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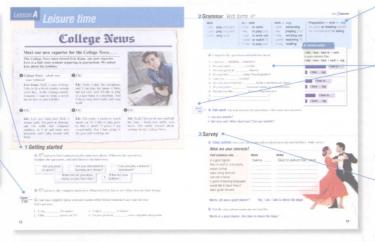
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## Unit features

Getting started presents new grammar in natural contexts such as surveys, interviews, conversations, and phone messages.

Figure it out challenges vou to notice how grammar works.



**Grammar** is presented in clear charts.

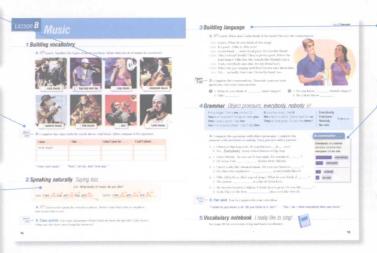
Grammar exercises give you practice with new structures and opportunities to exchange personal information with your classmates.

Survey encourages you to ask your classmates interesting questions.

**Building vocabulary** uses - pictures to introduce new words and expressions.

Word sort helps you organize vocabulary and then use it to interact with your classmates.

Speaking naturally helps - you understand and use natural pronunciation and intonation.



**Building language** builds on the grammar presented in Lesson A.

In conversation panels tell you about the grammar and vocabulary that are most frequent in spoken North American English.

#### Conversation strategy -

helps you "manage" conversations better. In this lesson, you learn how to say **no** in a friendly way. The strategies are based on examples from the corpus.



Strategy plus teaches important expressions for conversation management, such as really and not really.

A Listening and speaking skills are often practiced together.

You listen to a variety of conversations based on reallife language. Tasks include "listen and react" activities.

Reading has interesting texts from newspapers, magazines, and the Internet. The activities help you develop reading skills.





Writing tasks include e-mails, letters, short articles, and material for Web pages.

-Help notes give you information on things like punctuation, linking ideas, and organizing information.

Vocabulary notebook is a page of fun activities to help you organize and write down vocabulary.

On your own is a practical task to help you learn vocabulary outside of class.





You the most frequent words and expressions for different topics.

Free talk helps you engage in free conversation with your classmates.

### Other features

A Touchstone checkpoint after every three units

reviews grammar, vocabulary, and conversation strategies. A Self-study Audio CD/ CD-ROM gives you more practice with listening, speaking, and vocabulary building. The Class Audio Program presents the conversations and listening activities in natural, lively English.

The Workbook gives you language practice and extra reading and writing activities. Progress checks help you assess your progress.

# Touchstone Level 2A Scope and sequence

	Functions / Topics	Grammar	Vocabulary	Conversation strategies	Pronunciation
Unit 1 Making friends pages 1–10	<ul> <li>Ask questions to get to know your classmates</li> <li>Talk about yourself, your family, and your favorite things</li> <li>Show you have something in common</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Review of simple present and present of be in questions and statements</li> <li>Responses with too and either</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Review of types of TV shows, clothes, food, and weekend activities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Start a conversation with someone you don't know</li> <li>Use actually to give or "correct" information</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stress and intonation in questions and answers</li> </ul>
Unit 2 Interests pages 11–20	<ul> <li>Ask about people's interests and hobbies</li> <li>Talk about your interests, hobbies, and taste in music</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Verb forms after can / can't, love, like, etc., and prepositions</li> <li>Object pronouns</li> <li>Everybody, everyone, nobody, and no one</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Interests and hobbies</li> <li>Types of music</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Say no in a friendly way</li> <li>Use really and not really to make statements stronger or softer</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Saying lists</li> </ul>
Unit 3 Health pages 21–30	<ul> <li>Talk about how to stay healthy</li> <li>Describe common health problems</li> <li>Talk about what you do when you have a health problem</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Simple present and present continuous</li> <li>Joining clauses with if and when</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ways to stay healthy</li> <li>Common health problems</li> <li>Common remedies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Encourage people to say more to keep a conversation going</li> <li>Show surprise</li> </ul>	- Contrasts
	T	ouchstone checkpoint Uni	its 1–3 pages 31–3	2	

Unit 4 Celebrations pages 33–42	<ul> <li>Talk about birthdays, celebrations, and favorite holidays</li> <li>Describe how you celebrate special days</li> <li>Talk about plans and predictions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Future with going to</li> <li>Indirect objects</li> <li>Indirect object pronouns</li> <li>Present continuous for the future</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Months of the year</li> <li>Days of the month</li> <li>Special days, celebrations, and holidays</li> <li>Things people do to celebrate special days</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use "vague" expressions like and everything</li> <li>Give "vague" responses like I don't know and Maybe when you're not sure</li> </ul>	■ Reduction of going to
<b>Unit 5</b> <b>Growing up</b> pages 43–52	<ul> <li>Talk about life events and memories of growing up</li> <li>Talk about school and your teenage years</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Review of simple past in questions and statements</li> <li>be born</li> <li>General and specific use of determiners</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Time expressions for the past</li> <li>Saying years</li> <li>School subjects</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Correct things you say with expressions like Well; Actually; and No, wait</li> <li>Use I mean to correct yourself when you say the wrong word or name</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reduction of did you</li> </ul>
Unit 6 Around town pages 53–62	<ul> <li>Ask and answer questions about places in a town</li> <li>Give directions</li> <li>Offer help and ask for directions</li> <li>Talk about stores and favorite places in your town</li> <li>Recommend places in your neighborhood</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Is there? and Are there?</li> <li>Pronouns one and some</li> <li>Offers and requests with Can and Could</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Places in town</li> <li>Location         expressions</li> <li>Expressions for         asking and giving         directions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Repeat key words to check information</li> <li>Use "checking" expressions to check information</li> <li>Use "echo" questions to check information</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Word stress in compound nouns</li> </ul>

Listening	Reading	Writing	Vocabulary notebook	Free talk
What's the question? Listen to answers and match them with questions Sally's party Listen to responses and match them to conversation starters; then listen for more information	How to improve your conversation skills  A magazine article giving advice	<ul> <li>Write an article giving advice on how to improve something</li> <li>Review of punctuation</li> </ul>	Webs of words  Use word webs to organize new vocabulary	Me too!  Class activity: Ask questions to find classmates who have things in common with you
Different hobbies Match four conversations about hobbies with photos, and fill in a chart Favorite Web sites Listen for details as two people talk about a Web site	A Web page for hobby groups	<ul> <li>Write an e-mail message to one of the hobby groups on the Web page</li> <li>Link ideas with and, also, especially, or, but, and because</li> </ul>	I really like to sing!  Link new words together in word "chains"	The game of likes and dislikes  Group work: Each person fills out a chart. Then groups compare answers and score points for finding things in common.
Unhealthy habits Predict what four people will say about their bad habits, and then listen for the exact words Time to chill out Match four conversations about relaxing with photos, and listen for details	<ul> <li>A leaflet about stress from the Department of Health</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Write a question         asking advice about         a health problem, and         write replies to your         classmates' questions</li> <li>Commas after if and         when clauses</li> </ul>	Under the weather Write down words you can use with a new word or expression	Are you taking care of your health? = Pair work: Answer a health questionnaire with your partner, and figure out your partner's score

Celebrations around the world  Listen to people talk about two festivals, and answer questions  Congratulations!  Listen for details in two conversations about invitations, and fill in the blanks	Time to celebrate!  - An article about traditions in different countries	<ul> <li>Write an invitation to a special event, and add a personal note</li> <li>Formal and informal ways to begin and end a note or letter</li> </ul>	Calendars  Write new vocabulary about special days and celebrations on a calendar	A new celebration  Group work: Create a new special day or festival, and talk about it with other groups
I don't remember exactly  Listen for corrections people make as they talk about childhood memories A long time ago  Listen for details as a man talks about his teenage years	An interview with Jennifer Wilkin An interview with a woman who talks about her teenage years	<ul> <li>Write interview questions to ask a classmate about when he or she was younger, and reply to a classmate's questions</li> <li>Link ideas with except (for) and apart from</li> </ul>	I hated math! - Group new vocabulary in different ways	In the past  Class activity: Ask your classmates questions about their childhood, and take notes
Finding your way around  Match four sets of directions with the destinations by following the map  Tourist information  Listen to conversations at a tourist-information desk, and predict what each person says next to check the information	A walking tour of San Francisco's Chinatown  Pages from a walking- tour guide	<ul> <li>Write a guide for a walking tour of your city or town</li> <li>Expressions for giving directions</li> </ul>	Which way?  Draw and label a map to remember directions	Summer fun Pair work: Ask and answer questions about two different resorts, and choose one for a vacation
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# Useful language for . . .

# Getting help

How do you say "\_\_\_\_\_" in English?

I'm sorry. What did you say?

How do you say this word?

What do we have to do?

I don't understand. What do you mean?

Do you mean \_\_\_\_\_?

Can you spell "\_\_\_\_\_" for me, please?



## Working with a partner

Whose turn is it now?

It's my / your turn.

Who goes first, A or B?

A does. That's me / you.

This time we change roles.

Are we done?

OK. I'll start.

Yes, I think so. Let's try it again.

Let's compare answers.

OK. What do you have for number 1?

Do you have \_\_\_\_\_ for number 3?

No, I have \_\_\_\_\_\_. Let's check again.

Do you understand this sentence?

Yeah. It means "\_\_\_\_\_

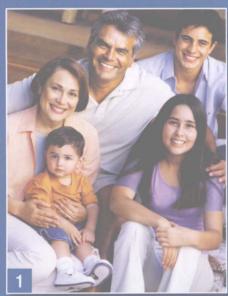


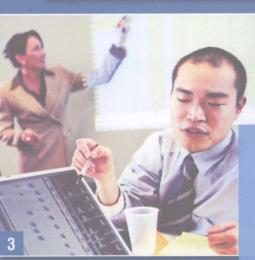
# Unit

# Making friends

# In Unit 1, you learn how to . . .

- use the simple present and present of be (review).
- give responses with too and either.
- talk about yourself, your family, and your favorite things.
- start a conversation with someone you don't know.
- use actually to give or "correct" information.









# Before you begin . . .

Imagine you want to get to know someone.

What questions can you ask about each topic?

- home and family
- **studies**

work

free time

Lesson **A** 

# Getting to know you

# How well do you know your new classmates?

#### QUESTIONNAIRE

#### YOUR NAME

- 1. What's your name?
- 2. What does your name mean?
- 3. Do you have a middle name?
- 4. Are you named after someone?
- 5. Do you like your name?

#### LIFESTYLE

- 1. Are you a full-time student?
  - a. If yes: What's your major?
  - b. If no: What do you do for a living?
- 2. How do you get to work or class?
- 3. How long does it take?

#### HOME AND FAMILY

- 1. Where do you live?
- 2. Do you like your neighborhood?
- 3. Do you live alone or with your family?
- 4. Do you have any brothers or sisters?
- 5. Where are your parents from?

#### FRIENDS

- 1. Do you have a lot of friends?
- 2. Are your friends from school, work, or your neighborhood?
- 3. What are your friends like?
- 4. Do you and your friends get together a lot?
- 5. What do you do when you get together?

# 1 Getting started



**Pair work** Use the questionnaire to interview each other. Write your partner's answers. Then tell the class one interesting thing about your partner.

"Marcella has seven brothers and sisters."

## 2 Speaking naturally Stress and intonation

Do you have a nickname?

Are you from a big family?

What do you do for fun?

Yes. People call me Jimmy.

Yes. I have four sisters.

I go to the movies.

A Listen and repeat the questions and answers above. Notice the stress on the important content word. Notice how the voice rises, or rises and then falls, on the stressed word.



**B** *Pair work* Ask and answer the questions. Give your own answers.

# 3 Grammar Simple present and present of be (review)

Are you from a big family?	What's your name? Is it Leo?
Yes, I am. I'm one of six children.	Yes, it is. My name's Leo Green.
No, I'm not. There are only two of us.	No, it's not. My name isn't Leo. It's Joe.
Are you and your friends full-time students?	Where are your parents from? Are they from Peru?
Yes, we are. We're English majors.	Yes, they are. They're from Lima.
No, we're not. We're part-time students.	No, they're not. My parents aren't from Peru.
Do you have any brothers and sisters?	What does your brother do? Does he go to college?
Yes, I do. I have a brother.	Yes, he does. He goes to the same college as m
No, I don't. I'm an only child.	No, he <b>doesn't</b> . He <b>works</b> at a bank.
Do you and your friends get together a lot?	Where do your parents live? Do they live nearby?
Yes, we do. We go out all the time.	Yes, they <b>do</b> . They <b>live</b> near here.
No, we <b>don't</b> . We don't have time.	No, they <b>don't</b> . They <b>don't live</b> around here.
A Think of a possible question for each an	swer. Compare with a partner.
1. A What's your favorite color?	5. <i>A</i> ?
B Red.	B We usually go out to dinner or see a movie.
2. A?	6. <i>A</i> ?
B No, I'm not. I have one sister.	<i>B</i> No, they don't. They don't have time.
3. <i>A</i> ?	7. A?
B No, I don't. I don't drive.	B No, I hate mornings. I'm not a morning person
4. <i>A</i> ?	8. <i>A</i> ?
B He works in a store.	B Well, I have a part-time job. I work Saturday
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"Do you have a favorite boy's name?"

# Lesson B Things in common

# 1 Building language

Listen. What do these friends have in common? Practice the conversations.



- A Dogs are so noisy, and they always wreck things. I'm just not an animal lover, I guess.
- B Well, I'm not either. I'm allergic to dogs and cats.



- A I don't watch much television.
- B No, I don't either.
- A I mean, I watch pro football.
- B Yeah, I do too. But that's about it.



- A I love shopping. I can shop for hours! Too bad I can't afford anything new.
- B I know. I can't either. I'm broke.
- A Yeah, I am too.



- **B** Can you complete the answers? Use the conversations above to help you.
- A I'm not a football fan. B I'm \_\_\_\_\_ either.
- **2** *A* I love shopping. *B* I \_\_\_\_\_ too.
- 3 A I can't have a pet. B I can't \_\_\_\_\_.

# 2 Grammar Responses with too and either 🥯

I'm allergic to cats.

am too.

I'm not an animal lover.

I'm not either.

I watch pro football.

I do too.

I don't watch much television.

I don't either.

I can shop for hours!

can too.

I can't afford anything new.

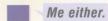
can't either.

People also respond with Me too and Me neither (or Me either).

- A Respond to these statements using *too* or *either*. Then practice with a partner.
- 1. I watch a lot of TV. 1 do too.
- 2. I'm allergic to some foods.
- 3. I can't afford a new car.
- 4. I'm not a sports fan.
- 5. I don't have a pet.
- 6. I can shop all day.

#### In conversation . . .

People actually say Me either more often than Me neither.



Me neither.



**B** *Pair work* Student A: Make the statements above true for you. Student B: Give your own responses.

"I don't watch a lot of TV." "I don't either." Or



"Really? I watch TV all the time."

# 3 Building vocabulary

A Brainstorm! How many words can you think of for each topic? Make a class list.





**B** Complete the chart with your favorites from the class list. Compare with a partner. Then tell the class what you and your partner have in common.

weekend activities	TV shows	food	clothes
sleep late			

A I sleep late on the weekends. B I do too.



"We both sleep late on the weekends."



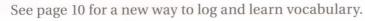
C Complete the sentences with your likes and dislikes. Then tell your classmates your sentences. Find someone who feels the same way.

Who has the same tastes as you?

My likes and dislikes		Classmate who feels the same way
1. I can't stand	(type of TV	show)
2. I often	(weekend a	nctivity)
3. I love to wear	(item of clo	
4. I don't like	too much. (color)	
5. I'm not a	fan. (sport)	
6. I hate	(type of foo	<u></u>

<sup>&</sup>quot;I can't stand soap operas. How about you?" "I can't either."

# 4 Vocabulary notebook Webs of words





# Lesson C Do you come here a lot?

#### 1 Conversation strategy Starting a conversation A Which topics can you talk about when you meet someone for the first time? Check (1) the boxes below. your salary your family the weather someone's appearance your health where you live vour problems things you see around you Now listen. What are Eve and Chris talking about? Eve Ooh, it's cold tonight. Chris Yeah, it is. But actually, I kind of like cold weather. Eve You do? Really? . . . Boy, there are a lot of people out here tonight. Chris Yeah, it gets pretty crowded on weekends. Eve Do you come here a lot? Chris Yeah, I do, actually. Eve So are you a big hip-hop fan? Chris Yeah, I am. Are you? Eve Actually, no, but my brother's in the band tonight. Chris Oh, really? Cool. . . . By the way, my name's Chris. Eve Nice to meet you. I'm Eve. **Notice** how Eve starts a conversation with a stranger. She talks about "Ooh, it's cold tonight." the things around them, like the weather and the club, and asks general "Do you come here a lot?" questions. Find examples in the conversation.

**B** *Pair work* Think of a way to start a conversation for each situation. Compare with a partner. Then role-play the situations. Continue each conversation as long as you can.

1. You meet someone new at a party. The food is really good.

"This food is delicious!"

- 2. It's a very hot day. You're just arriving at a new class.
- 3. You're in a long line at a movie theater. It's a cold day.
- 4. You're working out at a new gym. The music is very loud.
- 5. You're in a new English class. You meet someone during the break.
- 6. You're at the bus stop on a beautiful day. Someone arrives and smiles at you.



# 2 Strategy plus Actually

You can use actually to give new or surprising information.



You can also use **actually** to "correct" things people say or think.

A So, you're American?

B Well, actually, I'm from Canada.

In conversation . . .

Actually is one of the top 200 words.

A Match each conversation starter with a response. Then practice with a partner.

- 1. I like your jacket. \_&\_
- 2. Do you come here by bus? \_\_\_\_
- 3. Is that your newspaper? \_\_\_\_
- 4. Do you like this class? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Do you live around here? \_\_\_\_
- 6. Boy, it's warm in here. \_\_\_\_

- a. Actually, I feel a bit cold.
- b. Yeah. I actually look forward to it.
- c. No, I walk, actually. It takes an hour.
- d. Thanks. It's from Peru, actually.
- e. Um... actually, no, it's not. Go ahead and take it.
- f. Yes, right around the corner, actually.

About you

**B** *Pair work* Start conversations using the ideas above. Use *actually* in your responses if you need to.

"I like your watch." "Thanks. It was my grandfather's, actually."

## 3 Listening Sally's party

A Listen to six people talk at Sally's party. Which conversation starters are the people responding to? Number the sentences.

"Gosh, the music really is loud, huh?"

"Mmm. The food looks good."

"This is a great party."

"Are you a friend of Sally's?"

"Is it me, or is it really hot in here?"

"I don't really know anyone here. Do you?"

B Now listen to the complete conversations. Check your answers. What do you find out about Sally?

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## 4 Free talk Me too!

See Free talk 1 at the back of the book for more speaking practice.



# Lesson D Making conversation

# 1 Reading

A Which of these are good suggestions for social conversations? Check  $(\checkmark)$  the boxes. Then tell the class.

Don't look at the other person.

☐ Keep quiet when the other person is talking.

Ask questions that start with *what, where, how,* or *when.* 

**B** Read the magazine article. What does it say about the suggestions above? Do you agree with all of the ideas in the article?

# How to improve your conversation skills

Do you like to meet new people? Do you like to talk, or are you shy? Whatever your answers, this guide can help you improve your conversation skills.

Have some topics ready to start a conversation. Say something about the weather or the place you're in. Talk about the weekend - we all have something to say about weekends!

Make the conversation interesting. Know about events in the news. Read restaurant and movie reviews. Find out about the current music scene or what's new in fashion or sports.

Be a good listener. Keep eye contact and say, "Yes," "Hmm," "Uh-huh," "Right," and

"I know." And say, "Really? That's interesting." It encourages people to talk.



Don't be boring. Don't just say, "Yes" or "No" when you answer a question. Give some interesting information, too.

☐ Have some good topics to discuss.

Talk about yourself a lot.

Don't talk all the time. Ask, "How about you?" and show you are interested in the other person, too. People love to talk about themselves!



Ask information questions. Ask questions like "What do you do in your free time?" or "What kind of food do you like?" Use follow-up questions to keep the conversation going. But don't ask too many questions - it's not an interrogation!

Be positive. Negative comments can sound rude. And if you don't want to answer a personal question, simply say, "Oh, I'm not sure I can answer that," or "I'd rather not say."

Smile! Everyone loves a smile. Just be relaxed, smile, and be yourself.

