

RECOMMENDED SYLLABUS



University courses

90 lessons

mmpublications

Pioneer B2

Lesson	Contents	Aim	Grammar/structure	Vocabulary / Topic	Materials	Skills development
Module 1: Window on the world						
1	Cover Page Module 1 1A (page 8-9)	Introduce topic of module 1 Reading an article about travel		Travel	Student's book Multimedia material	Discussion Reading for gist Reading for specific information
2	1A (page 10-11)	Distinguishing between words easily confused Distinguishing between permanent and temporary situations	Present Simple vs. Present Progressive	Words easily confused Adjective formation	Student's book Multimedia material	
3	1B (page 12-13)	Reading an article about flags		Symbols Words easily confused	Student's book Multimedia material	Reading for gist Identifying specific information
4	1B (page 14-15)	Making speculations, expressing your opinion and reaching a decision	Articles	Phrases expressing opinion	Student's book Multimedia material	Listening for specific information Speculating, expressing opinion, come to a decision
5	1B (page 16-17)	Describing an event		Event	Student's book Multimedia material	Reading for gist Writing an informal email (describing an event)
6	Review 1	Revision of vocabulary and structures of module 1 Self-assessment			Student's book Multimedia material	
7	Test 1	Evaluate students' progress			Tests & audio (downloadable from the Teacher's assistant)	
Module 2: A thirst for knowledge						
8	Cover page module 2 2A (page 20-21)	Introduce topic for module 2 Reading short texts about schooling		School, learning	Student's book Multimedia material	Discussion Reading for gist Reading for specific information
9	2A (page 22-23)	Distinguishing between words easily confused Using appropriate tenses to link the past with the present Distinguishing vocabulary relating to education	Present Perfect Simple vs. Present Perfect Progressive	Words easily confused Collocations related to education	Student's book Multimedia material	
10	2B (page 24-25)	Listening to an interview with a classroom design expert Distinguishing between British and American English		Words/phrases followed by prepositions British and American English Noun suffixes	Student's book Multimedia material	Listening for specific information

11	2B (page 26-27)	Expressing quantity Comparing situations Expressing preference and opinion	Nouns and Quantifiers	Learning	Student's book Multimedia material	Listening for specific information Transferring from verbal to visual information Comparing photographs, expressing preference and opinion
12	2B (page 28-29)	Expressing and supporting an opinion		Education Linking words	Student's book Multimedia material	Writing an essay expressing an opinion
13	Review 2	Revision of vocabulary and structures of module 2 Self-assessment			Student's book Multimedia material	
14	Task modules 1&2	Analysing and creating graphs and charts		Graphs	Student's book Multimedia material	Reading for specific information Listening for specific information Presenting graphs/charts
15	Test 2	Evaluate students' progress			Tests & audio (downloadable from the Teacher's assistant)	
Module 3: Human nature						
16	Cover page module 3 3A (page 32-33)	Introduce topic for module 3 Reading an extract from a novel			Student's book Multimedia material	Discussion Reading for gist Reading for specific information
17	3A (page 34-35)	Distinguishing between the Past Simple and the Past Progressive for reference to past events and situations Expressing past habits and typical behaviour in the past	Past Simple vs. Past Progressive Used to, Would	Phrasal verbs with come Similes with as...as...	Student's book Multimedia material	Speaking: Telling and imaginative story
18	3B (page 36-37)	Reading a magazine article about mystery heroes		Compound adjectives describing character traits Idioms with parts of the body	Student's book Multimedia material	Reading for gist Reading for specific information
19	3B (page 38-39)	Sequencing past situations and events Expressing past intention Giving advice Rejecting ideas	Past Perfect Simple vs. Past Perfect Progressive would, was/were going to	Money	Student's book Multimedia material	Listening for specific information Discussing solutions to a problem, giving advice and rejecting ideas
20	3B (page 40-41)	Narrating a story Sequencing past events		Phrases Use of adverbs	Student's book Multimedia material	Writing a story
21	Review 3	Revision of vocabulary and structures of module 3			Student's book Multimedia material	

		Self-assessment				
22	Test 3	Evaluate students' progress			Tests & audio (downloadable from the Teacher's assistant)	
Module 4: Pack your bags						
23	Cover page module 4 4A (page 44-45)	Introduce topic for module 4 Reading four short texts related to the Italian city Venice		Holiday	Student's book Multimedia material	Discussion Reading for gist Reading for specific information
24	4A (page 46-47)	Distinguishing between words easily confused Referring to the future using the appropriate tenses	Future forms, Time Clauses	Words easily confused Adjectives describing places	Student's book Multimedia material	
25	4B (page 48-49)	Listening to a talk by a futurologist		Phrasal verbs related to travel Travel	Student's book Multimedia material	Listening for specific information
26	4B (page 50-51)	Expressing general truths and facts Expressing hypotheses about what is likely or unlikely to happen in the present/future Comparing situations, expressing preference and opinion	Conditional Sentences Types Zero and 1 Expressions used in Conditionals	Types of holidays Means of transport	Student's book Multimedia material	Listening for specific information Comparing photographs, expressing preference and opinion
27	4B (page 52-53)	Making recommendations/suggestions		Services	Student's book Multimedia material	Writing a report
28	Review 4	Revision of vocabulary and structures of module 4 Self-assessment			Student's book Multimedia material	
29	Task modules 3&4	Interpreting receipts, tickets and other documents, and sequencing events to create a story.		Receipts, tickets	Student's book Multimedia material	Writing a narrative Presenting a story
30	Test 4	Evaluate students' progress			Tests & audio (downloadable from the Teacher's assistant)	
Module 5: In shape						
31	Cover page module 5 5A (page 56-57)	Introduce topic for module 5 Reading personal accounts of ultramarathons		Sport	Student's book Multimedia material	Discussion Reading for specific information
32	5A (page 58-59)	Distinguishing between words easily confused Expressing ability/inability, obligation/necessity, Absence of	can, could, be able to, must, mustn't, have to, don't have to, need, needn't,	Sports idioms Words easily confused	Student's book Multimedia material	

		necessity, prohibition, permission, requests, advice/opinion	don't need to, will, may, might, can't should, ought to, had better			
33	5B (page 60-61)	Reading a magazine article about Pilates		Keeping fit Phrasal verbs Verbs with prepositions	Student's book Multimedia material	Reading for gist Reading for specific information
34	5B (page 62-63)	Expressing regret or criticism, absence of necessity, (unfulfilled) possibility, positive and negative deduction in the past Speculating and making a decision	Modal verbs + have + past participle	Health	Student's book Multimedia material	Listening for specific information Speculating on a topic and making decisions
35	5B (page 64-65)	Expressing an opinion		Linking words/phrases	Student's book Multimedia material	Writing a semi-formal letter expressing an opinion
36	Review 5	Revision of vocabulary and structures of module 5 Self-assessment			Student's book Multimedia material	
37	Test 5	Evaluate students' progress			Tests & audio (downloadable from the Teacher's assistant)	
Module 6: Blue						
38	Cover page module 6A (page 68-69)	Introduce topic for module 6 Reading a personal account			Student's book Multimedia material	Discussion Reading for gist Reading for specific information
39	6A (page 70-71)	Emphasising an action rather than the doer of the action	Passive Voice I	Colour idioms Verbs starting with re-	Student's book Multimedia material	
40	6B (page 72-73)	Listening to a naturalist talking about wildlife		Animals Body parts of animals	Student's book Multimedia material	Listening for specific information
41	6B (page 74-75)	Emphasising an action using the Passive Voice Stating accepted facts Making a decision Expressing opinion and offering advice	Passive Voice II	Repairs	Student's book Multimedia material	Listening for specific information Speculating and making a decision Evaluating opinion and expressing opinion
42	6B (page 76-77)	Writing an article Using 'strong' adjectives		Strong adjectives	Student's book Multimedia material	Writing an article
43	Review 6	Revision of vocabulary and structures of module 6 Self-assessment			Student's book Multimedia material	
44	Task modules 5&6	Writing a summary of a text		Summary, Pilates	Student's book Multimedia material	Listening for specific information

						Writing a summary
45	Test 6	Evaluate students' progress			Tests & audio (downloadable from the Teacher's assistant)	
Module 7: Not what it seems						
46	Cover page module 7 7A (page 80-81)	Introduce topic for module 7 Reading four texts about food advertising		Advertising	Student's book Multimedia material	Discussion Reading for gist Reading for specific information
47	7A (page 82-83)	Referring to, defining and giving additional information about people, places and things	Relative clauses	Negative prefixes Phrasal verbs with go and fall Adjectives describing food	Student's book Multimedia material	
48	7B (page 84-85)	Distinguishing between words easily confused		Words easily confused	Student's book Multimedia material	Reading for gist Reading for specific information
49	7B (page 86-87)	Speculating and making a decision	Participle clauses	Advertising	Student's book Multimedia material	Listening for specific information Speculating and making a decision
50	7B (page 88-89)	Expressing opinion		Advertising	Student's book Multimedia material	Writing an essay expressing opinion
51	Review 7	Revision of vocabulary and structures of module 7 Self-assessment			Student's book Multimedia material	
52	Test 7	Evaluate students' progress			Tests & audio (downloadable from the Teacher's assistant)	
Module 8: Follow the clues						
53	Cover page module 8 8A (page 92-93)	Introduce topic for module 8 Reading an article about Sherlock Holmes			Student's book Multimedia material	Discussion Reading for specific information
54	8A (page 94-95)	Referring to something imaginary, unreal or unlikely to happen in the present/future Referring to situations and events that could have happened in the past, but didn't	Conditional Sentences Types 2 and 3	Prepositional phrases starting with for and without Collocations with make, do and have	Student's book Multimedia material	
55	8B (page 96-97)	Listening to an interview with a crime fiction author		Crime	Student's book Multimedia material	Listening for gist Listening for specific information
56	8B (page 98-99)	Referring to untrue or imaginary situations in the present/future and the past	Unreal Past	Crime	Student's book Multimedia material	Listening for specific information

		Making wishes Expressing regret, opinion, advice, complaint and criticism Solving a problem and giving advice Rejecting ideas				Transferring from verbal to visual information Solving a problem by giving advice, discussing solutions and rejecting ideas
57	8B (page 100- 101)	Writing a film review		Phrases used to describe films	Student's book Multimedia material	Writing a film review
58	Review 8	Revision of vocabulary and structures of module 8 Self-assessment			Student's book Multimedia material	
59	Task modules 7&8	Organising and participating in a press conference		Crime	Student's book Multimedia material	Reading for gist Simulating a press conference
60	Test 8	Evaluate students' progress			Tests & audio (downloadable from the Teacher's assistant)	
Module 9: The mind						
61	Cover page module 9 9A (page 104- 105)	Introduce topic of module 9 Reading short texts about boosting mental ability		Mental ability	Student's book Multimedia material	Discussion Reading for specific information
62	9A (page 106- 107)	Learning expressions with mind Word building	infinitives and -ing form	Expressions with mind Forming nouns from adjectives	Student's book Multimedia material	
63	9B (page 108- 109)	Reading an article about Leonardo da Vinci		Adjectives followed by prepositions	Student's book Multimedia material	Reading for gist Reading for specific information
64	9B (page 110- 111)	Expressing actions that have been carried out by someone else Make a decision Supporting an opinion	Causative form	Remembering	Student's book Multimedia material	Listening for specific information Speculating and making a decision
65	9B (page 112- 113)	Expressing opinion		Topic sentences Linking words	Student's book Multimedia material	Writing an essay expressing an opinion
66	Review 9	Revision of vocabulary and structures of module 9 Self-assessment			Student's book Multimedia material	
67	Test 9	Evaluate students' progress			Tests & audio (downloadable from the Teacher's assistant)	
Module 10: Just the job						

68	Cover page module 10 10A (page 116-117)	Introduce topic for module 10 Reading texts about unemployment		Work, unemployment	Student's book Multimedia material	Discussion Reading for gist Identifying specific information
69	10A (page 118-119)	Reporting	Reported Speech (statements), Special introductory Verbs	Work, employment Synonyms	Student's book Multimedia material	
70	10B (page 120-121)	Listening to an exam task		Collocations related to employment and business Phrasal verbs with take	Student's book Multimedia material	Listening for specific information Transferring from verbal to visual information
71	10B (page 122-123)	Reporting Comparing and contrasting pictures and situations	Reported Questions, Commands and Requests	Dream jobs	Student's book Multimedia material	Listening for specific information Comparing photographs and expressing preference and opinion
72	10B (page 124-125)	Writing a covering letter		Application	Student's book Multimedia material	Writing a covering letter
73	Review 10	Revision of vocabulary and structures of module 10 Self-assessment			Student's book Multimedia material	
74	Task modules 9&10	Following and giving instructions		Instructions	Student's book Multimedia material	Listening for specific information Presenting instructions
75	Test 10	Evaluate students' progress			Tests & audio (downloadable from the Teacher's assistant)	
Module 11: Project Earth						
76	Cover page module 11 11A (page 128-129)	Introduce topic for module 11 Reading a magazine article about space exploration		Space travel	Student's book Multimedia material	Discussion Reading for gist
77	11A (page 130-131)	Expressing purpose, result and contrast/concession	Clauses of result and concession	Prefixes pre- and post- Expressions with put Phrasal verbs with give	Student's book Multimedia material	
78	11B (page 132-133)	Reading a magazine article about the sea		Environment	Student's book Multimedia material	Reading for gist Identifying specific information

79	11B (page 134-135)	Making comparisons Comparing and contrasting photographs Expressing opinion	Comparisons	Environment	Student's book Multimedia material	Listening for specific information Comparing photographs and expressing preference and opinion
80	11B (page 136-137)	Expressing an opinion		Environment	Student's book Multimedia material	Writing a letter expressing an opinion
81	Review 11	Revision of vocabulary and structures of module 11 Self-assessment			Student's book Multimedia material	
82	Test 11	Evaluate students' progress			Tests & audio (downloadable from the Teacher's assistant)	
Module 12: Big issues						
83	Cover page module 12 12A (page 140-141)	Introduce topic for module 12 Reading a magazine article about homelessness		Homelessness	Student's book Multimedia material	Discussion Reading for gist Identifying specific information
84	12A (page 142-143)	Word building Word pairs	Inversion	Noun suffixes Expressions with come Word pairs	Student's book Multimedia material	
85	12B (page 144-145)	Listening to a talk about environmental refugees		Weather Natural disasters	Student's book Multimedia material	Listening for specific information
86	12B (page 146-147)	Expressing opinion Making a decision	All / Both / Neither / None / Either Double conjunctions	Community service	Student's book Multimedia material	Listening for specific information Evaluating options, expressing opinion and making a decision
87	12B (page 148-149)	Writing an essay		Topic sentences Social behaviour	Student's book Multimedia material	Writing an essay discussing a problem
88	Review 12	Revision of vocabulary and structures of module 12 Self-assessment			Student's book Multimedia material	
89	Task modules 11&12	Applying public speaking techniques and giving a presentation		Presentations	Student's book Multimedia material	Listening for gist Transferring from verbal to visual information Listening for specific information Make a presentation

90	Test 12	Evaluate students' progress			Tests & audio (downloadable from the Teacher's assistant)	
----	---------	-----------------------------	--	--	---	--