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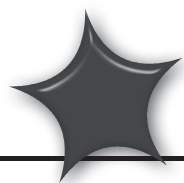
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Introduction

- This Teacher's Resource Pack is designed to help you and your students make the most of *Kid's Box 1*, as well as providing practice for the Cambridge ESOL Young Learners English (YLE) Tests. There are three main sections in this Pack:
 - Worksheets
 - Word cards
 - Practice tests

Worksheets

- There are two reinforcement worksheets and two extension worksheets per unit. The former are designed to help those students who need extra practice, whereas the latter are designed to cater to the needs of fast finishers. However, these worksheets not only provide a resource for mixed-ability classes, but also offer material to set as homework or for the rest of the class to use while you work individually with a student on a speaking test.
- Reinforcement worksheets 1 and 2 for each unit focus on key vocabulary, as does Extension worksheet 1. Extension worksheet 2 offers further exploitation of the unit story.
- There is also a song worksheet for each unit. These always give the song lyrics and a song-based activity that varies from unit to unit. These worksheets are best done once students are familiar with the song. The songs are provided on the CD with the Teacher's Resource Pack but you can also use the Class CD. Please note that the track numbers refer to the *Kid's Box American English 1 Teacher's Resource Pack CD*.
- There is a page of teaching notes before the worksheets for each unit. These notes include optional follow-up activities that encourage interaction between students and add a useful dimension to the worksheet. You may find that one type of follow-up activity works better than another with your particular class, in which case you can use the suggestions as a springboard for adapting other worksheets.
- You may find, according to the particular interests of a student, that in one unit he/she needs a reinforcement worksheet, whereas in other units the same student can more profitably do an extension worksheet. Fast finishers may want/need to do reinforcement and extension worksheets.
- You can also use the worksheets as time-fillers or as alternative activities when, for example, some other activity has interfered with the normal running of the class.

- The worksheets can also be used as models for you or your students to develop further practice activities. Creating exercises is an excellent way for students to consolidate their learning, and they will enjoy swapping them with their friends.
- You may find it useful to keep a record of the unit worksheets each student has completed.
- After the resources for each unit, there are two worksheets for each of the following festivals:
 - Halloween
 - Easter
- The teaching notes for this section contain cultural notes on the festivals that you can use to introduce the topics to the class.

Word cards

- For each unit, there are photocopiable word cards with the key vocabulary items of each unit. These are to support you in the introduction of literacy in English in the classroom. The set includes the vocabulary of the early units for those teaching situations where literacy in English begins at the start of the year, but you may prefer to wait until later units with your class. You may wish to mount the photocopied words on thin cardboard and laminate them so that they can be used over and over again. You may also like to enlarge them on a photocopier before doing so.
- Some ideas for using the word cards:
 - Display them in the classroom and then, when checking answers, you can ask students to point to the corresponding word card or to select it from cards laid out on the table.
 - Do "word trails" by asking students to point to a series of words in succession as you name them.
 - Ask students to match them with picture flashcards.
 - Reveal one letter at a time, asking students to spell out the word or guess it.
 - If you can use a larger space, you could put them around the walls of a gymnasium or a hallway and ask students to run, hop, jump, etc. from one to another.
 - Alternatively, they can follow a trail of letters to reach the complete word card at the end.
- It is easy to put away one set of word cards as you move on to a new unit, but remember that it is very useful to mix them in with subsequent vocabulary sets. You can then use them to recycle and test vocabulary throughout the year.

Practice tests

- There are three progress tests, each covering four units, and one End of Year test. These are suitable for all classes as they review the vocabulary and basic structures of the preceding units and, in addition, they offer specific practice for the Starters level of the Cambridge Young Learners English (YLE) Tests. The first test reflects the focus on oral–aural work in Units 1–4 of *Kid's Box*. Subsequent tests gradually introduce the assessment of students' literacy skills. The more practice students have with the various activity types, and the more familiar they are with the test format, the easier it will be for them to do the YLE Starters Test confidently once they have completed *Kid's Box 2*.

YLE activity types in *Kid's Box 1* Tests

- **Listen and draw lines.** Demonstrate on the board and encourage students to draw the line very exactly to be e.g., in, on, next to, or under the correct object. Make sure they understand that there is one extra picture that is not mentioned in the recording.
- **Read the question. Listen and write a name or a number.** Remember that there are specific names on the YLE syllabus, and it is important to familiarize students with them. Some of these names are used in the tests in *Kid's Box 1*.
- **Listen and check (✓) the box.** Students will be tempted to check the relevant box for the first word they recognize. Check that students understand each question, then encourage them to listen carefully to the whole dialog before checking a box.
- **Listen and color.** Make sure that students have all the colors they need. More distractors are built into this activity type through *Kid's Box 1*, toward the exact test format in *Kid's Box 2*, by which time students will have a greater range of supporting vocabulary. Encourage them to listen to the full description of the item and not just to color the first one they see in the picture.
- **Look and read. Check (✓) or cross (X) the box.** The literacy element in this activity type develops from word level to sentence level by the end of *Kid's Box 1*. Encourage students to look carefully and to say the word in their head to help them decide whether it is correct or not. The word shape activities in the Workbook also provide good practice for this part of the test.
- **Look at the pictures. Look at the letters. Write the words.** The "Say it with Monty" activities help students think about the initial sound of the words that they know, and this will give them a head start with this activity. You can also practice on the board with volunteers coming up to write the next letter, or by turning it into a race with two teams writing the word letter by letter on the board.
- **Read this. Choose a word from the box. Write the correct word next to numbers 1–5.** Use the example to show that none of the other words are correct in the blank. Encourage students to use the pictures to guide them. You could also practice on the board using flashcards and the word cards.
- **Speaking.** There are notes in the Test key and audioscript section on pages 138–144 explaining the use of the scene and object cards for each Speaking test. The scene cards are designed to be photocopied and enlarged. Practicing with your students individually is very important to help them feel confident in the YLE Test and to know what is expected. If you can arrange to swap classes with another English teaching co-worker, it gives students the opportunity to work with someone whom they may not know as well, which also helps them prepare for the test.