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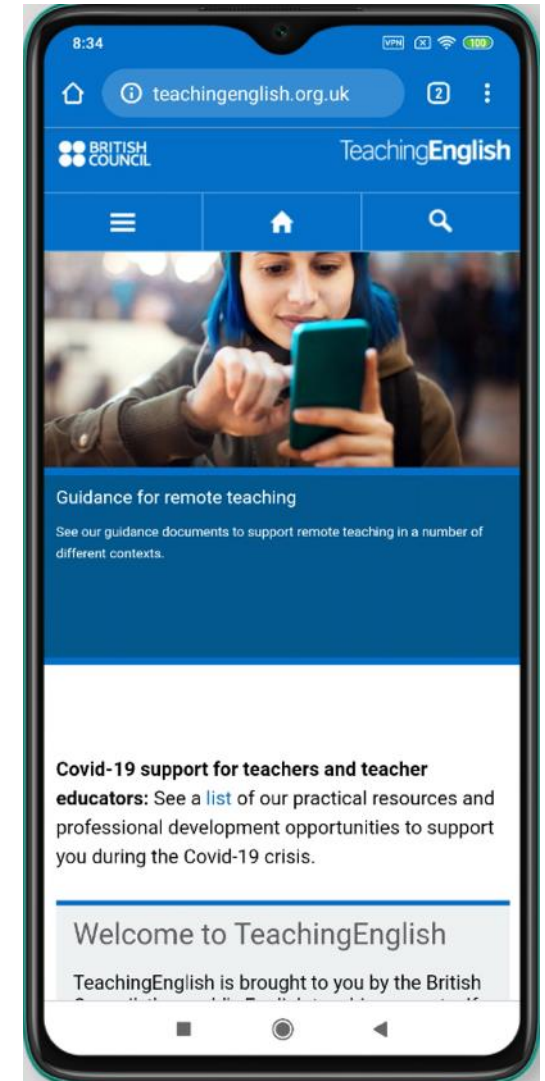
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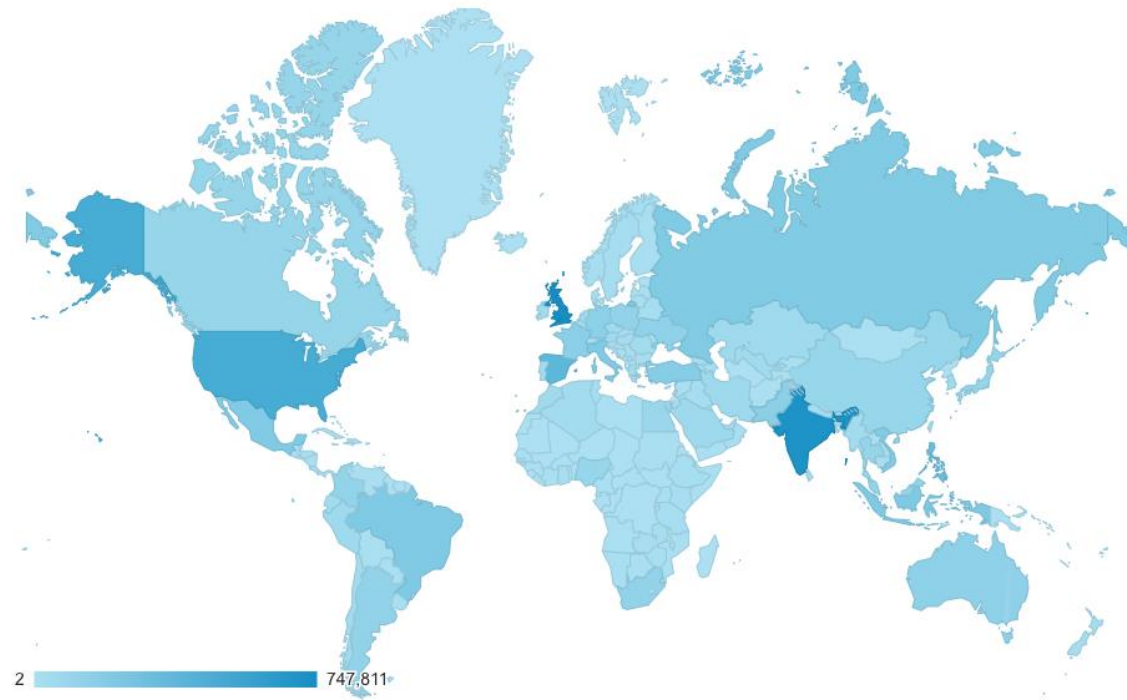
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The British Council is committed to supporting the use of technology for the continuation of education in a crisis. As many teachers find themselves in an unfamiliar situation of having to teach their classes online, with little or no experience, the British Council TeachingEnglish website is committed to providing as much support as possible to help you navigate your way through the world of online teaching.

A lesson plan sample – Chinese New Year

level 2

In this lesson children learn about Chinese New Year customs.



Aims

- To learn about Chinese culture
- To practise language for speculating
- To learn how to take turns, reach an agreement with a partner
- To develop intercultural awareness

Age group

Older primary/Younger secondary

Level

CEFR level A2 and above

Time

60 minutes

Materials


The lesson plan, board, question cards, answers and rules can be downloaded in PDF format below. In addition, you will need:

- dice (one per group) and counters (one per pair of players) – you can print dice and counters here:

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/crafts/snakes-and-ladders>


Downloads



 [Lesson plan](#)

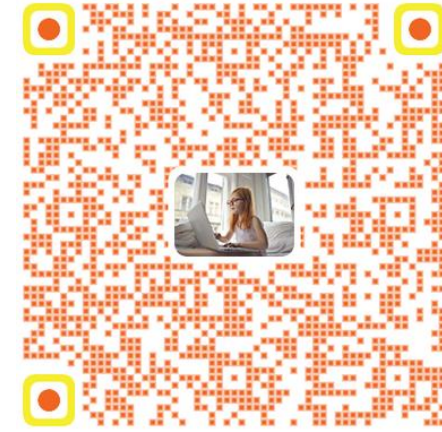
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Homework Sample – Helping others (Level 3)

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3. Read!

Read the fact file and complete exercise 2 on the previous page.

FACT FILE: Helping others

FUN FACTS:

- 5 September is the International Day of Charity.
- The world record for volunteering is 77,019 hours!
- The largest sponsored walk was in the Philippines. There were more than 175,000 people!

Helping others is a great thing to do. You can learn new things and have fun. You can help people, animals or the environment. It can make you feel good too! How can you help?

Charities are organisations that help others, for example, UNICEF or the World Wildlife Fund. You can help charities by giving your time, giving money or giving things that you own. You can also help people or places you know.

Volunteering
Volunteering is when you give your time to help others. Some ways of volunteering are:

- visiting old people to talk to them or help them
- walking dogs at an animal shelter
- cleaning up a park.

Fundraising
Fundraising is when you collect money to help others. Some ways of fundraising are:

- making cakes or biscuits to sell
- doing a sponsored activity. For example, family and friends give you money if you finish a long walk.

Donating
Donating is when you give your things to help others. Some ways of donating are:

- giving your old toys or clothes to a charity that helps sick children or poor people
- giving your old books to a library.

So, what can you do to help others?

4. What do you think?

What was the most interesting fact about helping others? Have you ever done any volunteering, fundraising or donating? How could you help the people, animals or environment near you?

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Helping others

1. What's the word?

Write the word under the pictures.

people	animals	environment	money
donate	walk the dog	biscuits	library

	people		

2. True or false?

Read the fact file on the next page and circle true or false for these sentences.

a. You can help people, animals or the environment.	<u>true</u>	false
b. Charities are organisations that help others.	true	false
c. You can give your homework, money or things that you own.	true	false
d. Volunteering is when you give your time to help others.	true	false
e. Walking dogs at an animal shelter is a way of fundraising.	true	false
f. Fundraising is when you collect food to help others.	true	false
g. You can make cakes or biscuits to eat to collect money for a charity.	true	false
h. Giving your old clothes to a charity is a way of donating.	true	false

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- Designed especially for 13-17 year olds.
- Learn English while having fun and get top exam tips.
- Learn and practice grammar and improve vocabulary
- Share opinions and ideas, learn from others.

The screenshot shows the British Council LearnEnglish Teens website. The header is purple with navigation links: Log in, Sign up, Newsletter, English, My English level, TeachingEnglish, LearnEnglish Kids, and LearnEnglish. Below the header is a navigation bar with icons and links for Courses, Skills, Grammar, Vocabulary, Exams, UK now, Study break, and Magazine. The main content area is titled 'Exams' and features a large image of students in a classroom. Below this are six smaller sections, each with an image and text:

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Homework Sample – Appearance (beginner/A1,elementary/A2)

Interactive













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Vocabulary: Appearance

Do these exercises to help you learn words to describe people's appearance.

1. Check your vocabulary: picture matching
Write the correct words in the boxes below the pictures.

beautiful	handsome	old	young	tall	short
fat	slim	thin	blond hair	ginger hair	dark hair

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Vocabulary: Appearance

2. Check your vocabulary: gap fill
Complete the sentences with words from the previous page.

- _____ is the opposite of short.
- If you eat lots of junk food, you will get _____.
- _____ people are below average height.
- _____ is the opposite of old.
- You are _____ when you are 50 or 60 years old.
- _____ is the opposite of fat.
- A good-looking woman is _____.
- _____ is similar to thin.
- You have _____ if your hair is a yellow colour.
- A good-looking man is _____.

Discussion

Which of these words describe you or your friends?

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Grammar – intermediate to upper intermediate

选择语法课程



'as' and 'like'

Do you know how to use *as* and *like* correctly?

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'enough'

Do you know how to use the word *enough*?

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'in spite of', 'despite', 'although', 'even though' and 'though'

Do you know how to connect two contrasting ideas?

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'just', 'yet', 'still' and 'already'

Do you know how to use *just*, *yet*, *still* and *already* with the present perfect?

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'so' and 'such'

Do you know how to use the words *so* and *such*?

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Shishirsharma

replied on 14 June, 2020 - 05:25 India

I have completed this test but I am literally confused In grammar 2 test question number 7 It is about Insects and butterflies

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Peter M

replied on 14 June, 2020 - 07:18 Poland

Hello Shishirsharma,
In question 7 of Grammar test 2 the correct answer is *like*.

The sentence contains some examples, which is why *like* is used. For example, here is the sentence without those examples:

Many fruit trees need insects to help them produce fruit.

We use *like* to add examples:


Many fruit trees need insects *like bees and butterflies* to help them produce fruit.

Peter
The LearnEnglish Team

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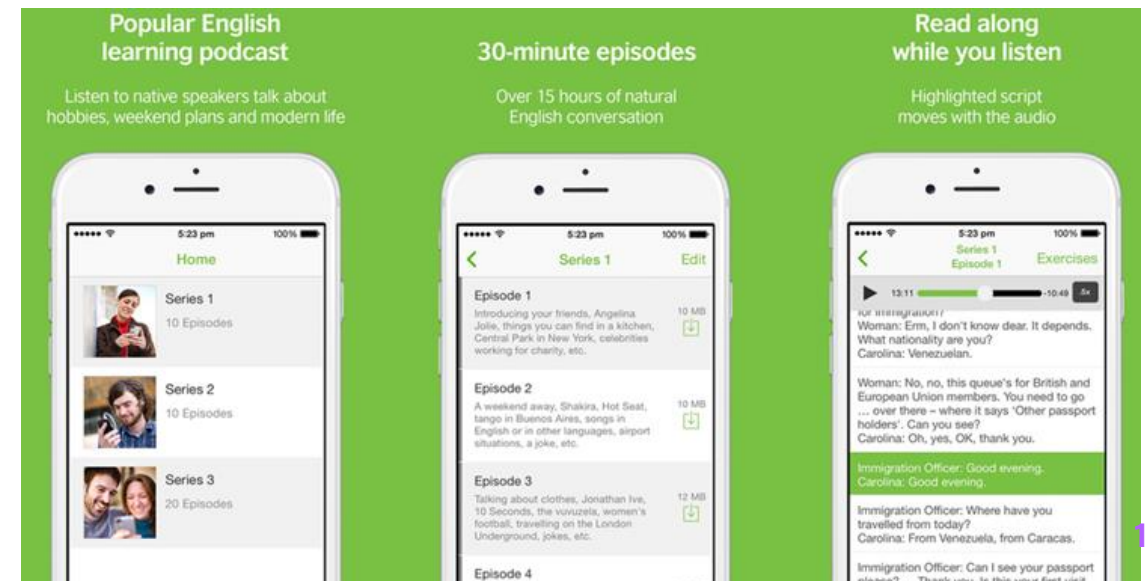


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Autumn

Read and colour!
Read the sentences and colour the picture.



Colour the tree brown.	Colour the apples red and green.
Colour the leaves red and orange.	Colour the basket yellow.
Colour the scarecrow's hat purple.	Colour the squirrel red.
Colour his gloves pink.	Colour the nuts brown.
Colour his clothes green and blue.	Colour the pumpkin orange.

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Easy access to the content – access to homework



Coding

Schoolchildren in the UK are learning computer coding. What do they think about it? And are teachers ready for the coding revolution?

Year of Code
Can you believe that not long ago the World Wide Web didn't exist? 2014 marked the 25th anniversary of the internet. It was also the Year of Code, and from 2014 the UK school curriculum across all state primary and secondary schools included computer coding. That means schoolchildren aged 5–16 can learn code, the language (or languages) used to give instructions to computers. The British government wants to give children the computer skills they may need for the future. Learning code might help them to find work when they leave school.

Geek or enthusiast?
Some young people already know how to code, of course. Amy Mathers first tried coding at a science festival when she was 11. She was recently named the 'European Digital Girl of the Year' and now she teaches older pupils how to code during her school lunch breaks. She also gives speeches at computer industry events to encourage young people to try coding. She calls herself a geek but doesn't see that as a negative thing. She challenges people to look up the word 'geek' in the dictionary and find out that it describes someone who's an enthusiast. Amy says that she isn't surprised that coding is getting more and more popular, as so many people have smartphones and use computers.

Volunteer groups
School isn't the only place where you can learn coding. There are groups of volunteers around Britain and the whole world who help young people learn these skills. Steven Flower is part of the CoderDojo organisation which runs free coding clubs for people aged 5–17. He started with a group of just eight boys a few years ago and these days about 150 teenagers a month attend at his Manchester CoderDojo. All the children need to bring is a parent, a laptop and the desire to learn how to code. There are plenty of girls who come to the group, Steven says, although the majority tend to be boys. You can look on the CoderDojo website to find your nearest group.

Can you code?
There have been some criticisms of the government policy to teach coding. For example, people are worried that teachers aren't prepared because they need to be trained to code before they can teach it to their students. Other negative comments involve Lottie Dexter, who helped organise the Year of Code campaign. Lottie was interviewed on TV about this project and she admitted that she didn't know how to code! Some people think that wasn't a good advert for encouraging girls to learn coding. A representative defended Lottie by saying that because 90 per cent of people don't know how to code it seemed logical to use a person without those skills to help publicise the initiative.

Activity 1 – True or false

Are the sentences true or false?

1. The internet was 25 years old in 2014.	True	False
2. The British government wants schools to teach a new subject.	True	False
3. Amy Mathers learned how to code when she was a teenager.	True	False
4. Amy teaches children how to code at lunchtime.	True	False
5. Steven Flower's coding club is expensive.	True	False
6. There are more boys than girls at Steven Flower's coding club.	True	False
7. All British teachers know computer coding.	True	False
8. Lottie Dexter told a TV interviewer that she could code.	True	False

Activity 2 – Reordering

Write the words in the correct order to make sentences.


- 2014 was the | the UK | Code | in | Year of
- British | taught to | is being | Computer coding | schoolchildren.
- to call | is | herself | a geek | Amy Mathers | happy
- when | 11 | Amy Mathers | started | she was | coding
- of people | is popular | smartphones, | coding | because lots | have | Amy says
- a laptop if | take | you go | You have to | to a CoderDojo | coding club.
- every month | his club | Steven Flower | 150 young | has about | people at
- teachers aren't | ready to | teach | is that | coding yet. | One criticism

Write about it!

Why is it important for young people to learn to code? Write your ideas below.

Answers
Activity 1
1. True 2. True 3. False 4. True 5. False 6. True 7. False 8. False
Activity 2
1. 2014 was the Year of Code in the UK.
2. Computer coding is being taught to British schoolchildren.
3. Amy Mathers is happy to call herself a geek.
4. Amy Mathers started coding when she was 11.
5. Amy says coding is popular because lots of people have smartphones.
6. You have to go to a CoderDojo if you want to use a laptop for coding.
7. Steven Flower has about 150 young people in his club every month.
8. One criticism is that teachers aren't ready to teach coding yet.

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