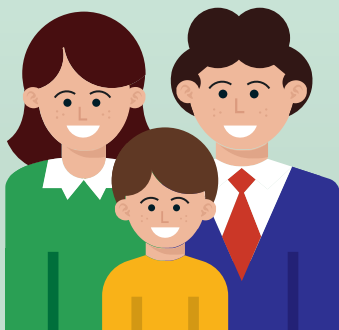


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Notes for Teachers

The Upper-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 upper-intermediate level (B2) 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, freer or communicative 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.

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Name	Aim	Activity Type
Animals		
1. Describing Animals	To practice describing various animals using adjectives and nouns.	Vocabulary exercises
2. Animal Trivia Challenge	To practice vocabulary related to animals.	Vocabulary activity
Christmas		
3. A Festive Match	To practice vocabulary related to Christmas.	Vocabulary activity
4. Santa's Secret	To practice talking about Christmas using related vocabulary.	Vocabulary and speaking game
Cities and Towns		
5. Town Terminology	To review and practice vocabulary related to cities and towns.	Vocabulary exercises
6. Urban Explorer	To review and practice vocabulary related places in a city.	Vocabulary and speaking activity
7. Urban Trivia Quiz	To practice vocabulary for urban places.	Vocabulary game
Clothes and Fashion		
8. Celebrity Fashion	To describe the clothes and appearance of five celebrities.	Vocabulary and writing activity
9. Clothes Quiz	To revise vocabulary related to clothes and fashion.	Vocabulary game
10. Clothes Vocabulary Test	To review clothes vocabulary and adjectives related to clothing, fashion and appearance	Vocabulary exercises
11. Unusual Clothing	To categorise unusual clothes-related words into items worn or found above or below the waist.	Vocabulary game
Colours		
12. Colourful Language	To practice or review vocabulary related to colours.	Vocabulary exercise Speaking activity
13. Beyond the Rainbow	To practice adjectives related to colour and the names of less common colours.	Vocabulary game
Computers and Smart Phones		
14. Caught in the Act	To review and practice vocabulary related to smartphones.	Vocabulary and writing activity

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Name	Aim	Activity Type
Computers and Smart Phones (continued)		
15. Smarter than Smartphones	To practice vocabulary related to smartphones.	Vocabulary game
16. Tech Team Taboo	To practice computer-related vocabulary by describing and guessing computer nouns.	Vocabulary and speaking game
Countries and Nationalities		
17. Worldly Wordsmiths	To review and practice vocabulary related to countries.	Vocabulary game
18. Passport to Fluency	To practice advanced country-related vocabulary and asking and answering topic-related questions.	Vocabulary and speaking activity
19. Countries Vocabulary	To learn and practice advanced vocabulary related to countries.	Vocabulary exercises
Crime, Law and Punishment		
20. The Prison Cell	To learn and practice the names of crimes.	Vocabulary and speaking activity
21. Judgement Day	To invent a theft, and present evidence and suspects to a jury, who try to identify the perpetrator of the crime.	Speaking activity
22. The Perfect Plot	To practice nouns and verbs used to discuss common crimes.	Vocabulary, reading and writing exercises
Cultural Celebrations		
23. Lunar New Year Crossword	To complete a crossword by describing and guessing words related to Lunar New Year.	Vocabulary activity
24. St. Patrick's Day	To learn and practice vocabulary related to St. Patrick's Day.	Vocabulary activity
25. Ramadan	To learn about the Muslim holiday Ramadan and its associated vocabulary.	Vocabulary activity
Easter		
26. An Eggcellent Easter	To practice vocabulary related to Easter.	Vocabulary activity
27. Easter Vocabulary Challenge	To review and practice Easter Vocabulary.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity Vocabulary game

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Education		
28. A Scholarly Match	To practice vocabulary related to education.	Vocabulary activity
29. Learner's Lexicon	To practice vocabulary related to education.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
Family and Relationships		
30. Keep it in the Family	To describe and define words related to family.	Vocabulary and speaking game
31. Match Up	To practice family and relationships phrasal verbs and idioms.	Vocabulary and speaking game
32. Relationship Phrasal Verb	To practice phrasal verbs that are commonly used to talk about relationships.	Vocabulary, writing and reading exercises Speaking activity
33. It Runs in the Family	To practice family relations vocabulary.	Vocabulary and speaking activities
Food and Drink		
34. Food and Drink Collocation Dominoes	To form and practice food or drink collocations.	Vocabulary game
35. Gone in 30 Seconds	To talk about food-related words for 30 seconds.	Vocabulary and speaking game
36. Pizza and Pancakes	To complete recipes with cooking verbs.	Vocabulary and speaking activity
37. Disappointed Diners	To practice adjectives related to food.	Vocabulary activity
38. Food Frenzy Board Game	To practice verbs, adjectives and nouns related to food and drink.	Vocabulary and speaking game
Going Out and Entertainment		
39. A Day at the Theme Park	To learn vocabulary related to theme park attractions and to practice language for agreeing and disagreeing.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
40. After Dark	To practice vocabulary related to a night out.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
41. Out on the Town	To practice vocabulary related to going out and entertainment.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
Halloween		
42. Creepy Clues	To complete a crossword by describing and guessing Halloween vocabulary.	Vocabulary activity

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Name	Aim	Activity Type
Halloween (continued)		
43. Halloween Word Wizardry	To practice vocabulary related to Halloween.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activities
Health and Fitness		
44. Health and Fitness Dominoes	To make health and fitness collocations and use the collocations in sentences.	Vocabulary and speaking game
45. Health and Fitness Phrasal Verbs	To practice health and fitness phrasal verbs.	Vocabulary and speaking activity
46. Get Some Exercise	To practice vocabulary and phrasal verbs related to exercise.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
Hobbies and Free Time		
47. Free-Time Fun	To practice vocabulary related to hobbies and free-time activities.	Vocabulary activity
48. Fun with Hobbies	To practice the names of hobbies and their related vocabulary.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activities
49. Activity Antics	To practice talking about hobbies and free-time activities and to review related vocabulary.	Vocabulary and speaking game
50. Hobbies Uncovered	To review the names of hobbies and practice asking and answering hobby-related questions.	Vocabulary and speaking activity
Houses, Rooms and Furniture		
51. Home and Decor Debates	To practice home and decor vocabulary and talk about home and decor options.	Vocabulary and speaking activity
52. House of Curiosities	To describe and guess words related to houses, rooms and furniture.	Vocabulary activity
53. Décor Detectives	To practice talking about homes using room, furniture and decor vocabulary.	Vocabulary and speaking game
Idioms		
54. Baseball Idioms	To learn and practice common baseball idioms.	Vocabulary activity
55. Idioms Bluff	To learn and practice common English idioms.	Writing and vocabulary game
Jobs and the Workplace		
56. Phrasal Verbs at Work	To review and practice work-related phrasal verbs.	Speaking activity
57. What's my job?	To describe and guess jobs.	Vocabulary and speaking game

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Name	Aim	Activity Type
Jobs and the Workplace (continued)		
58. Work Skills and Preferences	To talk about work skills and preferences.	Speaking activity
Love, Romance and Dating		
59. The Game of Love	To practice talking about love, romance and dating	Vocabulary and speaking game
60. The Language of Love	To practice verbs and phrasal verbs related to love, romance and dating.	Reading and vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
61. Happily Ever After	To practice vocabulary related to love and romance.	Vocabulary and reading exercises Speaking activity
Modes of Transport		
62. How was your Journey?	To guess transportation adjectives from modes of transport.	Vocabulary game
63. Setting Sail	To learn boat vocabulary and practice talking about travelling by boat.	Vocabulary exercises
Money		
64. Banking and Spending Habits	To learn and practice vocabulary related to banking and spending habits.	Vocabulary and reading exercises
65. Bet on It!	To complete sentences with money verbs and place bets on the answers.	Vocabulary game
66. Money Verbs Race	To race to complete sentences with money verbs.	Vocabulary game
Music		
67. Let's Talk about Music	To practice vocabulary related to music.	Vocabulary and speaking activity
68. Music Taboo	To practice music vocabulary by describing and guessing nouns related to music.	Vocabulary and speaking game
69. Musical Lingo	To practice vocabulary related to maths.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
Numbers		
70. Fraction and Percentage Dominoes	To match numerical concepts expressed in different terms or symbols.	Vocabulary game
71. Fractional Facts	To practice fractions.	Grammar game
72. Talking Numbers	To practice vocabulary related to maths.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity

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Parts of the Body		
73. Find the Body Parts	To find and match body parts vocabulary to definitions.	Vocabulary activity
74. Parts of the Body Taboo	To describe parts of the body without saying specific words.	Vocabulary and speaking game
75. Body Blitz Challenge	To practice parts of the body vocabulary.	Vocabulary and speaking game
Reading Comprehension		
76. The First Americans	To read about the first Americans and answer comprehension questions about the text.	Reading and vocabulary exercises
77. The Great Hot Drinks Debate	To read a text about tea and coffee and complete a series of reading comprehension exercises based on the text.	Reading and vocabulary exercises
78. The Secret Life of Mosquitoes	To read a text about mosquitoes then complete a series of comprehension exercises.	Reading and vocabulary exercises
Seasons		
79. Race through the Snow	To play a board game that involves miming and guessing winter activities.	Grammar and vocabulary game
80. Spring Vocabulary	To learn and practice vocabulary associated with spring.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
81. Winter Vocabulary	To learn and practice winter vocabulary.	Vocabulary exercises Listening and speaking activity
82. Autumn Vocabulary	To learn and practice vocabulary associated with autumn.	Reading and vocabulary exercises
Space		
83. What to See in the Solar System	To practice Solar System related vocabulary.	Vocabulary game
84. The Universe	To learn and practice vocabulary associated with the Universe.	Reading and vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
Sports		
85. Sports Equipment	To learn and practice sports equipment vocabulary.	Vocabulary activities

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Name	Aim	Activity Type
Sports (continued)		
86. Sports Talk	To practice sports-related vocabulary and talking about sports.	Vocabulary and speaking game
87. Sports Quiz	To practice sports-related vocabulary.	Vocabulary game
The Natural World		
88. Countryside Vocabulary	To learn vocabulary related to the countryside and review differences between similar words.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
89. At the Beach	To learn nature vocabulary related to beaches.	Vocabulary exercises Listening and speaking activity
Time Expressions		
90. Time to Talk	To practice time expressions and time idioms.	Vocabulary and speaking game
91. Time Expressions and Idioms	To learn and practice some common expressions and idioms using the word time.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
TV and Film		
92. The Movie Pitch	To create a plot for a film by choosing characters, settings and events and to pitch the idea to the class.	Writing and speaking activity
93. TV Taboo	To describe and guess different types of TV programme in a game of taboo.	Vocabulary and speaking game
94. The Oscars	To discuss and make nominations for the Oscars.	Speaking activity
95. Film Review	To learn what goes in a film review and to practice writing one.	Writing exercises
Valentine's Day		
96. Would you do that on Valentine's Day?	To race to choose the best verb to complete <i>would</i> sentences and idioms related to Valentine's Day.	Speaking and vocabulary game
97. Valentine's Day Vocabulary	To practice vocabulary related to Valentine's Day and to discuss topic related questions.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
98. Valentine's Day Board Game	To practice Valentine's Day vocabulary and talking about Valentine's Day.	Vocabulary and speaking game

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Name	Aim	Activity Type
Weather		
99. Talking About the Weather	To practice talking about the weather.	Speaking activity
100. Weather Tic-Tac-Toe	To make sentences about different weather conditions with adjectives that use an infinitive clause.	Vocabulary and speaking game
101. Weather Crossword	To complete a crossword by describing and guessing words related to weather.	Vocabulary activity

Sample

Activity Type

Vocabulary Exercises: categorising, gap-fill, unscrambling, writing sentences

Focus

Describing animals

Aim

To practice describing various animals using adjectives and nouns.

Preparation

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

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this describing animals worksheet, students practice describing various animals using adjectives and nouns.

Procedure

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

Students start by reading a paragraph and categorizing words in the text into adjectives or nouns.

Exercise A - Answer key

Adjectives: gigantic, solid, thick, bushy, flat, muscular, huge, hind, round, striped

Nouns: fur, stripes, spots, tail, wings, humps

Review the meaning of the adjectives and nouns with the students based on their context.

Next, students unscramble sentences that describe animals.

Exercise B - Answer key

1. Beavers have thick fur and a flat tail.
2. Owls have large eyes, a flat face, and big wings.
3. Kangaroos have strong hind legs and can kick hard.
4. Zebras have black and white stripes and can run fast.
5. Ducks have a short neck, and they like to swim and fly.
6. Raccoons have black fur on their face and a striped bushy tail.
7. Rabbits are small animals with long ears, short tails, and strong hind legs.
8. Camels have long legs and one hump or two humps on their back.

Afterwards, students do a gap-fill exercise where they complete descriptions of animals with the adjectives and nouns from the worksheet.

Exercise C - Answer key

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|----------------|--------------------|
| 1. gigantic | 5. spots, muscular |
| 2. legs, neck | 6. striped, coats |
| 3. round | 7. ears |
| 4. long, solid | 8. bushy |

Lastly, students look at pictures of animals and describe them using the adjectives and nouns they have learned.