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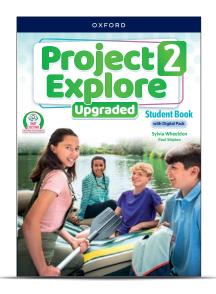
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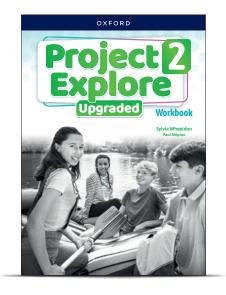
Print components

FOR STUDENTS



Student Book

- 6 topic-based units each including a photo story, *Culture* lesson, *Project* lesson and *Revision* lesson
- 3 interactive 360° Culture lessons
- A 3-part adventure story for extended reading practice



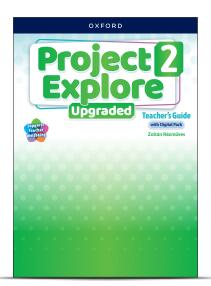
Workbook

- Further practice and reinforcement of the language in the Student Book
- Support pages for the Project lesson
- Learner progress check and *l can* ... statements for self-assessment at the end of each unit
- Grammar Summary
- Wordlist and phonetic transcriptions

FOR TEACHERS

Teacher's Guide

- An overview of the course and its methodology
- Professional development support
- Teaching notes for the Student Book
- Optional extra activities for fast finishers
- Learner progress section at the end of each lesson
- Teacher well-being tips
- Answer keys and audio and video scripts
- Access code for Oxford English Hub



Digital components on Oxford English Hub

The digital materials and resources for this course can all be found at **oxfordenglishhub.com**

FOR STUDENTS

Student Book e-book

• A digital version of the Student Book with audio, video and *360° Culture* interactive images

Workbook e-book

• A digital version of the Workbook with audio

Student Online Practice

• Extra interactive practice of all four skills, grammar and vocabulary

Student resources

• Course audio and video including scripts



FOR TEACHERS

Teacher's Guide

• PDF version

Classroom Presentation Tool (CPT)

Student Book

- Student Book on screen with audio, videos (including animated and photo stories, grammar animations, *Project Coach* videos and *Reflect* videos), *360° Culture* interactive images, answer keys and songs
- Games and interactive activities
- Navigate function to the Workbook

Workbook

- Workbook on screen with audio and answer keys
- Navigate function to the Student Book

Course assessment

• Photocopiable unit tests, progress tests and end-of-year test – all at standard and challenge levels with a dyslexia-friendly version of each A test as well

Teacher Resources

- Photocopiable worksheets to practise grammar, vocabulary, reading, communication, pronunciation and writing
- Song worksheets
- Culture worksheets to use with the Culture videos
- A set of vocabulary mind maps to help students organize, recycle and remember the words they study

Teacher Online Practice

- Extra interactive practice of all four skills, grammar and vocabulary
- Tools to assign and track students' homework and progress, and manage classes

Professional Development

• Methodology support, bite-sized training and more to maximize your teaching

Introduction

Project Explore Upgraded is a five-level course for young learners of English aged 10–15. The whole course takes learners from beginner to pre-intermediate level.

The design of the course has been upgraded to make the lessons even clearer and easier to follow. New digital features, such as the interactive *360° Culture* lessons, animated grammar videos, and *Project Coach* videos, have been added to help prepare young students for the globalized, digital world of the 21st century. However, the popular course characters and stories, and the tried and trusted *Project* methodology have been maintained.

Course methodology

Project Explore Upgraded is an easy-to-use course with a syllabus based on a traditional structural progression. It provides a highly structured learning environment to guide and support students. In each unit, grammar and vocabulary is broken down into manageable chunks of content, and presented through engaging, meaningful tasks. The language acquired is then applied to a real-world communicative outcome – the project. The focus on progressive language development is coupled with a systematic focus on skills development. The lesson contexts are contemporary, diverse and entertaining, ensuring that students' interest and involvement is maximized.

The course syllabus combines the best of contemporary and traditional approaches to language teaching. It incorporates ideas such as learner progress, project work and role-play, while providing a solid grammar framework and plenty of practice of structures, functions and vocabulary. *Project Explore Upgraded* is designed to include a high level of flexibility to help meet the individual needs of all students. Teachers can select which elements to use in class and in which order, and also select which elements may be better suited for homework. The course offers:

- an extended *Introduction unit* to provide support for young students starting each level of *Project Explore Upgraded*. It offers a *Play and Review* page of fun activities to review grammar structures and vocabulary from the unit.
- a project in every unit with clear outcomes and step-bystep support for students to help them use their English with creativity and imagination, while at the same time consolidating new grammar and vocabulary they have learned, and developing writing skills.
- animated grammar videos to support the Student Book grammar presentations and provide relatable content for students of all abilities.
- three 360° Culture lessons, which transport students into life in other cultures, help them to establish a connection between language and life in other countries, and encourage them to explore differences and make comparisons with aspects of their own culture.

Project work

Project work is a student-centred form of learning. It is an important vehicle for the development of global skills for the 21st century including digital literacies.

A high level of engagement is achieved when learners find project goals meaningful and relatable, and this in turn can lead to deeper levels of learning. Outcomes include improved language skills, transferable project skills, and good retention of learning.

The projects in *Project Explore Upgraded* contain a number of important elements:

- A **clear project goal** based on a topic that students find meaningful and relevant to their own lives. Students write about their family, their school, their town, their hopes and dreams, and they do research into topics of their choice that interest them.
- Support for **project preparation** is provided in the Workbooks, where students are encouraged to create their projects in manageable steps. The *Project Coach* videos also provide students with useful tips for their project work in a fun and dynamic format.
- During the project work, students **develop a range of global skills** such as: critical thinking, communication, creativity and collaboration. Project work can require students to collect information, draw or print pictures, make decisions about what to include, arrange texts and visuals, carry out interviews and surveys, and make recordings.
- The projects all involve producing some form of **final output**, for example, a presentation, a poster, a slideshow or a display. This gives students of all abilities and skills a clear sense of achievement. It also encourages the use of a wide range of communicative skills.
- During project work, students **increase their knowledge** not only of English, but also of broader topics of interest.
- Students **develop writing skills** as they draft, check and produce a final version of their projects.
- Students are encouraged to **reflect on their work** to consider what they learned during their project work, and in which areas they could improve.
- Students are also encouraged to **give and receive feedback** both from each other and the teacher in order to improve what they are doing and how they are doing it.

Grammar

In *Project Explore Upgraded*, grammar presentation and practice activities are clearly signposted in green. The grammar input in the course is structured in a way which allows students to gradually progress from understanding to acquiring, and finally using the language with confidence. New structures appear in context so that teachers can use a guided discovery approach to grammar. Teachers can also present new structures using the Grammar animation videos, which provide a clear and relatable context for the new grammar, which is accessible to students of all abilities. Expanded grammar tables and explanations of each main grammar point can be found in the Grammar Summary section of the Workbook. Practice of each grammar structure is provided not only in the Student Book, but reinforced with additional graded practice in the accompanying lessons of each unit of the Workbook.

Worksheets for additional grammar practice of each new structure at two ability levels (Standard and Challenge) are available in the Teacher Resources on Oxford English Hub.

Vocabulary

In *Project Explore Upgraded*, vocabulary presentation and practice activities are clearly signposted in blue. Each unit has two or sometimes three core vocabulary sets, which are generally topic-based.

Each vocabulary section starts with visual and audio input accompanied by a short task. This is followed by a communicative activation task. In addition, further reinforcement of new vocabulary is provided through practice tasks in the Workbook and the photocopiable vocabulary worksheets available in the Teacher Resources. There are also photocopiable vocabulary mind maps which students can complete for themselves with vocabulary they have learned, to build a personalized, visual vocabulary bank.

Skills development

Development of the skills of reading, listening, speaking and writing is an important aspect of the *Project* methodology. To recreate authentic use of language, skills are often integrated. For example, students may read and complete a quiz and then listen to check their answers, or they might listen to a dialogue, write about what they have heard, then adapt the dialogue and personalize it with their partner. Not only is this blending of skills natural, it also helps keep students engaged and curious.

A systematic approach has been taken to developing written and oral skills. Students first spend time on the *Get ready to...* stage, working with a model or preparing notes. This support and preparation means students are then able to accomplish the main productive task effectively and confidently. With the writing tasks, students also have the option to complete Workbook exercises, which provide further guidance and practice, prior to writing their own text.

The speaking tasks in *Project Explore Upgraded* help students to consolidate and practise the grammar and vocabulary they have learned. In addition to the main speaking tasks, there are numerous other opportunities to practise oral skills, for example, through sharing ideas on a new topic or through the *Over to you!* activities, through practising the pronunciation of new vocabulary, using cues in grammar exercises to facilitate pairwork, and through the project work. The *Everyday English* section in each unit equips students with functional language to enhance effective, natural communication. And to further practise spoken language, each unit has a pronunciation.

Revision, Culture and Learn through English

Revision

Each unit of *Project Explore Upgraded* includes a *Revision* lesson, which consolidates the new grammar, vocabulary and *Everyday English* phrases of the unit through a variety of activities. There is a corresponding *Progress check* lesson in the Workbook, which includes a *Your progress* self-assessment section allowing students to reflect on their progress and consider in which areas they may need further practice.

Culture

Each Culture page in the main units centres on an aspect of the English-speaking world connected to the topic of the unit. These sections aim to broaden students' knowledge and understanding of diverse cultures and invite them to draw comparisons with their own. There are also related short videos for extension purposes.

In addition, the Upgraded edition of *Project Explore* includes three *360° Culture* lessons, which focus on culture in an exciting and interactive manner. The dynamic 360° photos can be launched on the CPT and e-book.

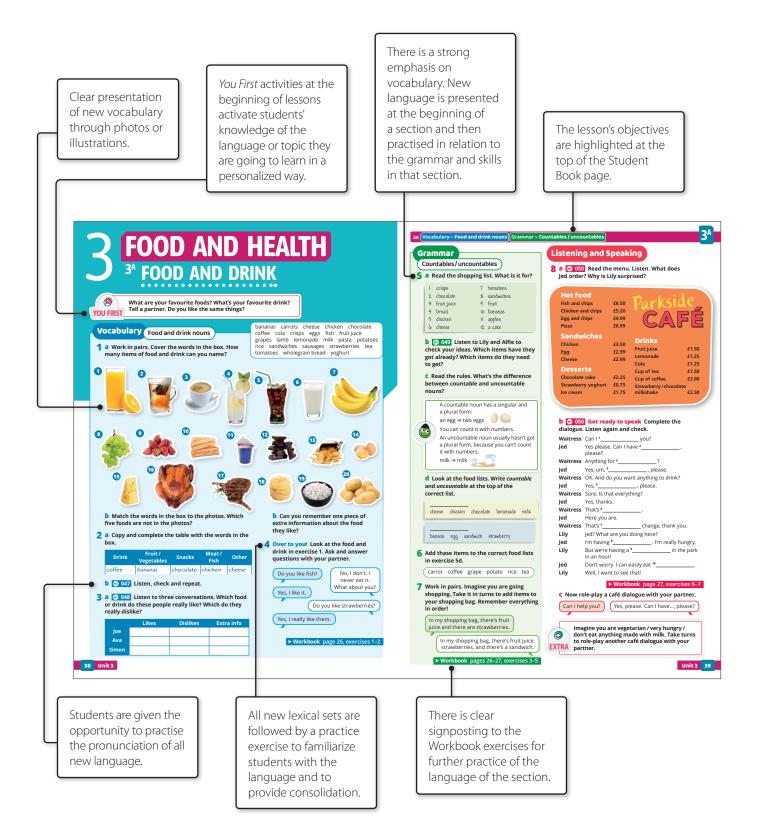
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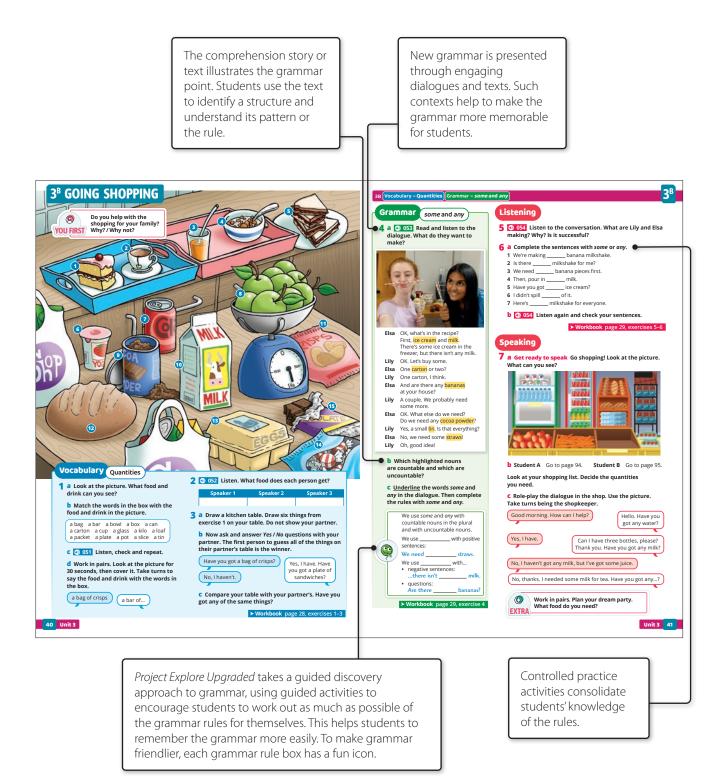
These pages provide a cross-curricular focus and give students the chance to learn about a range of other school subjects through English.

Student Book and Workbook integration

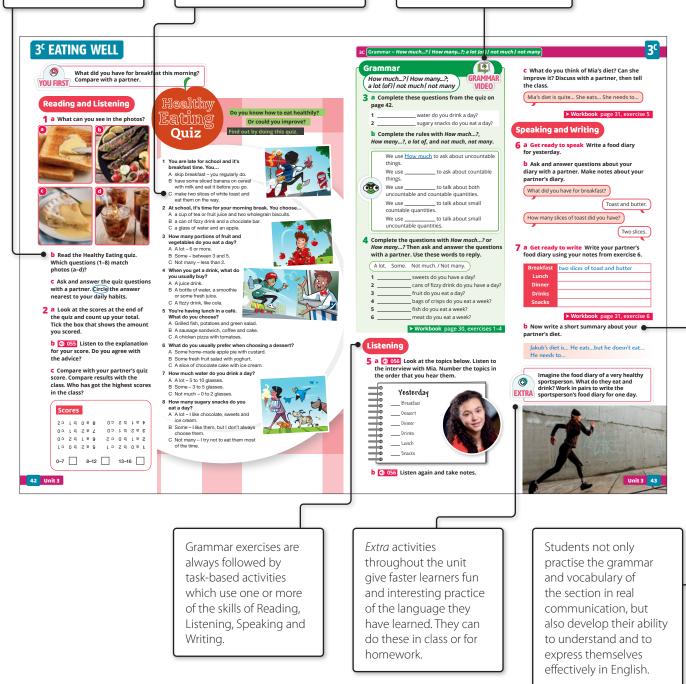
The Workbook provides additional write-in activities to reinforce and consolidate the content of the Student Book. The course is designed so that the two books can be used in close tandem in the classroom. The Workbook exercises mirror the unit and section structure of the Student Book. There is clear signposting in the Student Book to direct learners to the relevant Workbook exercises.

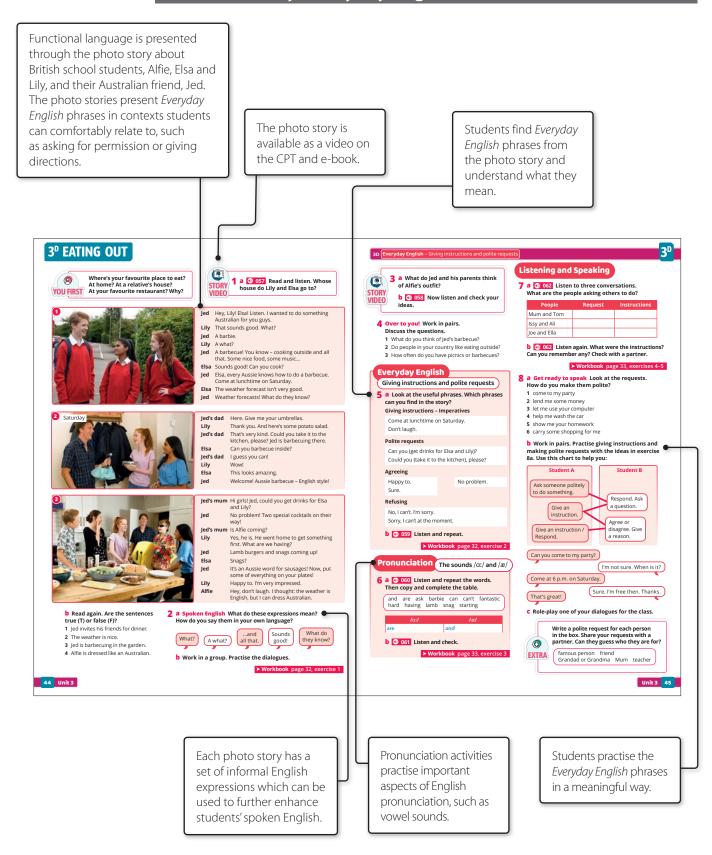
To support differentiation, the Workbook tasks are graded by difficulty and clearly marked with one to three stars – with one being the easiest. This ensures that in a mixed-ability class, all students can tackle a task and gain a sense of accomplishment.



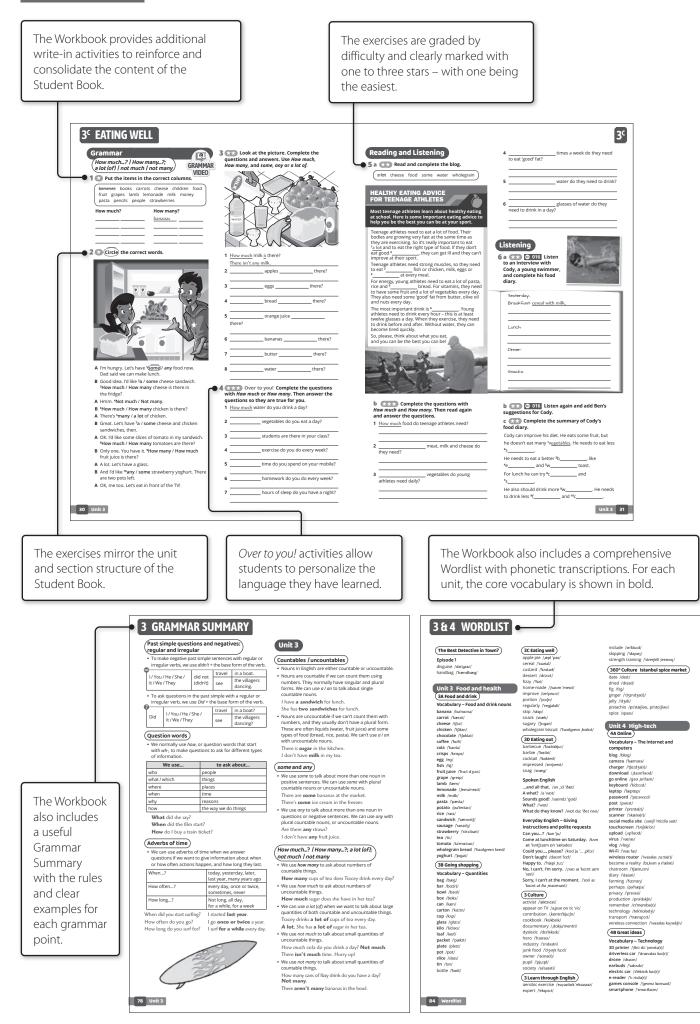


Each comprehension text is followed by activities to check students' understanding. These exercises also further develop reading and listening skills. Comprehension practice is based around input texts related to the main topic of the unit. The texts provide a good model of genuine, everyday English for students' reference. Each text introduces an aspect of the unit grammar. Grammar presentation is consolidated with short, amusing animations available on the CPT and e-book. The animations provide a clear and relatable context for the grammar, which is accessible to students of all abilities.





Workbook



Revision and Progress check

