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How to teach remotely with **Uncover**



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Here are some suggestions for how you could use the units in the **UNCOVER** coursebooks and materials to support your online classes.

The link below takes you to the teaching resources. You can download and share these links with your students. They include links to all the audio and video files in the coursebook lessons:

<https://www.cambridge.org/gb/cambridgeenglish/catalog/secondary/uncover/resources>

The suggestions below are based on a combination of:

- > live lessons online
- > discussion forums moderated by the teacher
- > independent collaborative group tasks
- > individual self-access study



Useful tools in live classes:

SCREEN-SHARING:

share Presentation Plus if you have it, image files, audio files and short video files (bandwidth permitting).

GREAT FOR:

- > giving instructions
- > setting up tasks
- > presenting grammar or vocabulary
- > stimulating discussions.

CHAT BOX:

use for short answers and brainstorming, allows for all students to participate actively at the same time.

GREAT FOR:

- > warmers
- > checking concepts
- > checking answers
- > getting feedback.

BREAKOUT ROOMS:

these are virtual rooms for small groups that can be set up as part of the main classroom. Teachers can enter these rooms and monitor the work going on in pairs or small groups.

GREAT FOR:

- > comparing answers after tasks
- > role-plays
- > short discussions
- > collaborative tasks.

Two or three short breakout room tasks each lesson add variety and allow for more interaction. To find out more about how to create and manage breakout rooms and other functions in your online class, please follow this link:

<https://www.cambridge.org/elt/blog/2020/03/16/using-video-conference-platform-teaching-online/>

Useful tools for additional tasks outside the classroom

DISCUSSION FORUMS:

you can post a short task on any discussion forum platform (you may have a digital platform at your school, you may want to use online applications like Moodle or Edmodo, you may want to use a wiki or a blog or other shared online space).

VIDEO OR AUDIO RECORDINGS:

students can make short video recordings on their phones, tablets or computers and share them with you and/or the whole class.

COLLABORATIVE WRITING TOOLS:

students can work together online to write and edit a document using e.g. Google docs.

A quick overview of the UNCOVER coursebook unit structure.

The sections you will want to prioritize for live classes are shown in **bold**.

Opening page	Unit aims, big picture discussion , vocabulary, Your Turn speaking
Lesson 1	Reading, Your Turn speaking , Grammar, Your Turn speaking , (Video in WB)
Lesson 2	Listening, vocabulary, Your Turn speaking , Grammar, Your Turn speaking
Lesson 3	Conversation (Useful language), Your Turn speaking , Reading, Writing
Lesson 4	Culture (Reading), Your Turn speaking , (Video in WB)

The other sections can be set for self-study or collaborative pairwork or groupwork outside the classroom. How much you can cover in your live classrooms depends on your schedule and the length of your online classes.

You will probably want to plan your schedule unit by unit and use the first class of each new unit to explain the workflow to your class, setting out deadlines for independent study, and creating groups for collaborative tasks. In the last lesson you will want to ask students to prepare for the next unit.



A suggested structure for a flipped approach

In a flipped approach, live lessons give students the chance to **speak and clarify their doubts**. Students can complete other tasks such as reading, listening, viewing videos and controlled practice exercises on their own and use the classroom to check answers.

BEFORE THE CLASS	DURING THE CLASS	
Opening page		
1 Read the big picture discussion questions and prepare for discussion.	1 Students discuss the big picture questions in groups. Follow-up discussion and feedback in the main classroom.	Breakout rooms Chat box
2 Complete the vocabulary exercises.	2 Teacher checks the vocabulary and works on pronunciation.	Chat box
	3 Students complete the <i>Your Turn</i> discussion task in groups.	Breakout rooms
Lesson 1		
1 Reading: read text and complete exercises.	1 Students recall reading text and compare answers to exercises in groups.	Breakout rooms
2 Grammar: complete exercises.	2 Teacher checks answers.	Chat box
(after the lesson: set video viewing from WB as homework).	3 Students compare answers for Grammar exercises in groups.	Breakout rooms
	4 Teacher checks concepts and answers to exercises.	
	5 Students complete the <i>Your Turn</i> task in groups.	Chat box
	6 Teacher gives feedback on the <i>Your Turn</i> task and reviews lesson aims.	Breakout rooms

BEFORE THE CLASS

DURING THE CLASS

Lesson 2 *

* You may want to cover this lesson in two separate classes:

1 focusing on vocabulary

2 focusing on grammar

- 1 Listening: listen to audio and complete exercises.
- 2 Vocabulary: complete exercises.
- 3 Grammar: complete exercises.

- 1 Students recall listening text and compare answers to exercises in groups.
- 2 Teacher checks answers.
- 3 Students compare answers for Vocabulary exercises in groups.
- 4 Teacher checks concepts, works in pronunciation and checks answers to exercises.
- 5 Students complete the *Your Turn* task in groups. Feedback as a whole class.
- 6 Teacher checks concepts and answers for Grammar section with the whole class.
- 7 Students complete the *Your Turn* task in groups.
- 8 Teacher gives feedback on the *Your Turn* task and reviews lesson aims.

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Lesson 3

- 1 Conversation: listen to audio or watch the video and complete the exercises.
- 2 Reading: read the text and complete the exercises.

(after the lesson: Reading and Writing: work through the exercises and complete the writing task to hand in to the teacher).

- 1 Recall the audio/video as a whole class. Check answers.
- 2 Students discuss the same question in groups.
- 3 Check the answers to the dialogue gap-fill.
- 4 Students act out the dialogue in pairs or groups. And practise changing it with the information given.
- 5 Teacher calls on pairs to repeat their dialogue to the whole class.
- 6 Teacher sets the Reading and Writing tasks for homework.
- 7 Teacher reviews the work from the current unit and prepares for the next one.

Chat box

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BEFORE THE CLASS

DURING THE CLASS

Lesson 4

- 1 Culture: Read the text and answer the questions.
- 2 Video viewing from WB (link on SB page).

- 1 Recall the reading text and video viewing in groups and compare answers.
- 2 Check answers with the whole class.
- 3 Students complete the Your Turn task in groups.
- 4 Review: set the Review sections as a breakout room task.
- 5 Check answers with the whole class and prepare for the next unit.

Breakout rooms

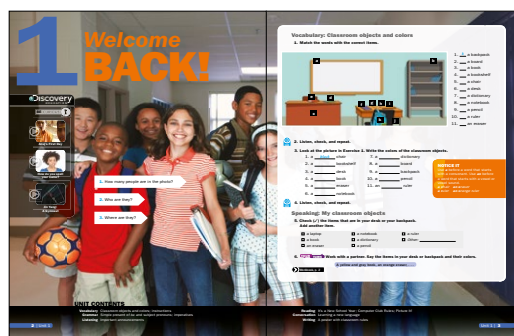
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More detailed notes on how to structure the live classes lesson by lesson.



1. Opening live lesson:

Unit aims, **big picture discussion**, vocabulary, **Your Turn speaking**.

Lead-in: you may want to look at the aims for the unit and look ahead to the tasks which you will be setting for homework. You will probably want to set the writing task on the right hand page of lesson 3 as an individual writing task to be completed by the end of the unit.

- 1** Share the coursebook pages on your screen. Start with a short **warmer** in the chat box e.g. ask students to type words for things they can see in the photo. Feed in any new language they might need.
- 2** Share the **vocabulary section** on your screen. Check the answers to the matching exercise using the chat box or mics. **Drill the pronunciation** with a combination of choral and individual drilling. Check the other answers in the chat box. Share the correct answers on your screen. Encourage students to check their answers in their books.
- 3** Open the breakout rooms. Divide the class in small groups and instruct them to complete the **Your Turn** task in the breakout rooms. Visit each room and monitor the groups. You can send a text message to all the groups when it's time to finish the task and call them back into the main classroom.

Main classroom
Screen-sharing
Chat box

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Breakout rooms

4 Bring the groups back into the main classroom. Ask students to write one or two sentences from their discussion in the chat box. Call on individual students to expand on their answers. Give feedback on their performance in the breakout rooms and work on error correction if appropriate e.g. show errors on your screen and ask students to correct them in the chat box.

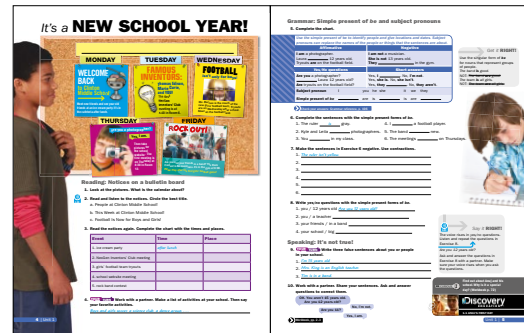
**Main classroom
Chat box**

5 Prepare for the next class. Share the next lesson on your screen and point out the tasks they need to complete (Reading, Grammar).

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Optional: ask students to write out their answers from one of the breakout room tasks.

Homework



Lesson 1:

Reading, **Your Turn speaking**, Grammar, **Your Turn speaking** (video link).

- 1** Start with a **quick review** of the last lesson and a short **warmer** to allow time for everyone to enter the class. For example, you can ask the students to type answers to simple questions in the chat box e.g. *What did you have for breakfast today? Or what was the last movie you watched?*
- 2** Check students have completed the reading tasks. Open the breakout rooms and ask students to **check their answers** to the exercises in the groups. Allow at least five minutes for this. You may want to enter the breakout rooms to monitor and offer support.
- 3** Call the students back into the main room. Use a combination of chat box and nominating individual students to **check the answers** and deal with any other language difficulties in the text. Share the correct answers on the screen so students can check their work.
- 4** Check instructions for the **Your Turn speaking** task. Open the breakout rooms again and ask the students to complete the task in groups. Allow at least five minutes.
- 5** **Grammar** Use the grammar chart to review the grammar presentation and the chat box for students to answer concept checking questions. Students may also want to ask you questions.

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6 **Grammar practice:** Check answers with the whole class using the chat box for support and sharing the correct answers on the screen. Encourage students to ask questions and clarify any doubts.

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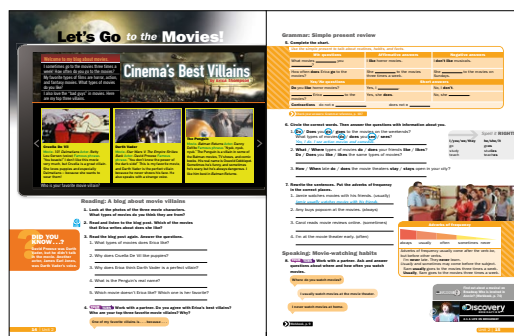
7 **Your Turn:** students complete the speaking task in the breakout room. When they've finished, they write a short summary in the chat box. Call on a three or four students to expand on their summaries.

Breakout room
Chat box
Main classroom

8 **Look ahead to the next lesson.** Share the next lesson on your screen. Show them the sections you want them to complete (Listening, Vocabulary, Grammar). Make sure students know how to access the audio files (you may need to share a link with them). Set the video viewing task in the WB as homework.

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Optional: additional practice materials is available in the Workbook



Lesson 2:

Listening, vocabulary, **Your Turn speaking**, Language Focus, **Your Turn speaking**.

💡 TIP: You may want to break this spread down into two lessons:

1. Focusing on the vocabulary
2. Focusing on the grammar.

The break is shown below in *italics*.

- 1** Review the grammar presentation from the previous lesson. You can do this by showing sentences with errors that the students have to spot and correct, or by repeating one of the practice activities from the previous lesson.
- 2** **Listening and Vocabulary:** Check whether the students have read/listened to the Language in Context text and completed the vocabulary exercises. Send students to breakout rooms to check their answers. Allow at least five minutes for this.
- 3** Call the students back into the main room and use a combination of chat box and calling out individual students to **check the answers**. Or you can share the correct answers on the screen and the students can check their own work. **Drill the pronunciation** and check the instructions for the **Your Turn** task.
- 4** Open the breakout rooms and ask students to complete the **Your Turn** task in groups. Allow plenty of time and enter each of the rooms to check on the groups.

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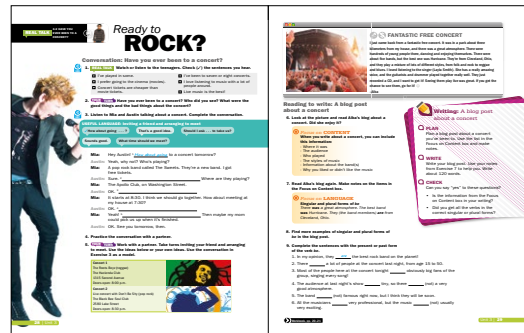
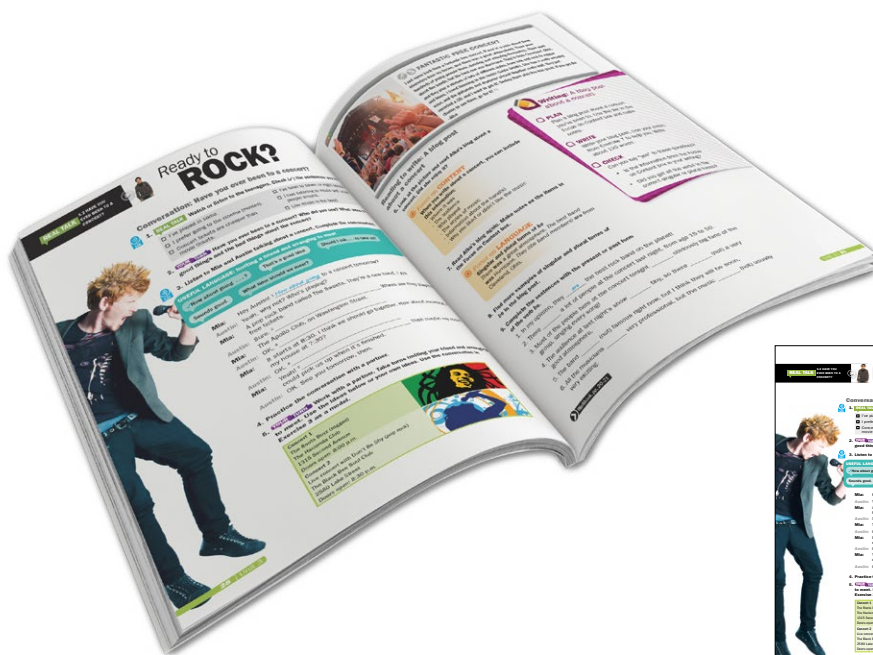
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(You may choose to end the first class here, in which case you will want to set homework and make sure students prepare the Grammar section for the next class)

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| 5 | Grammar: Share the Grammar section on your screen and review the grammar. Allow plenty of time for questions and clarification. You can ask students to answer concept check questions in the chat box. | ▶ | Main classroom
Chat box |
| 6 | Grammar practice: If you are doing this in the same class, check the answers as a whole class. If you are starting a new class with the Grammar section, use breakout rooms for students to check their answers. Then call them back into the main classroom to check answers and clarify doubts. | ▶ | Main classroom
Chat box
OR
Breakout rooms |
| 7 | Your Turn task: Set up the Your Turn task to complete in the breakout rooms. Allow plenty of time for the students to complete the task. Enter each breakout room to check progress. | ▶ | Breakout rooms |
| 8 | Call the students back to the main room, ask a representative from each group to write a short summary in the chat box. Call on other group members to expand on the summary. | ▶ | Chat box
Main classroom |
| 9 | Look ahead to the next lesson. Share the next lesson on your screen. Show them the sections you want them to complete (Conversation). Make sure students know how to access the audio or video file (you may need to share a link with them). | ▶ | Main classroom
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Optional: additional practice materials is available in the Workbook/Practice Extra



Lesson 3:

Conversation, **Your Turn speaking**, Reading, Writing.

You can cover the conversation section in class and ask the students to complete the reading and writing sections on their own at home (or as a collaborative group task) and send you the final text.

- 1** Review the work done in the previous lesson. You can do this by showing sentences with errors that the students spot and correct, or by repeating one of the practice activities from the previous lesson.
- 2** Real talk: Recall the audio/video as a whole class. Check answers in the chat box. Then send students to breakout rooms to discuss the same question/s.
- 3** Bring the students back to the main classroom. Ask them to feedback on their discussions. Then **check the answers** to the listening task and the dialogue gap-fill task. Share the answers on your screen.
- 4** Practising the dialogue: Set up the task and send the students to the breakout rooms. Allow plenty of time. Enter the rooms to monitor their progress.
- 5** Call the students back into the main classroom. Ask pairs to act out their dialogues to the whole class. Give feedback and praise.

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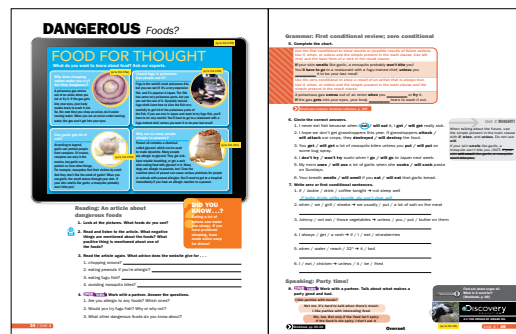
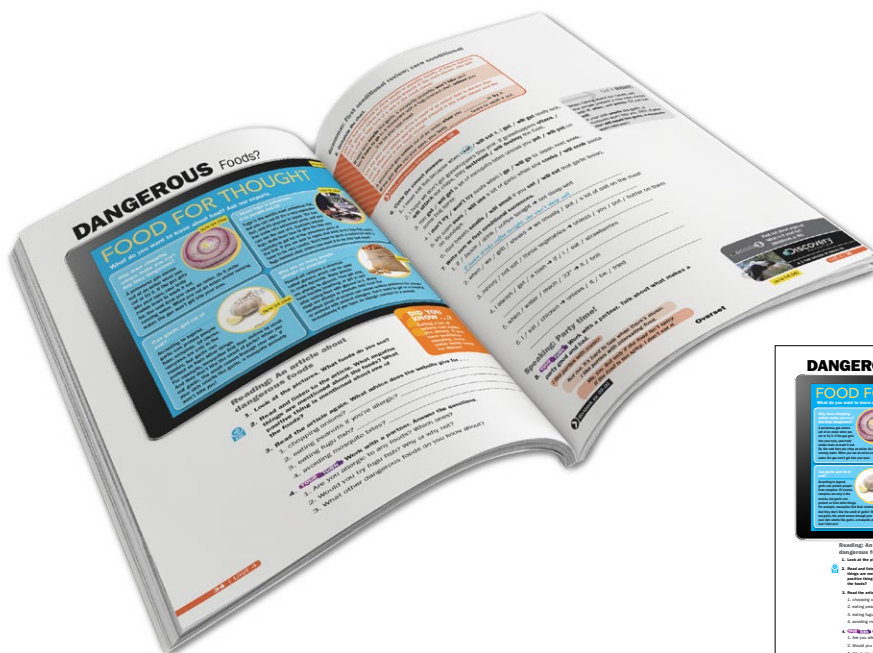
Share the reading and writing sections on your screen. Go through the instructions and make sure the students understand what they need to do and how to send you their completed writing task.

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Look ahead to the next lesson. Share the next lesson on your screen. Show them the sections you want them to complete (Culture, reading text and exercise, video link from WB). Make sure students know how to access the video file (you may need to share a link with them).

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Lesson 4:

Culture: reading and discussion, Video link.

This is the last lesson of the unit. At the end you will want to look forward to the next unit and make sure the students prepare for the opening spread.

- 1** Review the work done in the previous lesson. You can do this by showing sentences with errors that the students spot and correct, or by repeating one of the practice activities from the previous lesson. Then ask them to report back on the video viewing exercises from the Workbook.
- 2** **Culture:** Send students to breakout rooms to discuss the reading text and compare answers to the exercises.
- 3** Bring the students back to the main classroom to check the answers of the reading exercises.
- 4** **Your turn:** Set up the task and send the students to the breakout rooms. Allow plenty of time. Enter the rooms to monitor their progress.
- 5** Call the students back into the main classroom. Ask pairs to report back on their discussions.

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6 **Review:** Go through the instructions for the Review exercises. Send students to the breakout rooms in small groups to complete the exercises.

Breakout rooms
Main classroom

7 Bring the students back into the main classroom. Share the answers to the Review exercises on your screen. Allow time for the students to check their answers and ask questions if necessary. Ask students to look at the Progress Check box and write examples for each point in the chat box. Be ready to clarify any doubts and go over any problems from the unit.

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8 You have completed the unit! Ask students to **prepare for the next unit** by looking at the big picture and vocabulary section on the opening spread.

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Self study

Optional: additional practice materials is available in the Workbook/Practice Extra