

ENGLISH 7
American Think Units 11 -12

CEFR: A1

Aim:

At the end of level 7, students will know how to use basic and simple structures, and vocabulary items to enable them to:

- Give information about past situations and abilities as well as asking and answering questions about them.
- Use written and oral means to describe people, things, places and situations.
- Extract relevant information as well as following the order or understand the sequence of the information and simple narrations.
- Use written and oral means to talk about transportation and geographical places.
- Give and ask for information at a train station.
- Exchange information about their favorite trips

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
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WEEK 1

INTRODUCE THE SS INTO THE COURSE, BOOKS AND ALSO CARRY OUT A DIAGNOSTIC TEST (30 minutes)

Objective: Ss will talk about animal facts.

WRITTEN TASK				Think Values:			ORAL TASK
Ss create a brochure about their favorite animals and give descriptions and facts about each of them.			imals and give	· ·		Based on the previous exercise, Ss work with a partner and talk about their choices.	
1	NOTION Animal facts	FUNCTION Talking about animal facts	Recycle: Present Simple for facts Can / Can't Likes and Dislikes	Sometimes snakes are dangerous. We can find cats and dogs in many houses. You can see cows and sheep in Mexican towns. Horses can be a mean of transportation in some towns. Some tigers and gorillas are endangered animals. My brothers and I like visiting the elephants when we go to Chapultepec. People sometimes eat snake. They say it tastes like chicken.	Voca Vocabulary animals: Bear, bird, gorilla, eleptiger, sheep, snake, ca Plural nouns: Bear – bears Bird – birds Gorilla – gorillas Elephant – elephants Sheep – sheep Recycle: Regular Past Want – wanted Save - saved Start - started	t, cow, dog	Reading and Listening SB p102
				SB p 49, 50 / WB p 46	Need – needed Pick - picked		



WEEK 2

Objective: Ss will talk about vacations and contrast them.

WRITTEN TASK

You have got a pen pal from another country who wants to know about your last vacations. Send an email to him explaining what you did, ate, drank, etc. Include the places you visited and the things you saw there.

ORAL TASK

* The teacher asks students to bring pictures from their vacations the class before. Ss are divided into teams and show the pictures about their last vacations to their classmates and taking turns ask and answer questions about them.

	NOTION	FUNCTION	GRAMMAR	USE OF ENGLISH	VOCABULARY	COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS
2	Past Vacations	Talking about past vacations and activities	Teaching: Past Simple Irregular verbs Positive statements	Erin Bolster was a guide in Montana. She took a group of people to the woods. Suddenly, a bear came out from the trees and ran after a boy and his horse. She found the bear close to the boy, and then the boy fell off the horse. Erin and her horse, Tonka, ran at the bear and it made a terrible noise, but then it went away. Erin and her horse were heroes. SB p 104 / WB p100	Go- went	Reading WB p104
			Teaching: Past Simple Negative form	I didn't go to the movies yesterday, I saw my friends at a party. We didn't have a good time at the party. I didn't take pictures with a camera; I took pictures with my phone. We didn't do our homework. SB p104 / WB p100	Verb collocations: - Have fun / have a good time - Get scared / get angry - Make a noise - Have a shower - Go on vacation - Take photos - Do homework SB p104 / WB p103	Speaking SB p104



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WEEK 3

Objective: Ss will ask for information about vacations.

WRITTEN TASK
You and our friends are making and album with their memories
related to the things that they could or couldn't do when they
were little kids. Help your friends to complete the album.

THINK SELF-ESTEEM ANIMALS AND NATURE SB p105

Ss read the sentences provided in the exercise and check the ones that are true for them. Ss compare their answers with their partners.

ORAL TASK

Your cousin who lives in another country calls you to know how your last vacations were. Answer his questions related to the place you visited as well as the activities you did there and ask him about his vacations too.

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	NOTION	FUNCTION	GRAMMAR	USE OF ENGLISH	VOCABULARY	COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS
3	Past vacations	Asking about past vacations and activities	Teaching: Past Simple Interrogative form	Did you have a good time on your vacations? - Yes, I did. Did you see any exciting animals? - Yes, I did. I went to a zoo and Isaw a tiger and two big snakes! Where did you go on your last vacations? - I went to Brazil with my parents. Where did you stay? - I stayed in a nice hotel. What did you eat? - I ate salad and typical food too. SB p105 / WB p101	Auxiliary: Did WH Questions words: When, why, who, what, where Recycle: Regular and Irregular Past verbs Have – had See – saw Go – went Eat – ate Drink – drank Visit – visited Stay – stayed Like – liked Enjoy - enjoyed	Speaking SB p 105 Listening SB p 105 Reading SB p 106
	Past abilities	Talking about past abilities	Teaching: Could and Couldn't	When I was a child I could play guitar hero. When my sister was 7 she could ride a bike. My father couldn't drive a car until he was 25. My grandma could speak 5 languages. When my brother was a baby he couldn't use a tablet. SB p107 / WB p101	Verbs to express abilities: Read and write Ride a bike Speak languages Swim Use a tablet Dance Play an instrument	Speaking p 107 Listening WB p106



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WEEK 4

Objective: Ss will give descriptions and sequences in stories.

WRITTEN TASK	ORAL TASK
You had a great weekend and many things happened to you. Write an email to your	Based on the adventure you talked about in your email, draw a Comic showing the
best friend telling him all the sequence of your adventure.	sequence of your great weekend and present it to your classmates.

	NOTION	FUNCTION	GRAMMAR	USE OF ENGLISH	VOCABULARY	COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS
4	Descriptions	Describing people, places, animals and things	Recycle: Present Simple Past Simple Can / Can't Could / Couldn't	I didn't like the movie I watched yesterday. It was really boring. Enormous bears can be extremely dangerous. Pigs aren't normally clean. They love playing with mud. I don't have enough space in my bedroom. I think it's small. My cat needs a bath, it's very dirty! We love our English class. It's really interesting. WB p103	Opposite adjectives: Dirty – clean Beautiful – ugly Interesting - boring Safe – dangerous Nice - mean Smart - stupid SB p107 / WB p 102 – 103 Adjectives order: - A nice gorilla - Dirty cows - An interesting town - Boring TV programs - A difficult language WB p103	Speaking SB p 107 PHOTOSTORY: THE SPIDER SB p108
	Past Stories	Sequencing in a story	Teaching: Sequence connectors	Today I woke up at 9:00 am. First, I have a shower and I drank some milk. Then, I went out to play with my dog. After that, my dog and I went to the park but I lost it. Later, my dog appeared behind some bushes. I was very happy. Finally, we returned home together. SB p / WB p 105 – 106	Frequency expressions: Today, first, then, after that, later, finally Connectors: but / because WB p106 Expressions: Suddenly All right What happened?	Writing SB p109 Reading WB p104



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WEEK 5

Objective: Ss will talk about transportation. They will also ask for and give information at a train station.

WRITTEN TASK

Public transportation in your city is varied. Some people use a car or a bike and some other go by subway or by bus. Draw a chart showing which ones are more used In your area, and explain how often they are used too and why.

THINK VALUES SB p111

Ss read the text and decide which the best title is that sums up the article. Afterwards, Ss discuss how friendly to the environment these types of transportation are.

You and your friend live In very different places where the transportation habits are not the same. Talk to your friend about the common transportation you and your family normally use in your area.

ORAL TASK

	NOTION	FUNCTION	GRAMMAR	USE OF ENGLISH	VOCABULARY	COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS
5	Transportation	Talking about transportation	Recycle: Present Simple and Past Simple Tenses	People from a TV program chose different transportation for an experiment. A host went by car, another by bike and the last one by public transportation. The bike is a fast type of transportation. The subway and the bus are examples of public transportation. Some people use speedboats in the rivers.	Vocabulary transportation: Bus Bike Boat Car Subway train Motorcycle Taxi Plane Helicopter - SB p112 Collocations related to transportation: - On roads, on rails, on water - On foot - In the air - By car, by plane, by train	Reading SB p111 Speaking SB p110 Reading WB p112
	At the train station	Asking and giving information at a train station	Testing: Present Simple: WH Questions / Yes – No Questions	Salesperson: Good morning. How can I help you? Customer: Good morning. What time's the next train to New York? S: It's at 11 o'clock. C: And how much is the ticket? S: It depends. Do you want a one way or round trip ticket? C: A round trip, please. S: That would be 30 dollars. C: Here you are. And, what platform does the train leave from? S: It leaves from platform 9. Have a nice trip.	Vocabulary: Salesperson Customer Trip Leave / arrive One-way trip Round-trip Platform SB p113	Listening SB p113 Speaking SB p113 Listening WB p114



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WEEK 6

Objective: Ss will talk about geographical places. They will also make references about subjects previously mentioned.

WRITTEN TASK

FESI's online magazine is going to publish an article about students' favorite trips. Write a paragraph about yours including a description of the place and why you liked it.

ORAL TASK

Ss make a banner about their favorite place including pictures and descriptions of it. After having finished, Ss present the banner to the class.

	NOTION	FUNCTION	GRAMMAR	USE OF ENGLISH	VOCABULARY	COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS
6	Geographical Places	Talking about geographical places	Recycle: Present Simple	My favorite trip is to the mountains to ski. I love the snow! My family's favorite beach is Sayulita. Rivers are a good place to swim when it's really hot. Cancun is a beautiful place in the summer. My grandparent's farm is enormous and it has a little lake with ducks and geese. SB p112 / WB p110 - 111	Vocabulary Geographical places: Mountain Beach River Ocean Field Lake Farm Forest Canals SB p115	Reading SB p116 Speaking SB p115 Writing: Unusual forms of transportation SB p117 Writing: About a trip WB p113
	Reference to singular or plural subjects	Making reference to a subject or subjects previously mentioned	Teaching: One / ones	What is my favorite trip? The one with my mom on her motorcycle. My parents live in Miami. We visit them every year. I never get bored because there are a lot of movies to watch. They always have really good ones. SB p /WB p109	Recycle: Adjectives Beautiful Nice Great Enormous Good Amazing Comfortable Interesting	Reading SB p114







	NOTION	FUNCTION	GRAMMAR	USE OF ENGLISH	VOCABULARY	COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS				
Grammar and vocabulary review.										
_	The teacher asks about the grammar points they saw in the course.									
7	■ The st	The students name them and write them on the board.								
	 The students give mini presentations in teams about the grammar and notional points. The teacher makes corrections and provides 									
	feedb	ack.								
	Evaluation (S	Saturday courses	s)							
	8:30-10:00 Fi	nal 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 (Weekly courses)									
	Session 26: F	inal oral and fina	al writing exams							
	Session 27: F	inal exam								
	Session 28: F	eedback and cap	oture grades.							