

TEENS LEVEL 3 American Think Starter Units 3 -4

CEFR: A1

Aim:

At the end of level 3, students will know how to use basic and simple structures, and vocabulary items to enable them to:

- Understand written and oral short texts for everyday purposes.
- Take part in simple conversations.
- Use written and oral means to describe their family, their house and other places.
- Simply and directly buy things in a store (ask for and give prices).
- Use written and oral means to express location and give brief directions.
- Interact to make a conversation and show interest in the topic, get personal information from others provided that the other speaker negotiates meaning.

Remember to ✓ Always write the objective on the board ✓ Recycle information from previous sessions ✓ Put structures in context ✓ Teach one thing at a time ✓ Personalize examples ✓ Link exercises, activities and tasks ✓ Give clear and direct instructions ✓ Always model the exercise	 ✓ Keep the four skills in mind ✓ Consider the different learning styles ✓ During a reading or listening comprehension activity students should check answers among them and then with you. ✓ Students should always be evaluated somehow at the end of a session. ✓ It's the students who review grammar points or concepts, not the teacher. ✓ Call your students by their names
Video session:	Mediateca session:



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WEEK 1

Objective: Students talk briefly about their family. They give a short description of the place where they live.

		WRITTEN TASK		THOUGHTS & VALUI	S		ORAL TASK	
In	dividual			Families. SB p. 31	Families. SB p. 31		You visited your best friend last weekend and had a nice time	
Pr	Pre-task. WB p 32. Reading. Read Marnie's blog and come up			р			ted you to sleep over at his/her place. Tell	
w	ith ideas to write	your own.		*Note to the teacher: Work t	hese sections	1 ' '	riend and his/her family; and create a nice	
Task. You are a young and enthusiastic blogger. Write a blog entry		ntry with your students to promote	moral values	poster to make it clearer.				
ab	out your family. Pu	ıblish your entry and ge	et lots of followers!	and positive attitudes in the class	sroom. These			
				short activities help teens	to be more			
				reflective and build their self-est	eem.			
	NOTION	FUNCTION	GRAMMAR	USE OF ENGLISH	١	OCABULARY	COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS	
		Carry out a diagnosti	c test SB p 28 & 29.					
	Family	Talking about family	¹ Possessive adjectives	I come from a small family. My dad is from Veracruz and my mom from Mexico City. Their names are Luis and Patty. My siblings are Sergio and Sofia. SB p 33 WB p 28	Grandmother,	ers grandfather, father (dad),), brother, sister, children,	Speaking SB p 33.	
1	Descriptions	Describing good qualities	Possessive adjectives A good friend in my English class is Ana. Her brother is Luis and her sister is Liz. They are fun and friendly. Their house is white and green; and it is comfortable. SB p 33 Review: Family member Colors Adjectives to define the properties of the properties		describe people dly, talkative, patient, strict, generous, interested describe a place e, new, old, comfortable.	Listening SB p 33 WB p 28		



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Objective: Students talk about their family members and the relationships among them.

WRITTEN TASK	THOUGHTS & VALUES	ORAL TASK
Individual.	Being part of a family. SB p. 33	Draw a nice poster of your family tree and present it to the
*Pre-teach Hometown.		class. The best presentation will get a prize!
You and your family want to take part in a game show on TV.		
Write a short description of your family and send it to the		
program; include their names, age, and hometown.		

	NOTION	FUNCTION	GRAMMAR	USE OF ENGLISH	VOCABULARY	COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS
2	Family	Talking about family relationships	Possessive's	Kate Middleton's family is from Berkshire in England. Her siblings' names are Pippa and James. Her husband's name is William. Their children's names are George and Charlotte. SB p 30, 31, 32. WB p 28, 31.	Family members Review the vocabulary from session 1. Grandparents, granddaughter, grandson, grandchildren, uncle, aunt, cousin, nephew, niece. SB p 30-32.	 Reading & Listening SB p 30, 31. Listening SB p 32, 33. Speaking
				A: Wendy's house is beautiful.	Adjectives to describe people	SB p 30
		Expressing		B: Yes, it is. And her car is also nice.	Famous, busy, young, old, cute.	
	Possessions	possession or	Possessive's	A: My dad's car is old.	Adjectives to describe things	
		ownership.		A: Yeah, your dad's car is old and noisy!	New, old, small, big, comfortable, nice,	
				SB p. 32. WB p 28	difficult, favorite, noisy.	



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WEEK 3

Objective: Students describe objects, introduce and identify people and pay compliments.

WRITTEN TASK

Individual

Bring a photo of you and your family and write some information about it. Label the people in the photo and briefly describe them. You can also describe the place where you are.

ORAL TASK

Pairs

Show your photograph to your partner. Introduce and describe your family members. Listen to your partner's description and pay compliments to them.

NOTION	FUNCTION	GRAMMAR	USE OF ENGLISH	VOCABULARY	COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS
	Talking about things that are close to the speaker.	This / these	A: So, this is my bedroom. Do you like it? B: Yes! It's really nice. I like your bed. And what are these? A: They're pictures for a comic. B: Wow! They're great! SB p 34 WB p 29	Bedroom items Bed, picture, photos, curtains, desk, magazines, DVDs.	Reading & listening
Objects	Talking about things that are far from the speaker.	That/ those	A: That's a nice photo. There, on the desk. B: Yes, it's my family and I on vacation in Cancun. We're all very happy in that photo! A: And are those your things? B: What things? A: The books and magazines. B: Oh yes! I love collecting those things.	Review Bedroom items. SB p 34. WB p 30, 31	SB p 34. SB p 36 Photo story Pronunciation this/ that/these/those
People & things	identifying people That	This/these That/those	A: Come in. B: Thank you. A: Mom! We're here! This is my mom. B: Hello Mrs. Valdes, it's nice to meet you. A: Mom, this is Brian. C: Hi Brian. Nice to meet you, too. B: Who is in that photo? A: That's my brother, Alan. And those are my cousins.	Review Bedroom items and Family members.	SB p 120 Reading & Writing WB p 32, 33.
	Paying compliments	Fixed phrases That's nice! I really like [your music] What a nice [photo]	A: I really like your shirt. B: Oh, thank you. A: Where's it from? B: It's from my vacation in Brazil.	Compliments This [picture] looks cool That's great! Thanks, I like it too. SB p 37 WB p 34	• Speaking SB p 37



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Objective: students describe and talk about facilities available at different places.

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	ORAL TASI	K		THOUGHTS & VALUES			WRITTEN TASK
(Do the writing task first).				My town /City You feel proud of		You feel proud of yo	ur town and you want the coming Pop
Based on what you wrote about your town, make a short presentation about				SB p. 39		festival to take place in your city.	
it. (Prepare some nice	e images to illustrate it).		Make a description of your town, say if the		of your town, say if there are interesting	
						places to visit. Don't	forget to say why you love it.
NOTION FUNCTION GRAMMAR			USE OF ENGLISH	VOCAE	ULARY	COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS	
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			In the city of	Shenzhen in China there is a			

					places to visit. Doll	t forget to say why you love it.
	NOTION	FUNCTION	GRAMMAR	USE OF ENGLISH	VOCABULARY	COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS
		Talking about places in a town or city	There is/ there are	In the city of Shenzhen in China, there is a park called <i>Window of the World</i> . In the park, there are many models of famous places from around the world. There are towers, mountains, monuments and other places, too. SB p 38-40 WB p 36	Places in a city Square, tower, statue, landmark, palace, castle, museum, bridge, café, store.	• Reading & Speaking — SB p 38
4		Talking about places in a town or city	Negative form There isn't/ there aren't	There are 130 different models in total but there aren't any people living in the park. In Mexico, there isn't a park like that. SB p 38-40	Review Places in a city	Reading & Listening
	Location	Asking about places in a town or city	Interrogative form Is there? Are there?	Is there an important park in your town? Yes, Chapultepec Park is a popular park in Mexico City. Are there any fun activities? Yes, Chapultepec is a large park and there are lots of things to do. For example, you can go rowing in the lake, you can go to the amusement park or you may visit the National History Museum in the Chapultepec Castle. SB p 38-40 WB p 37	Review Places in a city	Pronunciation /tower/, /statue/, /castle/, /museum/ Reading SB p 44
		Asking and giving information about places in a town or city	Some (affirmative sentence) Any (Negative statement & Question)	There are some interesting things in the museum but there aren't any souvenirs to buy. Are there any good stores here? SB p 40 WB p 37	Review Places in a city	



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WEEK 5

Objective: Students are able to ask for and give simple directions to get to a place.

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*Teacher might bring his own material or he may use the map on SB p 41.

Pair work

Look at the map. Student A: You're at the restaurant.

Student B: Think of another place on the map, but don't say it! Tell Student A to

find you.

Switch roles. Student B: You're at the park.

Student A: Choose another place on the map and tell Student B to get there.

WRITTEN TASK

Next Friday you are having your birthday party.

Invite your classmates to come over. Draw a map showing them how they can get from FESI to your house and write clear directions so they can attend your party.

	NOTION	FUNCTION	GRAMMAR	USE OF ENGLISH	VOCABULARY	COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS
		Asking for and Giving directions	Imperatives Go up here Walk down Go past the Turn left/right Go straight Cross the street	A: Excuse me? B: Yes, can I help you? A: Is there a drugstore near here? B: Yes, there's a drugstore on King Street. Go up here, turn left, and it's next to the bank. A: Next to the bank? B: That's right. And it's across from the library. A: That's great. Thank you. B: No problem. SB p 41	Public places Bank, drugstore, library, mall, museum, post office, restaurant, supermarket, train/bus station. Prepositions of place Behind, between, in front of, next to, on the corner (of), across from. SB p 40, 41 WB p 38, 39	• Listening SB p 40, 41
5	Directions	Asking for and Giving directions	Imperatives Don't turn right Don't cross the bridge Don't take a bus	A: Excuse me. These taxis are very expensive. Can I take a bus here to go to the mall? B: Oh, don't take a bus, it's only three minutes from here. A: OK. But how do I get there? B: Walk along this street and take the second left. Don't take the first left, that's wrong. Go past the supermarket, and turn left. The mall is on the right. A: Well, thanks a lot. B: No problem SB p 41. WB p 37	Review Public places and Prepositions of place. SB p 40, 41WB p 38, 39	• Speaking SB p 40

^{*}Note to the teacher: Pre-teach the Vocabulary of Public Places and Prepositions of place before introducing the function.



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WEEK 6

Objective: Students are able to ask for and buy things at a store

	ORAL TASK		THOUGHTS AND	THOUGHTS AND VALUES		WRITTEN TASK	
Pair work Student A: You are a shop assistant at a convenience store. Help the customer to find and get what he needs. Student B: You are a customer at a convenience store. Decide what you want to buy. Ask for prices and buy what you need.			SB p 43.	brochure for our citWrite a sSay whatGive som	to Woodstock! As a model and write a y. (45-50 words) entence to introduce your city. there is in the town le ideas for things to do there losing sentence		
NOTION	FUNCTION	GRAMMAR	USE OF ENGLISH	VOCA	BULARY	COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS	
B: H mus		A: Hi. Can I help you? B: Hello. Yes, please. Do you have any music magazines?	Numbers 100 + SB p 42 WB p 3	9	• Reading &Listening SB p 42		

	NOTION	FUNCTION	GRAMMAR	USE OF ENGLISH	VOCABULARY	COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS
				A: Hi. Can I help you?		Reading &Listening
				B: Hello. Yes, please. Do you have any	Numbers 100 +	SB p 42
				music magazines?	SB p 42 WB p 39	
				A: Sure. There's this one here, and		 Listening and Writing Numbers
				there's also this one.	Prices	SB p 42
		Duving things in a	How much is it?	B: Great. How much are they?	SB p 43 WB p 39	
6	Purchases	Buying things in a	How much are	A: This one is \$3.95, and the other one is		 Pronunciation
		store	they?	\$3.50	Expressions for shopping	SB p 120
				B: Ok. I'll take them. Here you are.	I'll take it / them	
				A: Thank you. And here's your change	That's \$, please	Reading & listening
				\$2.55	Here you are	SB p 45
				B: Thanks. Bye!	Here's your change	
				SB p 42, 43 WB p 43	SB p 43 WB p 42	Exam skills: Listening WB p 43



	NOTION	FUNCTION	GRAMMAR	USE OF ENGLISH	VOCABULARY	COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS					
	Grammar and vocabulary review.										
	Recommendations:										
	■ The to	eacher asks abo	ut the grammar po	ints they saw in the course.							
7	■ The s	tudents name th	nem and write then	n on the board.							
	■ The s	tudents give mir	ni presentations in t	teams about the grammar and	notional points. The teacher make	es corrections and provides					
	feedb	ack.									
	■ You n	nay use the Cons	solidation section c	on WB p 44 & 45 to complete th	ne Review.						
	Evaluation (S	Saturday course	s)								
	8:30-10:00 F	inal Oral Exam									
	10:00-12:00	Final exam.									
	12:00-13:00	Grades									
	13:00-13:30	Feedback									
8	13:30-14:00	Capture Grades									
	Evaluation (\	Neekly courses)									
	Session 26: F	inal oral and fina	al writing exams								
	Session 27: F	inal exam									
	Session 28: F	eedback and cap	oture grades.								