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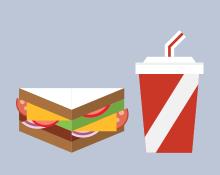






















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# **Notes for Teachers**

# The Intermediate Topic-based Teaching Resources eBook

This collection of over 100 teaching resources from the Teach-This.com website provides worksheets, activities, and games aimed at Intermediate level (B1) students. These resources have been created by a dedicated team of highly qualified and experienced ESL professionals and have been tried and tested many times in the classroom.

The resources can be used in any general English course and are intended to supplement other materials. These resources are flexible enough to be easily incorporated into most lesson plans and can be used to introduce or reinforce language, practice or revise language structures, or improve core skills.

The book contains a wide range of easy to use, practical, and effective supplementary materials that focus on speaking practice as well as vocabulary or grammar exercises or activities to help students develop their reading and writing skills.

### How to Use this eBook

First, scan through the table of contents to select a teaching resource. To make the selection process easy, all resources are categorised according to their relevant language point and are arranged in alphabetical order. The table of contents also indicates the aim of each resource and lists activity types that the students will engage in. Shortcut hyperlinks that quickly and easily direct you to your chosen resource are included.

Each resource comes with detailed teacher's notes that provide key details such as activity types, language focus, aim, preparation requirements, and estimated time duration. The notes also include a comprehensive step-by-step procedure and answer keys, making lessons quick and easy to plan. Each resource comes in a user-friendly and printable A4 PDF format.

### **Activity Types Explained**

Each resource in this eBook falls into one of three categories: worksheets, activities, or games. The worksheets provide opportunities for students to examine form and function and exercises typically focus on either vocabulary or grammar. The activities are designed to provide opportunities for students to practice using the language in more interactive and interesting ways. The games offer students more fun and engaging methods to practice the language and help to liven up lessons.

For each language point covered in this eBook, you will generally be provided with one standalone worksheet, one activity, and one game to help students learn and practice the language in different ways.

### **Controlled, Freer and Communicative Practice**

Speaking activities in this eBook are labelled as either controlled or freer practice. In the controlled practice activities, students are given the target language to practice in a limited form. These activities are more restricted, and the focus is more on developing accuracy. The freer practice activities provide students with prompts that require them to make meaningful choices before they use the language. This enables students to produce the target language more independently with more of a focus on fluency than accuracy. The communicative activities are more free form in nature, giving students more control over the content and the structure of the language used.

Name	Aim	Activity Type	
Animals			
1. Awesome Animals	To practice vocabulary that can be used to describe animals.	Vocabulary and Writing Exercises	
2. Animal Scramble	To practice vocabulary associated with animals.	Reading and Vocabulary Exercises	
	Christmas		
3. Christmas in England	To learn about English Christmas traditions by completing sentences with adverbs of frequency.	Vocabulary, Grammar and Listening Game	
4. Christmas Mimes	To guess what Christmas traditions or activities students are doing from mimes.	Speaking Game	
5. Christmas Story	To learn about Christmas traditions and practice narrative tenses.	Reading and Writing Exercises	
6. Little Piccola's Christmas Story	To read a Christmas story and complete exercises based on the text.	Reading, Vocabulary and Writing Exercises	
	Cities and Towns		
7. Exploring a New City	To practice vocabulary related to cities and towns.	Vocabulary and Writing Exercises	
8. Fun in the City	To review and practice adjectives and nouns related to cities and towns.	Vocabulary Game	
9. City Limits Lingo	To complete a crossword by describing and guessing words related to cities, towns, and public places.	Vocabulary Activity	
	Clothes and Fashion		
10. Can I try these on?	To practice clothes shopping language.	Reading, Vocabulary and Speaking Activity	
11. Clothes and Fashion Questionnaire	To ask and answer questions about clothes and fashion.	Speaking Activity	
12. Clothing Patterns and Materials	To learn and practice eight clothing patterns and materials.	Vocabulary Exercises Speaking Activity	
13. Clothing Attitudes	To complete and discuss multiple- choice questions based on clothes and shopping.	Reading and Vocabulary Exercises Speaking Activity	
Colours			
14. Colours Quiz	To form and then ask and answer trivia questions about colours as part of a quiz.	Speaking Activity	

Name Aim		Activity Type		
Computers and Smart Phones				
15. Tech Verb Take One	To practice computer and smartphone verbs and to ask and answer related questions.	Vocabulary Game Speaking Activity		
16. Byte-sized Vocabulary	To learn and practice verbs and nouns related to computers and smartphones.	Vocabulary Exercises Speaking Activity		
17. Smart Pairs	To practice or review vocabulary related to computers and smartphones.	Vocabulary Game		
	Countries and Nationalities			
18. A New Country	To create a new country made up of the best qualities and features from other countries.	Vocabulary and Speaking Activity		
19. Countries Information Gap	To ask and answer questions about countries in order to complete missing information in a chart.	Speaking Activity		
20. Let's go East	To ask and answer questions in order to find out factual information about twelve Asian countries.	Speaking Activity		
	Crime, Law and Punishment			
21. Stop Thief!	To practice making questions in the past and present simple.	Vocabulary and Grammar Exercises		
22. Criminal Bets	To practice crime-related vocabulary.	Vocabulary Game		
	Cultural Celebrations			
23. Good Times	To talk about personal and public celebrations you have throughout the year.	Speaking Activity		
24. Thanksgiving	To learn about the American celebration of Thanksgiving and related vocabulary by completing a variety of exercises.	Reading and Vocabulary Exercises Speaking Activity		
25. Which festival?	To practice verbs that are commonly used to describe customs associated with international cultural celebrations.	Vocabulary, Reading, and Listening Activity		
Easter				
26. Easter Crossword	To complete a crossword by listening to clues and guessing Easter vocabulary.	Vocabulary Activity		
27. Easter Fact or Fiction?	To review Easter vocabulary and take part in an Easter quiz.	Speaking Game		

Name	Name Aim			
Easter continued				
28. What's the Word?	To complete a crossword by describing and guessing Easter words.	Vocabulary Activity		
	Family and Relationships			
29. Family and Relationships Crossword	To complete a crossword by describing and guessing words related to family and relationships.	Vocabulary Activity		
30. Family Tree	To complete a family tree by asking and answering questions.	Vocabulary and Speaking Activity		
31. A Family Picnic	To practice vocabulary for family relations.	Vocabulary and Reading Activity		
	Food and Drink			
32. Containers and Amounts	To match containers and amounts with food and drink items.	Vocabulary Exercises		
33. Food Adjectives	To learn about food adjectives and write an email, describing food at a dinner party.	Vocabulary and Writing Exercises		
34. Food and Cooking Survey	To ask and answer yes/no questions about eating and cooking habits.	Speaking Activity		
35. Food for Thought	To write about and discuss types of food and dishes.	Speaking Activity		
36. Fruit and Vegetable Games	To learn the names of fruit and vegetables.	Vocabulary Game		
37. School Lunches	To categorize food items and plan a school lunch menu.	Vocabulary and Speaking Activity		
	Going Out and Entertainment			
38. A Bad Day Out	To practice vocabulary related to going out.	Vocabulary, Reading and Speaking Activity		
39. Entertainment Dilemmas	To review and practice vocabulary related to going out and entertainment.	Vocabulary Game		
40. That's Entertainment!	To learn and practice vocabulary related to going out and entertainment.	Vocabulary Exercises Speaking Activity		
Halloween				
41. Halloween Crossword	To complete a crossword by listening to clues and guessing Halloween vocabulary.	Vocabulary Activity		
42. Halloween Vocabulary	To learn Halloween vocabulary and traditions.	Vocabulary Exercises		

Name Aim		Activity Type		
Halloween continued				
43. The History of Halloween	To learn Halloween vocabulary and use it to complete a text about the history of Halloween.	Vocabulary and Reading Exercises		
	Health and Fitness			
44. Thoughts on Fitness	To practice expressions related to health and fitness.	Speaking Activity		
45. Find Someone Who	To practice health and fitness vocabulary.	Speaking Activity		
46. Health Tips	To practice vocabulary associated with health and fitness.	Reading and Vocabulary Exercises Speaking Activity		
	Hobbies and Free Time			
47. Free-Time Collocations Game	To play a pelmanism game to practice play, go, have, take and do collocations related to free-time activities.	Vocabulary Game		
48. Free-Time Fact Finder	To review and practice hobbies and free- time vocabulary.	Speaking Activity		
49. Hobbies Taboo	To describe and guess hobbies and free- time activities in a game of taboo.	Vocabulary Game		
50. Phrasal Verbs about Hobbies	To practice ten phrasal verbs related to hobbies.	Reading and Vocabulary Exercises Speaking Activity		
51. What did I do at the weekend?	To guess what free-time activity a classmate did at the weekend by asking past simple yes/no questions.	Vocabulary and Speaking Game		
52. Which free-time activity?	To ask yes/no questions in order to find out which hobby or free-time activity is on a card.	Speaking Game		
Houses, Rooms and Furniture				
53. Furniture and Decor Dash	To review and practice furniture and decor vocabulary that go with different areas of a house.	Vocabulary Game		
54. Faulty Furnishings	To practice vocabulary related to furniture and things found in the home.	Vocabulary and Speaking Activity		
55. Make Yourselves at Home	To practice vocabulary related to houses, rooms, and furniture.	Vocabulary and Speaking Activity		

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Idioms				
56. Hang in there!	To practice common idioms by using them to complete sentences.	Vocabulary Game		
57. Well-known English Idioms	To learn and practice 12 commonly used English idioms.	Vocabulary Exercises Speaking Activity		
	Jobs and the Workplace			
58. Fun Jobs Games	To practice jobs and their related duties.	Vocabulary Games		
59. Guess the Job	To describe past and present job duties using the past simple and present simple.	Vocabulary and Speaking Game		
60. Likes and Dislikes at Work	To learn and practice how to express likes and dislikes for different work activities.	Speaking Activity		
61. The Job Interview	To role-play a job interview and practice asking and answering questions.	Speaking Activity		
62. The Right Person for the Job	To ask and answer questions about likes and dislikes for work-related activities and to choose a job for a partner based on their preferences.	Speaking Activity		
63. This job	To match jobs to statements and then to discuss the statements in a group and collectively agree on one job for each statement.	Speaking Activity		
64. What do they do?	To match cards together to make sentences about jobs.	Vocabulary Game		
	Modes of Transport			
65. Let's Learn about Transport	To learn and practice transport vocabulary and related verb collocations.	Vocabulary Exercises		
66. Transportation Crossword	To describe and guess different modes of transport.	Vocabulary Activity		
67. The Tabarca Island Ferry	To practice vocabulary related to public transport.	Vocabulary Exercises Speaking Activity		
Money				
68. Money Talks	To practice vocabulary related to money.	Vocabulary Exercises Speaking Activity		
69. Money Dominoes	To practice money-related vocabulary.	Vocabulary Game		

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	Music				
70. Words That Rock!	To learn and practice vocabulary related to music.	Vocabulary Exercises Speaking Activity			
71. Music Trivia Challenge	To practice vocabulary related to music.	Vocabulary Activity			
72. Music Mania	To review and practice music vocabulary.	Vocabulary Game			
	Numbers				
73. Confusing Numbers	To practice saying large numbers ending with <i>teen</i> and <i>ty</i> .	Vocabulary and Pronunciation Activity			
74. Numbers Quiz	To dictate and write down large numbers and then to use the numbers to complete a quiz.	Listening and Speaking Game			
75. The Population Game	To guess the exact population of a country by asking <i>Are there more/less than?</i> questions.	Vocabulary and Speaking Game			
	Parts of the Body				
76. Parts of the Body Crossword	To complete a crossword by describing and guessing parts of the body.	Vocabulary Activity			
77. Anatomy Adventures	To practice or review body parts vocabulary.	Reading and Vocabulary Games			
78. Parts of the Body Quiz	To answer quiz questions about parts of the body.	Vocabulary Game			
	Reading Comprehension				
79. Unusual Fears	To read a text about unusual phobias and then complete comprehension exercises about the text.	Reading Exercises Speaking Activity			
80. Two Jobs	To complete a series of comprehension exercises about a text describing two jobs and then to play a jobs guessing game.	Reading Exercises Speaking Activity			
Seasons					
81. Summer Vocabulary	To learn and practice vocabulary associated with summer.	Reading and Vocabulary Exercises			
82. Super Seasons	To practice or review vocabulary associated with the four seasons.	Vocabulary Game			

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	Space	
83. Solar System Superlatives	To complete facts about the solar system with superlatives and then used the sentences in a quiz.	Speaking Activity
84. Space Odyssey	To review and practice vocabulary related to space.	Vocabulary Game
	Sports	
85. Game, Set and Match	To answer questions about sports and then try to find another student for each question who has the same answer.	Speaking Activity
86. Sports Connections	To practice making connections between sports by playing four card games.	Vocabulary Game
87. Sports Time	To practice sports vocabulary and action verbs related to sports.	Vocabulary Exercises
	The Natural World	
88. Water Vocabulary	To learn and practice water-related vocabulary.	Vocabulary Exercises Speaking Activity
89. Geo-Trivia Challenge	To review or practice vocabulary related to geographical features.	Reading and Vocabulary Games
	Time Expressions	
90. Present Time Mime	To mime sentences on cards for others to guess in order to practice time expressions in the present simple and present continuous tense.	Grammar and Vocabulary Game
91. Past Time Expressions	To practice past time expressions.	Vocabulary Exercises Speaking Activity
	TV and Film	
92. Film Genres	To learn about different types of film genre and then to discuss and recommend films from the different genres.	Vocabulary and Speaking Activity
93. Movie Conversation Questions	To ask and answer questions about films.	Vocabulary and Speaking Activity
94. Movie Review	To learn film vocabulary and write and discuss movie reviews.	Vocabulary, Reading and Writing Exercises Speaking Activity
95. TV and Film Question Time	To ask and answer questions about TV programmes and films.	Speaking Activity

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	Valentine's Day	
96. Messy Valentine's Day Mystery	To solve a mystery about who received a Valentine's Day card from who.	Speaking Activity
97. Valentine's Day Crossword	To complete a crossword by listening to clues and guessing Valentine's Day vocabulary.	Vocabulary Activity
98. Valentine's Day Race	.	
	Weather	
99. The Weather Report	To practice weather vocabulary and the future form <i>be going to</i> to talk about weather forecasts and then to make and present a weather report.	Reading, Vocabulary, Grammar and Speaking Activity
100. True or False Weather Game	To play a true or false game and make sentences with specific weather vocabulary.	Vocabulary and Speaking Game
101. Weather Vocabulary	To identify and practice using weather adjectives, verbs and nouns.	Vocabulary and Reading and Exercises

# **Activity Type**

Vocabulary and Writing Exercises: unscrambling, matching, categorising, sentence completion, gap-fill, true or false, guessing (pair work)

# **Focus**

Animal vocabulary

# Aim

To practice vocabulary that can be used to describe animals.

# **Preparation**

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

### Time

30 minutes

# Introduction

In this animals worksheet, students practice vocabulary that can be used to describe animals.

### **Procedure**

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

To start, students unscramble letters to form animal names.

Exercise A - Answer key

A. snake	D. crocodile	G. monkey	J. giraffe
B. turtle	E. bee	H. bat	K. sheep
C. rabbit	F. whale	I. elephant	L. wolf

Students then match the animals to their descriptions.

Exercise B - Answer key

1. C, rabbit	4. G, monkey	7. D, crocodile	10. A, snake
2. H, bat	5. B, turtle	8. I, elephant	11. L, wolf
3. E, bee	6. J, giraffe	9. F, whale	12. K, sheep

Following that, students put words into their animal-related categories.

Exercise C - Answer key

Places where animals live	Things animals do	Adjectives used to describe animals	Things animals eat
rivers, oceans, farms, mountains, jungles, deserts	bark, jump, bite, swim, climb, fly, run, hunt, sing	fast, cute, lazy, dangerous, intelligent, small, slow, friendly, big	fish, meat, leaves, grass, insects

Next, students match halves to make sentences that describe an animal and try to guess what the animal is.

Exercise D - Answer key

1. f 2. d 3. e 4. a 5. b 6. c

Animal: a dolphin or a whale

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# Procedure continued

After that, students think of another animal and describe it by completing sentences.

Students then read the description to a partner to see if they can guess the animal.

Lastly, students complete sentences with animal names from a box. In their pairs, students then decide if each sentence is true or false, underlining the answer that they think is correct.

