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CONTENT AREA CONNECTION	Science	Science	Music and Performing Arts, Visual Arts	Science, Technology and Engineering
GOALS • sc: 1	talk about different kinds of extreme weather describe the damage storms can cause describe how to prepare for extreme weather write a personal narrative	 describe animals compare different animals talk about how animals imitate others use classification writing 	talk about different musical instruments and styles talk about your musical experiences compare how people make music do contrast writing	 talk about space and space exploration talk about different possibilities of life in space give your opinions about space do persuasive writing
VOCABULARY 1 & 2 • SC: 2-4	blizzard, drop, drought, flood, hailstorm, heatwave, hurricane, lightning, range, rise, sandstorm, speed, thunder, tornado, tropical storm Strategy: Compound nouns emergency, evacuate, plan, shelter, supplies, torch Strategy: Noun plurals	camouflage, characteristic, copy, frighten, hide, hunt, imitate, insect, poisonous, predator, prey, resemble, species, spot, stripe Strategy: Using a dictionary attack, avoid, confuse, defend, escape Strategy: Action verbs	band, beat, chord, concert, drum, flute, guitar, lead singer, melody, note, perform, piano, practise, rhythm, saxophone, violin Strategy: Multiple-meaning words classical, hip-hop, jazz, pop, rock Strategy: Act it out	atmosphere, comet, data, debate, extraterrestrial, galaxy, journey, orbit, planet, solar system, space, the universe Strategy: Classification of words astronaut, communicate, rocket, search, spacecraft, space station Strategy: Words in context
GRAMMAR 1 & 2 ▶ SC: 5−6	Future predictions and plans with <i>be going to</i> Zero conditional (present tense)	Comparisons with as as Tag questions	Present perfect with <i>ever</i> and <i>never</i> Comparative adverbs	May and might Indefinite pronouns
READING	Tornado Trouble Strategy: Visualise	Copycats Strategy: Scan text for information	It's All Music Strategy: Ask questions	Listening for Life Strategy: Identify the author's purpose
WRITING	Personal Narrative Focus: Describe an experience	Classification Writing Focus: Show how things belong to a category or group	Contrast Writing Focus: Show the differences between things	Persuasive Writing Focus: Convince the reader of your opinion
MISSION	Understand weather. National Geographic Explorer: Tim Samaras	Protect biodiversity. National Geographic Explorer: Krithi Karanth	Change through music. National Geographic Awardee: Jack Johnson	Be curious. National Geographic Explorer: Kevin Hand
PROJECT	A tornado in a jar	A collage	A musical instrument	Model of life on another planet
REVIEW	Units 1–3	pp. 54-55		Units 4-6
EXTENDED READING	Animal Predictions?	pp. 56–57		Attack of the Extraterrestrial Plants!
LET'S TALK	It's my turn. Who's going to make notes?	p. 58 p. 59 7; Viewing: Sc. 8; Storytime: Sc. 10; N		Can I borrow your bike, please? It could work.

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Humanities, Music and Performing Arts	Science	Science	Science, Visual Arts	Language and Literature
 talk about traditions and communities talk about different craft and cultural activities understand changing traditions write a blog entry 	 describe plants talk about what plants and animals do to help plants survive compare how plants grow and adapt do descriptive writing 	discuss volcanoes describe how a volcano erupts make predictions write a process description	 discuss the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling learn about art made from recycled materials talk about what you can do to help the environment write a biography 	 talk about different holiday destinations talk about what you would do in different situations express preferences write a review
art, community, culture, future, generation, hold on to, language, local, pass down, proud, share, storytelling, tourist, tradition, weave Strategy: Using context clues embroidery, handmade, jewellery making, pottery, sculpture Strategy: Base words	adapt, attract, bacteria, behaviour, digest, ground, leaf, light, roots, stem, stink, strategy, survival, trap, trick Strategy: Word families daisy, petal, rose, thorn, vine Strategy: Contractions	ash, calm, cover, crack, create, deep, erupt, explode, gas, heat, inside, melt, molten rock, steam, surface, thick, volcano Strategy: Multiple-meaning words active, cone, crater, dormant, extinct Strategy: Suffixes	build, conserve, design, energy-efficient, environment, junk, landfill site, man-made, natural, recycle, reduce, renewable, reuse, rubbish, throw away Strategy: Prefix recardboard, chemicals, glass, metal, tools Strategy: Expressing purpose	beach, camping, guide, hike, hotel, photo safari, relax, ruins, tent, theme park, ticket, tour, water park, wildlife Strategy: Using a thesaurus airport, passport, souvenir, suitcase, sunglasses Strategy: Antonyms and Synonyms
Gerunds as subjects Gerunds as objects	The passive: Present simple Relative clauses with <i>that</i>	First conditional Because of	Passive with modals (present simple) Clauses with <i>when</i>	Second conditional Would rather
Not Your Grandpa's Mariachi Strategy: Compare and contrast	Is That a Plant? Strategy: Use information graphics to support comprehension	Active Volcanoes Strategy: Scan text for information	Found Art Strategy: Understand the author's purpose	Treehouse Holiday Strategy: Use visuals to support comprehension
Blog Entry Focus: Write about your thoughts	Descriptive Writing Focus: Describe what something looks like and what it does	Process Description Focus: Explain what happens in a sequence	Biography Focus: Write about the life and work of a person	Travel Review Focus: Write about a holiday experience
Value your cultural traditions. National Geographic Explorer: Dr Elizabeth Kapu'uwailani Lindsey	Value plants. National Geographic Explorer: Maria Fadiman	Help in a disaster. National Geographic Explorer: Patrick Meier	Help reduce our human footprint. National Geographic Explorer: Alexandra Cousteau	Be a respectful tourist. National Geographic Explorer: Joseph Lekuton
Museum of the future	Local plant guide	A volcano	Recycled art	A tourist brochure
pp. 108–109		Units 7-9	pp. 162–163	
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p. 112 p. 113		No way! Our presentation is about	p. 166 p. 167	

STUDENT'S BOOK WALK-THROUGH

Our World, Second Edition, a seven-level primary series for young learners of English from National Geographic Learning, uses real-world content, stunning photographs and video from National Geographic, and a variety of interactive digital resources to fully engage and motivate students as they learn about the world in English. Young learners will be captivated by the beautiful photography and high-interest content relevant to their world as they learn about people and places from across the globe. Young learners will achieve more through collaboration, extensive critical thinking and visual literacy work, and activities that inspire meaningful thinking and sharing. Our World truly brings the world into the classroom and improves learning outcomes, motivating learners to use English to show the world what they can do – and achieve more.

The **Unit Opener** uses high-interest photographs to engage students, present the unit theme and provide opportunities for speaking and discussion.

Units feature high-interest cross-curricular topics, which are woven throughout the unit, from the opening photo to the closing Project.



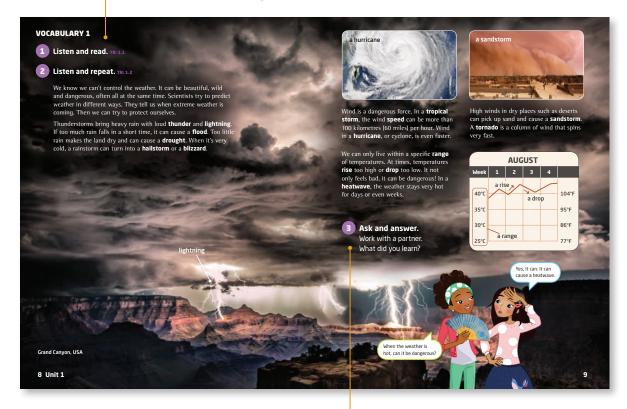
A list of **unit goals** is followed by a goal-setting activity that focuses students' attention. Image **captions** help students and teachers understand the image and make connections with the unit theme.

A video introduction on the **Classroom DVD** provides a **preview** of the contents of the unit.



Target vocabulary is presented in meaningful contexts to help students **build fluency** and confidence to discuss **relevant real-world topics**.

All target vocabulary is presented on the **Audio** in isolation and in a **contextualised sentence**, as well as in the context of the main presentation.



Students work in **pairs or groups** to practise the new words.

Two video segments present and practise **Target vocabulary**.



STUDENT'S BOOK WALK-THROUGH

The **Unit Song** supports the unit theme and models **natural rhythm and intonation**. Lyrics incorporate unit vocabulary and grammar.



Follow-up activities provide opportunities to use the song for group or pair work.

After the first presentation, songs can be reused throughout the unit. Point-of-use suggestions in the **Lesson Planner** provide opportunities for **reuse and recycling**.

Karaoke-style lyrics mean students can follow along with the **Song** on the DVD.



Grammar boxes include natural examples of **real-world language**. Expanded grammar boxes are provided in the **Workbook**, **Grammar Workbook** and **Classroom Presentation Tool**.

GRAMMAR 1			Write. What are you going to do?
Is it going to rain tomor	nd plans with <i>be going to</i> TR: 1.4 row? No, it's going to snow tomorrow. e weather forecast at eight o'clock. snow boots.		A thunderstorm is coming.
1 Write. What is the	he weather going to be like?	70.4 07.7	A heatwave is coming.
	Monday Tuesd	day	A hurricane is coming.
2	material AA and a	_	Ask and answer. Work with a partner. What about you? Talk about today and tomorrow.
5	er. Read. Take turns.		A bitzzard is coming.
2. Will she get wet 3. Why is she closir	to the park tomorrow? (rain) walking in the rain? (take an umbrel ug the windows? (rain) ug to get a new raincoat? (today)	a)	That's right. It's going to snow a lot. Let's play inside.
12 Unit 1			13

Grammar is practised **in context** with multiple opportunities for real communication using **all four language skills**.

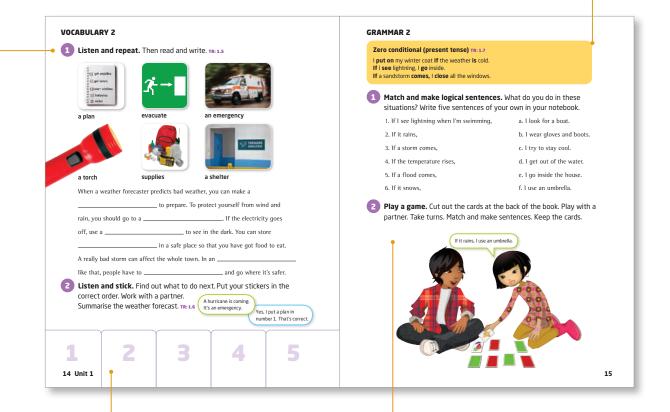
Grammar is presented in two short, **engaging animations**.



STUDENT'S BOOK WALK-THROUGH

Additional thematic vocabulary is presented visually. Vocabulary is presented on the **Audio** in isolation.

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Sticker activities in each unit provide reward, motivation and interactive practice. **Games** provide a fun context for **communicative grammar practice**.

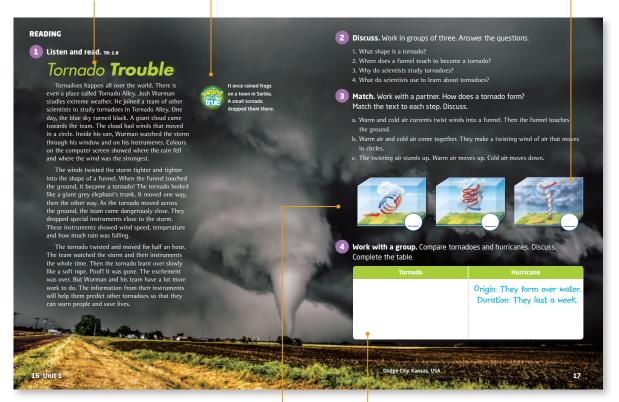
A video segment presents and practises **Target vocabulary**. **Grammar** is presented in a short animation.



Meaningful, relevant real-world **Readings** develop language through **cross-curricular topics** such as science, nature, history, art, culture, music and sports.

Weird but true engages students with surprising facts.

After-reading activities provide students with opportunities to react and respond to the text, and to make connections between the reading and their lives.

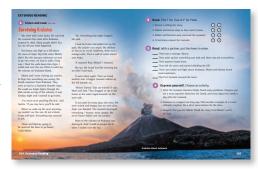


Infographics show factual information in fun and sometimes surprising ways.

Graphic organisers

help students collect, organise and visualise information.

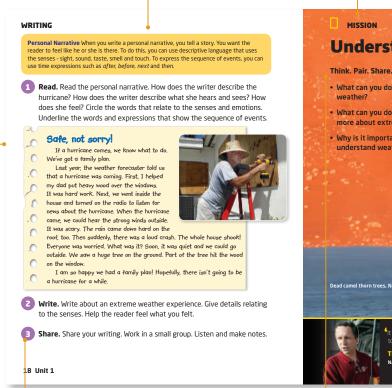
New **Extended Reading** sections after every three units introduce students to a variety of **genres** and support reading **fluency**. An **Express Yourself** activity allows students to choose a form of creative expression.

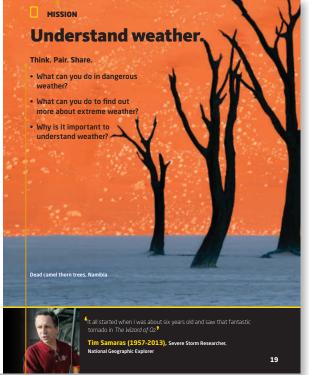


STUDENT'S BOOK WALK-THROUGH

Models written at the student level provide **examples** for students to follow. Students are introduced to a variety of **writing types**.

The **Mission** page promotes **universally recognised values** and highlights the work of a **National Geographic Explorer**.





Students **share their writing** with an audience.

A **Think-Pair-Share** routine helps students form individual ideas and **discuss and share** them with their classmates.

Step-by-step pre-writing and drafting support is provided in the Workbook.

A quote by a National Geographic Explorer and a **Meet the Explorer** video help students learn more about these inspirational people who are making a difference in the world.



A variety of **Projects** build **21st-century skills** through independent research, discussion, presentations, craft, design and explaining ideas and opinions.

Step-by-step instructions and **strong visual support** is provided for students through each project.

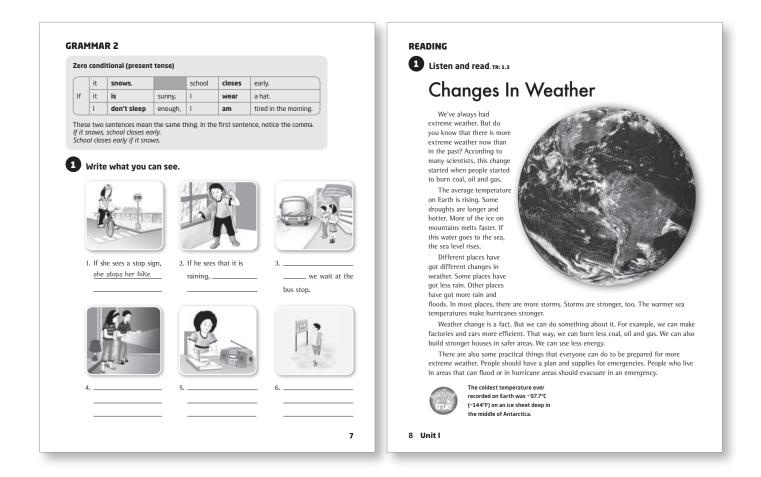


Project work is realistic and attainable and instills a sense of achievement in students. Completed projects serve as **tangible** evidence of student learning.

'Now I can ...' statements refer back to the unit goals. Learners can use the statements to measure and demonstrate their knowledge.

WORKBOOK

The *Our World* **Workbook** has activities that **reinforce and consolidate** the Student's Book instruction. Practice includes listening, speaking, reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary and review activities. Each unit has got twelve pages of **skills practice and activities**, along with *Our World* Workbook additional readings and cumulative review practice.



New to the second edition

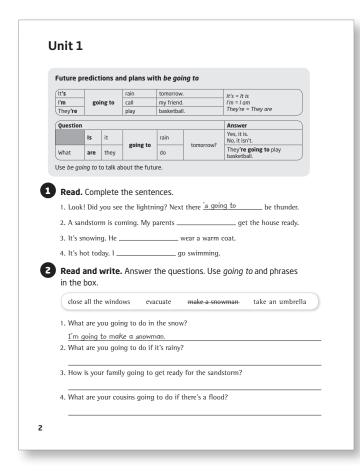
- More authentic content woven throughout unit practice and readings
- **Updated grammar boxes** with exemplars and student-friendly explanations
- An **end-of-unit Review** section that exposes students to question types similar to those commonly found on international exams
- Workbook audio available for streaming and download at ELTNGL.com/5ourworld

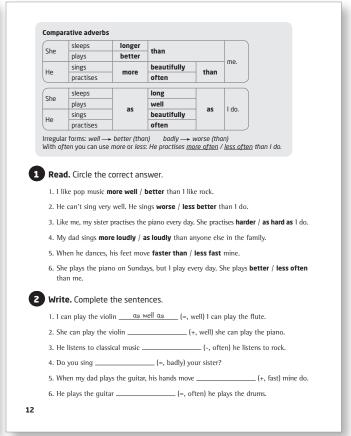
GRAMMAR WORKBOOK

The *Our World* **Grammar Workbook** provides **structured grammar practice** and extends the grammar lessons found in the Student's Book. Each grammar topic includes two pages of practice, three review sections and a cumulative review section.

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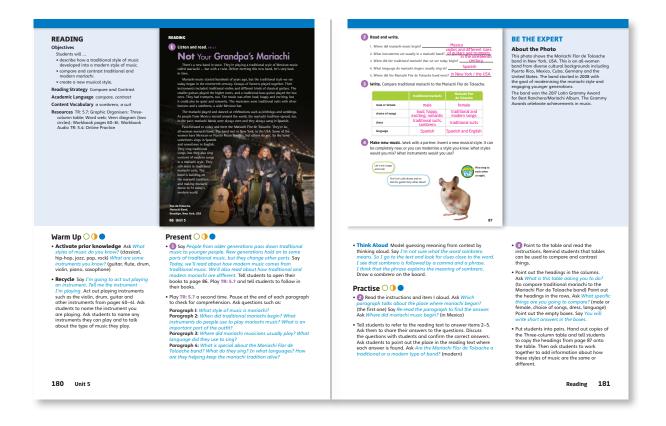
- **Updated grammar boxes** with new exemplars for each grammar topic
- Student-friendly explanations of each grammar topic with examples





TEACHER RESOURCES

The **Lesson Planner** with **Student's Book Audio CD and DVD** provides everything needed to successfully plan, teach and supplement lessons.



The Lesson Planner includes:

- a **Professional Development** section that introduces key principles of the programme
- a detailed Scope and Sequence
- simplified step-by-step instructions for carrying out lessons
- reduced Student's Book pages with answers at point-of-use
- Student's and Workbook audio scripts
- Extension activities to supplement the Student's Book, including instructions to use the Worksheets
 found on the Teacher's Resource Website
- Teaching tips and professional development at point of use
- Formative Assessment suggestions
- A handy Pacing Guide key to accommodate classrooms with a range of instruction time

The *Our World* **Classroom DVD** and **Student's Book Audio CD** contain all of the multimedia to support the Student's Book instruction.

Poster Sets

Nine full-colour **Posters** bring **beautiful photography** into the classroom, **reinforce** the unit themes and feature National Geographic *Our World* values.



Assessment

The **ExamView© Assessment Suite** includes activity banks to **generate customised unit quizzes**, **progress tests**, **final exams** and a **placement test**, and is available through the Teacher's Resource Website.

DIGITAL RESOURCES

Classroom Presentation Tool

The Classroom Presentation Tool integrates all Our World resources, including video, audio, Student's Book, Workbook and Grammar Workbook pages, as well as interactive activities and games, making it easy to carry out lessons in any classroom with an interactive whiteboard or a computer and projector.

The Classroom Presentation Tool is available on USB or online through the Learning Management System.



New Online Practice and Learning Management System

Our World, Second Edition's **Online Practice** is **completely new** with improved games for practice and comprehension, additional activities for assessment preparation, progress tracking and access to audio and video resources.

For teachers, a brand-new **Learning Management System** is available, with teacher resources, class management functionality, progress reports, assignment creation tools and messaging features.

Both the Online Practice and Learning Management System are accessible at **learn.eltngl.com** with an access code, and both work on laptops, tablets and smartphones.

The Online Practice offers students **independent**, **interactive practice**. It includes activities and games to support each section of the Student's Book, with integrated audio:

- Vocabulary
- Song
- Grammar
- Reading
- Writing
- Review
- Extended Readings
- Let's Talk



Online Practice includes karaoke-style sing-along of the song with practice. Speaking activities allow students to respond to and record answers to activity prompts.

The Online Practice includes **fun games** that reinforce and expand on Student's Book content. Each unit has two vocabulary games, two grammar games and a unit review game.

Additionally, parents can **track students**' **progress** and review activity results.

The Online Practice is accessible through **learn.eltngl.com** with an access code and course activation key. It's optimised for all devices.

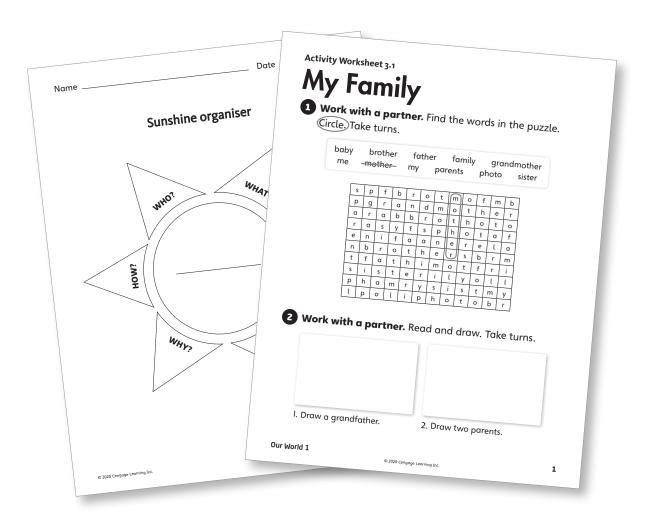
Student's Resource Website

Student resources, including audio for Student's Book and Workbook activities, are available at **ELTNGL.com/5ourworld**.

Teacher's Resource Website

Teacher resources can be found at **ELTNGL.com/ourworld** and include:

- Student's Book, Workbook and assessment audio
- unit-by-unit Pacing Guides for easy lesson planning
- three-step **Teaching Routines**
- printable Worksheets for extension activities
- printable Graphic Organisers
- Workbook Audio Scripts
- Home-School Connection letters
- the ExamView© Assessment Suite



READERS

The Our World Readers are six levels of original stories, classic folk tales, myths and non-fiction selections from around the globe. A graded Reader is available to support the theme and language of each unit in the Student's Book. Each Reader includes additional fun facts and activities related to the story and unit theme. All Readers are available as 'Story Time' on the Our World Classroom DVD, on the Story Time DVDs and on the Classroom Presentation Tool.

Level 5 Readers

The Tale of Thunder and Lightning: A folk tale from Nigeria

How Tiger Got His Stripes: A folk tale from Vietnam

The Songbirds' Flute

How the Milky Way Began

The Cave People of the Karawari: A Disappearing Culture

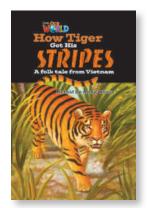
Two Brothers, Two Rewards: A folk tale from Japan

Popocatépetl and Iztaccíhuatl: A myth from Mexico

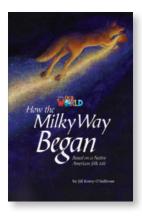
The Tailor and His Coat: A folk tale from Russia

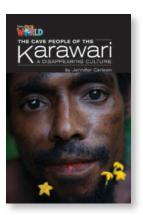
Amazing Beaches

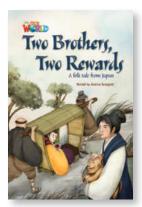


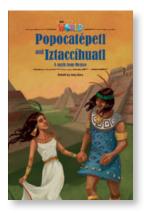


















The *Our World* **Classroom DVD** contains 30 minutes of **fun-filled**, **fully integrated content per unit** that includes:

- vocabulary and language presentation and review
- original songs
- games
- inspiring, real-world video and
- Our World Readers Story Time

Presented in highly manageable 3–5-minute clips, the videos can be used before, during or after instruction to **preview**, **support** and **review**. *Our World* videos are available on the Classroom DVD bound with the Lesson Planner and on the Classroom Presentation Tool.

Scenes include:

Scene I: Introduction

Scene 2: Vocabulary Ia

Scene 3: Vocabulary Ib

Scene 4: Vocabulary 2

Scene 5: Grammar I

Scene 6: Grammar 2

Scene 7: Song

Scene 8: Viewing

Scene 9: Meet the Explorer

Scene IO: Story Time

Scene II: Wrap Up



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The *Our World* **Professional Development** website helps you **improve classroom practice** and get the most out of your young learners with resources available online.

New to the second edition

Three new videos show teachers how to use the *Our World* Lesson Planner. Videos provide instruction on:

- how to teach vocabulary
- how to teach grammar
- how to teach reading and writing

The website includes:

- downloadable training videos for pre-primary and primary teachers
- preview and review training slides
- handouts for workshops
- links to additional development resources

Routines

A series of three-step teaching routines offer teachers a streamlined approach to lesson planning. The routines can be used for any major lesson type and will help teachers execute successful lessons.

The three-step teaching routines and all other Professional Development materials are available at: **ELTNGL.com/OurWorldPD.**



THREE-STEP GRAMMAR ROUTINE

Step I

- Model the grammar topic by giving a personal example or using it in a real-world context.
- Read or ask a student to read the grammar examples in the Student's Book aloud.
- Play the audio track and ask students to listen.

Step 2

- Ask students to complete the Student's Book activities. Ask partners or small groups to share their work.
- (Optional)
- Ask students to practise using the grammar topic when it appears in the unit song or applies to the Unit Opener photograph or other lessons.
- Help students to explore and expand on the topic with a graphic organiser, diagram or other visual aid.

Step 3

- Ask pairs or small groups to work together to complete and share the personalised or open-ended Student's Book activities.
- (Optional) Ask students to personalise the grammar topic by
 - asking and answering questions.
 - \bullet illustrating and acting out original conversations or role plays that use target grammar.
- creating and labelling diagrams, models, photo-essays and other types of classroom presentations that feature the topic being taught.

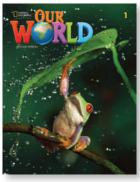
OUR WORLD PHILOSOPHY:KEY CONCEPTS

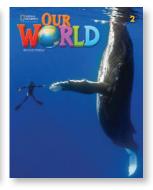
The *Our World* series reflects key concepts and principles of English language teaching and learning.

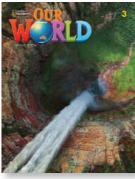
- Students learn through a process of constructing meaning. They are active learners who work to make sense of their world through interaction in personal, social and academic contexts.
- Activities designed for young learners should provide multiple opportunities for the understanding and construction of meaning at a level appropriate to the emotional and intellectual stages of their development.
- Students learn effectively when they're challenged just one step beyond their current stage of cognitive and language development. They most often need support from a knowledgeable person at this time to successfully understand and incorporate new information.

- Goal-oriented learning contributes to young learners' success. In addition to the larger goals of educating students to be responsible global citizens in the 21st century and to be knowledgeable and caring stewards of our planet, providing explicit language learning goals helps learners understand the purpose of the activities they carry out.
- Learning about the world through theme-based units is an approach that benefits young learners because a variety of topics provides a meaningful basis for exploration as well as a rich variety of language learning tasks.
- Addressing the needs of the whole child in the language lesson includes paying attention to learning styles, learning strategies, critical thinking skills, 2Ist-century skills and universal cultural values.
- Authentic assessment of young learners goes beyond traditional paper-and-pencil tests.
 In Our World, multiple opportunities for concept comprehension and performance provide a variety of ways to determine students' depth of learning.

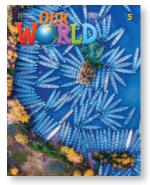














OUR WORLD CONTENT

Global Citizenship

To empower young learners for the 21st century, teachers of English as a Foreign Language must understand the global importance of English, as well as what it means to be a global citizen.

Our World uses real-world and multicultural content to help young learners grow up to become successful global citizens. Dramatic photos and content from National Geographic and around the world spark curiosity and broaden students' perspective by exposing them to multiple cultures and ideas.

Striking images and content allow young learners to explore people, places and societies as they learn to care about our fascinating and ever-changing world.

Home and Cultural Connections

It's important to encourage young learners to connect to their home cultures while in the English language classroom. Making connections to the local culture helps young learners relate personally to the content and build a stronger understanding of themselves and their place in the world. In addition, learning to express aspects of their own culture in English is another step towards effectively using English as a global language.

Global Values

Each unit in *Our World* has a National Geographic Value or Mission page that connects to the real-world content presented in the unit. These pages promote universally recognised values for students, bring real-world content to the classroom, and inspire young learners to develop their curiosity and to value their own cultural traditions as well as those of others.



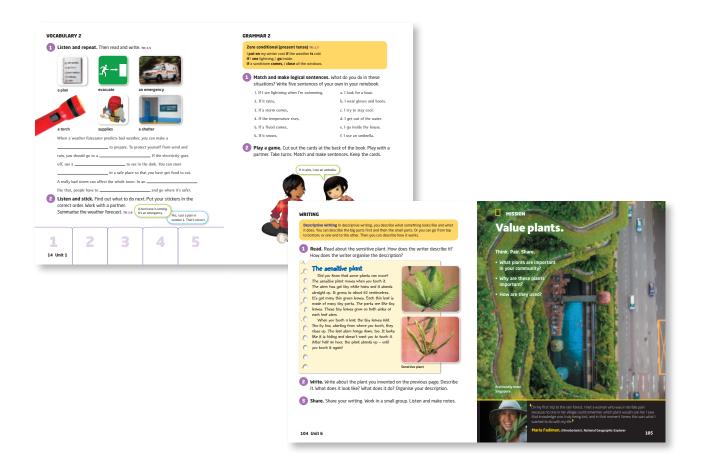
LEARNING ENGLISH THROUGH REAL-WORLD CONTENT

Students learn language and content at the same time, so it's natural and authentic to incorporate academic content into the English language classroom. *Our World* uses subject-area content as the basis for motivating students to learn English and to support what they're learning in other areas.

Integrating content from different areas such as language and literature, science and social studies makes language learning interesting and engaging. It also helps prepare young learners who may eventually study these subjects in English. In addition, contextualising language instruction by integrating it with other learning provides opportunities to reinforce in English the academic skills and knowledge learnt in other classes.

A framework for an integrated lesson should include these four stages:

- Processing text: This includes the use of texts that incorporate visual, graphic and other text structure markers such as headings and subheadings, as well as features like bold or italic text for emphasis.
- **Identification and organisation of knowledge:** This includes the use of graphic organisers such as Venn diagrams, timelines, flow charts and tables.
- Language identification: This includes the use of language features that help students to reproduce core content knowledge in their own words, such as the language of comparison and contrast, cause and effect, and speculation; as well as features such as collocations, subject-specific vocabulary and academic vocabulary.
- Tasks for students: This includes the use of a variety of learner-appropriate tasks, both receptive and productive.



2Ist-CENTURY SKILLS

Today's students are growing up in an interconnected world. The Framework for 21st-Century Learning deals with 'the skills, knowledge, and expertise students must master to succeed in work and life; it is a blend of content knowledge, specific skills, expertise and literacies'. These skills can be categorised in four ways:

- Ways of working: Students need to communicate clearly and collaborate effectively. Our World helps students use the vocabulary and language structures they're learning to communicate about real-world content and collaborate on activities and projects in ways that allow them to meaningfully apply the English they're acquiring.
- Ways of thinking: Students need to think creatively and critically. *Our World* challenges them to do so. For example, in Level 5 students create musical instruments from recycled materials and discuss how people in their communities can reduce their human footprints. In Level 6, students learn to analyse techniques advertisers use to influence shopping behaviour, brainstorm how to conserve water at school and discuss the importance of local history and how to value it.

- Tools for working: Young learners today aren't just learning English. They're preparing to enter a competitive global workforce. In order to be ready for the future, they need to be able to navigate technology and to extract information from many forms of media. They also need to acquire technology literacy, information literacy, and visual literacy.
- Skills for living in the world: In Our World, young learners are introduced in age-appropriate ways to concepts such as openness to new ideas and experiences, adaptability and initiative. They learn about 2Ist-century professions such as cyborg anthropology, and are introduced to the work of National Geographic Explorers, who are presented as potential role models.

Throughout *Our World*, young learners are introduced to people, places and cultures from around the world. At the same time as students are learning to recognise cultural similarities and appreciate differences, they are also encouraged to express their own culture in English as a first step to building their intercultural awareness and competence. In short, *Our World* prepares students to be curious, engaged and well-informed citizens of the 21st century.



VISUAL LITERACY

Visual literacy is a necessary skill for the 2Ist century, which is increasingly image-, media- and technology-driven. In the past, the term 'literacy' referred to being able to read and write, but today it includes the interpretation of various kinds of texts in print and media. Visual literacy is the ability to construct meaning from images such as photos, illustrations, graphic organisers, signs, symbols, information graphics and video.

Brain-based research shows that 80–90% of the information we take in is visual. Learning a language, then, is not only reading and writing words; it is also being able to understand visual information and communicate it to others. An additional benefit of learning information simultaneously through text and visuals is that it can dramatically improve retention and recall.

Our World uses a variety of images of different types to help young learners understand text and organise information; some examples are tables and charts, diagrams, mind maps, T-charts, maps, bar graphs, calendars, timelines, line graphs, Venn diagrams, cause-and-effect arrows and pie charts.

National Geographic has one of the most impressive and highest-quality collections of photos and video in the world. These visuals enrich the *Our World* print, video and media components. These materials help young learners become visually literate through imagery that reflects print and media in the real world. This will further help them to succeed as 21st-century citizens.



VIDEO AND TECHNOLOGY

Video is a powerful tool that can bring the world into the classroom and the classroom to life. In language learning, video can be especially valuable because it provides real-world contexts that help students experience language in a natural and dynamic way.

Our World Classroom DVD is flexible. Lessons can be presented from the Student's Book first, and then followed by the corresponding segment in the DVD to review and check comprehension. Alternatively, the DVD can be used to present target language and then followed by Student's Book review and practice. Either way, using the video regularly helps to contextualise language instruction and engage students in the classroom in fun and meaningful ways.

The videos in *Our World* are divided into short, manageable clips that present the following:

- vocabulary presented with amazing photos
- grammar in animated contexts
- songs performed by fun presenters
- video clips that give examples of real-world communication
- stories read by the hosts using images from the Our World Readers

The Classroom Presentation Tool allows the introduction of many types of content, including video, audio and interactive activities, into the classroom using either an interactive whiteboard or a computer with a projector. Young learners love games, and the Classroom Presentation Tool includes games that present and practise Student's Book lessons in new and unique ways. These activities allow for teaching and re-teaching that will engage the whole class. Through the use of these games, students have opportunities to predict, to think critically, to work in teams, to sing along and to use English in a safe and motivating environment.

More importantly, building students' media and digital literacy skills helps prepare them to use English in the real world in the 2Ist century.

A variety of **Online Practice Activities** provide engaging opportunities for students to review target language, grammar, reading comprehension strategies and even the unit song in class or independently at a self-directed, comfortable pace. Students receive immediate feedback with each online activity and can revisit challenging topics as often as necessary.



CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUNG LEARNERS

In general, young learners are energetic and spontaneous. They don't like to sit still for long periods of time and they have relatively short attention spans. They can be easily distracted, but are curious and will pay attention if the topic is interesting or if the activity is engaging.

Although these characteristics can make teaching young learners challenging and even difficult at times, they can also make the young learner classroom joyful and rewarding. By using developmentally appropriate activities that cater to their learning profiles, *Our World* keeps young learners active and engaged.

Learning Styles

Young learners tend to process information about the world primarily through their senses. The principal sensory learning styles are visual, auditory, tactile and kinesthetic.

- **Visual learners** notice the details of their surroundings and use colour, shape, and position to help them learn and remember information. They tend to understand instructions for activities better when they're *shown* rather than *told* what to do. Visual learners respond well to board work and to activities involving photos, drawings, flashcards, posters, video, arts and crafts, murals, projects, puzzles and board games.
- Auditory learners learn and remember information through sound and rhythm. They memorise information easily and can repeat back the text of stories, role plays and song lyrics after listening only once or twice. They understand oral instructions for activities and may be willing to act them out or repeat them for other students. They do well with listening and pronunciation activities, and enjoy discussions, sound tracks, video and computer games, songs and chants.

- Tactile learners use touch and the manipulation of objects to help them process and remember information. They depend on their physical and material surroundings for cues. For example, when trying to concentrate, they may flip pencils or play with their hair. To understand instructions, they need to see, hear and physically carry them out. Tactile learners do well with arts and crafts, flashcards, puzzles, board games and realia.
- **Kinesthetic learners** process and remember information through physical movement. Like tactile learners, they touch and manipulate objects, and they're good at working with their hands. They understand instructions for activities more easily when they can see, hear and physically carry them out. They need to release tension through movement and will look for ways to do so going to the pencil sharpener or rubbish bin several times, for example. Kinesthetic learners do well with Total Physical Response (TPR) activities, charades, role plays, puzzles and board games.



SKILLS AND STRATEGIES

Learning Strategies

Strategies are generally defined as behaviours that learners use to understand and complete a task. Learning strategies and their use and instruction can benefit young learners as well as adults. Strategies generally fall into three categories: metacognitive, cognitive and social-affective.

- Metacognition is 'thinking about thinking'. For young learners, this means helping them plan before doing a task. They need to think about the purpose of the task, what information is most important, how they will use the information, what the best way to do the task is and how much they understand about the task.
- Cognitive strategies include accessing prior knowledge about a topic, seeing how new information connects to the material the student already knows, identifying where more information could be accessed, thinking of good ways to organise the material, and identifying ways to remember the new information.
- Social-affective strategies are especially useful in language classes, as language is social by nature. While using English, young learners can ask for explanations from teachers and classmates, find out how and when they can ask for help, discuss how they can work together with classmates and discuss how they can get and give feedback.

Critical Thinking Skills

Critical thinking is a higher order of thought that involves analysing, evaluating and synthesising information. In many young learner classrooms, teachers' questions may be limited to basic comprehension questions (What is the story about? Is it a happy or sad story?) and to display questions (How many planets are there in our solar system? Is the moon hot or cold?).

In *Our World*, students are asked questions that activate skills such as the following:

- Classifying What are (two) ways you can group these words together?
- Comparing How are (dogs) and (wolves) alike?
- Contrasting How are the (cassowary) and (ostrich) different?
- **Making Inferences** Looking at these effects, what do you think is the cause?
- Ordering How would you list your (favourite sports) from one to five?
- **Predicting** What will happen when (the volcano erupts)?
- Problem Solving What are some ways we can solve the problem of (conserving water at school)?
- **Sequencing** When (planting vegetables), what are the steps in order?
- **Using Graphic Features** What do the title, caption, diagrams and photographs tell you about what you're going to read?
- Visualising How do you picture (the treasure) in your mind?

CREATING SUCCESSFUL LESSONS

Effective teaching begins with a **lesson plan**. A lesson is like a road trip that requires a map: the final destination or goal cannot be reached without carefully planning each stop along the way. A lesson plan is the map. The steps in a lesson plan help learners reach lesson objectives, which are the final destination of the trip teachers and students are taking together, successfully.

A good lesson plan has many benefits. It helps teachers prepare for class and includes gathering or creating the materials needed to make the activities successful. It lays out step-by-step instructions that provide a guide for every moment in class. But most importantly, it requires teachers to define objectives for the lesson and plan activities in a sequence that will ensure student success.

Stages of a Lesson

Our World uses six basic steps recognised as the standard for effective language instruction: Warm Up, Present, Practise, Apply, Extend and Wrap Up.

- Warm Up These activities create interest and excitement about the topic and prepare learners for the new language input. They help EFL students switch over from their native language to English, prompt them to remember material from earlier lessons and build students' confidence about what they know.
- **Present** Teachers should take time during this step to provide meaningful listening and reading input. Activities should require the use of the four skills in order to reliably check students' comprehension. The *Our World* Lesson Planner provides multiple activities to present and check comprehension of language in support of the activities in the Student's Book.

- **Practise** An important step focuses on students' first efforts to use new target language. For young learners, practice is guided, meaning that students are provided with the structures and vocabulary needed to produce the target language. While students are not expected to create new language independently, the goal is to provide opportunities for them to try out new language in order to prepare for real communicative contexts.
- Apply At this stage, students should be able to use new language in realistic contexts, as well as personalise the language with respect to their own lives. Application further develops students' abilities to use language communicatively.
- Extend Extension activities are additional communicative activities that help students personalise new language and use it in realistic contexts. These activities are not found in the Student's Book and are designed to provide additional opportunities for real communication among students in the classroom.
- Wrap Up This might be a quick review in game form of what was learnt in class or even a simple song or chant. The wrap up might be a conclusion to a pair-work extension activity in which the teacher asks individual students what they learnt from their partners.
- Three-Step Routines In addition to the explicit, guided instruction provided in the Lesson Planner, Our World also offers a series of three-step teaching routines as an alternative or streamlined approach to lesson planning. These routines can be used for any major lesson type and contain all of the major elements of successful lessons in consolidated form.

Lesson Adjustments

Teachers must keep in mind many different elements as they plan their lessons. They identify learning objectives and match appropriate activities to them. They plan how they will use their physical space and seating arrangements for individual, pair and group work. They collect the materials and equipment they will need. They think about time management and pacing. But however carefully they plan, teachers know to expect the unexpected as the day's lesson unfolds!

In a classroom full of young learners, there are many factors teachers cannot control. Successful teachers learn to be creative so that they can adapt to unplanned events, whether they be a surprise fire drill, equipment failure or unexpected student behaviour. This includes adjusting instruction based on students' unique personalities, their mood swings, their varied interests and their diverse personal, cognitive and emotional needs.

In mixed-ability classes, for example, teachers spend more time with some students than with others. When this is the case, they have ready a number of other activities for the rest of the class to do. These may include starting homework in class or choosing something from an activity box that includes worksheets, puzzles, board games, vocabulary cards, comic books in English and class-produced books. In the *Our World* Lesson Planner, teachers have a variety of activities to choose from, including extension activity suggestions that are not in the Student's Book.

In addition, many additional activities and games are available in the Classroom Presentation Tool, Online Practice activities and the *Our World* Classroom DVD.

Successful Activities

Activities for young learners should above all be meaningful and purposeful. Engaging students in authentic and meaningful contexts helps them recognise and remember language patterns.

Instead of presenting language as isolated grammar structures to be analysed, teachers do well to present language in realistic contexts and provide plenty of opportunities for students to repeat, recycle and use English in order to communicate meaningfully with one other.

Activities are supported and scaffolded

Scaffolding is used to describe the exterior support structure around a building under construction. As the building is completed, the scaffolding is taken away, and the building stands on its own. In the same way, teachers provide scaffolding to students in order to help them construct knowledge and learn language effectively.

Our World prepares students for success by supporting and scaffolding the learning process and by breaking tasks down into small, achievable steps that help build student achievement.

Activities are active and hands-on Our World materials promote an active and hands-on classroom. Because so many students are kinesthetic learners and like to move their bodies and move around the room, it's important to make instruction physically active whenever possible.

Activities are enjoyable and interesting The photographs and activities in *Our World* will capture students' attention and interest. Each unit is full of activities that young learners find fun and engaging, such as singing songs, listening to stories and playing games. In addition, the Classroom DVD and the Classroom Presentation Tool contain a wide variety of motivating and enjoyable activities.

Repetition and Recycling

Classrooms should provide plenty of opportunities to practise the language. Using repetition and recycling is important when working with young learners. Luckily, if there's a fun song, students will ask to sing it again. If there's an interesting story, they'll ask to hear it again! Repeating is a natural part of a student's learning process. *Our World* provides plenty of opportunities for meaningful repetition, especially if the Classroom DVD and/or Classroom Presentation Tool is used in conjunction with the Student's Book. Students will have the chance to hear, repeat and use vocabulary and grammar multiple times.

Recycling is also important as a way of improving young learners' ability to understand new language structures and use them correctly. When teachers

recycle language, they use it again in another context. Within a typical unit of *Our World*, new vocabulary and language are regularly recycled and used in different contexts within the song, the grammar activities and games, as well as in the Reader and storytelling activities.

Our World also recycles language from unit to unit and level to level. For example, in one lesson students may learn vocabulary for different clothes. A teacher may recycle this language by teaching about the weather and asking students what to wear when it is hot and sunny or when it is cold and snowy. Recycling helps students to increase their proficiency by getting them to use the language in a new context. This makes the learning process more authentic and meaningful.



CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

As teachers everywhere know, real learning requires a well-managed classroom. Expectations of proper classroom behaviour can vary from culture to culture, but in all cases, effective classroom management goes beyond dealing with misbehaviour only. Many aspects of teaching can affect the behaviour of students in the classroom.

Time

Effective teachers use their lesson time carefully. They plan the time it takes to greet students and start the lesson, the duration of each activity, the time spent between activities, the time it takes for student breaks, and the time it takes to assign homework and end the lesson. They reserve time to be used as needed during the lesson. In addition, they keep in mind what is known as 'thinking time', the amount of time the teacher waits for a student to answer a question. Some teachers count to ten slowly and silently, while others use a watch to allow from three to five seconds. This helps students formulate better quality responses.

Activities and Transitions

It's important to have all materials needed for each activity ready before the lesson so that young learners haven't got time to get restless. Activity instructions are another area that can require advance planning. To keep students' attention, it's a good idea to read all activity instructions before the lesson so that there is time to simplify or modify them if necessary.

Moving smoothly from one activity to another requires planning transitions. For the youngest learners, this could be a clapping chant ('The task is done / That was fun / Now let's do / Another one.'), visual cues such as a teacher-held stop sign or turning the light on and off three times, or auditory cues such as a whistle or bell. If the previous activity has involved movement, a useful transition to the next activity can be asking students to close their eyes and rest their heads on their hands for a moment.

Classroom Rules and Routines

The establishment of rules and routines in the young learner classroom is particularly important because students need clear rules and predictable routines in order to function successfully.

Teachers should communicate rules clearly and simply and make sure they're consistent in enforcing them with age-appropriate rewards and sanctions. When possible, allow students to help create the rules and consequences. The teacher and students may together come up with rules such as *Be quiet when someone is talking; Put your hand up to talk;* or *Be kind to others. Work hard, Share* and *Co-operate* are other options. Display the rules on a poster on the classroom wall, or provide each student with a copy to keep in their notebooks.

Equally important is the establishment of predictable routines. Young learners feel most secure when they know what to expect during different stages of a lesson.



THE FOUR SKILLS: LISTENING, SPEAKING, READING AND WRITING

Our World provides multiple opportunities for young learners to develop all four skills in a balanced and age-appropriate way.

Listening

In the classroom, young learners benefit from multiple opportunities to listen to and practise routine language, vocabulary, basic structures and patterns. And while practising listening and speaking together is very important, so is a focus on listening-only activities, some of which develop students' discrimination of sounds, words and sentence boundaries, while others may focus on stress, rhythm and intonation.

Songs, chants, and poems are natural, fun and engaging ways to practise English. They can also provide additional support to students who need support with basic listening strategies such as identifying the main idea and details. English learners can listen for sequence (first, next, then, finally), for time frames (verb forms signalling present, past or future time), and for cause and effect (why, because), among other strategies.

Speaking

Listening and speaking are the communicative foundation for language learning. Question and answer exchanges, whether between teacher and student or between student and student, play an important part in the classroom. At first, young learners will rely on modelled language in their exchanges, but it is important to introduce opportunities for personalised, authentic language use as soon as possible.

Gradually move away from display questions to which students provide already-known answers to show their comprehension, such as What colour is your hair? or How many students are in our class? to authentic communication questions to which the answers are not yet known, such as What animals make good pets? or When do you usually have lunch? Make sure you regularly include speaking

and listening opportunities such as games, group discussions and project presentations. The more relevant the language is to learners' lives, the more meaningful and memorable it becomes.

Our World provides many different speaking models, including work with Basic Interpersonal Communication Skills (BICS) and Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency (CALP) in Levels 4–6 in the sections titled Let's Talk. In addition, students gain valuable practice with rhythm, stress and intonation in songs and chants, and with pronunciation and sound discrimination using the Sounds of English Cards.

Reading

A unique feature of the *Our World* series is the use of engaging content from the world-renowned National Geographic archives. Students are naturally curious about the world around them and will enjoy reading about topics such as copycat animals, chocolate, flesh-eating plants and pirate shipwrecks. Readings are age appropriate and provide basic practice in reading strategies such as identifying the main idea, finding details and examples, working out meaning from context and relating texts to graphic organisers.

The Lesson Planner includes a variety of before-, during- and after-reading tasks that draw students deeper into texts. Before-reading activities help prepare learners for the reading by drawing their attention to titles, headings, photos and captions; by accessing what they already know about the topic; and by predicting what the reading might include. During reading, it is useful to train students to ask themselves silent questions such as **Who, When, Where, What, Why** and **How** and find the answers as they go. They can also underline or highlight information as they read or make brief comments in the margin.

After-reading activities include comprehension questions but can also include questions that require higher-order thinking, questions that require learners to support their ideas and opinions, summaries and graphic organisers. Additional readings are found in the Workbook.

In addition, nine *Our World* Readers accompany each level (I–6). These Readers are age appropriate and are designed so that they may be read independently, either in class or at home. Each Reader is thematically related to the corresponding Student's Book unit and contains some of the unit target grammar and vocabulary. Texts are an entertaining and informative mix of fiction and non-fiction.

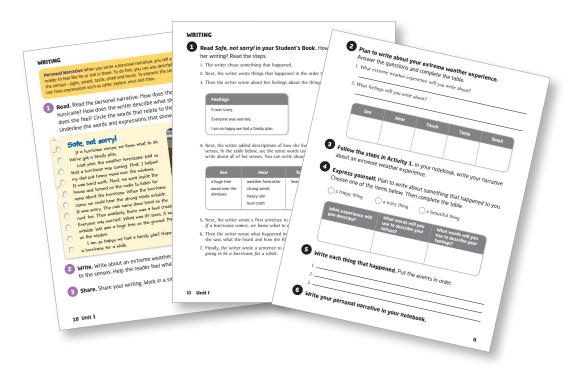
Writing

Younger learners are systematically introduced to writing, beginning in Level I, where they work at the word level, gradually move into sentence stems and finally to one to three simple sentences. Students draw and then write about their drawings. In Level 2, young learners are guided to organise and write short paragraphs through answering specific questions. In Level 3, students learn about compound sentences, descriptive words, the parts of a paragraph, complex sentences with *because* and sequence words. In Levels I to 3, a page in each Workbook unit provides additional writing practice.

In Levels 4 to 6, older learners are introduced to the concept of paragraph unity, and to different writing genres such as diary entries, blogs, reviews, opinion writing, cause and effect writing, contrast writing, exemplification writing, fact and opinion writing, persuasive writing, classification writing and more. Students are guided step by step in the Workbook for each writing task in the Student's Book. Additional writing tasks are provided in the Workbook as well.

A complete model is provided for each writing task in each unit in Student's Books I to 6, so that learners have clear, meaningful examples of what they are expected to do. When they have finished, writers read their work to classmates, who listen actively to fill in a table or make notes. Students are encouraged to give constructive criticism when applicable, pointing out things they liked, found confusing, or wanted to know more about.

Teachers may want students to create individual writing portfolios for evaluation purposes. A writing portfolio is a file or folder of each student's written work, assembled over a period of time. It contains final drafts of tasks, but it may also contain samples of work in other stages of the writing process, such as word maps, outlines, research cards, rough drafts, letters, poems, copies of group-produced work and inspirational images. The teacher, together with the student, reviews selected work and comments on the student's writing progress.



VOCABULARY

Our World helps develop vocabulary through a variety of activities that encourage communication. The target vocabulary items in each unit are presented in thematically related, meaningful contexts, and then recycled several times in different activities and across different programme components. Active vocabulary consists of words necessary to understand and talk about the unit theme, as well as high-frequency, high-utility items used in real communication relevant to the world of the student.

For younger learners, many items are related to the same concepts they are exploring in their first language, such as colours, shapes and numbers. For older learners, vocabulary items are related to their own lives (habits, housework, likes and dislikes), to their relationships (as family members, as friends, as members of the community), and to their studies at school (science, health, language and literature, social studies, sports). Encourage students' active involvement in vocabulary learning through the use of pictures, Flashcards, Posters, arts and crafts, kinesthetic games, projects, personal dictionaries, word mobiles and word walls.

Encourage students to keep vocabulary notebooks in which they write definitions, use words in sentences, develop word maps, note collocations and build word groups (photo, photograph, photographer, photographic, photographically). When appropriate, raise awareness of word formation through prefixes and suffixes.

GRAMMAR

Our World presents grammar in age-appropriate, meaning-based ways. Because their analytical skills are not yet fully developed, younger learners gain little from analysing forms and memorising rules the way many adults do. They benefit more by seeing many repetitions of a target grammar point in different meaningful contexts, and by using grammar as unanalysed 'chunks' that help them communicate.

The grammar boxes in Student's Books, Workbooks and Grammar Workbooks show target points in meaningful sentences that students can use as models for language production. As learners age and develop cognitively, they are invited to notice certain language features and think about how they function. The oldest learners can keep personal grammar reference notebooks in which they have a page for each grammar point, with examples of form, meaning and use. They can also record their most frequent errors and write a corrected version of each one in their notebooks.

Grammar practice in the Student's Book is supported by additional activities in the Workbook, Grammar Workbook, Video animations and the Classroom Presentation Tool.