

Unit 01: Way to grow!



Deep dive – exercise 04

A TED talk about identity

Watch the video below. In it, America Ferrera says, “Who we see doing well in the world teaches us how to see ourselves.” What are her arguments for this? Do you agree? Why?/Why not?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RjquHTj4HIY>

Deep dive – exercise 04

“My pronouns are ...”

In the video below, Tommy Mayberry, an academic at a Canadian university, explains how you can use pronouns respectfully. Watch the video from the beginning until 02:45. What pronouns does Tommy use and why? Why is it important to tell people what pronouns you prefer?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wsb_DZPvsj8

Task hack – exercise 05a

- 1 *There are many different ideas or expectations of what it means to be a student: spending a lot of time with friends / working hard in class / going out with friends / having a lot of free time / being tired all the time ...*
- 2 *Not all of them all the time, but some are quite close. For example, I ...
I can relate to the last picture best because ...
Parents and teacher often think that students ... but in fact we ...*
- 3 *I'd change the first picture to one showing ... because my friends always say I...
The third picture should show ... instead, as most people think students ...*

Task hack – exercise 10

You can use an online acrostic poem generator such as www.acrosticpoem.org to help you write your acrostic. Read the acrostic written by the online tool carefully and change the words you don't agree with.

Task hack – exercise 11

- 2 How to use video sharing platforms: *to share moments from your life, create funny mini-films, receive feedback on a content that you've created, create how-to guides to your hobby*
- 3 Positive: *share knowledge, create a community, entertain, motivate viewers*
 Negative: *share false or misleading information, cyberbullying, share inappropriate content created by AI, share videos without consent of the person you can see, share private information*

Task hack – exercise 14

Give examples of what people should and shouldn't do when using TikTok. For example: think about how your post will affect others, set yourself a time-limit for TikTok, showcase your passions, fact-check what you read, etc.

Use the imperative: *make sure you focus on ... / never spend ... / always think about ...*

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Here are some reading and viewing tips related to the topics of this unit:

Julie Murphy, *Dumplin'*, 2018

Willowdean has a beautiful mother, but she herself doesn't conform to traditional beauty standards. To get people to see beauty beyond societal standards, she enters a beauty pageant together with some of her friends.

Neil Gaiman, *The Ocean at the End of the Lane*, 2013

This poetically written book tells the story of a young boy who brings an evil being into the world and how, with the help of some female friends, he manages to overcome this threat to his world.

Dr Alex George, *The Mind Manual – Mental Fitness Tools for Everyone*, 2023

In this bestselling book, Alex George suggests that we should all pay more attention to our mental health. In chapters such as 'Sleep will save you', 'Boundaries are beautiful' and 'It's good to talk', he provides practical, everyday ways to improve how we feel. Straightforward, honest and truly useful!

Film: *Searching* (Netflix)

When a 16-year-old girl goes missing, her father tries to track her down by following her digital footprint. This film looks at how teens can create an online persona that is far from reality and the dangers that can arise from social media use. Unusually, the film takes place entirely on computer screens and mobile phones.

Unit 02: You call this art?

Task hack – exercise 04

Why pictures created using AI should be considered art:

AI can produce stunning, original work ... / Artists could collaborate with AI programs ... / Creating art using AI could become a new form of artistic expression

Why pictures created using AI should NOT be considered art:

Art created by AI doesn't express real feelings ... / Art is about breaking rules, not following them ... / Art is about freedom of expression ... / Art needs to show the life experience of an artist ... / AI products reduce the value of real art ...

Deep dive – exercise 18

A virtual visit to a museum

Go to the website of the National Museum of Natural History. Pick a collection you find interesting and go on a virtual tour. Which exhibits did you like best and why? Tell a partner.

<https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour>

Deep dive – exercise 25

“All” music genres?

Watch the video below. How many of these kinds of music did you know already?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKyZ7-32o74>

Task hack – exercise 30

- 1 ... are a British/American/Korean/... band known for their captivating/powerful/upbeat performances...
 ... is the lead vocalist and pianist/guitarist ... famous for her/his distinctive voice/powerful stage presence/incredible skill ...
 ... is the lead guitarist who adds to the band's sound with his skillful use of the instrument ...
 ..., the bassist of the band, provides a solid foundation to the music, contributes to unique sound
 ..., drummer and percussionist, brings rhythmic complexity and versatility to the songs ...
- 2 We'd now like to play you a song of ... It's called ... It was released in ...

- 3 *The lyrics of this song convey a message of support/joy/desperation/hope ...
The song starts with these lines ..., which try to express ...
The chorus ... offers a message of ... It suggests that ...
The verses also speak about feeling lost/joyful/desperate ... with lines like "..."
Overall, the song ... is a touching/empathetic/rhythmic expression of ...*
- 4 *We especially enjoy this song because ...
I first heard the song when ... and it has become important to me as ...
I didn't like the song at first, but when I ...*

Task hack – exercise 35

Remember the correct relative pronouns to use:

- for things: *which*, e.g. *the laptop which I bought*
- for people: *who(se)*, e.g. *the man who lives here / the man whose dog likes me*
- for places: *where*, e.g. *the hotel where we stayed*
- for time: *when*, e.g. *that was the moment when I understood*
- for reasons: *why*, e.g. *this is the reason why I am angry*

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Here are some reading and viewing tips related to the topics of this unit:

Kayla Cagan, *Art Boss*, 2018

The main character, a budding artist, has moved to New York from Texas and is juggling art school, working as an assistant to a famous artist, creating her own paintings, and living in New York, the city of her dreams.

Alice Oseman, *I Was Born for This*, 2018

A book about being a fan, being a musician and how the two can connect.

And a classic: James Joyce, *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, 1916

The main character, who represents the author himself, struggles with the traditions of Ireland and the Catholic Church in his quest to become a writer.

Sky Ladder: The Art of Cai Guo-Qiang (Netflix)

This documentary explores the life and work of Chinese artist Cai Guo-Qiang, known for his innovative use of fireworks and explosives in his art. The film shows his creative journey and the cultural and political challenges he faces. Central to the story is his lifelong dream of creating the "Sky Ladder", a 1,650-foot-tall firework ladder reaching into the sky, symbolising human ambition and connection to the universe.

Film series: *Night at the Museum; Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian; Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb* (Disney+)

Here's a fun throwback – or maybe a new discovery for you! If you're in the mood for some entertaining films set in places like New York's American Museum of Natural History, the Smithsonian and the British Natural History Museum, look no further. Ben Stiller stars as Larry Daley, night security guard, who has to deal with some lively goings-on during his night shift.

Unit 03: See it. Want it. Buy it.

Task hack – exercise 10

- 1 *Happy birthday, sis! I'm afraid I don't have a present for you, but you won't believe why.
See, I went to ...
Now, what happened was that ...
I promise I'll ...
I'll make it up to you!*
- 2 *Dear Madam or Sir
I must tell you about an event that took place at your store in Cambridge today.
When I went to buy ...
The shop detective said ...
However, I feel that ...
Several young people ...
I demand you take action to ...!
Yours sincerely, ...*
- 3 *Thank you so much for ...
It really means a lot to me because ...
I will tell all my friends about ...
Thank you again for everything. I'll be sure to come back to your shop whenever ...*
- 4 *Dear Madam or Sir
I am writing concerning my order of...
The order was... weeks ago and I...
I urgently need the drives because...
I would ask you to make sure that...
Thank you very much for...
Yours sincerely, ...*

Task hack – exercise 20

*It makes me curious if ...
When I see people I like using products on social media, ...
I don't really notice most ads because ...
If I come across something that might help me in life, I ...
Some ads are really annoying, especially if ...
I wouldn't know some things even exist if I didn't ...*

Deep dive – exercise 22

Influencers

Influencer marketing is becoming more and more powerful. Listen to some people talking about whether their shopping decisions are affected by influencers. What reasons do they give for (not) being affected by this type of marketing?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42ZG_ZyWB8E

Deep dive – exercise 26**Storytelling in marketing**

Watch the video below. How does the company use storytelling to connect its products to an idea?

<https://youtu.be/DWsUrMfDaG4>

Deep dive – exercise 28**Super Bowl commercials**

Watch the video below. What strategies do these commercials use to communicate their message? Think about strategies like using well-known actors, repeating main ideas, using impressive visuals, etc.

<https://youtu.be/CcHhJE6KoZs>

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Here are some reading and viewing tips related to the topics of this unit:

Sophie Kinsella: *The Shopaholic* Novels

A series of 10 books, might be a bit dated as the first book was published in 2000, but they are still great fun.

Tazeen Ahmad, *The Checkout Girl*, 2009

With self-checkout on the rise, it's interesting to read what shopping looks like from behind a supermarket checkout. Very funny.

Non-fiction: Benjamin Lorr, *The Secret Life of Groceries: The Dark Miracle of the American Supermarket*, 2021

From enslaved fishermen to underpaid migrants who stock shelves at midnight, this book is about the machinery that keeps American supermarkets well-stocked at all times.

Series: *Mad Men* (Netflix)

Set in 1960s New York, this series follows the lives of employees at a Madison Avenue advertising agency as they face both personal and professional challenges in a competitive industry. The show was highly successful, winning many awards, and became popular for its strong characters, great writing and realistic depiction of the time.

Unit 04: It's traditional

Task hack – exercise 05

Lizzie is going to watch ...
This tradition is also popular in Austria. Here, many people ...
For New Year's Eve, Lizzie is going to travel ...
I know people who regularly go on a trip around New Year. They ...
They are also going on a party at the end of the year. Teenagers often go to parties around New Year.
I have (never) been to a New Year's Eve party. I think it's ...
Hannah talks about the fireball swingers in Scotland. For this tradition, people ...
At the end, they throw ...
A tradition that I know which includes fire is ...
Finally, they talk about first-footing. It's a tradition where ...
The first person who comes into your house in the new year ...
In Austria it's also customary to bring gifts if ...

Task hack – exercise 12

If you're struggling to think of traditions that might interest your partner school's students, this website might be helpful. It offers a wealth of information about Austrian culture, aimed at tourists and visitors:

<https://www.austria.info/en/things-to-do/cities-and-culture/traditions>

Deep dive – exercise 17

The Austrian Krampus

Watch the video below. It's about an American and an Austrian pre-Christmas tradition. How are the two presented? What is different, what is the same?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbkGuCozc9M>

Task hack – exercise 26

<i>Children should be read to when they are young.</i>	(Point)
<i>It is important for the children's language development and ...</i>	(Explanation)
<i>When adults read stories to children, ...</i>	(Example)
<i>That's why parents should be encouraged to ...</i>	(Link)
<i>Violent fairy tales are not appropriate for small children.</i>	(Point)
<i>The original story of Little Red Riding Hood, for example, is ...</i>	(Example)
<i>Such stories might make them ...</i>	(Explanation)
<i>There are many other stories parents can read instead, like ...</i>	(Link)

Deep dive – exercise 30***Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf***

Poetry is a great way to practise your pronunciation! When you read a poem aloud, you can play with rhythm and rhyme, and your English will eventually sound more fluent and natural. If you like *Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf* by Roald Dahl, you can listen to this rhythmic performance of the poem and record your own version:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=015EFTja3p4>

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Here are some reading and viewing tips related to the topics of this unit:

Naomi Novik, *Uprooted*, 2015 & *Spinning Silver*, 2018

Rewritten fairy tales with female heroes. These novels leave you wondering just how many classic fairy tales the author has intricately woven into her new, captivating stories.

Samantha Shannon, *The Priory of the Orange Tree*, 2019

A must-read for fantasy lovers. It immerses you in a beautifully crafted world filled with magic, dragons and an epic battle between good and evil. With over 800 pages of captivating storytelling, you'll be sorry to see it end after enjoying every moment of the journey.

Daniel Haack (author), Stevie Lewis (illustrator): *Prince and Knight*, 2019

This is a beautifully illustrated children's book which breaks the traditional stereotypes of princes and knights. After fighting the evil dragon, the two characters find true love.

Film: *Into the Woods* (Disney+)

This musical fantasy film stars a range of famous faces including Meryl Streep and James Corden. A couple cursed to never have children sets out to break the curse. You'll meet plenty of familiar fairy tale characters such as Little Red Riding Hood, Cinderella, Rapunzel and, of course, the Wicked Witch.

Unit 05: Wild world

Deep dive – exercise 08

Funny haiku

Traditional haiku are quite serious, but modern haiku can be funny, too. Follow the link below to see some examples of humorous haiku. Then try to write your own funny haiku.

<https://www.yourdictionary.com/articles/funny-haiku-examples>

Task hack – exercise 11

Dear ...
 I really enjoyed hearing about ...
 It's interesting that you ...
 You should know that in Austria you could ...
 There is a place here where you ...
 I think you'd really enjoy it here because ...
 I'd also like to tell you about how ...
 I often go ...
 What I like best about it is ...
 When I'm out in nature like that I can ...
 Thanks again for sharing what you enjoy about nature. I hope we can ...
 All the best.
 Yours,
 ...

Task hack – exercise 14

Statement A is about what we should do about waste. It's critical about ... because ...
 Many people think that separated waste just ends up in a landfill, but ...
 Statement B is about protecting the rainforests. The person believes that we should ... as ...
 I don't think so/I think so, too. The rainforests are ...
 The person in statement C is worried about ...
 They are of the opinion that companies must ...
 I agree/I don't agree. It's important that ...
 In D, the person states that many animal species are at risk of extinction. They think that governments need to ...
 That's a good/bad idea because ...

Deep dive – exercise 14***Klimakleber***

Watch the video below. Do you think it does a good job explaining 'climate gluers' to viewers who are not from German speaking countries? Why?/Why not?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RA--VhmEnOE>

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Here are some reading and viewing tips related to the topics of this unit:

Gail Gauthier, *Saving the Planet & Stuff*, 2003

Michael finds himself as a summer intern at an environmental magazine run by a couple who mentally still live in the previous century. This eco-comedy explores how he survives the summer.

Kim Stanley Robinson, *The Ministry for the Future*, 2021

Through the stories of fictional witnesses, we experience how climate change will affect us.

Lauren James, *Green Rising*, 2021

Teenagers develop the ability to grow plants from their skin in this novel set in a post-apocalyptic world. Will they be able to save the planet, or will they fall victim to corporations that try to exploit them?

Non-fiction: Mike Berners-Lee, *How Bad are Bananas?*, 2010

The author takes a look at the real impact of our actions and what we buy on the environment, with some surprising results. This book turns some of our expectations upside-down!

Documentary: *A Life on Our Planet* (Netflix)

In this award-winning documentary, famous naturalist Sir David Attenborough presents his view of humanity's impact on the environment. He outlines the terrible damage being done to the planet, but also offers hope for the future.

Unit 06: The empire? Strike back!

Task hack – exercise 02

Key features of the different accents:

American

The American accent varies between the East and West coasts, but generally, the 'r' sound is pronounced strongly. Words like 'car', 'pearl', and 'court' have a strong 'r' pronunciation. Americans often pronounce the letter 't' in the middle of a word more like a 'd', so 'water' becomes 'wadder', 'flatter' sounds like 'fladder', and 'patter' sounds like 'padder'.

Irish

Irish accents soften vowels but harden consonants. Words like 'think' and 'that' often become 'tink' and 'dat'. 'I' sounds can change to 'oi' sounds – for example, 'Ireland' becomes 'Oireland'. 'G' sounds are often dropped, so 'walking' and 'talking' become 'walkin' and 'talkin'.

Canadian

If you're not a native American English speaker, you might find it hard to distinguish between an American and a Canadian accent, but there are some differences. Words with 'ou' or 'ue' are typically pronounced 'oo', so 'about' becomes 'aboot' and 'Tuesday' becomes 'Tooz-day'. The use of 'eh' (pronounced 'ay') is common, as in 'The weather is nice, eh?' instead of the American 'The weather is nice, huh?'

Australian

Words like 'write' and 'drive', with an 'i' sound, shift slightly towards 'oi', though it's not overly emphasised. Hard 'a' sounds become softer, resembling 'aye', almost like 'eye' in words like 'way' and 'date'. 'R' sounds are often dropped and replaced with an 'ah' sound – 'shiver' becomes 'shiv-ah' and 'car' becomes 'cah'.

South African

The 'A' sound often shifts to something closer to 'eh', so 'South Africa' sounds like 'South Efrica'. Additionally, South Africans tend to shorten the 'l' sound in words like 'sit', making it sound more like 'set', and 'jet' sounds more like 'jit'.

Task hack – exercise 07

- 1 *Yes, I have. What I liked best about it was ... Something that didn't work for me was ...
No, I haven't. I'd be curious to find out if ... I don't think it would work well for me because ...*
- 2 *It's important to check the work AI has done because ...
AI tools are reliable for ...
I've had good experiences with ...*
- 3 *I might use it to ... get feedback/advice, have a conversation, get ideas for a text, play games in a foreign language*

Deep dive – exercise 08**The British Empire**

Watch the short interview with author and journalist Sathnam Sanghera. What do you think of his view that both the negative and the positive effects of the British Empire should be taught? Think of two additional questions you would ask him.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pi2S0zXJgIU>

Deep dive – exercise 10**German loanwords in English**

There are more German loanwords in English than you might think! You can find out more about them on the website below. Go through the lists and count how many of the words you already know.

<https://www.babbel.com/en/magazine/english-words-that-are-actually-german>

Deep dive – exercise 13**Video streaming**

Watch this video about streaming services. According to the video, what are the disadvantages of using them?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1wFvewQnic>

Task hack – exercise 16

Main characters: *a hero, a villain, a regular person, a teenage boy/girl, an older woman ...*
 Plot: *In the beginning, ... The big issue is ... So then, the main character ...
 Surprisingly, ... We don't know...*
 Setting: *contemporary / historical / in the future / in the 1980s / ...
 on Earth / in the US / on another planet / in a spaceship / ...*

Deep dive, p. 89: Way more to read and watch!

Here are some reading and viewing tips related to the topics of this unit:

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, *Half a Yellow Sun*, 2006

Shows how colonialism still affects the world today, creating artificial borders that lead to serious conflicts with roots in the past.

Michael Williams, *Now Is the Time for Running*, 2009

Follows the fate of Deo, a soccer player from Zimbabwe, as he and his brother flee from the wreck that was their home until soldiers arrived.

Amitav Gosh, *The Glass Palace*, 2000

Set in Burma, Bengal, India and Malaya, the book traces the fortunes of several families from the mid-19th century to the turn of the 21st century, showing how these countries became what they are today.

Josef Conrad, *Heart of Darkness*, 1899

A book about colonialism in Africa and how the power imbalances it created also corrupt those who have that power.

E.M. Foster, *A Passage to India*, 1924

This book explores the impossibility of true friendship between the colonisers and the colonised, focusing on the complex relationships between an Indian medical doctor, an English schoolmistress, and the English headmaster of a school for Indian students.

Both novels have been turned into films around the turn of the century.

Jean Rhys, *The Wide Sargasso Sea*, 1965

Set in colonial Jamaica and 19th-century England, this book serves as a prequel to Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre*, though it was written over 100 years later by a different author.

You can also find ideas for books by Commonwealth authors in the Big Jubilee Read (2022), a list of books celebrating the 70th anniversary of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II by selecting 10 Commonwealth authors from each decade of the Queen's reign. Check it out here:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Jubilee_Read

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's TED talk "The Danger of a Single Story" discusses how the idea of white supremacy still influences our stereotypes and prejudices even today.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9Ihs241zeg>

Unit 07: Bigger, better, faster, stronger

Task hack – exercise 01

Remember: An invention is something made by humans that didn't exist before. Examples include the wheel, the mobile phone and the internet. A discovery is something that has existed before, but it took humans some time to find out. Examples are the fact that the earth goes around the sun or antibiotics like penicillin.

The invention of ... has made the world a safer place to ...

The discovery of ... has changed how we see ...

Because of ... we now know that ...

This invention has caused a change in ...

Task hack – exercise 22

- (1) Which of the words forms a fixed phrase with '... over the world' AND make sense in the context of the sentence?
- (3) This phrase needs to mean 'make sure there are no mistakes'.
- (4) You need a word that is used to describe a relationship or interaction involving two parties, in this case, patients and healthcare providers.
- (6) The word needed must convey the idea of taking action to guarantee that something happens.
- (7) Only one of the words goes with 'to happen'.
- (8) Look at the context. What kind of effect might the mistakes cause?

Deep dive – exercise 22

I Robot

Watch the trailer for the film *I Robot*: How does the trailer show robots connecting with and helping people? What does the film suggest could go wrong if robots become a part of humans' lives?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Dlo-VB0-HI>

Task hack – exercise 31

If you're stuck for ideas, you can find out more about the e-skin, virtual reality with smells, the robotic arm and the 3D printer here:

<https://www.sciencefocus.com/future-technology/future-technology-22-ideas-about-to-change-our-world>

The contact lens with the built-in camera is described here:

<https://www.extremetech.com/extreme/180571-google-invents-smart-contact-lens-with-built-in-camera-superhuman-terminator-like-vision-here-we-come>

Deep dive – exercise 34**Films about the Theranos scandal**

Watch the two trailers. Which film seems more interesting based on the trailer and why?

<https://www.panmacmillan.com/blogs/literary/theranos-elizabeth-holmes-john-carreyrou>

Task hack – exercise 35

If you can't think of any claims that turned out to be false, you can find some here:

<https://www.vogue.com.au/culture/features/the-most-famous-scams-in-recent-history/image-gallery/8e88ec2eacd7fd674c28aa028e7a02d2>

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Here are some reading and viewing tips related to the topics of this unit:

Byron Graves, *Rez Ball*, 2023

Tru Brun, the main character, loves playing basketball on his reservation high school team. As the star player, will he be able to overcome all the obstacles to lead the team to the state championship and get closer to his dream of playing in the NBA (National Basketball Association)?

Raquel Marie, *You Don't Have a Shot*, 2023

Two soccer girls need to set aside their rivalry to form a winning soccer team.

Sarah Henning, *Throw Like a Girl*, 2020

Liv plays softball on a scholarship at a private school, but one foul punch gets her kicked out of school, all her friendships and the softball team. At her new public school, she must overcome many obstacles to rejoin the softball team – will Grey, the injured quarterback of the football team, help her win a spot on the team?

Sara Farizan, *Here to Stay*, 2018

Bijan becomes the basketball star of his school, but not everyone is happy: he is cyberbullied as a terrorist because his family is from the Middle East.

And a classic: Isaac Asimov, *I Robot*, 1950

In this collection of nine short stories, Asimov was ahead of his time, exploring the ethical dilemmas surrounding artificial intelligence and the potential dangers it can bring.

Film: *I, Robot* (Disney +)

The first law of robots is: 'A robot may not injure a human being, or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm'. But what happens if the robots created to help humankind turn against them and try to take over? Find out in this futuristic crime drama.

Film: *Transcendence* (Netflix)

When AI expert Dr Will Caster is attacked by an anti-technology terrorist group, his mind is uploaded to a computer. This new form of AI starts to grow and become more powerful. The question is: is this for the good of humankind, or is there something more sinister going on?

Unit 08: Read all about it!

Task hack – exercise 02

Question 1

I regularly send memes to friends because ... / I hardly ever share memes as ... / Whenever I come across a good meme, I ...

Question 2

One of my favourite memes shows ... The picture is of ... The text says ... / What I like most about it is that ... / Another meme I like is ... / It's great because ...

Question 3

A good meme needs to be ... / The image must be ... / Ideally, the text will ... / The best memes all show ...

Question 4

While an image consists only of ..., a meme also has ...

Task hack – exercise 09

To tell a successful anecdote, start by answering some wh-questions (*where/when/who/...*). Then go straight to the action and explain the event in detail. Finish with a sentence or two about the result.

I had a really lucky escape when I was ... / It was late afternoon/during the night/in the early morning. / I was relaxing at home/spending time at a friend's place/on a trip with ... / I was trying to ... when ... / What a shock! / I immediately ... / Thankfully, I ... / From that day onwards, I never ...

Deep dive – exercise 27

Fake news and how to spot it

Watch the video on fake news below. Could you tell which images were deepfakes?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pj4w0J6odJE>

Deep dive – exercise 34

Reading and memory

Does it make a difference whether you read something on paper or on a screen? Find out:

<https://bigthink.com/neuropsych/reading-memory/>

Deep dive – exercise 39**The Tasmanian tiger**

Watch the video about sightings of the animal. Why do you think people are still looking for Tasmanian tigers?

<https://www.livescience.com/animals/extinct-species/long-extinct-tasmanian-tiger-may-still-be-alive-and-prowling-the-wilderness-scientists-claim>

Task hack – exercise 39

The tenses you should use are:

2 past simple, **3** present simple, **4** present simple, **5** past simple, **6** past simple, **7** past perfect, **8** past simple, **9** past simple, **10** present perfect, **11** future with *will*, **12** future with *will*

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Here are some reading and viewing tips related to the topics of this unit:

Sara Nisha Adams, *The Reading List*, 2021

A touching story about the power of books and how they connect people, creating unexpected bonds through the joy of reading.

Amy Meyerson, *The Bookshop of Yesterdays*, 2018

Miranda inherits a bookshop from her uncle. She also inherits a mystery about his disappearance.

Jenn McKinlay, *Summer Reading*, 2023

A romcom about a non-reader who becomes a writer and a non-romantic who unexpectedly falls in love.

Lori Goldstein, *Sources Say*, 2020

Angeline and Leo are no longer a couple and are now competing to win the student council election, while Angeline's sister Cat edits the school magazine and has to fight off an anonymous rival publication full of fake news.

Docudrama: *The Social Dilemma* (Netflix)

Part documentary, part drama, this film looks at the dangerous effects of social media. Through a combination of interviews with important figures in the development of media platforms and a fictional drama about the effects of social media on a family, concerns are raised about the risks we all face. If you've ever wondered why you can't put your phone down, here are the answers.

Unit 09: Make a change!

Deep dive – exercise 05

Political parties in the UK

Ever wondered which UK political party best matches your beliefs? Go to:

<https://uk.isidewith.com/political-quiz> and take the quiz. You don't have to answer every question to find out.

Task hack – exercise 09

If you were the mayor ...

Think about the services (such as public transport), rules (what you're allowed to do) or facilities (such as a public swimming pool) that the place where you live has or doesn't have. You need to find a good reason for any change you propose.

Rules: *Teenagers should be allowed to ... This change would be important because ...*

Services: *Our town should have better ... This would allow everyone to ...*

Facilities: *A ... should be opened in our town as young people need ...*

Task hack – exercise 17

Tips for continuing the story:

- You need to keep writing in the past tense and in the 3rd person.
- Use dialogue between the characters to develop the plot. (Remember where the speech marks go!)
- Notice Piggy's last comment: "There's going to be trouble." What kind of trouble might there be?
- Will Jack's 'tribe' stay with him or join Ralph?
- There is a storm coming. How could this be incorporated into the next part of the story?
- Will the boys be rescued?
- Use vocabulary such as: *conflict, against, oppose, vote, leader, hunter, tribe, rescue, signal, fire.*

Deep dive – exercise 18

Female leaders

Mary Robinson was the first female President of the Republic of Ireland. In the video below, she talks about the qualities of female leaders. Do you think that women lead differently than men?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UM0e26uiOCI>

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Here are some reading and viewing tips related to the topics of this unit:

Becky Albertalli & Aisha Saeed, *Yes No Maybe So*, 2020

Maya and Jamie are both volunteering for their state senate candidate, going from door to door to convince people to vote for their candidate. Will they also fall in love?

Renée Watson & Ellen Hagan, *Watch Us Rise*, 2019

Jasmine and Chelsea start a blog to create a space to promote women's rights and poetry and other art created by girls. When their school tries to shut them down, they have to find ways to still make their voices heard.

Usborne, *Politics for Beginners*, 2018

The perfect read if you want the complexities of politics explained in a way that actually makes sense. Full of fun illustrations.

Film: *On the Basis of Sex* (Amazon Prime)

This biopic tells the story of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a lawyer who fought for gender equality and women's rights. Facing numerous challenges as a female lawyer, she was one of only nine women in a class of around 500 men at Harvard Law School in 1956. Ginsburg later became a U.S. Supreme Court Justice, serving from 1993 until her death in 2020.

Unit 10: The story of my life

Task hack – exercise 03

(A) Why 'a full bookcase'? What could lots of books mean for young people? Is this in contrast to the 'discipline' mentioned before?

(B) This statement should be taken literally. Is it really 'monstrous' not to respect dyed hair? Why do (some) people dye their hair? Are some of them people who should traditionally be respected?

(C) Consider the time when this statement was made. Does it sound familiar to you? Have you heard similar statements before? Could it be the kind of thing people often say about younger generations?

Deep dive – exercise 21

Go to the 'sports' section of the International Paralympic Committee website. Choose one sport and find out something about it to share with the class. Did you find out anything surprising?

<https://www.paralympic.org/sports>

Task hack – exercise 23

- Look carefully at the differences between 2018 and 2023. In which group are the numbers higher in 2023? Why could this date be significant? Could the pandemic or the economy have had an effect?
- Why might there be higher numbers of homeless individual adults than families? How might having a job and then becoming unemployed affect people's living conditions? Could separation from the family cause people to become (and remain) homeless?
- Do you think homeless families with children might get more help from the government than individuals?

Task hack – exercise 32

- There are two examples of mistakes for each of the four word order rules.
- Does extra information about time (e.g. "in May 2023"), place or manner come at the beginning or end of the sentence?
- Are adverbs of frequency like "never" in the right place?
- Are there any phrases (e.g. "in our society") in the wrong place?

Deep dive – exercise 32

Watch the video of Sinéad Burke on the Kelly Clarkson show. When Kelly Clarkson introduces Sinéad, she says, “She is only three-foot-five, but she has a big message.” What is Sinéad’s message? Which of Sinéad’s answers to the host’s questions did you find most interesting?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2d9qMtvvpE>

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Here are some reading and viewing tips related to the topics of this unit:

Sorona Reyes, *The Luis Ortega Survival Club*, 2023

Ariana is autistic and doesn’t speak unless she feels completely safe, so when Luis has sex with her, she doesn’t say no – but she doesn’t say yes either. And then she is approached by a group of students who want to expose Luis for preying on girls ...

Kenneth M. Gadow, *Gather*, 2023

Ian Gray cares for a stray dog he calls Gather, but more importantly he cares for his mother, who is a drug addict. Through tragedy, he also learns that the community he lives in will look after him when he needs it.

Docuseries: *Love on the Spectrum* (Netflix)

This series follows young adults on the autism spectrum as they explore the challenges of dating and love. It appeals to a wide audience and offers important representation of people with autism in the media.

Unit 11: Culture is key

Task hack – exercise 06

2 Think about common situations in unfamiliar places such as eating out, shopping, using public transport, visiting places of worship. What could you do that would go against the customs of the place you're in? Do you need to cover your head/shoulders in a place of worship? Put yourself in someone else's shoes – what misconceptions might people have about Austrian culture? Can you relate these ideas to other countries?

3 Think about how someone could be upset by your misunderstanding. Could misinterpreting cultural norms be against the law? For example, not covering certain parts of the body, eating and drinking in places where it's not allowed, such as a famous landmark or on public transport ...

Deep dive – exercise 13

Do you know Austria's secret national anthem? Listen to the song *Edelweiss* from the movie *The Sound of Music*. Can you guess why it is so popular?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z6-P3pFhmQI&ab_channel=skyMTV

Task hack – exercise 15

When the weather is nice/cold/hot, people here often ...
Young people here are enthusiastic about ...
This area/town/village is famous/well-known for ...
Visitors to this area/town/village generally enjoy taking part in ...
As a local, I recommend going to/joining/watching/visiting ...
You should try a typical dish of this region, for example ...
Something you can't do anywhere else is ...
Everybody around here is very proud of ...
I would be happy to take you along when I ...
Something you might find surprising about this region/town/village is ...
A traditional activity in this region/town/village which I enjoy is ...

Deep dive – exercise 20

Watch the video about land acknowledgements. In the video, there is a lot of discussion about whether they are a good idea or an empty gesture. What do you think?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i7juFo9nKmM>

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Here are some reading and viewing tips related to the topics of this unit:

Gene Luen Yang, *American Born Chinese*, 2006

This graphic novel tells three stories: the struggles of a Chinese-American boy trying to fit in at school, a classic Chinese myth about the Monkey King, and a sitcom-like tale of a Chinese cousin visiting America. Though the stories seem separate at first, they come together in a surprising way, exploring themes of identity, self-acceptance, and the challenges of balancing two cultures.

Lilian Li, *House of Koi*, 2019

After years at an American international school, Mila is forced to move in with her grandmother, speak Mandarin and Malay again and attend a local school in the mountains of Malaysia. Will she manage to unite her American and Malay identities?

Nidhi Chanani, *Pashmina*, 2017

In this beautifully illustrated graphic novel, Priyanka Das' mother just won't answer Priyanka's questions about her past in India. When Priyanka finds a beautiful pashmina hidden in a suitcase, it transports her to another place full of colour and mystery. This novel explores the difficulties of growing up in two cultures and two worlds.

Series: *Emily in Paris* (Netflix)

This series follows Emily, the main character, as she struggles with cultural differences when she is asked to move to Paris and bring an "American point of view" to an established French marketing company. The show has been heavily criticised by its European audience for cultural stereotypes. See if you can spot them too!

Series: *Somebody Feed Phil* (Netflix)

Travel the world with writer and producer Phil Rosenthal in this quirky series. Phil visits a variety of countries, tasting the food and learning about the local cultures. Does Phil always know how to behave in new places, or does he experience some cultural misunderstandings along the way ...?

Unit 12: Going global

Deep dive – exercise 03

How much do you know about the effects of globalisation? Take the Factfulness quiz to find out. Some of the answers will definitely surprise you!

<https://factfulnessquiz.com/>

Deep dive – exercise 06

Watch the video about the lasting impact the Roman Empire had on the world. What other technological inventions did they come up with?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Luwj7oO5Hkc&list=PLK8wFG_505jXdzjOedvOb7GIHXzXgb9Yy&index=5&ab_channel=InspireEducation

Task hack – exercise 07

- 2 The internet means that people can see each another virtually, which wasn't possible before. Think how much harder it was to stay connected when people couldn't fly across countries, but needed to travel by car, train or ship. Consider how agreements between EU countries have made it easier for people to travel and work (e.g. no passport checks).
- 3 *The invention of the printing press ...*
Motor cars or steam trains ...
The invention of film/TV ...
Revolutions which ended in ...

Deep dive – exercise 09

Cuban refugees

Watch the video on the experiences of refugees from Cuba. What was their experience like?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-rVaofmQU0>

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Here are some reading and viewing tips related to the topics of this unit:

Charles C. Mann, *1493 for Young People*, 2016

The book traces travels, trade, colonialism and migration through the centuries. Starting with tomatoes, it explores the growing connections between countries and cultures around the world.

Non-fiction: Pietra Rivoli, *The Travels of a T-Shirt in the Global Economy*, 2nd edition, 2014

This book follows the journey of a T-shirt, from the cotton fields of the U.S. to Asian sweatshops, back to U.S. stores, and eventually to second-hand clothing markets in Africa. It offers insight into the global economy and the life cycle of everyday products.

Film: *1492: Conquest of Paradise*, 1992

This film shows in all its brutality the beginning of (Spanish) colonialism after the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus.