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Forgive me if there are any mistakes.

# **Unit 1 Listening and Speaking**

# **Critical Thinking: -**

- To contrast means you note differences between two things.
- Contrasting can help you remember important points about the two things.

# Vocabulary skill: Distinguishing between words with similar meanings.

- Some words have similar meanings, but they are used in different situations.
- The **definition** and **examples** help you <u>decide which word is best to use</u>.

Word	Career (count) (noun)		
Definition	A job that you learn to do then do for many years.		
Evample	- He is considering a career in teaching.		
Example	- His career was always more important than his family.		
Word	Work (noncount) (noun)		
Definition	The job that you do to earn money.		
	- I'm looking for work.		
Example	- What time do you start work?		
	- How long have you been out of work = (without a job)?		
Word	Job (count) (noun)		
Definition	The work that you do for money.		
Evample	- She got a job as a waitress.		
Example	- Peter just lost his job.		
Word	Company (noun)		
Definition 1 (count)	A group of people working together to make or sell things.		
	- An advertising company.		
Example	- The Student Loans Company.		
	- Short way of writing company is (Co.)		
Definition 2	Being with person or people.		
(noncount)	e.g. I always enjoy mark's company.		
Word	Business (noun) (noncount)		
Definition 1	Buying and selling things.		
Evample	- I want to go into business when I leave school.		
Example	- Business is not very good this year.		
Definition 2	The work that you do as your job.		
Fuenceds	- The manager will be away on business next week.		
Example	- A business trip.		

## **Unit 1 Listening and Speaking**

#### **Grammar: Simple Present**

- Use to talk about fact, general truths.
- Use to describe habits, routines, states, and feelings.

Form 1 ( $S + V_1 + \dots$ ) or ( $S + Don't + V_1 + \dots$ ) e.g. I like working on a team.

Form 2 (S + be + .....) or (S + be + not + .......) e.g. He is a college student.

Form 3 (S + have/has + .....) or (S + do/does not + have + .....)

e.g. They have 600 employees. Or He does not have a car.

# **Pronunciation: Simple past -ed**

- The pronunciation of this final sound (-ed) depends on the sound at the end of the base verb.
- The (-ed) = /d/ when the sound is voiced. all vowel sounds, some consonants.
- The (-ed) = /t/ when the sound is unvoiced.

  And sounds  $\frac{s}{p}/\frac{k}{f}/\frac{sh}{sh}$  ( some people kill for some cheap shells ).
- The (-ed) = /ed/ when it's end with sound /d/ or /t/ (Down Town).

# **Speaking Skill:** Asking for repetition and clarification.

- When you listen and don't understand something you can say:
  - I'm sorry, I didn't catch that .
  - Could you repeat that?
  - Could you say that again?
  - Do you mean?

#### **Unit 2 Listening and Speaking**

#### Listening Skill: Listening for main idea and details.

- **Main ideas:** the most important points about the topic.
- **Details:** include example, numbers, facts, names, and reasons.

#### Vocabulary skill: Words in context.

- Use other information to ho help you guess the meaning of new words.
- **Context** is the words that come before and after another word.
- **Depressed** means very bad.
- Tough means difficult or challenging.
- Considerate means caring or thoughtful.
- Treated means behaved toward.
- Optimistic means cheerful or positive.

#### Grammar: Should and shouldn't

- Use should to say that it's good to do something.
- Use shouldn't to say that it's not good to do something.

# Form ( $S + should/shouldn't + the base form of a verb_{(V1)}$ ).

# Example:-

- I should listen to him. He shouldn't kill her.
- They should study hard. We should not drive fast.

# **Grammar:** It's + adjective + infinitive.

- Use to talk about behavior and customs.
- Infinitive is ( to + the base form of a verb ).
- Examples:-
- It's confused to listen to two people at the same time.
- It's rude to say no to your host.

#### **Unit 2 Listening and Speaking**

#### Pronunciation: The schwa sound.

- The schwa is the most common vowel sound in English.
- We pronounce the **vowel** in many unstressed syllables with the **schwa sound**.
- The syllable is a part of the word.
- The schwa is never in a stressed syllable. (nervous, husband,
- 'a' + consonant at the beginning of a word usually makes a schwa for example
- (among, about, avoid, arrive)
- '-er' or '-or' or '-ar' at the end of a word makes a schwa e.g. (teacher, actor, investor)

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- Words with schwa sound:-
- avoid cultural custom international problem popular bottom
- offended personality positive similar telephone.

# **Speaking Skill: Presenting information from notes.**

# - Preparation

- Use small cards.
- Write only key words and phrases.
- Practice your presentation.

#### Presentation

- Look at the audience.
- Look down briefly to check your notes.
- Make eye contact.

#### **Unit 3 Listening and Speaking**

Listening Skill: Understanding numbers and dates.

- Listen carefully to the stress to distinguish between numbers (teen ty).
- In numbers ending in -ty: the first syllable is stressed: FIF-ty.
- In numbers ending in -teen: the last syllable is stressed: fif-TEEN.

#### Vocabulary skill: Suffixes -ful and -ing

- **Suffixes** are letters or groups of letters at the end of a word.
- Suffixes can change ..
- The tense ( -ed, -ing ), The numbers ( -s, -es ) and The part of speech of a word.

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- The suffix -ful change a noun to an adjective.
- **Beauty** > **Beautiful** e.g. My car is beautiful.
- Wonder > Wonderful e.g. This book is wonderful.
- The suffix -ing change a verb to an adjective.
- **Excite** > **Exciting** e.g. Madinah is an exciting place.
- **Interest** > **Interesting** e.g. This book is very interesting.

## **Pronunciation:** Reduction of be going to

- Speakers often pronounce *going to* as *gonna*.
- **Note**: We never write gonna in academic or professional writing.

# **Speaking Skill: Introduction topics in a presentation.**

- Here are some useful phrases for organizing a presentation.
- To interduce the first topic:
  - Let's start with......
  - The first thing I'm going to talk about is..........
- To change to a new topic:
  - Now let's move on to.......
  - Next, I'm going to talk about.....
- To interduce the last topic:
  - Finally, let's talk about....
  - To wrap up, I'm going to tell you about......
- To interduce the next speaker:
  - Now Ahmed is going to tell you about.....
  - Now Ali is going to take over.

#### **Unit 3 Listening and Speaking**

## **Grammar:** Be going to.

- Use **going to** to talk about the **future**, usually about **future plans**.

Form ( $S + Be + going to + the base form of a verb_{(V1)}$ ).

#### **Example:-**

- I am going to play football tomorrow.
- They are going to study hard for the next exam.

Negative Form (S + Be + not + going to + the base form of a verb<sub>(V1)</sub>).

#### **Example:-**

- I am not going to play football tomorrow.
- They are not going to study hard for the next exam.

Yes/No Question Form (Be + S + going to + the base form of a  $verb_{(V1)}$ ).

# **Example:-**

- Are you going to play football tomorrow?
- Are they going to study hard for the next exam?

Information Question Form ( Wh + Be + S + going to + the base form of a verb<sub>(V1)</sub>).

# **Example:-**

- Where are you going to play football?
- How are they going to study hard for the next exam?

# **Critical thinking:-**

- You **decide** by looking at everything you know about a subject.
- **Deciding** helps you put information together in a useful way.

## **Unit 4 Listening and Speaking**

# Listening Skill: Listening for specific information.

- Means listening for the important details you need.
- We listen to specific information especially when we listen to news, or weather reports, transportation schedules, and instruction.
- Specific information includes details such as these:
  - names of people or places.
  - numbers, dates, or times.
  - events.

# Vocabulary skill: Synonyms.

- **Synonyms** are words that have almost the same or a similar meaning.
- The dictionary often gives you **synonyms in the definition** of a word.

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Word	Synonym
Enormous	Huge, Very Big, Gigantic.
Funny	Hilarious, Amusing, Silly.
Emotions	Feelings,
Giggle	Laugh, Chuckle.

# **Grammar:** Simple present for informal narrative.

- When you tell a short, **informal narrative**, **like story or a joke**, you can **use the simple present** even if the story happened in the past.
- Example page 75 LS.

#### **Unit 4 Listening and Speaking**

#### **Critical thinking: -**

- **Restating**, is saying something again in your own words.
- Restating, is a good way to share information.

## Pronunciation: Simple present third-person -s/-es

- The simple present third-person singular form of a verb ends in either -s or -es.
- **E.g.** He eat**s** a lot. Ali play**s** football.
- The pronunciation of this final sound (-s/-es) depends on the sound at the end of the base verb.
- The -s = /z/ when the sound is voiced (with sound).
  (vowel sounds and /b/, /d/, /g/, /l/, /m/, /n/, /nj/, /r/, /th/, /v/)
- The -s = /s/ when the sound is unvoiced (without sound).
- (/f/, /k/, /p/, and /t/ sounds ) ( People Kill Target Fish ).
- The -s/-es = /əz/ when the final sound is an -s or -z like sound.
  (/dg/, /s/, /sh/, /ch/, and /z/ sounds)(Jerry Said Zina Should Change)
- Examples page 81 LS.

# **Speaking Skill:** Using eye contact, tone of voice, and pause.

- Ways to make your joke more interesting:-
- Make eye contact: help you connect your audience and keep them interested.
- **Use your voice to express different feelings:** help the listeners understand the feelings of the people in the story.
- Pause stop speaking for a moment before you say the punch line.
   This can help to make ending a surprise.

#### **Unit 5 Listening and Speaking**

#### **Note-Taking Skill:**

- **Numbered list** is a way to organize information in your note.

# Listening Skill: Listening for signal words and phrases.

- Speakers use Signal words and phrases when they interduce a new topic.
- At the beginning:
- (1) First.
- (2) The first important.
- In the middle:
- (1) The next thing I'm going to talk about.
- (2) In addition.
- (3) also
- At the end:
- (1) The last/final topic.
- (2) Finally.

#### **Pronunciation:** Intonation in questions.

- Yes/No questions have rising intonation at the end.
- Yes/No questions ask for an answer of yes or no.
- E.g. Do you exercise every day?
- **Information questions** have falling intonation at the end.
- Information questions ask information about who, what, why, when.... etc.
- E.g. When did you start playing football?
- **Questions of choice** have rising-<u>falling</u> intonation at the end.
- Questions of choice ask a person to choose between two things.
- E.g. Do you prefer **playing sports** or **watching sports?**

#### **Unit 5 Listening and Speaking**

#### **Grammar:** Gerunds as subjects or objects.

- A gerund is the *-ing* form of the verb.
- It can take the place of a **noun or pronoun.**
- A gerund act as a noun.
- **Gerunds** are often the subject of a sentence.
- Several verbs that **express actions** or state are **commonly gerunds**.
- **E.g.** Joining a sports team is a good way to make friends.
- **E.g.** Being part of a team can teach us important skills.

#### **Gerunds** can be the object of a sentence.

- The **object** is a <u>noun or noun phrase</u> that follows a verb.
- Many common verbs are followed by gerunds, such as:
- Avoid, discuss, dislike, enjoy, hate, like, love, and prefer.
- **E.g.** I like playing soccer.
- **E.g.** My sister enjoys swimming in the summer.

#### **Critical Thinking: To determine.**

- To determine what definition is the best:
- **Use the context** to choose between the different meanings.
- Using context to determine meaning is one way to improve your vocabulary skill.

## Speaking Skill: Asking for and giving opinions.

- Asking for opinions: Use when you want to know someone's opinion.
- What do you think of.....?
- How do you feel about.....?
- Do you think.....?
- Giving your opinion: Use when you want to give your opinion.
- I think......
- I don't think......
- I feel that ......
- In my opinion,......
- Examples in LS book P102.

#### **Unit 1 Reading and Writing**

## **Critical Thinking: -**

- **Label** (or name) to mark the word.
- **Writhing a label** on examples is a good way to remember something you have learned.

# Reading Skill: Previewing a text.

- Look quickly at the text and its different parts.
- Tips to help you preview: -
  - \* Read the **title:** the name of the text.
  - \* Read the **headings:** is a short line of text, it tells what a section is about.
  - \* Read the captions: is the text under the picture.

# Vocabulary Skill: Word Forms.

- Some words are both noun and verbs.
- The look the same, but the work differently in a sentence.
- A noun refers to a person, place, object, or idea.
- A verb refers to an action.
- Examples page 14 RW Book.

# Writing Skill: Writing a main idea and supporting sentences.

- A main idea is the big idea.
- e.g. My work is interesting.
- The Supporting Sentences: -
- Give more information about the main idea.
- Must be connect to the main idea.
- Often give details about the main idea.
- e.g. I meet new people. I learn about new product.

# **Unit 1 Reading and Writing**

# **Grammar:** Verb + infinitive (like, want, and need)

- Like, want and need are common verbs.
- Like, want and need often follow by: -
  - Noun phrase. e.g. I want a good job. I like my career.
  - Infinitive form (to + the base form of the verb)
    - e.g. I like to help people. I want to be a doctor.

# **Unit 2 Reading and Writing**

## **Critical Thinking: -**

- **Restate** means to write in your own words.
- **Restating** is a good way to review information.

# Reading Skill: Skimming for the main idea.

- **Skimming** is reading a text quickly to find the main idea.
- Tips to skim for the main idea: -
  - \* Read the title.
  - \* Read the **headings of each section.**
  - \* Read the first and the last sentences of each paragraph.
- The main idea often is at the **beginning** or the **end** of the paragraph.

# **Vocabulary Skill: Word roots**

- The root of a word is the part of a word with the basic meaning.
- Example ( lone alone lonely loneliness ).
- The root is "lone" which means (without another person).
- The meaning of each of the words relates to the basic meaning.

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Word root	Word	Definition
nat	native	- Belonging to a place from birth.
pop	populate	- To fill an area with people.
fac	manufacture	- To make things using machines.
migra	emigrate	- To leave your country for another country.
lone	lonely	- without another person.

#### **Unit 2 Reading and Writing**

# Writing Skill: Writing compound sentences with but and so.

- Connect two sentences with but: to give opposite or different information.
- Use a comma before but.
- e.g. She is happy, but she misses home.
- Connect two sentences with so: when the second is a result of the first.
- Use a comma before so.
- e.g. He does not speak English well, so he goes to English classes.

# **Grammar: Simple Past**

- Use to talk about actions that happened in the past.

Form 1 ( $S + V_2 + \dots$ ) e.g. I liked working on a team. I worked in a team.

Form 2 (S + was/were + ......) e.g. He was a college student.

Form 3 ( **S + had + .....** ) e.g. They had 600 employees.

Negative Form ( $S + did + not + V_1 + \dots$ ) e.g. We did not work nights.

- Use was with I, he, she, it, and singular.
- Use were with we, you, they, and plural.

# **Unit 3 Reading and Writing**

#### **Critical Thinking: -**

- **Interpret** means to take information in one form and change it into another.

# Reading Skill: Reading charts, graphs, and tables.

- Charts, graphs, and tables give a lot of information in a small space.
- It's important to look at it when you **preview** or **skim** a text.

#### **Vocabulary Skill: Modifying nouns**

- To form a modifying noun, put two nouns together.
- The first noun describes the second noun. (It acts like an adjective).
- **E.g. classroom time** = time in a classroom.
- **E.g. family needs** = needs of a family.
- **E.g. work email** = email from work.
- Modifying nouns increase your vocabulary and helps you sound more natural.
- When a noun acts like an adjective, it cannot be plural.

Phrase	Modifying noun	
Experience in life	Life experience.	
Experience in work	Work experience.	
Time for relaxation	Relaxation time.	
Stress in a job	Job stress.	
Vacation in the summer	Summer vacation.	
Policy for vacation	on Vacation policy.	
Year of school	School year.	
Schedules for work	Work schedules.	
President of a company	Company president.	
Spaces of a letter	Letter spaces.	

#### **Unit 3 Reading and Writing**

#### Writing Skill: Using correct paragraph structure.

- A paragraph is a group of sentences about one main idea.
- Paragraphs usually have the following parts:
- A topic sentence: tells the main idea of the paragraph, usually the <u>first or the second sentence</u> in the paragraph.
- **Supporting sentences:** these sentences explain the main idea.
- They often give specific details, such as examples and explanations.
- A concluding sentence: this sentence ends the paragraph. Sometimes it tells you the main idea again in different words. Some paragraphs, especially short ones, don't have a concluding sentence.
- **Note:** at the beginning of the paragraph, the writer indents the firs line. This mean the line starts after five letter spaces.

#### **Grammar:** Sentences with because.

- Use to combine two sentences into one sentence.
- Because interduce the reason for a situation or state.

Form 1 (Situation + because + reason). I will eat because I'm hungry.

Form 2 (Because + reason + , + situation ). Because I'm hungry, I will eat.

- There is **no comma** when **because** in the middle of a sentence.
- There is a **comma** when **because** in the **beginning** of a sentence.
- When the subject is **both parts** of a sentence, **use pronoun in the second part.**
- For example: Ali will eat because he is hungry.
- More examples and exercises page 60-61 RW.

#### **Unit 4 Reading and Writing**

#### Reading Skill: Identifying the topic sentences in a paragraph.

- **The topic sentence** explains the main idea of a paragraph.
- Often the topic sentence is the first sentence of a paragraph, sometimes the second or the last sentence in the paragraph.
- The topic sentence helps you quickly understand what the paragraph is about.

#### Vocabulary Skill: Parts of speech.

- Nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs are examples of parts of speech.
- Noun (n.), a person, place, object, or idea.
- Verb (v.), an action.
- Adjective (adj.), describes a noun.
- Adverb (adv.), describe an action.
- Example: Ali and Ahmed talk fast and tell funny jokes at dinner.

# Writing Skill: Writing a topic sentence.

- A topic sentence interduce the main idea of the paragraph.
- Writing a good topic sentence will make your writing clearer to readers.

#### Grammar: Sentences with when.

- Use to combine two sentences into one sentence.
- Because interduce the reason for a situation or state.

Form 1 (Situation + when + reason). I will eat when I'm hungry.

Form 2 (When + reason + , + situation). When I'm hungry, I will eat.

- There is **no comma** if **when in the middle** of a sentence.
- There is a comma if when in the beginning of a sentence.
   When the subject is both parts of a sentence, use pronoun in the second part.
- For example: Ali will eat when he is hungry.
- More examples and exercises page 82 RW.

#### **Unit 5 Reading and Writing**

#### Reading Skill: Identifying supporting sentences and details.

- Good readers learn to look for the **supporting sentences** and **details**.
- **Supporting sentences:** explain more about the topic sentence.
- **Details:** give additional information about the supporting sentences.
- A supporting sentence often includes or is followed by one or more details.
- **The details** come after the supporting sentences.

#### **Critical Thinking:**

- **Differentiate** means to tell the difference between the two things.
- **Differentiate** can help you understand ideas better.

## Vocabulary Skill: The prefix un-

- A prefix is a letter or group of letters at the beginning of a word.
- A prefix change the meaning of a word.
- The prefix un- means "not".
- It gives an adjective the opposite meaning.
- E.g. **happy** ≫ **unhapp**y ( not happy ).
- Only some adjectives can use the prefix *un-*.

Word	Prefix un-	Word	Prefix un-
Board	Not board	Natural	Unnatural
Friendly	Unfriendly	Quite	Not quite
Нарру	Unhappy	Popular	Unpopular
Important	Unimportant	Similar	Not similar
Exciting	Unexciting	Familiar	Unfamiliar

# Writing Skill: Writing a supporting sentences and details.

- **Supporting sentences:** explain more about the topic sentence.
- Details: include examples, reasons, facts, dates, and numbers.

# **Unit 5 Reading and Writing**

# **Grammar: Prepositions of location.**

- The prepositions on, in, and at are prepositions of location.
- They describe where something or someone is.
- Use in with large areas such as countries and continents.
- Use in with the meaning "inside".
- Use at with these places (at home at work at school).
- **Use at when** talking about activities at places or business with names.
- Use on with roads.
- Use on with most large forms of transportation.

For examples P103 RW book.