Touchstone Level 2 Contents and learning outcomes

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Unit 1 Making friends pages 1–10	 Ask questions to get to know your classmates using the simple present Talk about your favorite things Use responses with <i>too</i> and <i>either</i> to show what you have in common Start conversations with people you don't know Use <i>actually</i> to give new or surprising information Read an article about small talk Write a <i>How-to</i> article using correct punctuation 	 Review of simple present and present of <i>be</i> in questions and statements Responses with <i>too</i> and <i>either</i> Extra practice 	 Review of types of TV shows, clothes, food, and weekend activities 	 Speaking naturally Stress and intonation in questions and answers Sounds right Hard and soft consonants 			
Unit 2 Interests pages 11–20	 Talk about your interests with <i>can, like, hate, prefer, be good at,</i> etc. Discuss your taste in music using object pronouns and <i>everyone, nobody,</i> etc. Say <i>no</i> in a friendly way Use <i>really / not really</i> to make statements stronger / softer Read an online forum about hobbies Write online forum posts using linking expressions 	 Verb forms after can / can't, love, like, etc., and prepositions Object pronouns Everybody, everyone, nobody, and no one Extra practice 	 Interests and hobbies Types of music 	Speaking naturally • Saying lists Sounds right • Matching vowel sounds			
Unit 3 Health pages 21–30	 Talk about exercise and how to stay healthy using the simple present and present continuous Discuss common health problems using <i>if</i> and <i>when</i> Encourage people to say more Use expressions like <i>Really?</i> and <i>Oh!</i> to show surprise Read an article about staying healthy Write questions and answers about health concerns 	 Simple present and present continuous Joining clauses with <i>if</i> and <i>when</i> Extra practice 	 Ways to stay healthy Common health problems Common remedies 	Speaking naturally • Contrasts Sounds right • Matching vowel sounds			
	Checkpoint	Units 1–3 pages 31–	32				
Unit 4 Celebrations pages 33–42	 Talk about gift giving and birthdays using <i>be going to</i> and indirect objects Talk about how you celebrate special days Talk about plans using the present continuous or <i>be going to</i> Use "vague" expressions like <i>and everything</i> Give vague responses like <i>It depends</i> if you're not sure Read an article about traditions around the world Write an invitation to a special event 	 Future with <i>be going to</i> Indirect objects Indirect object pronouns Present continuous for the future Extra practice 	 Months of the year Days of the month Special days, celebrations, and holidays Things people do to celebrate special days 	 Speaking naturally Reduction of going to Sounds right Which sound in each group is different? 			
Unit 5 Growing up pages 43–52	 Talk about growing up and your family background using the simple past Talk about school subjects people studied using <i>most</i> (<i>of</i>), <i>a few</i> (<i>of</i>), etc. Correct things you say with expressions like <i>Well</i>, <i>Actually</i>, and <i>No</i>, <i>wait</i> Use <i>I mean</i> to correct a word or name Read an interview about a man's teenage years Write answers to interview questions 	 <i>be born</i> Review of simple past in questions and statements General and specific use of determiners <i>Extra practice</i> 	 Time expressions for the past Saying years School subjects 	 Speaking naturally Reduction of did you Sounds right Hard and soft consonant sounds 			
Unit 6 Around town pages 53–62	 Ask about places with <i>Is there</i>? and <i>Are there</i>? Say where places are with <i>next to</i>, <i>between</i>, etc. Ask for and give directions Offer and ask for help with <i>Can</i> and <i>Could</i> Check information by repeating words or using expressions like <i>Excuse me</i>? Ask "echo" questions like <i>It's where</i>? to check Read an online guide to Istanbul Write a walking-tour guide 	 Is there? and Are there? Pronouns one and ones Offers and requests with Can and Could Extra practice 	 Places in town Location expressions Expressions for asking and giving directions 	 Speaking naturally Word stress in compound nouns Sounds right Matching vowel sounds spelled with a and o 			
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Interaction			Skills			Self study	
	rsation egies	Listening	Reading	Writing	Free talk	Vocabulary notebook	
someone y know • Use actual	versation with You don't Iy to give or to nformation	 What's the question? Listen to answers and match them with questions This is a great party! Listen to responses and match them to conversation starters; then listen for more information 	 Improve your skills and "small talk" your way to success A magazine article giving advice 	 How to improve Write an article giving advice on how to improve something Review of punctuation 	Sally's party! Group work: Play a game to make small talk at a party	 Webs of words Use word webs to organize new vocabulary 	
Say <i>no</i> in a Use <i>really</i> to make st stronger of	and <i>not really</i> atements	 Interesting hobbies Match conversations about hobbies with photos; fill in a chart Favorite websites Listen for details as two people talk about a website 	• Read an online forum	 A message board Write a question to post on a message board Link ideas with and, also, especially, or, but, and because 	Common interests Group work: Ask and answer questions about your own hobbies 	 I really like to sing! Link new words together in word "chains" 	
 Encourage more to ke conversati Show surp 	on going	 Unhealthy habits Predict what people will say about their habits; listen to check Coping with stress Match conversations about relaxing with photos; listen for details 	Rethink your way to great health • Read an article about improving personal health	 That's great advice! Write a question asking advice about a health problem, and write replies to your classmates' questions Use commas after <i>if</i> and <i>when</i> clauses 	 True or false? Pair work: Ask questions to guess true and untrue information about habits 	 Under the weather Write down words you can use with a new word or expression 	
			Checkpoint Units	1–3 pages 31–32			
like / don't	ns like hing ne" responses	Celebrations around the world • Listen to people talk about two festivals, and answer questions Congratulations! • Listen for details in two conversations about invitations and fill in	 Let's celebrate! Read an article about traditions in different countries 	 Congratulations! Write an invitation to a special event, and add a personal note Formal and informal ways to begin and end a note or letter 	 A new celebration Group work: Create a new special day or festival, and talk about it with other groups 	Calendars • Write new vocabulary about special days and celebrations on a calendar	

	invitations, and fill in the blanks				
 Correct things you say with expressions like <i>Well, Actually,</i> and <i>No,</i> <i>wait</i> Use <i>I mean</i> to correct yourself when you say the wrong word or name 	 I don't remember exactly Listen for corrections as people talk about childhood memories A long time ago Listen for details as a man talks about his teenage years 	 Read an interview with a man who talks about his teenage years 	 An interview Write interview questions to ask a classmate about when he or she was younger, and reply to a classmate's questions Link ideas with except (for) and apart from 	 In the past Class activity: Ask your classmates questions about their childhood, and take notes 	 I hated math! Group new vocabulary in different ways
 Repeat key words to check information 	Finding your way aroundMatch four sets of	<i>3 days in Istanbul</i>Read a travel website	<i>A walking-tour guide</i>Write a guide for a	<i>Apartment hunting</i>Pair work: Ask and	Which way?Draw and label a map to
 Use "checking" expressions to check information Use "echo" questions to check information 	directions with the destinations by following the map Tourist information • Listen to conversations at a visitor center, and predict what each person says next to check the information	about Istanbul	walking tour of your city or townExpressions for giving directions	answer questions about two apartments, and choose one to live in	remember directions

Checkpoint Units 4–6 pages 63–64

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	Learning outcomes	Grammar	Vocabulary	Pronunciation					
Unit 7 Going away pages 65–74	 Talk about getting ready for a trip using infinitives to give reasons Give opinions using <i>It's</i> + adjective + to Talk about things to take on a trip Give advice and suggestions with <i>should</i>, <i>could</i>, etc. Respond to suggestions Use <i>I</i> guess when you're not sure Read an article about unique hotels Write an email about a trip 	 Infinitives for reasons <i>It's</i> + adjective + <i>to</i> Ways to give advice and make suggestions <i>Extra practice</i> 	 Things to do before a trip Things to take on different kinds of trips 	 Speaking naturally Reduction of to Sounds right Words with and without a silent l 					
Unit 8 At home pages 75–84	 Talk about where you keep things at home Say who owns things with <i>mine, yours</i>, etc. and <i>whose</i> Talk about items in the home Identify things using adjectives and <i>one / ones</i> Use <i>Do you mind</i>? and <i>Would you mind</i>? to make polite requests Agree to requests with expressions like <i>Go right ahead</i> Read comments on a website about unusual habits Write about your evening routine with expressions like <i>first</i> and <i>as soon as</i> 	 Whose? and possessive pronouns Order of adjectives Pronouns one and ones Location expressions after pronouns and nouns Extra practice 	 Places where you keep things in your home Home furnishings for different rooms Things you keep in your room 	 Speaking naturally Reduction of grammatical words Sounds right Matching vowel sounds 					
Unit 9 Things happen pages 85–94	 Tell anecdotes about things that went wrong using the past continuous and simple past Talk about accidents (e.g., <i>I broke my arm.</i>) using the past continuous and <i>myself, yourself</i>, etc. React to show interest with expressions like <i>Oh, no!</i> Use <i>I bet</i> to show you're sure or that you understand Read anecdotes in an article Write an anecdote using <i>when</i> and <i>while</i> 	 Past continuous statements Past continuous questions Reflexive pronouns Extra practice 	 Parts of the body Injuries 	 Speaking naturally Fall-rise intonation Sounds right Simple past verbs with -ed endings 					
	Checkpoint	Units 7–9 pages 95–	96						
Unit 10 Communication pages 97–106	 Compare ways of communicating using comparative adjectives and <i>more, less</i>, and <i>fewer</i> Manage phone conversations Interrupt and restart a phone conversation Use <i>just</i> to soften what you say Read an article about texting Write an article giving pros and cons 	Comparative adjectives More, less, fewer Extra practice	 Ways of communicating Adjectives Phone expressions 	<i>Speaking naturally</i> • Linking <i>Sounds right</i> • The sounds /s/ or /z/					
Unit 11 Appearances pages 107–116	 Describe people's appearance using adjectives and have and have got Identify people using verb + -ing and prepositions Use expressions like What do you call? if you can't remember a word Use expressions like You mean? to check or suggest words and names Read an article about fashion Write an article about fashion trends 	 Describing people; have got Phrases with verb + -ing and prepositions Extra practice 	 Adjectives and expressions to describe people's appearances 	 Speaking naturally Checking information Sounds right Matching vowel sounds 					
Unit 12 Looking ahead pages 117–126	 Make predictions and discuss future plans with <i>will</i>, <i>may</i>, and <i>might</i> Talk about jobs Discuss future plans using the simple present in <i>if</i> and time clauses Make offers and promises with <i>will</i> Agree to something using <i>All right</i> and <i>OK</i> Read an article about the future Write about an invention using <i>First, Second</i>, etc. 	 Future with <i>will, may, and</i> <i>might</i> Present tense verbs with future meaning <i>Extra practice</i> 	 Work, study, and life plans Occupations 	 Speaking naturally Reduction of will Sounds right Stressed and unstressed syllables 					
	Checkpoint Units 10–12 pages 127–128								

Inter	raction		Sk	ills		Self study
	ersation Itegies	Listening	Reading	Writing	Free talk	Vocabulary notebook
	to suggestions ss when you're	 It's good to travel. Predict what people are going to say about traveling, then listen for the exact words Recommendations Match advice about staying at hotels with pictures, then listen to a radio show to check your answers 	 Unique hotel experiences Read an article about three unusual hotels 	 Recommendations Write an email about staying at one of the hotels in the lesson Format and expressions for writing an email 	 Travel smart! Role play: Choose a role and give your partner travel advice according to the pictures 	 Travel items When you write down a new noun, write notes about it
 with <i>Do ya</i> Ask some do somet 	on to do things ou mind ? eone politely to thing with u mind ?	 Could you do me a favor? Listen to conversations between roommates, complete their requests, and then check if each person agrees Evening routines Listen to someone describe his evening routine, and number pictures in order 	 Do you have an unusual home habit? Read online comments about people's unusual home habits 	 Evening routines Write a short article about the evening routines of your partner Order events using sequence words 	All about home • Pair work: Discuss questions about your homes, and find out ways you are alike and different	 The ABCs of home Write down a word for something in your home for each letter of the alphabet
React to a on a story Respond <i>I bet</i>		 A funny story Listen to an anecdote, and choose the best response Happy endings? Listen to two anecdotes, and answer questions about the details 	 Every cloud has a silver lining Read a magazine article featuring anecdotes from readers 	 Anecdotes Write an anecdote telling about a time something went wrong Link ideas with when and while 	 What was happening? Pair work: Look at a picture, and see how much detail you can remember about what was happening 	 From head to toe Draw and label pictures to remember new vocabulary
			Checkpoint Units 7	7–9 pages 95–96		
·	and restart nversations o soften things	 Sorry about that! Listen to three phone conversations to infer the reason for each call and for each interruption <i>It can be annoying</i> Listen to a teenager talk 	Why all the interest in texting?Read an online article about texting	 The pros and cons Write a short article about the advantages and disadvantages of a means of communication Structure of an article 	 Which is better? Pair work: Compare pairs of actions, and discuss which is better and why 	 Phone talk Learn new expressions by making note of the situations when you can use them

	It can be annoying • Listen to a teenager talk about texting; check the opinions she agrees with		 communication Structure of an article comparing pros and cons 		
 Show you're trying to remember a word or name Use <i>You mean</i> or <i>Do you mean</i>? to help someone remember something 	 Celebrities Listen to descriptions of celebrities, and match them with their photos What's in style? Listen to four people answer questions about current styles, and fill in a chart 	 Fashion statements Read a blog article about fashion trends 	 Fashion trends Write a fashion article describing the current "look" Expressions to describe new and old trends 	 What's different? Pair work: Ask and answer questions to determine what's different about people in two pictures, and guess where they went 	 What do they look like? Use new vocabulary in true sentences about yourself or people you know
 Make offers and promises with I'll and I won't Agree to something with All right and OK 	 I'll do it! Listen to two people planning a party, and identify what each of them says they'll do A good idea? Listen to two people discussing predictions; identify who says each is a good idea and why 	What will life be like in the future?Read an online article with predictions about the future	 A good idea? Write a short article about how a future invention will make our lives better or worse List ideas with <i>First</i>, <i>Second</i>, <i>Next</i>, and <i>Finally</i> 	 I might do that. Pair work: Interview a classmate to find out his or her future plans 	 Writers, actors, and artists Write new vocabulary in groups by endings or topics

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