

LANGUAGE MAP

Unit	Theme	Reading	Language Practice I	Language Practice II	Skills
Welcome Food Matters	Food and culture; zero-waste cooking.	Reading Section: <i>National Dishes around the World</i> (article with descriptions of some typical dishes of countries such as Cuba, Lebanon, and North Korea).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ food and cooking ◦ <i>some</i> and <i>any</i> 	◦ review of verb tenses/ structures	
1 The Planet, You, and Me	The environment and our impact on it.	<p>Reading Section: Text 1: <i>New Backpack from Camping Company Founded by Teenager</i> (blog post about a new eco-friendly camping backpack developed by an adolescent); Text 2: <i>Caribou Camping Co.</i> (institutional text from the company founded by Ben DeBlois, the teenager in text 1).</p> <p>Review: <i>Where Can I Recycle my Old Electronics?</i> (online article about reusing and recycling old electronic devices).</p> <p>Workbook: <i>The Connection between Air Quality and Life Expectancy</i> (online article linking air quality and longevity).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ the environment ◦ adjective suffixes 	◦ second and third conditionals	<p>Reading Skills: skimming and scanning.</p> <p>Study Skills: using quotes to improve learning.</p>
2 Youth Power	Youth leadership.	<p>Reading Section: <i>The "10 Under 20" Honors Young Budding Tech Heroes</i> (online article about 10 students under the age of 20 who were honored for their contributions to science, technology, engineering, arts, and math).</p> <p>Review: Text 1: <i>80th International Session of the European Youth Parliament</i>; Text 2: <i>About EYP</i> (press release about the 80th International Session of the European Youth Parliament, as well as comprehensive data about this educational program).</p> <p>Workbook: <i>Growing animal rescue group is work of teen actor</i> (newspaper article about teen actor Lou Wegner and the animal rescue group he founded).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ youth mark ◦ noun suffixes ◦ <i>too</i> and <i>enough</i> 	◦ present perfect and present perfect continuous	<p>Reading Skills: guessing meaning from context clues.</p> <p>Study Skills: getting ready for evaluations.</p>
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3 Pretty Matters	Beauty standards.	<p>Reading Section: <i>Fashion Photographer's Life Changed by Chance Encounter</i> (article about a photographer's initiative to photograph "beauty in difference").</p> <p>Review: <i>"Bigorexia" Eating Our Men and Boys</i> (magazine article on how the quest for meeting the beauty standards disseminated by the media and social networks affects the male gender).</p> <p>Workbook: <i>Not available in XL: Abercrombie & Fitch CEO Mike Jeffries accused of only wanting "thin and beautiful people"</i> (online article about the refusal of a brand to design and sell clothes above the large size to women).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ the concept of beauty ◦ conjunctions of purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ past perfect ◦ modal perfects 	<p>Reading Skills: separating fact from opinion.</p> <p>Study Skills: using monolingual dictionaries.</p>
4 Once upon a Time	Literature appreciation and social role.	<p>Reading Section: <i>The Secret Life of Bees</i> (blurb and excerpt from the novel by Sue Monk Kidd).</p> <p>Review: <i>How Harry Potter Changed Publishing</i> (article about how the <i>Harry Potter</i> book series changed people's reading habits and the book industry).</p> <p>Workbook: <i>The Grapes of Wrath</i> (plot summary and excerpt from the novel by John Steinbeck); <i>The Ghost of Tom Joad</i> (lyrics of a song by Bruce Springsteen).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ literature ◦ prefixes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ past perfect continuous ◦ past perfect continuous vs. past perfect 	<p>Reading Skills: identifying tone</p> <p>Study Skills: using book-recommendation platforms.</p>
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5 The Future Is Already Here!	Scientific, medical, and technological breakthroughs.	Reading Section: <i>Bioprinting: The New Frontier in Medicine That's Not Science Fiction</i> (news article on the progress of bioprinting for medical purposes). Review: <i>What NASA's Discovery of Liquid Water on Mars Really Means – in the Words of NASA Scientists</i> (magazine article with responses of NASA scientists about the discovery of evidence of water on Mars). Workbook: [...] <i>Scientific Breakthroughs We Literally Couldn't Live Without</i> (online article about some of the most important medical breakthroughs in history).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ science and our body ◦ linking words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ future continuous ◦ future perfect ◦ future perfect vs. future continuous 	Reading Skills: text cohesion. Study Skills: using a search engine for academic purposes.
6 What Is Art?	The definition of art and how it can be appreciated.	Reading Section: [...] <i>Responses to the Question "What is Art?"</i> (article with quotes from some artists and critics who tried to define art). Review: <i>The 'Not Art' Stencil Project Is Meant to Inspire 'Wonder'</i> (online article about an outdoor project that problematizes art through stencils). Workbook: <i>Pop Art</i> (infographic about the history and main characteristics of the Pop Art movement).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ describing art and artists ◦ <i>either... or.../neither... nor...</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ relative clauses (defining and non-defining) 	Reading Skills: paraphrasing. Study Skills: learning English through art: online museums and art galleries.

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7 Home Sweet Home	Housing patterns and culture.	Reading Section: <i>Two Unusual Housing Styles</i> (blog post about two unusual housing styles: one in Cappadocia, Turkey, and the other in Jodhpur, India). Review: <i>Keetwonen (Amsterdam Student Housing)</i> (article about container houses designed for students in Amsterdam, the Netherlands). Workbook: [...] <i>Unusual Homes in the World</i> (magazine article about four unusual houses in different parts of the world).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ dwelling ◦ participial adjectives ◦ causative form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ passive voice 	Reading Skills: identifying topic sentences. Study Skills: using proverbs to learn English.
8 Intelligence Is Bliss	The definition of intelligence and its real importance.	Reading Section: <i>What is intelligence?</i> (online article about intelligence, covering the following topics: how it is defined, which factors influence it, how it can be measured, and what can be done to maintain or improve it). Review: [...] <i>How intelligence changes as we age</i> (scientific magazine article about new discoveries regarding aging and intelligence). Workbook: <i>IQ tests 'do not reflect intelligence'</i> (newspaper article that discusses the validity of IQ tests to measure intelligence).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ theories of intelligence ◦ reporting verbs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ reported speech ◦ reporting questions 	Reading Skills: recognizing purpose. Study Skills: multiple-intelligence studies.

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