go to the cinema?	Yes, he is. He's going to see a horror movie. No, he's not. He's going to have a barbecue.			
Are your parents going to eat out?	Yes, they're going to eat at a fancy restaurant. No, they're not. They're going to bake a pizza.			



Yes/No questions

Ask and answer questions



A: Is Tara going to go to the movies tonight?

B: Yes, she's going to go to the movies tonight.

Speaking

Three special dates

Write the part of the day and your plans for three special moments this weekend

Part of the day:

Day

Plans

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Lesson B:

My holidays plans

Warm-up

Favorite holidays



What's your favorite holiday? Why?

Vocabulary

Holidays in the U.S

Listen and repeat





Conversation

We're going to go dancing

Melissa: So, Mark, do you have any plans for New Year's Eve

Joseph: Absolutely. I'm going to take my girlfriend to the beach

Melissa: Cool! Where exactly are you going?

Joseph: Coconuts Beach. It's in the province of Guayas. It's such

a peaceful and quiet place!

Melissa: That sounds great!

Joseph: Yeah! What about you? What are you and Adam going

to do during that holiday

Melissa: We're not going to the beach. We're just going to see a

movie after the big celebration with our families.

Joseph: That's really nice



Wh- questions with be going to

Wh- questions with be going to				
What are you going to	I'm going to visit my family.			
do for your birthday?	I'm not going to have a big party.			
How is Mark going to	He's going to take a train.			
travel to the beach?	He's not going to fly.			
Where are Sarah and her friend going to stay?	They're going to stay at the Hilton Hotel.			
The mend going to stay?	They're not going to stay at a hostel.			

Time expressions

Time expressions		
This evening	In two weeks	
In two days	Next month	
This weekend	Next spring	
In a few hours	In five years	

1. Complete these conversations

1. A: Whereare you going	to spend (<i>spend)</i> New Year's
Eve?	
B: My wife and I	(visit) her parents.
2. A: Who you	(invite) to your Halloween
picnic?	
B: I	_ (ask) some friends.
3. A: What you	(do) for Independence
Day?	
B:I don't know. I	(not do) anything special.
4 A: How your family_	(celebrate)
Christmas?	
B: We	<i>(have)</i> a big party.



2. Write short conversations, use the example as a model.

A: What are you going to do next week?

B: I'm going to have a barbecue.

A: Oh, really? Who's going to be there?

B: Well, Ted and Valerie are going to come.

Writing and speaking

My favorite holidays

Write about your three favorite holidays or special celebrations. Explain why you like them and share your plans for next year. Use the example as a model.

	Date	Why I like it	Plans for the next year
Holiday 1			
Holiday 2			
Holiday 3			

Example:

Christmas is my favorite holiday. It's on December 25th, and I love it because I get to spend time with my family and exchange gifts. Next year, I'm planning to visit my grandparents and help them decorate their house.



Lesson C:

Let's celebrate

Listening

Listen and practice



Writing

1. Look at the pictures and write short paragraphs. Use the example as a model

We're going to celebrate my mom's birthday next month. We're going to eat special food and I'm going to give my mom a nice gift.





Reading

1. Read the texts about some celebrations around the world and then answer the questions below.

Celebrations!

Hanami, Japan



Hanami, meaning "flower viewing," is a popular tradition in Japan that celebrates the beauty of cherry blossoms. These delicate pink flowers bloom for a short time each spring, signaling the arrival of warmer weather. During Hanami, people gather in

parks and gardens to have picnics, drink sake, and enjoy the stunning blossoms. It's a time for relaxation, socializing, and appreciating the natural beauty of the season.

Day of the Dead, Mexico



The Day of the Dead, or Día de Muertos in Spanish, is a Mexican holiday celebrated on November 1st and 2nd. It's a time to honor and remember deceased loved ones. Families create ofrendas, or altars, adorned with flowers, candles, food, and photographs

of the departed. They believe that on this day, the spirits of the dead return to Earth to visit their families. The holiday is filled with colorful decorations, music, and traditional food.

Day of candles, Colombia



The Day of the Candles, or Día de las Velas, is a Colombian tradition celebrated on December 7th. It's a night of religious devotion and community bonding, where people light candles and place them outside their homes. The tradition is said to have originated as a way

to guide the Virgin Mary to Bethlehem. It's a time for reflection, prayer, and sharing stories with loved ones.



Inti Raymi, Ecuador



Inti Raymi is an Andean celebration that honors the sun god Inti. In addition to Ecuador, it is also celebrated in countries such as Peru and Bolivia, around the winter solstice (June 21). The festival is filled with colorful parades, traditional

music and dances. Communities join together to give thanks for the harvest and ask for blessings for the next agricultural cycle.

1. What is the main activity during Hanami?

- A) Visiting temples
- B) Having picnics under cherry blossoms
- C) Watching fireworks
- D) Flying kites

3. Where is the Day of the Candles primarily celebrated?

- A) Mexico
- B) Japan
- C) Colombia
- D) Ecuador

5. When do cherry blossoms typically bloom in Japan?

- A) Summer
- B) Winter
- C) Spring
- D) Autumn

2. What do families place on the altars during the Day of the Dead?

- A) Gifts and toys
- B) Flowers, food, and photographs
- C) Candles and water
- D) Lights and lanterns

4. In which month is Inti Raymi celebrated?

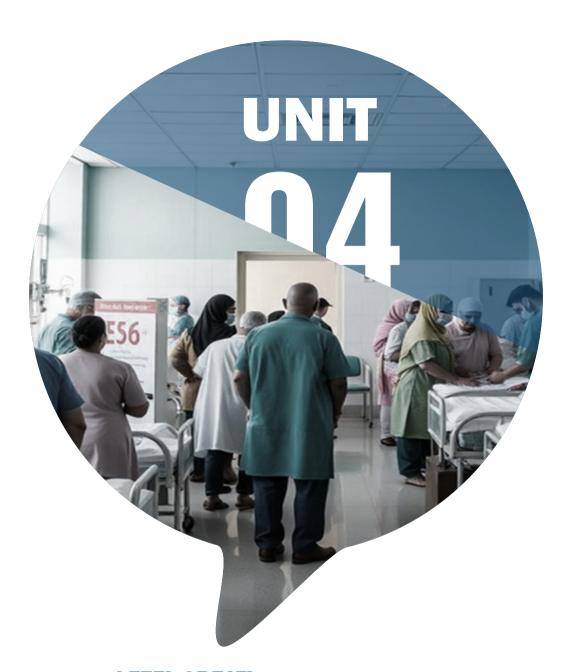
- A) March
- B) June
- C) September
- D) December

6. When is the Day of the Dead celebrated?

- A) October 31st and November 1st
- B) December 7th and 8th
- C) November 1st and 2nd
- D) January 1st and 2nd



he Day of the Candles?
A) Build altars
3) Light candles outside their
homes
C) Set off fireworks
D) Dance in the streets
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I FEEL GREAT!

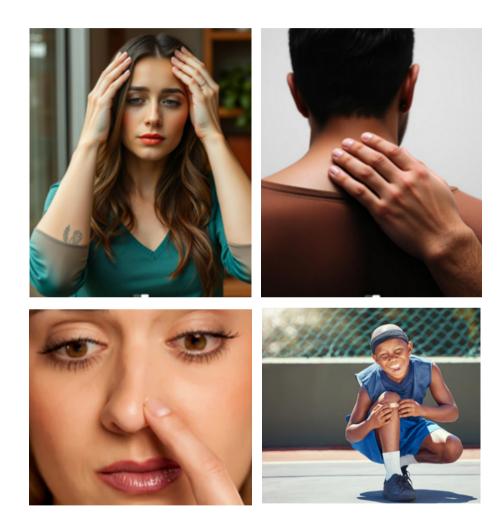
BY THE END OF THIS UNIT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- » Identify the body parts
- » Use health and sickness vocabulary.
- » Give advice and commands.

Lesson A:

How do you feel?

Warm up
Can you name the next body parts?



Brainstorm:

» List as many body parts as you remember.



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Vocabulary

Body parts

1. Listen and match:



arm

back

hip

leg

ankle





hair

ear

eyebrow

nose

mouth



eyes

Tooth/teeth

head

shoulder

chest

elbow

stomach

Foot/ feet

knee

chin



throat



thumb

hand



2. Say the parts of the body you see, then match.

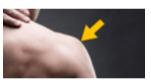
eyes

legs

shoulder

nose

hands











Conversation

Listen and practice.

Jason: Hey, David. How's it going

David: Hey, Jason. Not great, actually. I'm not feeling well.

Jason: I see you don't look good at all . What's the matter?

David: I'm not sure. I have a headache

Jason: Oh no, that's bad . Do you think it s a migraine?

David: Probably. I feel horrible.

Jason: Do you want me to call the doctor? Or do

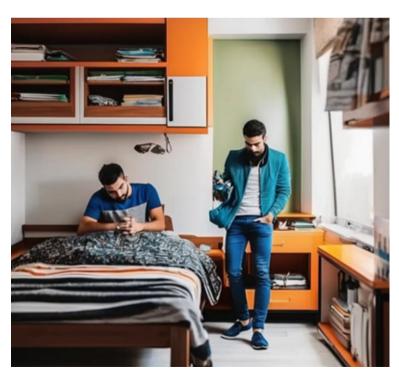
you want some water and a pill?

David: No, but thanks anyway.

Jason: Alright. I'm going to go to the cinema. Please call

me if you need anything.

David: Sure, thanks a lot.





Vocabulary

Listen and practice.



A backache



An earache



A headache



A stomachache



A sore throat



A cold



A cough



A fever



The flu



A toothache

Grammar

Have + noun; feel + adjective

Have + noun

Is there something wrong?

Do you feel okay?

I have a cold

I have a toothache

I have a fever

Feel + adjective

How are you?

How do you feel today?

I **feel** tired

I **feel** better

I don't feel well.

Have; has

have	has
I have	He has
You have	She has
We have	It has
They have	

Examples:

I have a cold, a fever and a runny nose.

Robert has a headache, let's offer him an aspirin.

Have+ noun; feel+ adjective

1. Complete the next sentences with the right vocabulary words from the boxes. (There's one extra word)

Sore throat

toothache

stomachache

1. I ate too much candy. I have a ______.

2. How do you feel? I _____ because I took an aspirin.

3. I have a ______, so I need to go to the dentist.

4. My teacher couldn't speak today, she had a ______.

5. Harry has a ______, he has a runny nose and some temperature.



- 1. I _____ (headache) and I ____ (dizzy).
- 2. She _____ (cold) because she ____ (fever).

- 3. They _____ (back pain) so they ____ (uncomfortable).
- 4. He _____ (stomachache) and he ____ (nauseous).
- 5. We _____ (allergy) and we _____ (sneezing).

New Vocabulary







dizzy

sneezing

nauseous

Wrap up

Imagine you are not feeling well today. Make a list of your symptoms

Example:

I don't feel good. I have...

- » A sore throat
- » A cold
- A fever





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Lesson B:

Try to relax

Wrap up

What medications do you use when you are sick?



Example:

» I drink hot tea and eat chicken soup.

Vocabulary

Common remedies



Chamomile tea

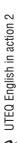


Cough syrup



Chicken soup









Eye drops

Aspirin







Antacid

Nasal spray

Ice pack

1. Listen and practice

Dr Carter: Hello, Ms. Bennett, How are you feeling

Ms. Bennet: Not good at all.

Dr Carter: What's the matter, Ms. Bennet?

Ms. Bennet: I have a bit of cold.

Dr Carter: Hmm. Why do you think that is?

Ms. Bennet: I think I might have caught it from a friend

Dr Carter: Ok... let's take a look at you

Some minutes later...

Dr Carter: I'm going to give you some cough syrup. Take one

tablespoon every evening

Ms. Bennet: Alright

Dr carter: and get plenty of rest

Ms. Bennet: Is there anything else that I need to do?

Dr Carter: Yes, stay hydrated and keep warm



Grammar

Imperatives

We use imperatives when we want to tell someone to do something

Imperatives	Negative
Get some exercise	Don't stress out
Eat a balanced diet	Don't eat lots of fast food
Sleep early	Don't watch too much TV
Drink lots of water	Don't drink soda every day







Don't eat!



Don't take photos!



Don't throw garbage!



Don't walk the dog!



Don't smoke!

Listen - Not talk - Run - Not leave - Play - Help - Not forget - Write -Not touch

- 1. Please *listen* to the instructions carefully.
- 2. You should _____ faster to catch the bus.
- 3. Let's _____ soccer in the park this afternoon.
- 4. Don't forget to _____ your ideas in your notebook.
- 5. _____ during the presentation; it's rude.
- 6. Please _____ your keys on the table.
- 7. _____ your bag unattended in public.
- 8. _____ that fragile item; it might break.

Wrap up

Research a popular remedy from another country.

- 1. Write a short paragraph (4-5 sentences) about the remedy, including:
 - Its name and origin.
 - · What it is used for.
 - A brief description of how it is prepared or taken.

Example:

Ginger Tea

Ginger tea is a popular remedy in China used to treat nausea and digestive issues. To prepare it, fresh ginger slices are boiled in water for about 10 minutes. Many people drink it to soothe their stomachs and improve digestion.



Lesson C:

Problems, problems

Listening

Where do these people hurt? Look at the pictures and check (\checkmark) the correct body part.





Elbow

Wrist

Head

Throat





___ Eyes

Head

Tooth

Forehead

Listening

Watch the video and answer the questions next page

- 1. These are the questions Dr North asks. Number them in the right order.
- » Is it the right ear or the left?
- » Who's the next patient?
- » Do you swim, Mr Lewis?
- » What's the problem today?
- 2. These are the instructions Dr North gives. Number them in the correct order.
- » Don't swim for a week.
- » Take the pills every day for a week.
- » Please sit down over here
- » Use the drops every morning.



Reading

Understanding Your Body and Pain

1. Read the text and then answer the questions below

Your body is a complex system made up of many parts that work together. Sometimes, when something is wrong, your body sends signals in the form of pain. Pain is a natural way for your body to tell you that something needs attention.

For example, headaches can happen when you are tired,

stressed, or dehydrated. Backpain can occur if you sit for long periods or lift heavy objects incorrectly. Muscle cramps are often caused by not drinking enough water or a lack of minerals in your diet. Listening to these signals helps you take care of your health.





If the pain is mild, resting, drinking water, or stretching can help. But if it lasts for a long time or is very strong, it's important to visit a doctor. Your body is always talking to you make sure to listen!

1. What is pain a signal of?A) That the body is restingB) That the body is healthyC) That something is wrong in the bodyD) That the body needs more food	2. What is a common cause of headaches?A) Eating too muchB) Sleeping too muchC) Stress or dehydrationD) Drinking water
3. Why might you experience back pain? A)Lifting heavy objects incorrectly B) Drinking too much water C) Running too fast D) Sleeping for too long	4. What can cause muscle cramps?A) OvereatingB) Lack of water and mineralsC) Excessive sleepD) Eating too many vegetables
5. What should you do if the pain is mild? A) Ignore it B) Rest, drink water, or stretch C) Take medicine immediately D) Call a doctor right away	6. What should you do if the pain lasts for a long time or is very strong? A) Drink more water B) Try to sleep C) Visit a doctor D)Do some exercise
7. What is the body always doing according to the text?	8. What is a common cause of back pain mentioned in the text?

- A) Running
- B) Talking to you
- C) Stopping pain
- D) Growing

- A) Too much water
- B) Sitting for long periods
- C) Eating unhealthy food
- D) Running too much



Writing

- 1. After reading, write a short essay (5-7 sentences) about:
- 1. A time when you felt pain and what you did.
- 2. What you learned about listening to your body.
- 3. Two tips for staying healthy based on the reading.

Example:

Last week, I had a headache after studying for too long without breaks. I realized I was dehydrated, so I decided to take a break and drink some water. From the reading, I learned that pain is a way for my body to communicate that something is wrong. It's important to listen to these signals. To take care of my health, I will make sure to stay hydrated and take regular breaks while studying. This way, I can avoid pain and keep my body happy.

Speaking

Look at the following problems that these people have:



Maria has frequent headaches and often feels tired.



John has backache from sitting too long at his desk







Sara has a stomachache so she is feeling uncomfortable.

Now, write a short response (3-5 sentences) giving advice to each person based on what you learned from the reading. Tell your advice to the class.

Example:

For Maria, I would suggest

For John, it might help

Sara should try to



WHERE IS THE BUS STATION?

BY THE END OF THIS UNIT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- » Talk about locations and things to buy
- » Ask for and give directions
- » Give opinions about tourist destinations.

Lesson A:

Places to go

Warm up

What are some popular tourist attractions in your country?



I love Quito, it is an interesting city	
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Vocabulary: Places in town



Gas station



Bowling alley



Aquarium











Department store

Hotel

Playground



ATM

Vocabulary

Places in town

1. Match and practice in pairs.

Example: Where can you get a meal? – You can get a meal at a restaurant.

PLACES TH	ANS	WERS	
1. hotel	a. groceries	1	С
2. supermarket	b. a bus	2	
3. gas station	c. medicine	3	
4. hospital	d. a room	4	
5. bus station	e. a meal	5	
6. drug store	f. medical care	6	
7. restaurant	g. parking spot	7	
8. parking lot	h. gasoline	8	



Conversation

Camille: Excuse me, Can you help me?

Police officer: Hello. Of course, what happened?

Camille: I need directions to some places. I'm visiting the city for

the first time.

Police officer: Where do you want to go?

Camille: I want to visit the city museum. Where is it?

Police officer: That is actually close. It's near the Great View Hotel

Camille: Really? I'm staying at the Great View Hotel. I guess I'll

check it later.

Police officer: Do you need anything else?

Camille: Yes, I do. Where is the best restaurant around?

Police officer: They serve good food at Gio's Restaurant. It's next

to the city library.

Camille: Where is the city library?

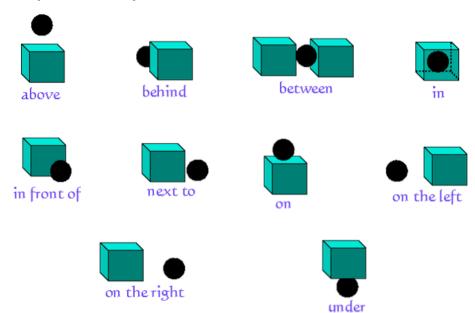
Police officer: It's in front of us. Look!

Camille: How did I not see it!? Thank you so much.

Police officer: You are welcome.



Prepositions of place



Grammar

Prepositions of place

Preposition	Example
on	The hospital is on Amazonas Street.
next to	The church is next to the flower shop.
across from	The store is across from the bakery.
behind	The park is behind the school.
between	The gym is between the city hall and the bank.
on the corner of	The drugstore is on the corner of Main Street and 8th.

Which statements are true?

We use prepositions of place to



give l	ocations
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... make new friends.

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City bank

Grammar:

Prepositions of place

Use prepositions of place to complete the directions

				Prep	ositions				
	Across f	rom		betwe	en		on		
	behind			Next to	0		Or	n the corner of	
Book st	core Chinese re:	staurant	Superma	F I R S T T R F E E t	Hospi		S E C O N D S T R E E T	National museum	M A I N S T R E E T
	D40-D14	Berri			IILL AVENUE				М
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- 1. The hospital is on Oak Hill Avenue.
- 2. The museum is ____ the church.
- 3. The bookstore is ____to the Chinese restaurant.
- 4. The Chinese restaurant is on Oak Hill Avenue, ___ the book store and the supermarket.
- 5. The church is ____ the city bank.
- 6. The National Museum is ___ Main Street.



- 1. The music store is _____ Santos Dumond Street and Rosa e Silva Avenue.
- 2. The hospital is _____ the pet shop.
- 3. The toy store is _____ the music store and the restaurant.
- 4. The supermarket is _____ the restaurant.
- 5. The fast-food restaurant is _____ Amélia Street.

Prepositions of place

Ask and answer questions about places in your city.

Use prepositions of place.

- A: Where is the central park?
- B: It's across from the church.
- A: Where is the airport?
- B: There's no airport in our city



Wrap up



- 1. When do we use prepositions of place?
- 2. Give 5 examples of prepositions of place.
- 3. Where is your school establishment?
- 4. Where is the nearest hospital?

Lesson B:

How do I get there?

Warm-up

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What's your favorite place in the city?

My favorite spot is		









Directions

Tourist: Excuse me, can you help me? I am looking for the museum.

Person: Certainly, it's about a five minutes' walk. I can give directions.



Tourist: Thank you. That's very kind of you.

Person: No problem. Go along this Street to the traffic lights. Do

you see them?

Tourist: Yes, I can see them.

Person: At the traffic lights, turn them into Queen Mary Avenue.

Tourist: Queen Mary avenue.

Person: Go straight. Take the second left and enter Museum

Drive.

Tourist: Ok, Queen Mary Avenue, straight on and then the third

left, Museum Drive.

Person: No, it's the second left

Tourist: Ah, right, the second Street on my left.

Person: Right, just follow Museum Drive and the museum is at

the end of the road.

Tourist: Great, thanks again for your help.



Directions

Asking for directions	Giving directions
How do I get to the library?	Go up
Where is the nearest ATM?	It's on the corner
Can you tell me the way to the airport?	Go straight ahead
I'm looking for this address	Turn left
I need to get to the bus station	Turn right
Is it far?	It's about 100 meters from here

Grammar

Directions



How do I get to the nearest ATM?

How can I get to the airport?

Walk up/ Go up Andreas Avenue.

Walk down/ Go down Evergreen Street.

Turn left on Ninth Street. It's **on the right.**



Directions

1. Match

- a. Asking for directions
- b. Giving directions



- How do I get to the train station? ____
 Turn right on Alamos Street. ____
 How can I get to the bay? ____
 Take a left turn. ____
- 5. Where is the nearest shopping mall? ____
- 6. Go straight this way. ____

2. Complete the conversation

Excuse me. Can you help me?	Thanks a lot
Is there a drugstore around?	Where on South Street?
Next to the bakery?	

Eva: Excuse me, can you help me?

Police officer: Sure

Eva:

Police officer: Yes, there is. It is in the shopping mall on South Street.

Eva:____

Police officer: It's on the corner of South Street and Sixth Avenue.

Eva:_____

Police officer: Yes, that's right. It's next to the bakery shop.

Eva: _____

Police officer: You're welcome.







Directions

3. Ask for and give directions to the places in the map.



Example:

A: Excuse me, how can I get to the museum?

B: Well, take a right turn. It is next to the factory.

A: Thank you for your time.

B: You are welcome



Wrap - up

- 1. Which phrases for giving directions do you remember?
- 2. Tell the class about how to get to the nearest park.
- 3. Which phrases for asking for directions do you remember?
- 4. Ask someone about how to get to the nearest ATM.



Lesson C:

Taking a tour

Listening

- Look at the picture. What do you see in the picture? Do you visit those places regularly?
- Listen to the conversation and find out where they are heading.

Α
В
C
D
(cinema, post office, bus station, underground station)





Reading Read about places to visit in Quito. Then, answer the questions.



Quito is the capital of Ecuador. It is a beautiful city in the Andes mountains. Many tourists visit Quito every year.

In the center of Quito,

you can find **Plaza de la Independencia**. This is a big square with a statue in the middle. There are many restaurants **around** the square. You can sit **at** a table and enjoy traditional Ecuadorian food.



Next to the plaza, there is a historic church called **La Catedral**. It is very old and has beautiful architecture. You can go inside and see the colorful windows.





In front of the cathedral, you can visit the **Presidential Palace**. It is a large building with a guard at the entrance. Tourists can take pictures **in front of** it.

Another famous place in Quito is the **Panecillo Hill**. It is **above** the city. You can hike **up** the hill and see a big statue of the Virgin Mary. The view **from** the top is amazing! You can see all of Quito.

At the bottom of the hill, there is a small market. You can buy souvenirs **from** local artisans. They sell handmade crafts, hats, and jewelry.

Quito is a great city for tourists. There are many places to visit and things to do. Enjoy your trip!



Select the right answers for each question 1. What is the capital of Where is Plaza de 2. Independencia located? Ecuador? a) Guayaquil a) In front of La Catedral b) Cuenca b) In the center of Quito c) Quito c) On Panecillo Hill d) Loja d) Near the market 3. What can you find next to 4. What type of food can you Plaza de la Independencia? enjoy around the square? a) Italian food a) A museum b) La Catedral b) Fast food c) The Presidential Palace c) Traditional Ecuadorian food d)A park d)Chinese food 5. What is located in front of 6. Where can you see the statue of the Virgin Mary? La Catedral? a) Statue a) Plaza de la Independencia b) The Presidential Palace b) La Catedral c) A market c) Panecillo Hill d) Panecillo Hill d) The market 8. Why do many tourists visit 7. What can you buy at the Quito? bottom of Panecillo Hill? a) For the beach a) Traditional food b)For the mountains and historic b) Souvenirs sites c) Clothes c) For shopping d) Art d) For adventure sports



Writing

Answer the following questions to make a paragraph about your city.

- 1. How often do you go out?
- 2. Where do you normally hang out with friends?
- 3. What do you usually do on the weekends?
- 4. Are there places to exercise in your city?
- 5. Are there traditional restaurants in your city?
- 6. Where do people attend concerts in your city?
- 7. What are the most popular means of transportation in your city?
- 8. What would you recommend to a tourist?



Wrap-up

Tell the class about your favorite place in the city. How can you get there? Why do you like it? Is there another nice place around?









ON THE WEEKEND

BY THE END OF THIS UNIT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- » Talk about weekend and vacation activities.
- » Ask for and give information about past activities.
- » Write about last weekend

Lesson A:

I had a good time

A: Look at the picture for 1 minute. Try to remember the activities you see. Add one more

B: Choose the activities you usually do on the weekends. Do you like doing them? Why or why not?



Check an email



Clean the house



Do the laundry



Exercise



Work or study



Wash the car



Visit relatives



Vocabulary

Activities

Complete the chart with your information. Then ask 2 classmates and share with the class.

Me		Classmate 1		Classmate 2	
I answer the email	I don't clean the house	S/he does the laundry	S/he doesn't wash the car	S/he goes grocery shopping	S/he doesn't exercise

Vocabulary

Regular verbs

Simple Past statements; regular verbs				
I visited my parents.	I didn't visit my parents.	Visit → Visited		
You accepted the present.	You didn't accept the present.	Accept → Accepted		
She decided to shop.	She didn't decide to shop.	Decide → Decided		
We adopted a white cat.	We didn't adopt a white cat.	Adopt → Adopted		
They exercised a lot.	They didn't exercise a lot.	Exercise → exercised		
didn't = did not				

Conversation

Listen to the conversation then complete the statements

Did you have a good weekend?

1. Well, on Saturday, I	in the morning. Then
the house	

		basketball. And in the
What did you c	myhouse. lo on Sunday? the car series on TV.	
1. Rose is talki	ing about her weeke	end. Complete the sentences
pasta but my (not like) it. I order some food (prepare) some I(call) i We and afternoon, she me to complete	(clean) my closet (dance). In the (help) my homework assig	
2. Complete th	ne sentences with t	he past simple affirmative
Mocache town y Daria Basketball (participate) Maxime test last night. (s	Championship for an English study)	
1	football at Centra her birthday pres	ıl Campus soccer field. (play) ents. (love)
		- (()

Eliza	some books for the teacher. (carry)
Alberto	his photos on Facebook. (post)
Sally	to Quevedo by car. (travel)

Wrap-up

Tell your classmate about your past activities?

	A STATE OF THE STA
1. Yesterday, I	The second
2. Last night, I	
3. Last week, I	
4. Last month, I	
5 Last year I	

Lesson B:

Did you have fun?

Warm-up

Irregular verbs

Complete the chart

Present	Past
	bought
	ran
	Took
	Made
	Put
	Rode
	flew
	Went
	did

Simple past statements

Irregular Verbs



I **did** my homework.
I **didn't do** the experiment.



You **got up** in the morning. You **didn't get up** at noon.



He **went** to the library.

He **didn't go** shopping.



We **met** our friends.
We **didn't meet** our boss.



You **came** home late.
You **didn't come** on time.



They **had** a barbecue.

They **didn't have** a party.



Simple past statements

1. Complete the story with the correct past tense form of the verbs in the box.

Saw	went	had	drove	met
took	gave	left	ran	got up





Yesterday, Marta _____ at 8am. She____ her She was late for college. She ____ breakfast, but there was no time breakfast quickly

dog some to take him for a walk.



____ to the bus stop and ____ to their first lesson. It was her friends



____the house. She They arrived at UTEQ and English.







Marta called her mum. Her and _____ the dog home in car.

Grammar

Simple past statements

2. Choose the correct verbs to complete the sentences.



- 1. Yesterday, I went / gave to Quevedo town in Ecuador.
- 2. Fred was hungry, so he **made / ate** at the shopping mall.
- 3. I went/ate a chanfaina food in Gato restaurant, It was delicious.
- 4. Sandra drank / did a lot of water after she ran / drove a race at UTEQ 2K.
- 5. I **thought / felt** South Bridge was the first one in Quevedo.

Simple past Yes/No questions

Did you have a nice evening? Yes, I **did.** I had a great time.

Did you go camping? No, I **didn't**. Actually, I went to the beach. **Did** Jake like his vacation? Yes, he **did**. He liked it a lot.

Did Jules and her best friend go to Miami?

No, they **didn't**. They went to Chicago.



3. Complete the conversation. Then practice with your partner.



A: Hi! What (1) _	you	_(do) last	weekend?	?
B: I (2)	(go) to the park. Wh	at about yo	ou?	
A: I (3)((stay) at home and (4	.)	(watch) a	a movie.
B: That sounds for	un! What movie (5) _	you _	(w	vatch)?
A: I (6) great!	(watch) a new action	n movie. It	(7)	(be)
B: Nice! I (8) (have) a	(play) socce a good time.	er with my	/ friends.	We (9)
A: Cool! How ma	ny goals (10)	you	(sc	ore)?
B: I (11)	_(score) two goals!			
A: Wow, that's an	nazing!			

Hi Nate,

interesting.

Simple past statements

Regular verbs and irregular verbs.

Mara wrote an email to a friend. Complete the sentences with the simple past form of the verbs in parentheses.

On Saturday, I (1) _____ (go) to the beach with my family. We (2) ____ (swim) in the ocean and (3) ____ (build) sandcastles. It (4) ____ (be) a lot of fun!

On Sunday, I (5) ____ (stay) at home. I (6) ____ (read) a book and (7) ____ (watch) a movie. The book (8) ____ (be) very

I hope you are doing well! I want to

tell you about my weekend.





What (9) _____ (do) last weekend? I would love to hear your stories!

Take care,

Mara

Wrap-up/Speaking



Tell your classmates about your weekend. Tell them five things you did and five things you didn't do.

A: I went to the Middle of the World last weekend.

B: I didn't go there. But I met my classmates.

C: I met my classmates, too! We went



Things I did	Things I didn't do				
I went to Baños.	I didn't make the bed.				
I ate a lot.	I didn't have a barbecue.				
I	I didn't				

UTEQ English in action 2

Lesson C:

Last Weekend

Did you have a good summer?

Pronunciation: -ed

A. Listen and Practice. Notice the pronunciation of -ed

/t/	/d/	/ld/
Cooked	Exercised	Decided

B. Listen and write these verbs under the correct sounds.

Worked	Cleaned	Wanted
Invited	Listened	Shopped

Listening: Last summer

Listen to the conversation and cross out all the verbs you hear.

Spoke	talked	went	liked	performed
visited	was	were	nau	enjoyed



Reading: Simple Past Tense

Read the story. Then answer the questions

My Last Vacation

Last summer, I went to the beach with my friends. We decided to visit a small town by the sea. We stayed in a nice hotel. Every morning, we woke up early and swam in the ocean. The water was warm and clear.



One day, we **took** a boat trip. We **saw** dolphins and many beautiful fish. It **was** amazing! After the boat trip, we **had** lunch at a local restaurant. I **ate** seafood, and it **tasted** delicious.

In the evenings, we **walked** along the beach and **talked** about our plans for the future. We **played** games and **listened** to music. It **was** so much fun!



I **returned** home happy and **relaxed**. I **missed** the beach and my friends, but I **will** always remember this wonderful vacation!







Select the right answers for each question 1. Where did the writer 2. Who did the writer go with? go on vacation? a) Family a) The mountains b) Friends b) A city c) Alone c) The beach d) Neighbors d) A desert 3.What kind of hotel 4. What did they do did they stay in? every morning? a) A small hotel a) Slept late b) Went shopping b) A big hotel c) A luxury hotel c) Swam in the ocean d) A cheap hotel d) Visited museums 5. What did they do 6. What did the writer on the last day? eat for lunch? a) Go shopping a) Pizza b) Visit a lighthouse b) Pasta c) Watch a movie c) Seafood d) Fly a kite d) Salad 8. How did the writer feel at 7. What did they see the end of the vacation? on the boat trip? a) Whales a) Sad and tired b) Dolphins b) Happy and relaxed c) Bored and lonely c) Sharks d) Sea turtles d) Angry and confused



Writing: Past time expressions

Write five sentences that are true for you. Choose a past expression to start your sentences. Add more information after the verb

Last week / weekend / month / year / yesterday - one / two / three weeks / months ago

Yesterday morning / afternoon / evening - this morning

Buy	go	have	leav	е	lose	get
	up	visit	play	watch	listen	

This morning. I left my keys on the chest of drawers in my bedroom.

1	
١.	

- 2.
- 3
- 4
- 5.

Wrap-up

Add two activities to the list. Check six things to ask your partner. Then ask and answer questions

Did you last summer?

- » do anything fun
- » play on the beach
- » eat seafood
- » read any books
- » visit any museums



- » watch any horror movies
- » see a famous person
- » Learn a new language

Example:

Did you do anything fun last summer?

Yes, I did. I went to explore Quilotoa lake last summer



I WAS BORN IN QUEVEDO.

BY THE END OF THIS UNIT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- » Talk about family and personal history.
- » Describe school experiences.
- » Talk about memories.

UTEQ English in action 2

Lesson A:

She was born in Ecuador

Warm-up

Look at the pictures. Where were they born?



Vocabulary: Some countries around the worldWhen was the independence of these countries?

The independence of Ecuador was on August 10, 1809.

		Countries		
The U.K.	The U.S.	Japan	Mexico	China
Ecuador	Brazil	Colombia	Australia	France



Conversation

A: Hi! What's your name?

B: Hello! My name is Maria. What about you?

A: I'm John. Nice to meet you, Maria! Where were you born?

B: I was born in Madrid, Spain. And you?

A: I was born in New York, USA.

B: That's interesting! When were you born?

A: I was born on June 15, 2000. How about you?

B: I was born on March 22, 2001.

A: So, we are almost the same age! What was your favorite place to visit as a child?

B: I loved visiting the beach. It was always fun! What about you?

A: I really liked going to the park. There were many trees and playgrounds.

B: That sounds great!

A: Yes, it was!

Grammar

	Past of be	
I was born in Quevedo.		Were you at home yesterday?
You were really kind.	You weren't fat.	Yes, I was./ No, I
She was ten years		wasn't.
old.	college.	Was your grandfather
We were at the	We weren't at	from Australia?
shopping mall.	school.	Yes, he was. / No, he
They were born in	They weren't	wasn't.
Guayaquil.	born in Madrid.	Were your cousins born



	in Ecuador?
	Yes, they were./ No, they weren't.
Weren't: were not	
wasn't: was not	

Grammar

	1.	Choose	the	riaht	option	was	or	were
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1. Where your uncle born?
a) Was b) were
2. A few years ago, my friends still in high school.
a) Was b) were
3. My favorite videogameMario Bros.
a) Was b) were
4. Whoyour first Math teacher?
a) Was b) were
5. When the last time you cooked?
a) Was b) were
6. What your favorite sport when you a kid?
7. Alice my best friend in university.
a) Was b) were
8. Where you at 5 o'clock yesterday morning?
a) Was b) were
Grammar: Past of be
2. Fill the gaps using was/ were/ wasn't/ weren't
I in Cuenca. I(-) in Loja.
My cousins Maria and Juan in Chile last year.
you in the concert? I didn't see you!

George Was Americ	0(/
My parents_	20 years old when they got married.
Lauren	_ the best student when she was in 7th grade.

Language in context: Famous first

Practice: Read the paragraphs. Use the model to write your own ones.



Richard Carapaz

He was born in Ecuador in 1993. He's a professional road racing cyclist, who has won medals for the country.



Neil Armstrong

The first person on the moon in 1969 was American astronaut Neil Armstrong. He was on the moon for only two and a half hours.



Venus and Serena Williams

The two sisters are one of the most popular tennis players. They won Wimbledon in 2000.

Writing: Famous first

Practice: Ask and answer information questions. Use the patterns.



Who was/were...

Where was/were...

Wrap up: Guess!

Say the name of a famous person



A: Fausto Miño.

B: He was born in Ambato, Ecuador.

A: Are you sure?

B: I'm positive.

Lesson B:

Where did you study English?

Combine the questions from column A with column B, analyze the correct option.

Column B		
Where yesterday?	did you go	1
When last vacation?	was your	2



Where with your family?	were you	3
Why the gym this morning?	did you do	4
How to school this morning?	did you miss	5
What last weekend?	did you get	6

Grammar: Where did you grow up?

Listen and practice the dialogue.

Maria: So, Robert, where did you grow up?

Robert: I grew up in Ecuador. Maria: Were you born there?

Robert: Yeah. I was born in Cuenca.

Maria: And when did you come

Quevedo?

Robert: In 2012.

Maria: How old were you back then?

Robert: I was eighteen. I went to college here.

Maria: Cool! What was your major?

Robert: Graphic designing. It was easy for me as I love drawing

and creating new things.

Maria: Seriously? So, why did you become a hairstylist?

Robert: I thought I was good at it, besides I had to work to pay

for my expenses. So, what do you think!?

Maria: I guess it's ...different!

Grammar: Wh-questions in past with did.

Questions and responsions and responsible past tense with did	the state of the s

Where did Claire grow up? She grew up in London.





What did your brother do there?	He worked in a shopping mall.	
When did you come to Miami?.	We came to Miami in 2023	
Why did you become a lawyer?	Pecause I wanted to interpret laws.	

Grammar: Past time expressions

LAST	AGO	YESTERDAY
Last night	10 minutes ago,	Yesterday
Last Sunday	An hour ago,	Yesterday morning
Last week	Three days ago,	Yesterday afternoon
Last weekend	A week ago,	Yesterday evening
Last year	A month ago,	The day before yesterday
Last month	A year ago,	
Last vacation	Two years ago,	

Grammar: Wh-questions in past with did, was, and were.

Listen and practice the dialogue with your classmates.

Phone Conversation

Emily: Hi, Jake! How was your weekend?

Jake: Hi, Emily! It was great! On Saturday, I went to the park with my family. We had a picnic and played soccer. What about you?

Emily: That sounds fun! I stayed home on Saturday. I watched a

movie and cooked dinner.

Jake: Nice! What movie did you watch?

Emily: I watched a comedy. It made me laugh a lot! After that, I called my friend and we talked for an hour.

Jake: That's cool! On Sunday, I visited my grandparents. We ate lunch together and talked about old stories.



Jake: Wow! I love museums. What was your favorite part?

Emily: I really liked the painting exhibit. The colors were beautiful!

Jake: That's awesome! I wish I could have gone with you.

Emily: Maybe next time!

Jake: Definitely! Let's plan something for next weekend.

Grammar: Wh-questions in past was, and were.

Wh- questions	Answers
Where were you born?	I was born in Quevedo.
When was he born?	He was born in 2019
How old were you in 2005?	I was fifteen
What was your favorite subject in primary school?	English was my favorite subject.

Grammar

Verb to be in past (was and were)

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	INTERROGATIVE	
Yes, I was	No, I wasn´t	Was I?	
Yes, You were	No, You weren't	Were You?	
was	No, He / She / It wasn't	Was He / She / it !	
Yes, We / You / They were	No, We / You / They weren't	Were We / You / They ?	

Were you at the university yesterday?

Yes, I was.

No, I wasn't

Why was she late for class yesterday?

Because she missed the bus.



Oranina i i			
Choose the cor	rect answer to complete the questions.		
1	_ old was your sister last year? She was 30.		
a) When			
b) How			
c) Why			
2	was that horrible noise? It was something in		
the kitchen.			
a) Why			
h) How			

Grammar: How do you say the years? Listen and repeat the years.

Grammar: Practice

c) What

Years
1900 = nineteen hundred
1908 = nineteen oh eight
1994 = nineteen ninety-four
2000 = two thousand
2006 = two thousand and six
2024 = two thousand and twenty-four or twenty-twenty four

Ask the questions. Use a year in your responses.

When were your brothers born?	·
When were you born?	
When did your father turn 15?	
When did you start college?	
When did you get your I.D.?	
When was your father born?	



Wrap-up

Tell your partners the responses of these questions.

What class wasn't your favorite?

What did you eat when you were in high school?

Why did you learn English?

Who were your best friends in high school?

Who was your favorite teacher when you were in primary school?

Lesson C:

My Exciting Past

Pronunciation

Listen and practice the pronunciation.

One syllable	ble One syllable		
Aren´t	Don't	lsn't	Doesn't
Weren´t	Can´t	Wasn´t	Didn't

Listen and practice the sentences.

We **didn't** like the movie because it **wasn't** interesting at all.

You don't like wine, and he doesn't like soda.

This isn't my book, and I can't read Japanese.

You **weren't** in class yesterday morning, and you **aren't** in class today.

Listening

Listen to the conversations and choose the correct answers.

Conversation 1:

What did Mia do during the weekend?

a. Stayed at home

b. went shopping

c. saw a movie

Conversation 2:

Who did Sophie go with to the cinema?

a. Mark

b. her friends

c. Alone

Conversation 3:

Did the man go to the restaurant too?

- a. Yes, he did. He went with his girlfriend
- b. No he didn't.
- c. No, didn't, because he doesn't have money.

Conversation 4:

Why did the man didn't go to watch the movie?

- a. He was sick
- b. He doesn't like the movie
- c. He was working all day

Reading

Look at the photo. Then read and answer:



A Day at the Park

Last Saturday, Maria and Tom went to the park. The weather **was** beautiful. The sun **was** shining, and there **were** many people outside. Maria **was** very happy.

In the park, there **were** children playing on the swings. The children **were** laughing and having fun. Tom and Maria wanted to join them, but they **weren't** sure how to play.



They saw a group of friends having a picnic. The food **was** delicious! There **were** sandwiches, fruits, and drinks. Maria and Tom **weren't** invited to the picnic, but they **were** very hungry.

After walking around the park, they found a bench. They sat down and talked. Maria said, "The park **was** great today!" Tom agreed and replied, "Yes, but we **weren't** very active."

At the end of the day, they went home. Maria said, "Next time, we **will** play more!" Tom smiled and said "Yes, it **wasn't** a bad day after all."

Select the right answers for each question		
1. What day did Maria and Tom go to the park?a) Sundayb) Saturdayc) Fridayd) Monday	2. How was the weather? a) Rainy b) Cold c) Beautiful d) Windy	
3. What were the children doing in the park?a) Eatingb) Playing on swingsc) Sleepingd) Reading	4. Were Maria and Tom invited to the picnic?a) Yes, they wereb) No, they weren'tc) They didn't want to god) They were late	
5. What food was at the picnic?a) Pizzab) Sandwiches, fruits, and drinksc) Chips and sodad) Ice cream	6. What did Maria and Tom do after walking around the park? a) They went home b) They had a picnic c) They sat on a bench d) They played games	



- 7. How did Maria feel about the park?
- a) She was sad
- b) She was happy
- c) She was bored
- d) She was angry

- 8. What did Tom say at the end of the day?
- a) It was a bad day
- b) They should go home
- c) It wasn't a bad day after all
- d) They should leave the park

Reading

Before you read: Answer the questions: What was Charlie Chaplin's famous for? Where was he from?



Charles Chaplin was a famous actor and filmmaker. He was born in London, England, in 1889. Chaplin had a difficult childhood. His father was not at home, and his mother was often ill. When he was a young boy, he worked to help his family.

Chaplin became an actor when he was just a teenager. He was very talented and made many people laugh. His most famous character was the Little Tramp. The Little Tramp wore a bowler hat, had a small mustache, and walked with a funny style. This character was very popular in silent films.



Chaplin's movies were not only funny; they also had important messages about life. He talked about love, happiness, and the struggles of people. Some of his best films are "City Lights," "Modern Times," and "The Great Dictator."

Charles Chaplin was a pioneer of cinema. He changed the way people saw films. He passed away in 1977, but his legacy lives on. Many people still watch his movies today and enjoy his timeless humor.

Select the right answers for each question			
1. Where was Charles Chaplin born?	2. What was the name of Chaplin's famous character?		
a) United States	a) The Cat		
b) France	b) The Little Tramp		
c) England	c) The King		
d) Germany	d) The Great Man		
3. In what year was Charles Chaplin born?	4. What type of films did Chaplin make?		
a) 1880	a) Only action films		
b) 1889	b) Only horror films		
c) 1900	c) Silent and comedic films d) Only documentaries		
d) 1920			
5.What did Chaplin's character look like? a)Had a cape b) Wore a bowler hat and had a mustache c) Wore a baseball cap d)Wore a cowboy hat	6. What was the name of Chaplin's famous character? a) The Cat b) The Little Tramp c) The King d) The Great Man		



7. How were Chaplin's films received in the 20th century?

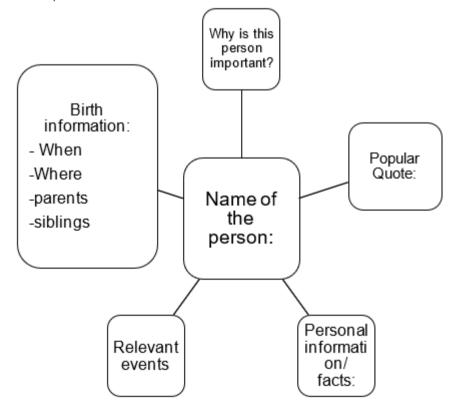
- a) They were ignored
- b) They were very popular
- c) They were criticized
- d) They were only for children

8. What is Charles Chaplin's legacy?

- a) His films were forgotten
- b) His work remains important today
- c) He did not make any famous films
- d) He was only a theater actor

Writing

Complete the biography chart about someone you know, or a famous person.





Wrap-up

Think of a famous person from the past. Your partners will ask you some yes/no questions to guess the person.

- » Was he/she born in ...?
- » Was he/she an actor?
- » A singer?
- » A writer?
- » A designer?
- » Was he/she short?
- » Skinny?
- » Attractive?







LET'S MEET AT THE PARK

BY THE END OF THIS UNIT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- » Describe people's locations.
- » Make, accept, or decline invitations.
- » Make excuses.

Lesson A:

Can I take your message?

Warm-up

1. Can you name these places and situations?









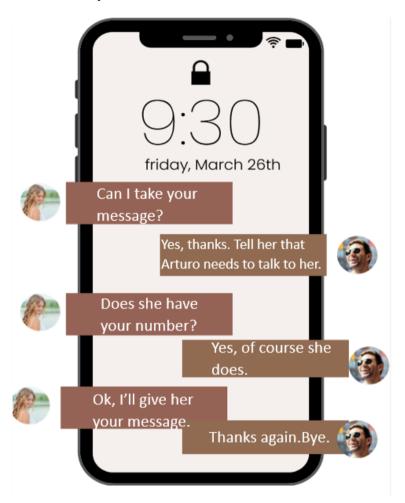
Conversation

1. Listen and practice



Conversation

Listen and practice



Grammar

Prepositions of place: in, on, at.

Use "in": for enclosed spaces and longer periods of time.

Use "on": for surfaces and specific days or dates.

Use "at": for specific points or locations and exact times.

Challenge: Try to find one preposition in the conversation!







Grammar

Prepositions of place: in, on, at.

In	On	At
In my house	On vacation	At the library
In class	On a farm	At the beach
In Ecuador	On a plane	At work
In the shower	On 25th of June Street	At the supermarket
In a meeting	On the bus	At the party







In class

On vacation

At work

Grammar

Choose the right preposition.

- 1. There were no pictures or posters___ the wall.
 a) At
 b) In
 c) On
 2. The park is ___ the end of this avenue.
 a) At
 b) In
- 3. Where is my purse?

"It's the table, look!

a) At

c) On

- b) In
- c) on
- 4. During the pandemic, the authorities asked to us to stay ____ home.
- a) At
- b) In
- c) On
- 5. Do you live _____ the city or are you a tourist?



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- a) At
- b) In
- c) on

Speaking

1. Think about people you know. Where are they now? Practice with a partner and take turns to share your thoughts.

For example: My friends are on vacations now.

Listening

- 1. Check your understanding. Listen to Michael, he's leaving a voice messages to his friend Mark, explaining why he couldn't go on vacation with him.
- 2. Now, listen again and select the right answer:

1. Why couldn't Jake visit Mark on vacation?	2. What does Jake hope to do with Mark in the future?	
A) He was busy with work.	A) Go to the beach.	
B) He had family obligations.	B) Work together on a project.	
C) He was traveling to another city.	C) Relax and catch up.	
D) He had a project deadline.	D) Visit another country.	
3. Which of the following places does Jake mention?	4.When does Jake have to be at the office?	
places does Jake mention?		
places does Jake mention? A) The office	be at the office?	
places does Jake mention?	be at the office? A) Every day	

Grammar

Subject and object pronouns.

Subject pronouns	Object pronouns
	Me
You	You
He	Him
She	Her
It	It
We	Us
You	You
They	them



Subject and object pronouns.

What's the difference?

Subject and **object** pronouns are two different kinds of pronouns (words that replace nouns) that play different grammatical roles in sentences.

Challenge: Take a look at the dialogue again and find subject and object pronouns.





Grammar

Subject and object pronouns.

Subject pronouns

It refers to who performs an action.

She got Arturo's message.

Object pronouns

It refers to who is affected by an action.

Arturo left **her** a message.

- 1. Circle the pronoun in each sentence. Write "o" if the pronoun is an object and "s" if the pronoun is a subject.
- ___S___1. They collect old coins.
- _____2. Bruno called me some days ago.
- _____3. You are fired!
- 4. The teacher won't let us enter to the classroom.
- _____5. We are going to the beach next weekend.
- _____6. My sister lent me her jacket.

Wrap up

Role-play the next phone conversation. Then, change roles.

Student A: Call to your friend's house.

His daughter answered the phone because your friend is not there.

Student B: You are the daughter of student A (the friend).

Answer the phone. Your father is not in. Take the message.

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Lesson B:

I would love to!

Warm-up

Popular free-time activities



spend time with family, go to the beach, fly a kite, stay home, relax...

What's your favorite vacation activity?

My favorite vacation activity is _	

Grammar: Invitations; verb+ to

Listen and practice the dialogue.

Antonio: Hello, Isabel.

Isabel: Hi, Antonio. How are you?

Antonio: I'm fine, thank you. Actually, I have great news.

Isabel: Really? Tell me about it.



Antonio: That new action movie is on theaters now and I have

two tickets. Do you want to go?

Isabel: When?

Antonio: Tomorrow.

Isabel: I'm afraid I can't. Tomorrow I'm busy. Would you like to go on

Thursday?

Antonio: The tickets are valid only for tomorrow. Don't worry. Hey! Do you want to do something on Friday?

Isabel: What do you have in mind?

Antonio: There is a new restaurant downtown. Would you like to

try the food there?

Isabel: I want to go out this weekend, yes. Do you want to see a

movie after that?

Antonio: Yes, I'd love to see a movie.

Grammar: Invitations; verb + to

Would; verb + to + verb

Would you like to go bowling with me tomorrow evening?

Yes, I would.

Yes, I'd love to, thank you very much.

Yes, I'd really like to go with you.

Excuses:

Would you like to go for a drink?

I'd like to, but I have to work tomorrow.

I'd like to, **but** maybe another time.

I'd like to, **but** I will meet my friends later.



Grammar: Invitations; verb + to.

Read the conversation.

Do you want to have dinner with us?

- Sure, I'd like to visit you.
- I'd like to, but I have to travel in two hours.

Would she like to go to the museum?

- Yes, she'd love to (go to a museum)!
- She likes museums, but she has to ask for permission at home.

l'd = l would



Write I (invitations) or R (response)

- __ Would you like to eat out this weekend?
- __ Yes, that sounds great.
- __ I'd like to, but I'm really busy
- __ Do you want to visit the National Park?



Grammar: Invitations; verb + to

Complete using like to, love to, or want to.

1.What activities would you do this weekend?

- A) like to
- B) love to
- C) want to

2.I'd really _____ try that new restaurant in town.

- A) like to
- B) love to
- C) want to

3.She says she would _____ 4. Do you ____ go hiking read books in her free time. during the summer? A) like to A) like to B) love to B) love to C) want to C) want to 5. They'd travel to 6.He'd watch scary different countries every year. movies with you. A) like to A) like to B) love to B) love to C) want to C) want to **Grammar: Invitations; verb + to** Unscramble the sentences 1. you / play tennis / Do / to / want / with me?

- 2. want / together after class? / study / Do / to / you 3. like / to / around the city / take a tour / would / I
- 4. go / love / would / I / to / hiking in the mountains



Wrap up

Tell your partners the responses to these questions.

- 1. How can you invite somebody to do something?
- 2. Tell the class about something you enjoy on vacations.
- 3. Tell the class about something you want to do this weekend.
- 4. Would you like to travel abroad?



Lesson C:

I'd love to, but I need to save money!

Listening

Listen to Anna and Jake talking about plans for the weekend. Select true or false.

1. Jake wants to spend time indoors this weekend.	True	False
2. Anna is planning the picnic at a park near the river.	True	False
3. Jake would bring fruit and snacks to the picnic.	True	False
4.Anna wouldn't mind bringing some sandwiches to the picnic.	True	False
5. Jake suggests inviting Sarah to the picnic.	True	False
6. Anna thinks Sarah would love to join the picnic.	True	False



Reading

Read the website article. Choose the correct option.



New Year's Eve in Ecuador

In Ecuador, New Year's Eve is a very special celebration. People have many fun traditions.

On December 31, families get together to celebrate. They eat a big dinner with delicious food. Some popular foods are turkey, rice, and salad.

At midnight, people celebrate with fireworks. The sky lights up with colorful lights. Everyone shouts "Happy New Year!" and hugs each other.

One important tradition is making "**Año Viejo, or monigotes**" dolls. These dolls are made of old clothes and stuffed with paper. People decorate the dolls and put them outside their homes. At midnight, they burn the dolls. This symbolizes getting rid of the old year and starting fresh in the new year.

Another fun tradition is wearing yellow underwear. Many people believe this brings good luck for the year ahead.

In the streets, there are parties with music and dancing.

People celebrate with friends and family. They enjoy the festive atmosphere.

New Year's Eve in Ecuador is a joyful time. It is a time for hope and new beginnings!



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Reading

Select the right answers.

1.What do families do on December 31?

- A) Go to the beach
- B) Get together to celebrate
- C) Visit friends
- D) Dance tribal music

3. What happens at midnight during the celebration?

- A) People go to bed
- B) People celebrate with fireworks
- C) People leave the party
- D) People burn "monigotes"

5. What do people do with the dolls at midnight?

- A) Give them away
- B) Burn them
- C) Keep them inside
- D) Through it to the sea

7. Where do people celebrate New Year's Eve in Ecuador?

- A) In the mountains
- B) In the streets and homes
- C) In restaurants only
- D)The middle of the world

2. What is a popular food eaten on New Year's Eve in Ecuador?

- A) Pizza
- B) Turkey
- C) Sushi
- D)Tamales

4. What are "Año Viejo" dolls made of?

- A) Old clothes and paper
- B) Wood and metal
- C) Flowers and leaves
- D) Plastic bottles

6. What color underwear do many people wear for good luck?

- A) Red
- B) Blue
- C) Yellow
- D) Light blue

8. What does New Year's Eve symbolize for people in Ecuador?

- A) A time for sadness
- B) A time for hope and new beginnings
- C) A time for traveling
- D) A time for eating





Reading

Read the next blog and choose true or false.



Maria's New Year's Eve in New York

Last year, Maria **celebrated** New Year's Eve in New York City. She **was** very excited to experience the famous Times Square celebration.

On December 31, Maria **woke up** early and **visited** her friends. They **had** breakfast together and **talked** about their plans for the night. Maria **felt** happy because she **was** with good friends.

In the afternoon, they **went** to Times Square. The streets **were** full of people. Everyone **sang** songs and **danced**. Maria **took** many pictures. She **saw** the big ball that **drops** at midnight.

As the evening **went** on, they **found** a good spot to watch the celebration. At 11:59 PM, everyone **counted** down together: "Ten, nine, eight..." When the clock **struck** twelve, the sky **exploded** with fireworks. Maria **cheered** and **hugged** her friends.

After the fireworks, they **enjoyed** some hot chocolate and **shared** their wishes for the new year. Maria **was** grateful for her friends and the wonderful night.

It was a New Year's Eve she would never forget!

1. Maria celebrated New Year's Eve in Los Angeles.	True	False
2. She was excited to experience Times Square.	True	False
3. Maria had lunch with her friends on December 31.	True	False
4. The streets in Times Square were empty and quiet.	True	False
5. At midnight, everyone counted down together.	True	False
 Maria took many pictures during the celebration. They enjoyed hot chocolate after the fireworks. 	True	False
7. Maria forgot about her friends by the end of the night.	True	False
8. They enjoyed hot chocolate after the fireworks.	True	False



Reading

Read the following letter and answer the questions.

HOLIDAY PLANS

by Anna Clark

Hello, everyone!

I'm Anna, from Chicago, and I'm going to share my exciting vacation plans! Next week, I am traveling to the Galapagos Islands, and I can't wait!

I am going to explore the beautiful islands and see the amazing wildlife. I've always wanted to see the giant tortoises and the blue-footed boobies. I will also go snorkeling in the clear waters. I hear it's an unforgettable experience!

I am going with my best friend, Maria. We both love nature and adventure, so this trip is perfect for us. We are planning to hike on different islands and take many pictures.

We are flying out next Saturday morning. We will arrive in the afternoon and check into our hotel. After that, we are going to relax and enjoy our first evening on the beach.

We are staying at a small hotel close to the ocean. I can already imagine waking up to the sound of the waves!

I am so excited about this trip! I will keep you updated with pictures and stories from the Galapagos. Stay tuned for more adventures!



1. What is A	nna going to	do in the Galapagos	Islands?
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2. Who is Anna going with?

3. When are they leaving for the trip?

5. Where are they staying during their vacation?

6. What activities are they planning to do?

Writing

Look at the email and do the exercises to improve your punctuation and writing skills.

From: Kevin

To: Karen

Subject: This weekend

Hi Karen

We're meeting at the shopping mall on Saturday morning. Dani and Rafael are coming. Do you want to come with us? It's going to be sunny and hot ©

Speak soon.

Kevin

Writing



Write an email to a friend to invite him/her to do something. Think about these questions: Who will you write to? What activity are you doing? When and where? What time are you meeting up? Who else is going with you?

From:			
To:			
To: Subject:			
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Writing

Look at the question and letter and do the exercises to improve your writing skills.

Ouestion

You are going to stay with your Uncle Robert next month. Read this letter from him about your visit. Write a reply and answer all Uncle Robert questions.

Dear Sam,

Your Aunt Mary, your cousin Harry and I are so glad you're coming to stay with us next month. How long can you stay for? Please, stay as long as you wish! We can pick you up from the airport, so let us know the time and day of your arrival. We have a beautiful zoo and beach near our home, and there are several sea food restaurants too. What would you like to do here?

See you soon,

Robert



Dear uncle,

Nice to hear from you. I can stay for a week. Thanks, it would be great to see you at the airport. I'm arriving on 5 April at 12:00. I love water sports so I would like to go swimming or surfing and of course eating the best sea food, because I want to invite you all to one of those nice restaurants.

Looking forward to seeing you next month.

Sam

Writing

Match the phrases with the definitions and write a—e next to the numbers 1—5.

- 1.....let us know
- 2..... write a reply
- 3..... pick somebody up
- 4..... hear from somebody
- 5...... come/go to stay with somebody

- a. collect someone from somewhere in your car
- b. tell me.
- c. visit somebody and live in their house for a few days
- d. get a letter, email or message from somebody
- e. write a letter, email or message back to somebody



Wrap up

Imagine a friend invites you to go to Greece or London. Practice with your partner, accept or decline the invitations. If you decline, make a good excuse!



Do you want to go to Greece with me?

- Sure, I'd ...
- I'd like to, but I have to ...

Would you like to go to London with me?

- Yes, I'd ...
- I love Europe, but I need to ...



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This book was created by professors of the English teaching department of the Universidad Técnica Estatal de Quevedo, with the purpose of providing a content guide that facilitates the teaching-learning process of the English language as a foreign language, to all students of the different faculties of the institution, corresponding to level 2 of said subject. This book covers content focused on achieving a basic A1 level, based on the guidelines provided by the Common European Framework of Reference, which aims to enable language learners to manage a basic level of communication, being able to understand and interact according to aspects of daily life. Basic personal information, among others. Therefore, this book includes topics such as simple present, present continuous, past simple, frequency adverbs, prepositions of place, among others, related to level A1. Along the same lines, the content has been designed and adapted in such a way that it is able to respect the culture, diversity and social reality of the students, showing through both receptive skills, such as Reading, listening, and productive skills such as writing and speaking, in which topics that identify and connect the learner with the Ecuadorian context will be found.



