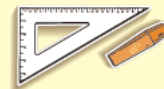




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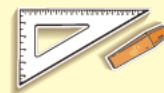
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asking and answering questions about someone's future career Talking about what skills are needed to do different jobs well 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about your future plans, your skills, passions, and interests, and the challenges of pursuing certain professions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggesting a job for your partner based on their skills, passions, and personality





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11 How Will We Get There?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn to plan a trip, decide on the best form of transportation to take, and arrange when and where to meet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fun destinations• Transportation• Suggesting a form of transportation for a weekend outing
12 Good Manners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn to speak to someone displaying bad manners, respond politely to any excuses, and suggest alternative behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bad vs. good manners• Confronting someone who is showing bad manners
13 A Surprise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn to discuss what gift to buy for a friend based on their interests and also how to present that gift	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common gift items• Presenting a gift to a friend
14 What's Cooking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn to talk about cooking/ baking simple dishes, describe flavors/fillings, and comment on how something tastes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simple meals• Baked goods• Asking what someone is cooking
15 What Do You Do After School?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn to talking about their after-school routines, including their chores, leisure activities, and other responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common after-school activities/ responsibilities• Explaining your after-school routine
16 Save the Planet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn to talk about different ways to help the environment and how to suggest alternatives to environmentally unfriendly actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmentally friendly/ unfriendly actions• Telling someone why they shouldn't do something that's environmentally unfriendly and suggesting an alternative





	Speak & Listen	Dialogue	Communicate
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asking and answering questions about the seasons in different countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about going on vacation to someone's home country and preparing suitable clothes for the weather at that time of year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giving clothing advice to someone who's planning to visit your country at different times of the year
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deciding which form of transportation it would be best to take Deciding when and where to meet before a trip 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about visiting a fun location, deciding how best to travel there and when and where to meet beforehand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning a fun weekend with your partner (including how you'll get there and where you'll meet) Sharing your weekend plans with your class
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confronting someone who is showing bad manners and responding to excuses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confronting someone who is showing bad manners, suggesting alternative behavior, and responding to any excuses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role-playing a confrontation with your partner Sharing what you talked about with the class
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussing what gift to buy for someone based on their interests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about what to buy for a friend's birthday based on their likes and dislikes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussing what to buy for a third classmate and presenting them with that gift.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different flavors/fillings Asking and answering questions about what kind of dish someone is cooking and how long it will take to be ready Commenting on the taste of the dish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about what you are cooking, what kind of flavor/filling you're using, and how long it will take before it is ready Asking and answering questions on how a dish tastes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning a dish for a friend Role-playing trying a friend's dish and commenting on the taste
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asking and answering questions about someone's after-school routine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giving a detailed breakdown of your after-school routine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing your after-school routine with your partner Sharing the similarities and differences between your routine and your partner's with the class
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussing alternatives to environmentally unfriendly actions Talking someone into changing their behavior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about different ways to save the planet depending on where you are 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussing what you can do to save the environment while in school Deciding on some environmental action points as a class



Introduction

What is English Now?

English Now! is a listening and speaking book designed to introduce students to the basics of English conversation. The exercises in this book have been designed to help students gain confidence and understanding in those aspects of English which are crucial for interaction with native speakers.

How will *English Now! Starter* develop your English abilities?

- **English Now! Starter** makes sure that you will feel comfortable interacting with native speakers on a day-to-day basis by using real-life situations and scenarios.
- Tons of useful new vocabulary are made easy to learn with vivid, illustrative pictures.
- Lots of spoken grammar practice help you learn how to convey information accurately and avoid misunderstandings in real-life conversations.
- Exercises that require listening for key phrases and textual details will build your knowledge of English and trigger further language development.
- You will become adept at using the language acquired in the vocabulary, listening, and grammar sections by participating in topic-related speaking exercises.
- The easy-to-follow models and supportive speech frameworks will allow you to speak spontaneously without feeling pressured.
- You will gain plenty of experience in speaking with others through the book's many pair activities and group-work exercises.

How is *English Now! Starter* organized?

- *English Now! Starter* has **16** units.
- Each unit is divided into **4** parts.

Each unit consists of:

- I. Warm Up:** introduces you to the vocabulary and phrases you need to listen and speak effectively in the later sections.

- II. Speak & Listen:** develops your speaking and listening skills with dialogues and listening exercises.

- III. Dialogue:** provides speaking activities for pairs or groups based on the unit topic.

- IV. Communicate:** encourages you to integrate the sentence patterns and vocabulary you have learned to create your own answers to open-ended questions.

How to teach *English Now! Starter*

- Start each unit with the **Warm Up** section. Use it to generate ideas about the topic by introducing the new vocabulary for the unit. Model and practice the dialogue to familiarize students with the key phrases and vocabulary just learned.
- Then look at the **Speak & Listen** section. Have students use the provided information to practice the sentence patterns. This will help students focus on the key information in a sentence, and thus give them an idea of what they should be listening for later. Then, use the listening exercises to train them to comprehend the key message in a conversation.
- After finishing the listening component, encourage your students to listen to the conversation in the **Dialogue** section, and to repeat what they have heard. Then have them practice it with a partner by replacing some parts of the conversation with three phrase options. This will give them good speaking practice through interaction and help them remember common sentence structures as well as conversational patterns.
- Students should already have some idea of how to use the grammatical structures introduced in the unit. Therefore, in the **Communicate** section, have students read the open-ended questions and come up with their own answers. Then, have them use their answers in a conversation and share with the class what they have heard from their partners. This will enhance their listening, speaking, and paraphrasing abilities.
- The speaking practice sections of this book attempt to make speaking as stress-free as possible by providing plenty of structure and support for students. If you feel they are ready for freer practice, encourage them to create their own dialogues. Also, encourage the students to pronounce words as naturally as possible and not put any undue emphasis or stress on a particular sound.



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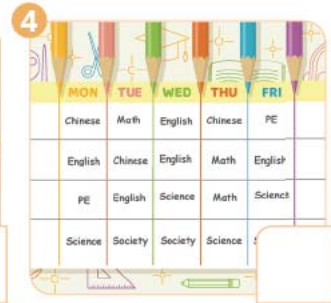
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First Day at School

Warm Up

A Match the words to the pictures.



a Chinese

b science

c history

d math

e homeroom class

f grade

g music

h English

i homeroom teacher

j art

k class schedule

l geography



Pair Work

Practice the conversation with your partner using the

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school subjects provided above.



What's our next class today?



Our next class is math.

Speak & Listen



Pair Work Look at the profiles below. Ask and answer the questions with your partner.



Name: Jenny Tsai
Grade: 7
Homeroom Class: 102
Homeroom Teacher:
 Ms. Lee



Name: Michael Anderson
Grade: 8
Homeroom Class: 204
Homeroom Teacher:
 Mr. Green



What's the **girl's** name?



Her name is _____.



What grade is **Jenny** in?



She is in _____.



What homeroom class is **Jenny** in?



She is in homeroom class _____.



Who is **Jenny's** homeroom teacher?



Her homeroom teacher is _____.



Listen to the conversation between two students, Lilly and Ben. Then answer the questions.

- ___ 1. What grade is Ben in?
 (a) 7th (b) 8th (c) 9th (d) 6th
- ___ 2. What homeroom class is Ben in?
 (a) 104 (b) 101 (c) 103 (d) 105
- ___ 3. Who is Ben's classmate?
 (a) Lilly (b) Lilly's sister (c) Lilly's brother (d) His sister
- ___ 4. Who is Ben's homeroom teacher?
 (a) Mr. Wang (b) Ms. Davies (c) Mr. Rees (d) Ms. Smith

Dialogue

02 **A** Listen and repeat the conversation.



Hi! Are you in grade 7, too?



Yes, I am. What homeroom class are you in?



I'm in class **1** 103. And you?



I'm in 102. Are there many students in your class?



Yes, there are **2** thirty-five.



Who is your homeroom teacher?



My homeroom teacher is **3** Mr. Yang. Oh! It's time for my next class! Talk to you later!



B

Pair Work Replace the underlined parts in Part A with the phrases below.



- 1 104
- 2 thirty-four
- 3 Ms. Jones



- 1 105
- 2 thirty-two
- 3 Mr. Smith



- 1 101
- 2 thirty-one
- 3 Ms. Huang

Communicate



Pair Work Look at the class schedule. Take turns asking and answering questions about your classes.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st Period	Chinese	History	English	Math	Chinese
2nd Period	Math	Chinese	History	English	History
3rd Period	Math	English	Geography	Science	English
4th Period	Science	English	Science	Geography	Science
5th Period	English	Science	Chinese	Music	Science
6th Period	Geography	Art	Chinese	Art	Music
7th Period	Music	Math	Music	Chinese	Math

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First Day at School



What do we have for 2nd period on Thursday?



We have English.



Share With the Class Look at your own class schedule. What's your favorite subject? When do you study it?



My favorite subject is English.
I have English for 3rd period on Monday.

Warm Up

A James and Annie play different sports. Look at the pictures, and then write **J** (for James) or **A** (for Annie) next to the sentences below.

James



Annie



___ a. I play basketball.

___ e. I play dodgeball.

___ b. I play tennis.

___ f. I play ping pong.

___ c. I play volleyball.

___ g. I play baseball.

___ d. I play soccer.

___ h. I play badminton.

B **Pair Work** Practice the conversation with your partner using the sports provided above.



Does James play basketball?



Yes, he does.



Do you play basketball?



No, I don't.

Speak & Listen



Pair Work

Next week is your school sports day!
Check [✓] what event you'd like to sign up for.



basketball game



running race



badminton
tournament



long jump

Now practice the conversation with your partner using the words above and phrases in the box.

jumping far

shooting the ball into the basket

hitting the ball over the net

running fast



What do you want to sign up for?



I want to sign up for the basketball game.




Why do you want to sign up for the basketball game?



Because I'm pretty good at shooting the ball into the basket.

03 **B** Listen to the conversation between two students, Kate and Rich. Then complete the chart.

Who				
Event	badminton tournament			ping pong tournament
Start Time		9:00	10:00	



Dialogue

04 **A** It is sports day at school! Listen and repeat the conversation.

-  Are you enjoying sports day so far?
-  Yes, I'm having a great time.
-  Do you have any events later?
-  Yes, I have a **1** volleyball game later.
-  At what time?
-  **2** Two o'clock.
-  Who are you competing against?
-  **3** We're playing against class 106.
-  Good luck!

