

AMERICAN THE SECOND EDITION

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TOWARDS A2 Key for Schools practice

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TOWARDS A2 Key for Schools practice

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TOWARDS A2 Key for Schools practice

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TOWARDS A2 Key for Schools practice

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TOWARDS A2 Key for Schools practice

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Welcome to AMERICAN TH!NK, the course that develops your students' communication and critical thinking skills, values, and life competencies so they can successfully meet the challenges ahead.

Have you ever asked yourself: "how can I be expected to prepare my students to succeed in a world that's changing so fast?" While it's impossible to predict what specific skills will be in demand by the time our students enter the workforce, there are some things that we as educators can do to ensure our students are as well prepared for their futures as they can be. We know there is an ever-increasing need for individuals to be able to work together effectively with others around the world, and to be able to think creatively and solve problems collaboratively. They also need to be able to analyze and process sources of information more critically, communicate, and support their views more effectively, and they need to maintain a positive mindset in challenging environments.

With **AMERICAN TH!NK** you can be certain you're giving your learners the tools they need to build a brighter future for themselves and a better world for us all.

What's new in the Second Edition?

We've kept everything that teachers loved about AMERICAN TH!NK First Edition:

The high-interest, relevant, and thought-provoking topics The development of critical thinking, positive values, and self-esteem A syllabus built on the Cambridge English Learner Corpus and English Profile

The inclusion of Cambridge Exams practice sections

The second edition builds and expands on these strengths:



The **globally focused content** will appeal to teens' natural curiosities and interests, and feed their growing sense of the world around them.



The **Life Competencies** strand, supported by entertaining student vlogs and correlated to the Cambridge Life Competencies Framework, will help them develop the vital capabilities they'll need to be successful throughout their lives.



The authentic, **real-world documentary-style videos** will captivate student interest and provoke meaningful thought and lively classroom discussion.



Powerful, all-in-one digital tools and support will empower teachers to deliver dynamic and effective lessons.

The story of AMERICAN TH!NK



AMERICAN THINK Second Edition was developed using the latest research into teen cognitive science and best practices and methodologies for the secondary classroom. To learn more, visit cambridge.org/americanthink2e or scan this QR code with your smartphone or tablet.



There have been many initiatives to address the skills and competencies our students need for the 21st century – each relating to different contexts. At Cambridge, we are responding to educators who have asked for a way to understand how all these different approaches to life competencies relate to English language programs.

The Cambridge Framework sets out to have three dimensions:

BREADTH

Complete view of transferable skills within one system

DEVELOPMENT

How the skills develop across stages of the learning journey

DEPTH

Enough detail to guide teaching and assessment in practical ways

We have grouped the different competencies into six main areas.

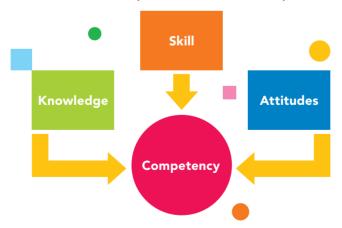
- Creative Thinking
- Critical Thinking
- Learning to Learn
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Social Responsibilities

These are supported by three foundation layers that underpin the Framework:

- Emotional Development
- Digital Literacy
- Discipline Knowledge

What Are "Competencies"?

We call these "competencies" rather than "skills," because competencies are more than just skills. The competencies in this Framework are complex and require development in three areas:



Competencies are defined as a combination of knowledge, skills, and attitudes, where:

- a) knowledge is composed of the facts and figures, concepts, ideas, and theories which are already established and support the understanding of a certain area or subject;
- b) skills are defined as the ability and capacity to carry out processes and use the existing knowledge to achieve results;
- c) attitudes describe the disposition and mindsets to act or react to ideas, persons, or situations.

Council of the European Union, 2018, p14.

Core areas

Creative Thinking

Participating in creative activities

Creating new content from own ideas or other resources Using newly created content to solve problems and make decisions

Critical Thinking

Understanding and analyzing links between ideas Evaluating ideas, arguments, and options

Synthesizing ideas and information

Learning to Learn

Practical skills for participating in learning Taking control of own learning

Reflecting on and evaluating own learning success

Communication

Using appropriate language and register for context

Managing conversations

Participating with appropriate confidence and clarity

Collaboration

Taking persona responsibility for own contribution to a group task

Listening respectfully and responding constructively to others' contributions Managing the sharing of tasks in a project

Working towards a resolution related to a task

Social Responsibilities

Understanding personal responsibilities as part of a group and in society – including citizenship

Taking active roles including leadership

Understanding and describing own and others' cultures Understanding and discussing global issues – environmental, political, financial, and social

Foundational layers

Emotional Development

Digital Literacy

Discipline Knowledge

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For a full correlation to the Cambridge Life Competencies Framework, visit cambridge.org/americanthink2e

AMERICAN TH!NK and the Cambridge Life Competencies Framework

Although **AMERICAN TH!NK** focuses on both the *Social Responsibilities* and the *Emotional Development* competencies in the *Cambridge Life Competencies Framework*, all of the six Life Competencies are explored throughout the course.

The table below shows, at a glance, where you can find an activity which concentrates on a particular Core Area.

The following table shows which competencies are developed in this level.

Competency	Core Area	U1	U2	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12
Social Responsibilities	Understanding personal responsibilities as part of a group and in society – including citizenship			~						~			
	Understanding and discussing global issues – environmental, political, financial, and social											~	/
	Understanding and describing own and others' cultures		v		~		/		~		/		/
Emotional Development	Identifying and understanding emotions	~										~	
	Empathy and relationship skills		/			/	•			~			
	Managing own emotions							~	~				
Critical Thinking	Evaluating ideas, arguments, and options							/			~		
j	Understanding and analyzing links between ideas		v				•						v
	Synthesizing ideas and information				•								
Learning to Learn	Practical skills for participating in learning	/	V	/	/	V	/	/	/	V	/	V	v
Communication	Participating with appropriate confidence and clarity										~		
	Using appropriate language and register for context			~									
Creative Thinking	Creating new content from own ideas or other resources	/											
Collaboration	Listening respectfully and responding constructively to others' contributions	V	/	/	/	v	/	/	/	/	/	•	/

Here are a few examples of how activities can help your students develop particular Can Do Statements:

Competency: Creative Thinking
Core Area: Creating new content
from own ideas or other resources
Can Do Statement: Responds
imaginatively to contemporary or
historical events and ideas.
In this TH!NK Values section,
students are encouraged to use their
imagination and add their own ideas
to the topic.





Competency: Emotional Development
Core Area: Empathy and relationship skills
Can Do Statement: Shows understanding of other people's perspectives and feelings
The following exercises encourage students to put themselves in the position of others and to think about how to offer help.

Student's Book

Each unit of **AMERICAN TH!NK** builds students' knowledge and skills through a series of carefully constructed learning inputs and activities. Units begin with a thought-provoking question and introductory video, followed by a series of high-interest readings and abundant opportunities for personalized speaking practice.

Each sequence of exercises helps students unlock the text, while contextualized vocabulary and grammar concepts recycle and build throughout the unit, sharpening students' language proficiency.

Objectives

Learning objectives clearly show unit aims at a glance, including language functions and target vocabulary and grammar concepts.

Get TH!NKING

Each unit is introduced by a documentary-style video, with questions designed to pique curiosity, activate prior knowledge, and get students thinking critically.

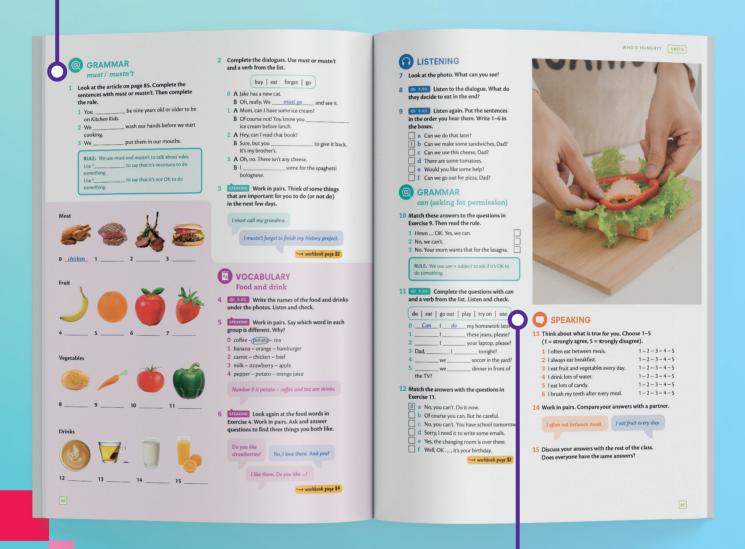
Odd-numbered units conclude with a focus on developing Life Competencies, while even-numbered units end with exams-style practice pages, ensuring students are well prepared for the challenges that lie ahead.







Each unit includes grammar and vocabulary sections that are presented in context and supported by additional practice in the Workbook.

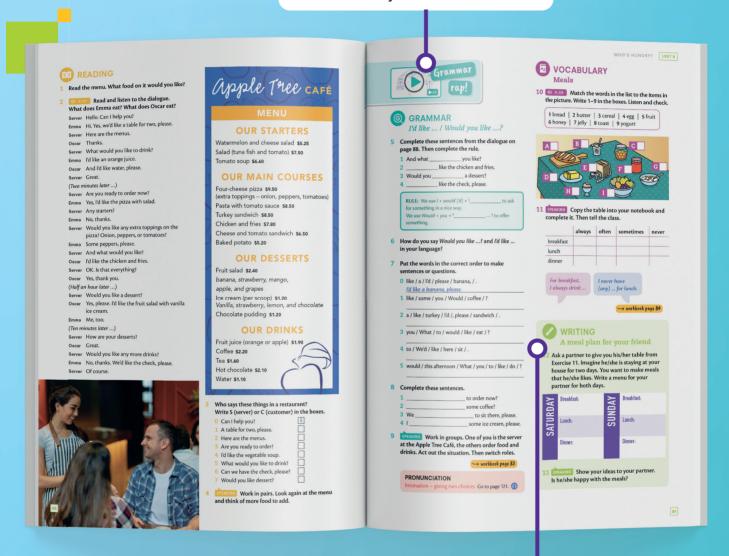


SPEAKING

Frequent opportunities for speaking practice build on students' prior knowledge and encourage them to relate the text to their own experience, personalizing the speaking tasks.



These short but catchy videos help illustrate and explain grammar concepts in an innovative and memorable way.





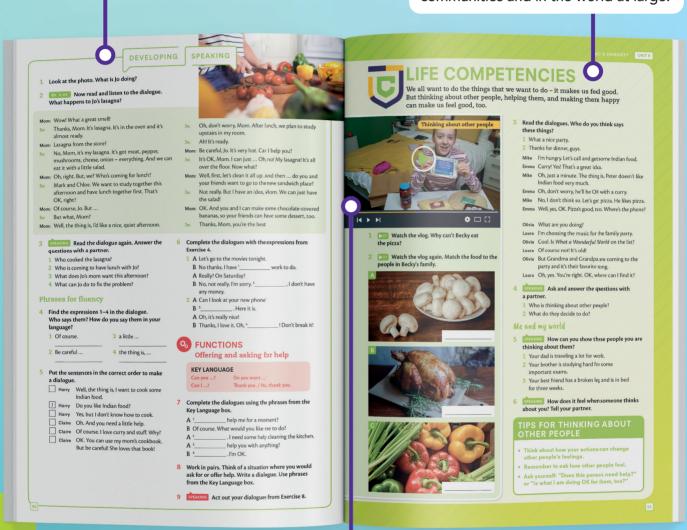
Each unit includes scaffolded writing activities presented in a real-world context, as either an informal activity or a more academically focused task.



These modeled speaking activities provide abundant practice to help students build their speaking confidence while Phrases for Fluency tips focus on authentic language to help them sound more natural.



These lessons focus on developing a key competency area from the Cambridge Life Competencies Framework. The competencies that students develop throughout **AMERICAN TH!NK** will serve them throughout their lives within their communities and in the world at large.



Life Lessons videos

Each Life Competency is introduced by a Life Lessons vlog recorded by a student. These videos help introduce the competency area in a natural and accessible way and serve as a springboard to the activities that follow.