

Overview of English B contents of year 1 – 8

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This overview gives examples of contents, grammar, text types and books that can be read at that level. Teachers can certainly deal with other/additional topics and read other books. Grammar points can also be done earlier or later. Furthermore, students build on the grammar points they have learned before.

Year 1

Topics	Grammar	Literature
classroom vocabulary, expressing possession & feeling & abilities, food, clothes, animals & pets, numbers & ordinal numbers, telling the time, the alphabet	Present Tense Simple Present Tense Continuous (=Progressive) Past Tense Simple plural of words have/has got can, possessive pronouns, personal pronouns, possessive case, demonstrative pronouns, prepositions	Stephen Colbourn: The Wall Norman Whitney: Sarah Says No Norman Whitney: The Cleverest Person in the World Mike Esplen: Marco

Book used in class: "More 1"

Example of a task:

Write down a dialogue with your friend. Find out:

- when your friend gets up in the morning
- what he/she usually eats in the morning
- what his/her favourite food is
- what he/she does in the afternoon
- about hobbies
- if he/she plays an instrument
- if he/she has got a pet

+ 3 other complete questions

Year 2

Topics	Grammar	Literature
giving reasons, creating an ending to a story, Halloween traditions, animals, giving directions, making plans, ordering food, families, houses, homes, furniture, sports, the weather	should, must, adjective + comparative + superlative, adverbs, prepositions of place, some & any, Past Tense Continuous, Present Perfect Tense Simple, will Future, "going to" Future	Kate DiCamillo: Winn-Dixie L. Frank Baum: The Wizard of Oz Jonathan Swift: Gulliver's Travels (easy reader) W. J. Weatherby: Chariots of Fire Jules Verne: Mystery of the Island (easy reader)

Book used in class: "More 2"

Example of a task:

Write an e-mail to a friend in which you describe your house/flat in general and describe the pieces of furniture of your room in detail. Moreover, explain which place in the house/flat is your favourite place and why.

Year 3

Topics	Grammar	Literature
Ireland, the USA, Australia, hobbies, mobbing, jobs, eating habits, superheroes, body language, fairness, school magazines	Present Perfect Continuous, , Past Perfect Tense, relative pronouns, reflexive pronouns, must & may& can (in all tenses), passive voice, conditional clauses, reported speech, comparative + superlative of adverbs, tag questions	Sue Townsend: The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ J.B. Priestly: An Inspector Calls (easy reader)

Book used in class: "More 4"

Example of a task:

Write an article for a school magazine in which you either describe an unusual hobby or your favourite hobby. Include the following details:

- how long you have been doing that hobby
- why you enjoy that hobby
- how much time and money you spend on that hobby

Year 4

Topics	Grammar	Literature
the media, politics, human rights, music, jobs, books, Australia	revision of grammar	Elizabeth Alder: The King's Shadow James Vance Marshall: Walkabout

Book used in class: "Prime Time 5"

Example of a task:

Write a dialogue: You talk to a friend and try to find out:

- who his/her favourite band/singer is
- which style of music that band/singer plays
- if s/he has ever been to one of their concerts
- why s/he enjoys that type of music
- when s/he listened to the band for the first time
- 3 additional questions (without "be" or "have" as a main verb)

Year 5

Topics	Text types	Literature
identities, Facebook, environmental issues, multi-ethnic Britain, South Africa, sports,	formal essay	George Orwell: Animal Farm John Marsden: Tomorrow When the

beauty & fashion trends, expressing opinion (informal)		War Began
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Book used in class: "Prime Time 6"

Example of a task:

Write a formal essay in which you discuss advantages and disadvantages of social networks.

Topics of year 4 are revised in year 5 with reference to the Austrian Matura regulations!

Year 6

Topics	Text types	Literature
happiness and success, health issues, books and learning, globalisation, stating an opinion (formal), extreme situations, adolescence, the British, India, ethnic and cultural diversity	letters to the editor/authorities, leaflets/brochures, essay of comparison	George Bernard Shaw: Pygmalion Willy Russell: Educating Rita John Steinbeck: Of Mice and Men

Book used in class: "Prime Time 7"

Example of a task:

Write a letter to the editor in which you express your opinion on a current health issue or globalisation issue.

Year 7

Topics	Text types	Literature
art, ecology and the environment, schools and universities	reports (eye-witness, police, newspaper), survey reports, letters of complaint	J. D. Salinger: The Catcher in the Rye Chinua Achebe: Things Fall Apart International Short Stories

Book used in class: "Success Advanced" or "Upstream Advanced"

Example of a task:

Write a newspaper report about Austrian or British schools and universities. Include general facts, current trends and developments.

Year 8

Topics	Text types	Literature
the law, crime & punishment; ambition & success; shopping, the economy & advertising	reviews, letters of application, letters giving information/advice	Tennessee Williams. Cat on a Hot Tin Roof Doris Lessing. The Fifth Child

Book used in class: "Success Advanced" or "Upstream Advanced" (continued from year 7)

Example of a task:

Write a film review about a film you have recently seen at the cinema.