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How to use this resource



The Coverage, Grammar and Functional Language Teaching Resource

The slides within this resource, although detailed, are designed to be used as a starting point for teachers to construct lessons around the language points that are explored here. The slides are intended to be used individually as a resource within a lesson and to be incorporated as part of instruction incrementally throughout the term to ensure that students have been exposed to all the language points in the coverage ahead of their end of term exam. Therefore, the PowerPoint should not be presented at a single event or in its entirety. Some functional language points may overlap with grammatical points in the coverage, and in that case, it is possible to combine slides. However, this resource should be considered to be a collection of individual slides that teachers can use to enhance students' learning.

Within this document, you will find information about the coverage for this term. The lexis family that assessments will contain is mentioned as well as the particular grammatical and functional language points that will be tested in the exams at the end of this term. In the preparation sections, you will find examples and explanations for the grammatical and functional language points that will be assessed this term.

The grammar preparation section has an example sentence that illustrates the grammatical point. It follows this with an explanation of the meaning of the example sentence. Next, the specific grammatical structure used within the example sentence is detailed and links given to further resources. Next is an explanation of the circumstances under which the particular structure is used. More example sentences using the structure are given at the end of the slide.

In the functional language preparation section, there are examples of the particular language point followed by an explanation of how the particular are used. In the associated grammar section, language points that comprise the structure or can be used to in conjunction with the language point to express the stipulated function are detailed.



Term 3 Assessment Coverage



Topic(s): People, expeditions, places.

ECFE Grammar	Prerequisite Grammar	GSE Grammar	Functional Language
Past time: past continuous	Can tell when to use the present simple and when to use the present continuous. (29)	Can use 'when' to link clauses in the past simple and past continuous. (46)	
Conditionals: first conditional	<p>Can use 'can' to refer to ability in the present. (29)</p> <p>Can express personal plans and intentions for the future using 'going to'. (35)</p>	<p>Can make offers using the first conditional. (46)</p> <p>Can describe possible future outcomes of a present action or situation using the first conditional. (46)</p>	<p>Making predictions and hypothesising</p> <p>Asking for and making suggestions and recommendations</p>
Future time: present continuous	Can express personal plans and intentions for the future using 'going to'. (35)	<p>Can use the present continuous with future reference. (42)</p> <p>Can use the present continuous to refer to changing situations. (46)</p>	Expressing opinion
Passive: past simple passive	Can make affirmative statements using common regular past simple forms. (30)	Can use transitive verbs in the passive with the object as the grammatical subject. (46)	

Term 3 preparation: Grammar





I was cycling home when I crashed my bike.

Meaning	The crash <i>interrupted</i> the action of riding the bike.
Grammatical structure	<u>Past continuous</u> Clause (past continuous – was / were + verb-ing) + ‘when’ + clause (past simple)
Usage	We use the past continuous with ‘when’ to talk about an action that interrupts another action taking place in the past. The action that is ongoing is the past continuous and the action that interrupts it is the past simple. We use ‘when’ to join the clauses and indicate that the action was interrupted.
Other examples	They were listening to the radio <u>when</u> the doorbell rang. I was playing basketball <u>when</u> I fell and hurt my knee. She was talking on the phone <u>when</u> she saw her friend.

If you make lunch, I'll wash up.

Meaning

The speaker is offering to wash the dishes in exchange for the other person making lunch. The offer to wash up is conditional on the other person making food. Food = washing up. No food = no washing up.

Grammatical structure

First conditional
'if' + present simple + 'will' + VP for offers

Usage

We can use first conditional to make conditional offers and to say, "If you help me, I'll help you." We will only 'help' when we receive 'help'.

Other examples

He'll drive if we pay for petrol.
If I get the tickets, will you pay for the taxi home?
If they meet me at the station, I'll show them which bus to take.

If she doesn't arrive soon, she'll miss the boat!

Meaning

The person's future depends on her current situation. The current situation is that she isn't currently at the harbour. She has two possible futures - either she arrives shortly and gets on the boat, or she arrives later and misses it.

Grammatical structure

First conditional
If + present simple (condition) + will / won't + verb (result).

Usage

We can use the first conditional to talk about the possible future outcomes of a current situation.

Other examples

If I hurry, I'll make the last metro.
He'll be in trouble if he rips that book!
What will you do if the museum is closed?

I'm getting on a plane at 3am.

Meaning

The speaker is talking about what they have arranged to do at a specific time in the future.

Grammatical structure

Present continuous with future reference
am / is / are + verb-ing

Usage

We can use the present continuous to talk about future arrangements – something we have prepared to do. In the example above, the speaker has prepared by buying a plane ticket.

Other examples

What are you doing this weekend?
She's not meeting us at the mall.
We're playing football tonight.

The weather's getting hotter.

Meaning

The temperature is increasing outside – there is a change.

Grammatical structure

Present continuous for changing situations
is / am / are + verb-ing

Usage

We can use the present continuous to talk about a situation that is changing, growing or developing.

Other examples

The seasons are changing.
More people are travelling by bus this year.
Are you getting better at English now?

The university was built in 1970.

Meaning	The most important thing in this sentence is that the university was built so this is positioned first in the sentence. The builders are not the focus, so they are not mentioned.
Grammatical structure	<u>Past simple passive</u> was / were + past participle
Usage	We use the past simple passive to talk about a finished action in the past. The passive is used when the person or thing that did the action is not known, or not the focus of our interest. To turn an active sentence into a passive sentence, the object of the active sentence is moved to the subject position and the subject of the active sentence is either removed or included in the complement.
Other examples	The book <u>was written</u> by Salha Obeid. The mountain <u>was climbed</u> by the explorer. The boat <u>was damaged</u> in the race.



Term 3 preparation: Functional language

What do you think might happen?

I predict the Olympics will be in Australia in 2030.

Spending time with friends and family will probably improve your wellbeing.

I don't think the prices will increase any time soon.

Functional language point	<u>Making predictions and hypothesising</u>
Associated grammar	Future tenses, modals, noun phrases, prepositional phrases

I'd suggest you exercise more if you want to lose weight.

I'd recommend travelling around South America.

What about buying a new a new exercise machine for your home?

Why don't you speak to the manager about your problem?

Functional language point	<u>Asking for and making suggestions and recommendations</u>
Associated grammar	Wh- questions, verb + ing, first conditional, modals, present simple

From my point of view, the online business failed because of the manager.

I am certain that you will enjoy working in Switzerland with that new IT company.

I believe that climbing a mountain is the most difficult thing anyone can do.

In my opinion, travelling the world is the best life experience.

Functional language point	<u>Expressing opinion</u>
Associated grammar	Pronouns, prepositional phrases, subordinate conjunctions, future time, present simple

Thank you