

BRINGING LEARNING INTO

FOCUS

5 LEVEL COURSE FOR UPPER SECONDARY
CEFR: A2 – C1 / GSE: 30 – 80

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FOCUS is a rich, varied and clearly structured upper secondary course that provides motivating content and a reliable exam preparation path. Its methodology is built around the 3Ms – Motivation, Memory and Meaning. These key concepts underpin the benefits of the course for learners and signal its pedagogical effectiveness to teachers.



FOCUS on Motivation



A motivated learner is a more successful learner - FOCUS is brimming with topics, texts and tasks that **engage students** both intellectually and emotionally by referring to their life experience, and the things they aspire to. Accordingly, language is brought vividly to life through **grammar animations** and **interactive videos**, which make learning with FOCUS both entertaining and effective.

FOCUS on Memory



One of the unique features of FOCUS is the approach to **learning and retention of vocabulary**. On top of comprehensive exposure to and recycling of lexical items, the course offers **Word Store**, a vocabulary practice booklet with a wide variety of exercises and a unique method of involving learners actively in recording new words and phrases.

FOCUS on Meaning



FOCUS is built on content students want to read, listen and talk about. Every exercise has been made relevant to students' lives through frequent **personalisation**, ensuring that, with FOCUS, they are engaged every step of the way.

FOCUS on Authors

Sue Kay and Vaughan Jones are recognised worldwide for their meaningful, student-centred courses and pragmatic attitude towards teaching. To them, a good ELT course is one that is **reliable, flexible and credible** for both teachers and students. They are the authors of the popular course Inside Out, with FOCUS being the first course they have written for Pearson. Currently, they are devoted to training teachers all around the world and inspiring them to believe in, trust and rely on the concept they offer in FOCUS.



FOCUS on Reliability

FOCUS has been prepared with the needs of teachers and students at its forefront. It offers **clean designs, easy-to-understand instructions** and a wide variety of engaging topics, texts, and tasks, all combined to ensure it is both highly effective, and a real pleasure to teach from.



Clear colour coding for each section helps students and teachers navigate the units.

FOCUS on Teaching off the page

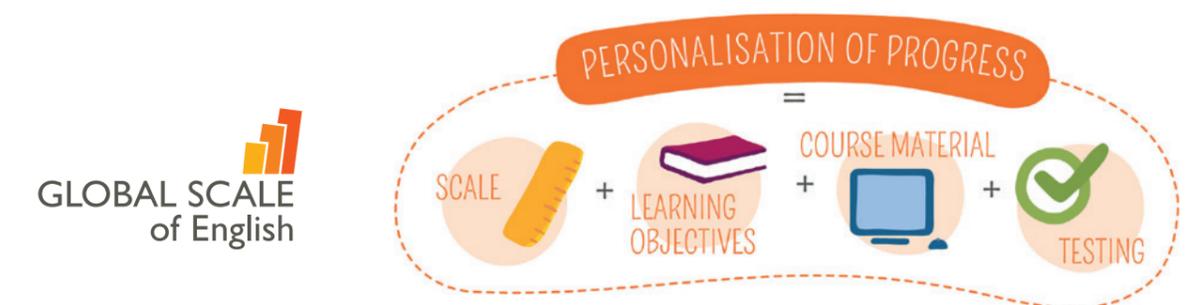
FOCUS is an unparalleled example of a course that can be taught 'off-the-page'. This means very little extra preparation is required on the part of the teacher. With **one page per lesson**, intuitive methodology, and colour coded sections, lessons are logically structured and easy to follow, especially with the help of the outstandingly pragmatic Teacher's Book.



The Teacher's Book includes full pages from the Students' Book in colour, with **overprinted answers**.

FOCUS on Learning objectives

Language development in FOCUS is carefully mapped to the **Global Scale of English (GSE)**. Each exercise in each unit of each level refers specifically to a Can-Do statement from the GSE adult syllabus and a specific GSE band. The GSE helps students and teachers measure exactly where they are in their learning journey, and by identifying their strengths and weaknesses, it enables them to pinpoint exactly what they need to do next.



In order to place students accurately on the GSE and assess their language abilities in the most reliable way, we recommend the use of **Pearson Progress Test** alongside FOCUS (see www.pearsonELT.com/progress for more details).

FOCUS on Vocabulary acquisition

The approach to teaching vocabulary in FOCUS involves 3 distinctive steps:

1. Remind students what they already know.
2. Provide extensive and diversified vocabulary practice.
3. Show students what they have learnt.

“Show what you know” sections help students revise the knowledge they already have.

The Word Store booklet at the back of the Students’ Book provides extensive vocabulary practice specific to the vocabulary lesson in each unit.

Word Store also contains practice of vocabulary from every listening and reading lesson.

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DO YOUR BEST

If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.

DEREK BOK (b. 1930), FORMER PRESIDENT OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY

UNIT LANGUAGE AND SKILLS

Vocabulary:

- Show what you know – verb-noun collocations
- phrasal verbs – education
- collocations
- synonyms – personality adjectives
- word families – verbs ending in -ise
- collocations
- Word in focus – do

Grammar:

- present and past habits
- verb patterns

Listening:

- people talking about memory
- multiple matching

Reading:

- an article about experiments in education
- gapped text

Speaking:

- describing and speculating about photos

Writing:

- a report

FOCUS EXTRA

- Grammar Focus pp. 130–131
- WORD STORE booklet pp. 2–3
- Workbook pp. 8–21 or MyEnglishLab
- MP3s – www.english.com/focus

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1.1 Vocabulary

Education • Phrasal verbs • Collocations • Personality adjectives

I can talk about education and different kinds of student.

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 In pairs, make as many verb-noun collocations as you can in sixty seconds.

verbs	drop	fail	+	nouns	a career	a course
attend	pass	pursue	skip	an exam	a lesson	a subject
study	take			a subject	university	

attend a course/attend a lesson/attend university

2 Write three questions with different collocations from Exercise 1. Then, in pairs, ask and answer your questions.
Which university would you most like to attend? Why?

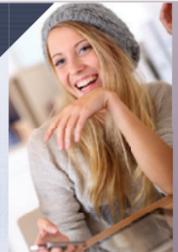
3 Look at the photos and read about four kinds of student. Which one describes you best? Compare with a partner.

SELF-MOTIVATED

SOCIAL



You're very well-organised and you usually remember to bring the right books to your lessons. You want to do well and you try not to fall behind with your homework. You're studious, and eager to learn. You get good marks because you pay attention in class. You're an enthusiastic learner.



You're gregarious and fun to be with. You sometimes get into trouble in class because you can't stop talking. You particularly like interaction with other people at school. You have a gift for languages and you enjoy taking part in interactive activities. You're a team-player and a communicator.

SPORTY

BRAINY



You're a popular member of the class with a good circle of friends. You particularly enjoy teamwork and learning in an active way. However, you'd prefer to be outside on the sports field than in the classroom. You're competitive and single-minded, but you're also a cooperative learner who likes motivating other people.



You're lucky – you're naturally bright. You're curious about the world, and you soak up knowledge like a sponge. You have a thirst for knowledge, and you excel at subjects that many other students struggle with, such as Maths and Sciences. You're a deep thinker and an analytic learner.

4 Do the questionnaire and check your score. Do you get the same answer as in Exercise 3?

WHAT KIND OF STUDENT ARE YOU?

Do our questionnaire and find out.

1 The summer holidays are over and term begins on Monday. What are your thoughts?

A I'm looking forward to reaching my goals.
B I can't wait to see old classmates again.
C I'm going to train really hard this term.
D I can't wait to tackle some advanced Maths.

2 Teachers are most likely to say to you:

A 'Thank you for handing in your assignment on time.'
B 'Yes, very funny. Now get on with your work.'
C 'Can you keep still for a moment please?'
D 'Well done, you've got top marks again.'

3 You have a free period. What do you do?

A Go to the library and do some research for your school project.
B Hang out with your friends in the canteen and chat.
C Get two teams together and have a game of basketball.
D Go to the IT room and catch up on the latest science news.

4 You have an exam tomorrow. What do you do?

A Your revision timetable tells you to take the night off.
B You go out - it's Thursday night!
C You go to the gym and put off thinking about the exam.
D You've always done well in exams, so you watch a film.

5 Your number one reason for liking school is because ...

A you want to go on to further studies and a great career.
B it's where your friends are.
C it has the best football team in the region.
D it has a great science lab.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Mainly As = You're self-motivated.
Mainly Bs = You're sociable.
Mainly Cs = You're sporty.
Mainly Ds = You're brainy.

6 In pairs, discuss how you would describe the worst student in the world.

Go to WORD STORE 1 page 3.

WORD STORE 1A

6 **CD-1.9 MP3-9** Complete WORD STORE 1A with the base form of the phrasal verbs in red in the texts. Then listen, check and repeat.

7 Complete the questions with prepositions or particles. Then, in pairs, ask and answer the questions.

1 At the start of term, what do you look forward _____ ?
2 Do you get on with your homework as soon as you get home or do you put it _____ ?
3 Have you ever finished an assignment and then forgotten to hand it _____ ?
4 When you go online, what's the first thing you catch up _____ ?
5 Is there a particular university you want to go on _____ ?
6 Are there any subjects where you are falling _____ ?

WORD STORE 1B

8 **CD-1.10 MP3-10** Complete WORD STORE 1B with the underlined phrases in the texts. Then listen, check and repeat. Add a translation.

9 In pairs, match the sentence halves. Which statements do you agree with?

1 To become a deep thinker _____
2 It's difficult to pay attention _____
3 If you don't reach your educational goals, it doesn't matter.
4 Students who have a gift _____
5 Children soak up knowledge like a sponge. _____
6 It's important to have a supportive circle of friends at school.
7 Most teenagers aren't very eager to learn. _____
8 They find lessons boring. _____
9 attention in class just before lunch.

WORD STORE 1C

10 **CD-1.11 MP3-11** Complete WORD STORE 1C with the highlighted adjectives in the texts. Then listen, check and repeat.

11 Replace the underlined adjective with a synonym from WORD STORE 1C.

1 Hannah is very hard-working. She's always in the library.
2 Dan has a logical way of thinking. He likes problem-solving.
3 Jim is a sociable person. He loves a good party!
4 Eva is very determined. She never gives up.
5 Tom likes to discover new things. He's always interested.
6 Rosa is really intelligent. She gets everything right.

WORD STORE 1D

12 Replace the names in Exercise 11 to describe students in your school. Does your partner agree with you?

13 **CD-1.12 MP3-12** Complete WORD STORE 1D with more synonyms for personality adjectives. Then listen, check and repeat. Write example sentences.

WORD STORE 1

WORD STORE 1A

Phrasal verbs – education

1 catch up on the news (= get up-to-date)
2 _____ with your homework (= make less progress)
3 _____ further studies (= continue)
4 _____ your assignment (= deliver)
5 _____ new challenges (= anticipate positively)
6 _____ thinking about the exam (= delay)

WORD STORE 1B

Collocations

1 a circle of friends = _____
2 a _____ thinker = _____
3 _____ to do sth = _____
4 have a _____ for sth = _____
5 pay _____ = _____
6 _____ a goal = _____
7 _____ knowledge = _____

WORD STORE 1C

Synonyms – personality adjectives

1 determined = _____
2 hard-working = _____
3 intelligent = _____
4 interested = _____
5 logical = _____
6 sociable = _____

WORD STORE 1D

EXTRA Synonyms – personality adjectives

diligent fun-loving inquisitive
persistent rational sharp

1 determined = persistent → My mum keeps asking me to tidy my room. She's very persistent.
2 hard-working = _____ → _____
3 intelligent = _____ → _____
4 interested = _____ → _____
5 logical = _____ → _____
6 sociable = _____ → _____

Do your best

WORD STORE 1E

1.3 Listening

9 **CD-1.18 MP3-18** Complete WORD STORE 1E. Add nouns, adjectives or verbs to the table. Mark the stress. Then listen, check and repeat.

NOUN	familiarise	memorable
1 drama	personalise	recognisable
2 familiarity	visual	
3 memory		
4 person		
5 recognition		
6 vision		

WORD STORE 1F

1.4 Reading

6 **CD-1.20 MP3-20** Complete WORD STORE 1F. Replace the underlined word with a word in the box to make another collocation with a similar meaning. Then listen and check and repeat.

form high

1 a radical reorg _____
2 natural/ _____
3 an excellent/ a _____ standard
4 plan/ _____ an experiment
5 establish/ _____ a relationship

WORD IN FOCUS

DO

do = perform (an action or activity)

*He did History at university.
I'm doing some research into whales.*

do + noun

A bit of revision won't do you any harm.

do in phrases

*Do your best.
Well done!
Didn't she do well in English!*

do in phrasal verbs

*I wish we could do away with exams!
They've done up the old school hall.
The text was to do with global warming.*

Fascinating texts initiate work on new vocabulary. Key words are highlighted to make them easier to identify and revise.

FOCUS on Grammar

The approach to grammar in FOCUS is based on the following principles:

1. Show students how much they already know.
2. Teach grammar in the most engaging way.
3. Show students what they have learnt.

There are always two thorough grammar lessons in each unit.

FOCUS on Exam preparation

FOCUS offers targeted development of exam skills starting from the very first level of the course. Students are offered regular exposure to exam-type tasks and reference.

Unit revision in the format of Cambridge exam-type tasks.

1.2 Grammar

Present and past habits

1 Read Gillian Lynne's story. What do you think she did when her mum and the psychologist left the room?

2 Listen to two friends talking about Gillian's story and check your ideas in Exercise 1. In pairs, discuss what lessons this story teaches us about educating children.

3 Complete the GRAMMAR FOCUS with the phrases in blue in the text.

GRAMMAR FOCUS

Present and past habits

- You can use the Present Simple and the Past Simple to talk about habits.
- You can use used to to talk about regular past actions that don't happen any more or past states that are no longer true.
- You can use will (present) or would (past) to talk about characteristic, repeated or predictable actions. You don't use them to talk about states.
- You can use would (past) to talk about characteristic, repeated or predictable actions. You don't use them to talk about states.
- You can use the Present or Past Continuous with always to stress the repetitiveness of an action and sometimes to show your annoyance.
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4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use would where possible. If would is not possible, use the Past Simple.

5 Write yes/no questions for the sentences in Exercise 4. Use used to or the Past Simple. Then, in pairs, ask and answer your questions.

1.5 Grammar

Verb patterns

6 Read GRAMMAR FOCUS II. Find examples of verb patterns with remember, stop, hear and see in the text. Explain the changes in meaning.

GRAMMAR FOCUS II

Verb patterns – change in meaning

remember, forget, stop and hear + infinitive, but with a change in meaning: remember/forget + gerund

7 Write sentences comparing your routine in primary school and now. Then compare with a partner. Who has changed the most?

	Primary school	Now
1 For breakfast	I'd ...	I'll ...
2 Before setting off for school	I'd ...	I'll ...
3 At break time	I'd ...	I'll ...
4 At lunchtime	I'd ...	I'll ...
5 After school	I'd ...	I'll ...
6 Before going to bed	I'd ...	I'll ...

8 In pairs, list the habits in Exercise 7 from least to most annoying. Do you know people who had or have any of these habits?

Grammar Focus sections explain grammar rules clearly and provide easy reference.

Grammar practice is meaningful – when practising, students relate the material to their own experiences.

REMEMBER THIS

Certain adjective/noun constructions begin with it or there. It's nice being here. Is there anyone trying to explain?

Remember This sections help students avoid common mistakes.

FOCUS REVIEW 1

VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences with adjectives. The first letter of each adjective is given.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in capitals.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

4 Use the prompts to write sentences.

LANGUAGE IN USE

5 Choose the correct answer, A, B or C.

6 Read the text and choose the correct answer, A, B or C.

READING

7 Read the article. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

8 Work in pairs. You want to spend Saturday afternoon together. Look at the photos and talk about the different things you could do.

WRITING

9 Write one sentence referring to each of the five points in the email from George, your English friend.

10 Write your email to George in about 100 words. Use your sentences from Exercise 9, but add some more details.

International Students' Magazine

Would you like to talk to people of your age in another country? Here are just a few of the free websites we can recommend. There's something for everyone here! Go online and make some friends. We'll give you more websites in the next month.

What's your hobby?

This is a website where you can meet people who have the same hobbies and interests as you. You type in the name of something you enjoy, for example, a sport, and then you can find other people in different countries who like the same thing. You can share information about things you do and give advice to each other. Who knows – one day perhaps you'll meet and do your hobby together!

Serious teenage talk

Perhaps you like talking about more important things like politics or education. On this site you can join in group discussions about things that are important to everyone. It's good to hear the opinions of people from different countries. We can learn a lot. So if you care about things like homeless people and human rights, come online and talk about them.

Exchange!

You probably think this site is about exchange visits where students go to other countries for a short time. It is, but that's not all you can do on this site. You can also exchange things with teenagers all round the world. You can exchange music or recipes, books and so on. In this way you can learn a lot about different cultures. And you can meet people and arrange visits too.

Learn a language

Do you want to learn another language? This website can find online language classes for nearly every major language in the world! And you can study in an international group with excellent teachers. So if you'd like to learn Mandarin Chinese or Russian or even Norwegian, go on the website and they will help you.

Exam Focus sections occur in all 4 skills lessons and include practice of all key exam-type tasks.

Grammar Animations illustrate grammar concepts in meaningful and accessible ways.

stative possession
have
own
possess

GRAMMAR FOCUS

3.2 Present Perfect with just, already, (not) yet and Past Simple

We use the Present Perfect to talk about actions which happened and finished in the past, but we do not know when exactly or it is not important.

I have read many biographies and autobiographies. (It's not important when I did it.)

Common time expressions used with the Present Perfect:

- ever – used in questions: Have you ever been to an art gallery?
- never – used in negative sentences: My grandparents have never visited Australia.
- since then: She won The X Factor in 2006 and has since then sold millions of albums.
- already and just – used mainly in affirmative sentences: I have already seen this film. They have just left.
- yet – used in negative sentences at the end of the sentence: I haven't seen her yet. Has she written any songs yet?

If we want to say when something happened, we use the Past Simple. We also use the Past Simple in questions with when: She won a Grammy in 2009. When did you see Blur play live?

Grammar Reference section and additional practice exercises are located at the back of the Students' Book.

1.3 Listening

EXAM FOCUS Gap-fill

7 Listen again and complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

- Becky did volunteering work in ... last year.
- She was there for ...
- Becky's job was to care for ...
- Becky says that life can be very different in other countries and gives ... as an example.
- She thinks that volunteers need to:
 - be fit and ...
 - have good ... skills.
 - be responsible.
- Becky recommends a volunteering agency which is called ...
- Their phone number is ...

1.4 Reading

EXAM FOCUS Gapped text

3 Read the article again. Choose from the sentences (A-E) the one which fits each gap. There is one extra sentence.

A The children are forming relationships with them and the teachers, many of whom were upset at the thought of having finished their careers, have realised they're more important than ever," he says.

B For many years he has been interested in a form of learning in which children are unsupervised and involved in self-learning and peer-teaching.

C Traditional education models assume that children are empty vessels who need to be filled with content, but Dr Mitzel's experiments prove that wrong.

D "Computers cannot replace good teachers, but they can get a high standard of education into the schools where they are needed most," he says.

E He then left them to use it unsupervised and found that after only a month, the children had taught themselves how to use the computer and go online.

1.6 Speaking

SPEAKING FOCUS

Statements

A: I love travelling and meeting new people.
B: I don't really like rock or heavy metal.C: I've got loads of friends.
D: I've just got one sister. She's a model.
E: She's training to be a pilot.F: I'm not very keen on tea.
G: I don't like travelling.
H: I play the violin.

Saying you are similar

B: ...
B: Me neither.
B: ...
B: Wow, that's interesting!
B: ...
B: ...

Showing interest

B: ...
B: ...
B: ...

Saying you are different

B: ...
B: Don't you? Oh, I do.
B: ...

1.7 Writing

WRITING FOCUS

A personal email/letter

- Start the email/letter with a friendly greeting. Dear Nick, ...
- Don't use full forms. Use contractions. you're (not you-are?), it's (not it-is).
- Use useful phrases to give information about yourself. I'm interested in .../I'm good at .../I'm ...
- Ask questions to show you want a reply. What do you enjoy doing at weekends?/What ...?
- Finish the email/letter with a friendly goodbye. All the best!

Writing task

You recently received an email from Jenny, an English teenager you are going to stay with in England. Read part of her email and write your reply to Jenny.

It's great to hear that you're going to come and stay with me and my family for two weeks. Please tell me something about yourself. What music and films do you like? What do you do in your free time?

Teachers in FOCUS



Teacher's Book

- full Students' Book pages in colour, with overprinted answers
- practical teaching tips and extra resources to supplement each unit



Multi-ROM

- bundled with the Teacher's Book
- grammar animations with additional exercises
- interactive speaking videos
- teacher's resources
- test programme



Class Audio CDs

- all the listening activities from the Students' Book
- recordings for students available on English.com/focus



ActiveTeach

- offline Interactive Whiteboard Software Tool
- interactive Students' Book activities
- audio bank
- teacher's resources
- videos: grammar animations and interactive speaking videos
- games bank

Students in FOCUS



Students' Book

- one page - one lesson structure with colour coded sections
- 24-page Word Store booklet with extensive vocabulary practice



Workbook

- exact correlation with the Students' Book
- comprehensive exam-style practice (Cambridge ESOL)



MyEnglishLab

- online learning management system
- grammar animations
- interactive speaking videos
- individual grade books
- rich assessment package



Exam Practice Booklets

- extra booklets with extensive practice for Cambridge English and PTE General exams

FOCUS (British Edition)

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Cambridge English	9781292121130	9781292121154	781292121116

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