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Role-Plays, Worksheets and Games

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Notes for Teachers

The Pre-intermediate Functional Language Teaching Resources eBook

This collection of over 100 teaching resources from the Teach-This.com website provides worksheets, activities, and games aimed at pre-intermediate level (A2) students. These resources have been created by a dedicated team of highly qualified and experienced English teachers and ESL professionals and have been tried and tested many times in the classroom.

The resources can be used in any general English course and are intended to supplement other materials. These resources are flexible enough to be easily incorporated into most lesson plans and can be used to introduce or reinforce language, practice or revise language structures, or improve core skills.

The book contains a wide range of easy to use, practical, and effective supplementary materials that focus on speaking practice as well as vocabulary or grammar exercises or activities to help students develop their reading and writing skills.

How to Use this eBook

First, scan through the table of contents to select a teaching resource. To make the selection process easy, all resources are categorised according to their relevant language point and are arranged in alphabetical order. The table of contents also indicates the aim of each resource and lists activity types that the students will engage in. Shortcut hyperlinks that quickly and easily direct you to your chosen resource are included.

Each resource comes with detailed teacher's notes that provide key details such as activity types, language focus, aim, preparation requirements, and estimated time duration. The notes also include a comprehensive step-by-step procedure and answer keys, making lessons quick and easy to plan. Each resource comes in a user-friendly and printable A4 PDF format.

Activity Types Explained

Each resource in this eBook falls into one of three categories: worksheets, activities, or games. The worksheets provide opportunities for students to examine form and function and exercises typically focus on either vocabulary or grammar. The activities are designed to provide opportunities for students to practice using the language in more interactive and interesting ways. The games offer students more fun and engaging methods to practice the language and help to liven up lessons.

For each language point covered in this eBook, you will generally be provided with one standalone worksheet, one activity, and one game to help students learn and practice the language in different ways.

Controlled, Freer and Communicative Practice

Speaking activities in this eBook are labelled as either controlled or freer practice. In the controlled practice activities, students are given the target language to practice in a limited form. These activities are more restricted, and the focus is more on developing accuracy. The freer practice activities provide students with prompts that require them to make meaningful choices before they use the language. This enables students to produce the target language more independently with more of a focus on fluency than accuracy. The communicative activities are more free form in nature, giving students more control over the content and the structure of the language used.

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Name	Aim	Activity Type
Agreeing and Disagreeing		
1. Areas of Agreement	To agree and disagree with positive and negative statements with <i>so</i> , <i>neither</i> or <i>nor</i> .	Grammar and Speaking Activity
2. Neither and So	To agree and disagree with positive and negative statements using <i>neither</i> and <i>so</i> .	Speaking Activity
Air Travel		
3. Can I check your boarding pass?	To ask and answer questions about flight information in order to complete a boarding pass.	Speaking Activity
4. Air Travel Flowchart	To become familiar with vocabulary and expressions used in air travel by making a flowchart detailing how to travel by air.	Speaking Activity
Asking Permission		
5. Can I...?	To ask permission to do different things and race to find the person who has each <i>Yes, of course</i> response.	Speaking Game
6. Can I... yes or no?	To ask permission to do different things and guess whether your partner is going to grant or refuse permission.	Speaking Game
7. Perfect Partners	To practice asking, giving and refusing permission.	Speaking Activity
At the Doctor's		
8. Symptoms and Advice	To practice vocabulary and language for describing symptoms and giving medical advice.	Vocabulary and Reading Exercises
9. Do you concur?	To practice basic medical problems and advice.	Vocabulary and Speaking Activity
Being Polite		
10. Perfectly Polite	To practice polite phrases and expressions.	Vocabulary and Speaking Game
Classroom Language		
11. Match Up and Speak Up	To match verbs with prepositions to make classroom phrasal verbs and use each phrasal verb in a sentence.	Vocabulary and Speaking Game

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Complaining and Apologizing		
12. How to Complain and Apologize	To identify and introduce expressions for complaining and apologizing.	Vocabulary and Reading Exercises Speaking Activity
13. Appropriate Apologies	To practice complaining and apologizing.	Speaking Activity
Complimenting		
14. What Would You Say?	To practice language for giving and accepting compliments.	Vocabulary Game
15. You're a great student!	To practice language for giving and responding to compliments.	Vocabulary Exercises
Describing Character and Personality		
16. You've Got Personality	To practice adjectives used when describing personality and character.	Vocabulary Exercises Speaking Activity
17. Matchmaker	To practice asking and answering personal information questions.	Vocabulary and Speaking Activity
18. Who's coming to dinner?	To practice adjectives of character.	Vocabulary and Speaking Activity
Describing People's Appearance		
19. Describing People Lesson	To learn and practice how to describe people's appearance and clothing.	Vocabulary, Reading and Writing Exercises Speaking Activities
20. Describe a Classmate	To describe a classmate's physical appearance and clothing and have the class guess who it is.	Vocabulary and Writing Activity
21. Pen Friend	To practice describing features such as height, weight, facial features, clothing and general appearance.	Vocabulary and Writing Activity
Describing Places		
22. The Place Where I Live	To practice a range of language related to describing places in a town and city.	Reading and Vocabulary Exercises
23. It's a place where...	To describe places by saying what you can do there and to guess places from a partner's descriptions.	Speaking Activity
24. Guess the Country	To practice vocabulary for describing places.	Vocabulary Game

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Describing Things		
25. Made + Preposition	To learn how to describe things with <i>made + preposition</i> expressions.	Vocabulary Exercises
26. Describing Things Scramble	To practice fixed expressions for describing things.	Reading and Vocabulary Game
27. Think of Something	To associate words with adjectives and compare answers with a partner.	Vocabulary Activity
Emailing		
28. Sorry and Thanks	To practice emails that express thanks and apologies.	Reading and Writing Exercises
29. I'm Interested in Renting	To practice emails that ask questions about renting a property.	Reading and Writing Exercises
30. Helpful Replies	To practice writing emails replying to requests for information.	Reading and Writing Exercises
Etiquette and Manners		
31. Predictably Polite	To give opinions on appropriate behaviour in certain situations.	Speaking Activity
Getting to Know You		
32. The Question is	To race to make get to know you questions from answers given by other students.	Speaking Game
33. Are we compatible?	To practice asking and answering questions about personal information.	Speaking Activity
34. Can you tell me more?	To practice asking for details to basic questions and building conversation.	Speaking Activity
Giving Advice		
35. Should or shouldn't?	To learn and practice giving advice with <i>should</i> and <i>shouldn't</i> .	Vocabulary Exercises Speaking Activity
36. Should and shouldn't Board Game	To practice giving advice for specific problems with <i>should</i> and <i>shouldn't</i> .	Speaking Game
37. Problems and Advice	To practice stating problems and giving advice.	Vocabulary Game
Giving Directions		
38. Directions Language	To learn and practice phrases and prepositions related to giving directions.	Vocabulary Exercises
39. Can you tell me the way to...?	To ask for and give directions to places on a map.	Speaking Activity

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Giving Directions		
40. At the Zoo	To ask for and give directions to animals and places in a zoo.	Speaking Activity
Giving Opinions		
41. How to improve your English	To ask for and give opinions on ways to improve your English skills.	Speaking Activity
42. In my Opinion	To learn and practice how to give basic opinions.	Vocabulary Exercises Speaking Activity
43. Really?	To practice expressing opinions.	Speaking Game
Giving Personal Information		
44. Can I take some details?	To learn and practice ways to ask for and give personal information.	Vocabulary Exercises Speaking Activity
45. Missing Details	To practice basic personal information questions.	Speaking Activity
46. Personal Information Dominoes	To form, ask and answer personal information questions.	Speaking and Grammar Game
Greetings		
47. Warm Welcomes	To learn language for greetings and introductions in different settings.	Vocabulary and Reading Exercises
48. Meet and Greet Role-Play	To introduce yourself and others using formal and informal language.	Speaking Activity
49. Pleased to meet you	To practice or review formal and informal phrases for greetings, making introductions and saying goodbye.	Grammar and Vocabulary Game
Holidays		
50. Holiday Plans	To ask and answer questions about holiday plans.	Speaking Activity
51. Holiday Question Time	To practice asking and answering holiday related questions.	Speaking Activity
52. Jill and Jack's Mexican Holiday	To learn holiday vocabulary and practice language for planning a holiday.	Reading, Writing and Speaking Activity
53. Holiday Habits	To practice asking and answering present simple questions with <i>Do you...?</i> to talk about holiday habits.	Speaking Activity

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Name	Aim	Activity Type
Indirect questions		
54. Ask Politely	To learn and practice how to form indirect questions.	Grammar Exercises Speaking Activity
55. Direct and Indirect Questions	To learn and practice three rules for changing direct questions into indirect questions.	Grammar Exercises Speaking Activity
Likes and Dislikes		
56. Do you like...?	To ask questions about likes and dislikes and reply using degrees of feeling.	Speaking Activity
57. Broken Sentences	To match sentence halves together to make sentences about likes and dislikes.	Vocabulary and Grammar Game
58. Likes and Dislikes Survey	To conduct a survey about likes and dislikes.	Speaking Activity
Making Arrangements		
59. Are you free?	To use an example dialogue and schedule to arrange days and times to do various activities with a partner.	Speaking Activity
60. Scheduling and Rescheduling	To practice making arrangements and rescheduling.	Speaking Activity
Making Decisions		
61. Decisions, Decisions	To make spontaneous decisions with <i>will</i> and give reasons for your decisions.	Speaking Game
62. Decisions Race	To race to match spontaneous decisions to given situations.	Vocabulary Game
Making Excuses		
63. Excuses, Excuses	To give excuses, starting with <i>I'm sorry...</i>	Speaking Activity
Making Invitations		
64. Come with me	To make, accept and decline invitations and make suggestions on where and when to meet.	Speaking Activity
65. Would you like to...?	To practice phrases for inviting and making arrangements.	Reading, Writing and Speaking Activity

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Name	Aim	Activity Type
Making Offers and Promises		
66. Helpful Dominoes	To match statements to offers of help with <i>will</i> and vice-versa.	Vocabulary Game
67. Offers and Promises	To respond to statements by making offers with <i>will</i> and <i>shall</i> and promises with <i>will</i> and <i>won't</i> .	Vocabulary and Speaking Activity
68. Would you like...?	To make offers for different situations using forms of <i>Would you like...?</i>	Vocabulary and Speaking Game
69. Promises and Offers	To respond to statements by making promises with <i>will</i> and <i>won't</i> and offers with <i>will</i> and <i>Shall I...?</i>	Vocabulary and Speaking Activity
Making Requests		
70. Special Requests	To learn and practice how to make requests with <i>Could you...?</i> and <i>Would you mind...?</i>	Grammar Exercises
71. Race to Respond	To practice making, and accepting and declining requests.	Speaking Game
72. Help Me Out	To practice making, accepting and declining requests.	Speaking Activity
Making Suggestions		
73. What do you suggest?	To complete and write suggestions from a set of prompts.	Grammar Exercise
74. Holiday Suggestions	To make suggestions for different types of holiday.	Speaking Activity
75. Saturday Suggestions	To role-play making, accepting and rejecting suggestions about things to do on a Saturday.	Speaking Activity
Online Communication		
76. Swipe Right	To learn about and practice writing online profiles.	Reading and Writing Exercises
77. Fill in the Form	To practice completing forms used for online transactions with personal details.	Reading and Speaking Activity Vocabulary and Reading Exercises
78. Video Conferencing Language	To practice vocabulary and language used in online conference calls.	Reading and Vocabulary Activity Writing and Speaking Activity

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Name	Aim	Activity Type
Ordering Food and Drink		
79. At the Coffee Shop	To role-play ordering food and drink in a coffee shop.	Speaking Activity
80. At the Restaurant	To practice language for ordering food and drink in a restaurant.	Speaking Activity
81. Fussy Eaters	To role-play restaurant conversations and order food and drink, according to preferences on a role card.	Speaking Activity
Shopping		
82. Shopping Role-Plays	To practice language for buying and selling items in a newsagent's and a clothes shop.	Speaking Activity
83. Shopping Dominoes	To match sentence halves together to form a clothes shop conversation between a shop assistant and customer.	Vocabulary Game
84. Shopping Around	To practice language for buying and selling items in a shop.	Speaking Game
85. Let's Go Shopping	To role-play buying and selling items in a shop.	Speaking Activity
Small Talk		
86. Small Talk Questions	To learn and practice how to keep a small talk conversation going by asking questions.	Speaking Activity
87. Never can say goodbye!	To practice phrases for ending a conversation and saying goodbye.	Speaking Activity
88. What do we have in common?	To make small talk and try to find things you have in common with your classmates.	Speaking Activity
Social Media		
89. Follow Me	To learn some social media related vocabulary and practice writing social media posts that include hashtags.	Speaking Activity Vocabulary, Reading and Writing Exercises
90. Posts and Replies	To practice forming and replying to short posts on social media.	Vocabulary, Grammar and Writing Activity
91. Hashtag Dominoes	To match social media posts to hashtags.	Vocabulary Game

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Name	Aim	Activity Type
Telephoning		
92. Who's calling, please?	To put sentences of a telephone conversation in the correct order.	Speaking Activity
93. Telephone Language Game	To match common telephone expressions with appropriate responses.	Speaking Game
94. Ending a Phone Call	To practice language used to end an informal phone call.	Reading Activity Speaking Game
Times and Dates		
95. Find Someone Who...	To practice asking and answering questions about time.	Speaking Activity
96. Hear and Say	To review and practice telling the time, time prepositions and saying days, months, years, dates and other time expressions.	Reading and Speaking Activity
97. Just Another Day	To practice telling the time and using the present simple to describe a partner's everyday activities.	Speaking Activity
Travelling		
98. Madrid to Barcelona	To ask and answer questions about train travel information and practice booking train tickets.	Speaking Activity
99. London to Paris	To role-play conversations where you ask and answer questions about travel information.	Speaking Activity
100. Travel Mix Up	To put three travel dialogues in order.	Vocabulary Activity
101. Making and Cancelling Hotel Bookings	To practice language for making and cancelling hotel reservations over the phone.	Vocabulary, Reading and Writing Activity

Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking
Activity: sentence completion, reading and responding to statements, controlled and freer practice (pair work)

Focus

Agreeing and disagreeing
So, neither, nor

Aim

To agree and disagree with positive and negative statements with *so, neither or nor*.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Time

40 minutes

Introduction

This agreeing and disagreeing activity helps to teach students how to agree and disagree with positive and negative statements with *so, neither or nor*.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

To begin, students complete the statements on the worksheet with information that is true for them.

Next, draw the students' attention to the language at the bottom of the worksheet.

Go through how to agree and disagree with positive and negative statements using the examples on the worksheet.

Next, in pairs, one student goes first and reads their statements to their partner, e.g. 'Last weekend, I went to the park'.

Their partner listens and reacts by agreeing or disagreeing with each statement, paying attention to whether the statement is positive or negative, e.g. 'So did I'.

When the student has read out all their statements, they swap roles.

Finally, pairs report back to the class on the things they agreed on.