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# Map of the course

Students will learn how to	Grammar points	Business content	Resource activities (Teacher's Guide)/ File Cards (Learner's Book
Introduce yourself and others Greet visitors Keep a conversation going Ask questions to find out more about people	Questions Question tags Question forms	Introductions, greetings, small talk	Introductions  Files 1 and 2 – Telephone call/ingap activity
Describe different types of companies Find out about companies Find out about a particular product	Past time Past simple – statements and questions Irregular verbs Questions Who, What, etc.	Vocabulary: kinds of businesses and industries Business letters and phone calls	Local industries My company  Files 3 to 6 – Telephone call/ info gap activities
Talk about company organization Draft an advertisement for a vacancy Talk about your job and its responsibilities Ask to speak to someone and to leave a message	Present time Past simple and present progressive	Vocabulary: departments and jobs within a company responsibilities of different jobs Business calls	Files 7 to 10 – Taking telephone messages
Make and accept/reject invitations Talk about hobbies and interests Get information Talk about likes and dislikes	Verb patterns verbs followed by -ing Adverbs of frequency	Make social arrangements Market research	Files 11 and 12 – Inviting a business associate to a social function
NIT 5 Revision and co	onsolidation		
Talk about infrastructure Describe facilities Compare advantages and disadvantages Deal with orders	Comparative and superlative adjectives Adjectives describing quality Punctuation and capitalization	Transportation of goods Types of cargo Writing faxes and memos	Files 13 and 14 – Discussing and comparing transport facilities
Talk about imports and exports Talk about quantity Describe change: past and present	Quantity Mass and count nouns Expressions of quantity: a few, a little Past time Past simple and present perfect	Import and export industries Types of industries Trade between countries and what different countries produce	Files 15 and 16 – Describing cha and diagrams
Talk about schedules Make and change arrangements and appointments Deal with correspondence Make a telephone call to arrange a meeting	Future time Present progressive and will future	Plan a business trip Discuss an itinerary Dealing with different kinds of correspondence and writing a fax Make and change appointments	Files 17 and 18 – Discussing arrangements and an itinerary for business trip  Files 19 to 22 – Making and changing appointments for a busin meeting
Describe a product Make and deal with complaints Apologize	<b>Adjectives</b> Materials/shapes/qualities	Banking and financial services Customer service: apologizing and providing information	Files 23 to 26 – Dealing with a bank by telephone/providing good customer service  Files 27 and 28 – Persuading

	Students will learn how to	Grammar points	Business content	Resource activities (Teacher's Guide)/ File Cards (Learner's Book
	Discuss a company's image  Talk about different ways of promoting a product  Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of various forms of promotion	Relative pronouns who, which	Company image and promotional material Advertising a product Marketing Ordering promotional materials	Definitions
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	Discuss different countries' attitudes to gift giving  Making arrangements for a free day in a foreign city  Discuss food and its preparation	Indirect/polite questions Could you tell me where	Dealing with other cultures and customs  Free time on a business trip  Socializing in business	My home town
N	NIT 15 Revision and	consolidation		Cost of living guide
	Discuss a company's culture Express probability Give an opinion Express preference	Modal verbs would/might/wouldn't	Company culture Business ethics Women in business	Class survey Files 41 – Women in work
	Discuss green issues in the office Make recommendations Ask for an opinion and agree or disagree	Reported speech Reporting verbs	Business and the environment Budgets Business discussions	Be Green  Files 42 and 43 – Direct/indirect speech  Files 44 to 47 – A company meeting to discuss budgets
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# Introduction

Further Ahead is a course for learners at lower intermediate level who want to improve their English for business and professional purposes. It is suitable both for learners who are prework and those already in employment. The Learner's Book contains 20 units, four of which are review units. It provides material for between 50 and 70 hours of classroom work. The units are topically based but incorporate practice in all four skills, as well as a balance between controlled practice and meaningful communication activities. The course provides a clear structural progression, which can be seen in the Map of the course on pages iv-v. This map also explains the functional coverage and business content of the course.

The components of Further Ahead are:

- Learner's Book
- Learner's Book Cassette
- Learner's Book CD
- Teacher's Guide
- Home Study Book
- Home Study Book Cassette
- Home Study Book CD
- Video and Teacher's Guide
- Video Activity Book.

## The Teacher's Guide

The Teacher's Guide provides:

- detailed suggestions on how to exploit the material in the Learner's Book
- comprehensive support for those teaching Business English for the first time through to experienced teachers of Business English
- a full answer key
- complete tapescripts integrated into the notes as they occur in each lesson
- nine photocopiable Resource activities, to be used at the teacher's discretion. These activities supplement the Learner's Book content and are designed to be useful in a wide range of situations.

# Organization of the Teacher's Guide

The different stages of each unit are categorized into one (or a combination) of the following:

- Warmer/Discussion
- Presentation
- Language focus
- Reading
- Listening
- Speaking
- Vocabulary
- Writing
- Resource activities.

These categories are used for each separate task throughout the *Teacher's Guide*, although they are not used in the *Learner's Book*, where the tasks are designated by sequential lettering only.

#### Warmer/Discussion

These activities act as mini-discussions for the class, eliciting vocabulary, introducing the topic and heightening learner awareness and interest.

#### Presentation

There is no standard means of presentation in the book: a variety of means is used, including reading, listening and vocabulary exercises. The *Teacher's Guide* contains suggestions for utilizing the presentation.

#### Language focus

Following the presentation, learners are given the opportunity to analyse new language and to practise it in a variety of ways, usually involving a written and/or listening exercise. Complete summaries of new grammar are also given at the end of each Revision and consolidation unit, and extra practice is given in the Home Study Book.

#### Reading

The reading texts and accompanying activities are designed to provide learners with achievable goals. Suggestions on the presentation and extension of the reading tasks are included in this *Teacher's Guide*. These tasks practise the main ways of reading – skimming and scanning, intensive and extensive reading.

Most reading texts have illustrations, charts or photographs that provide learners with a context which the teacher can use to prepare the learners for the reading. Proper contextualization of the text will help the learner complete the reading tasks successfully. The graphics also provide the teacher with possibilities for the extension of the topic or theme.

#### Listening

Listening presents problems for the majority of learners, not only for those at lower intermediate level. Plenty of practice is given in improving extensive and intensive listening skills, and full tapescripts are given in the Learner's Book.

#### Speaking

The speaking activities are initially very structured and supported but quickly give way to freer discussion-type activities. Many of the freer speaking activities involve the use of the role cards in the Files at the back of the Learner's Book. It is important that learners have prepared their role thoroughly before attempting these activities, as this will help them to complete the task with a feeling of success. Preparation with other learners who have the same role and drilling language components in these groups will help learners' confidence.

#### Vocabulary

Key vocabulary and exponents are listed in the Summary sections of the Revision and consolidation units. These sections also give learners the opportunity to build their own personalized vocabulary lists. Throughout the book, American English equivalents of specifically British English language items are given. Although Further Ahead has a strongly international focus, it follows British English models, unless the context is clearly North American.

#### Writing

The main aim in the writing exercises (and in the example correspondence appearing

elsewhere in the book) is to provide models of common business correspondence and to make learners aware of the role of register. The writing tasks are often used as an extension or consolidation of the other skills, for example, learners might have to write a letter to follow up a role play of a telephone call.

#### Resource activities

These activities provide further practice in the relevant language points. They can also be used as warmers at the start of the next lesson or as revision exercises at a later point. They will be especially useful for classes where learners are pre-work or working in the same company.

# Using the Home Study Book

The Home Study Book provides learners with an opportunity to continue their studies at home and to reinforce learning. The listening material on the separate cassette/CD also provides learners with a chance to develop and improve their listening skills at their own pace.

It will be beneficial, especially at the beginning of the course, to look at the Home Study Book with learners in class in order to introduce the different types of activities and to ensure that it is clear what they are expected to do. Learners can then complete the activities at home. Integrating the Home Study Book into your course will let learners see that it is an important part of Further Ahead and encourage them to work on their own, thereby maximizing their learning.

#### Video

Further Ahead video is linked thematically with the Learner's Book. The video presents the coursebook's themes in a fresh and authentic context through four specifically filmed documentary sequences, and provides excellent extension and revision material.

The video relates to the coursebook as follows:

Sequence 1: Welcome to Prince

- describing company organization
- telephoning
- talking about product innovation
- dealing with customers
- discussing company culture (Units 1-4)

#### Sequence 2: The Delivery

- dealing with an order
- telephoning
- transportation
- making plans (Units 6–9)

## Sequence 3: What's in a brand name?

- describing product ranges
- comparing products
- dealing with customers
- talking about the past (Units 11–14)

#### Sequence 4: The Solar Way

- describing a technical process
- defining market sectors
- demonstrating application of technology
- talking about the future (Units 16–19)

The video is sold with an A5 Teacher's Guide, which has photocopiable tasks for learners. A Video Activity Book is also available.

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# People

This unit deals with introducing yourself and others, greeting visitors, keeping a conversation going and asking questions to find out more about other people. Question forms are reviewed, and question tags are introduced. As the main theme is meeting and greeting people, this unit provides a chance for you and the learners to get to know each other and develop group cohesion, which will be important in successfully completing tasks later in the book. Language input is fairly low at this point and the speaking and writing activities will provide you with a good opportunity to judge the level of your class.

Further Ahead Video Sequence 1, 'Welcome to Prince', covers the themes dealt with in Units 1 to 4 of the Learner's Book.

# 1.1 Meeting people

# A

#### Warmer

- Ask learners to look at the pictures in their books and tell you where the people are and if they think they know each other.
   Establish the context of introductions and greetings and elicit suggestions as to what the people could be saying. Write these on the board. Learners can compare them later with the listening in the next section.
- You could try to extend this step beyond the routine formula of introductions and greetings to include ideas as to how the conversations may continue, e.g.:

How are things ...?
Did you have a good flight?
Where are you from?
Is this your first visit to ...?
What do you do?

You will not need to go much beyond this as this is the topic of 1.2.

# B Listening and presentation

- Play the first dialogue and ask learners to decide which picture it goes with.
- Play it again and ask learners to listen for key phrases (e.g. My name's ..., Pleased to meet you, etc.). Write these on the board and any alternatives which learners can provide.
- Proceed in the same way with the two remaining dialogues.

#### Answers

1c 2b 3a

# Tapescript

#### Conversation one

WOMAN 1: Hello. I don't think we've met.

My name's Gina Lee.

MAN 1: And I'm Paolo Mendes. Pleased

to meet you, Ms Lee.

WOMAN 1: Where are you from,

Mr Mendes?

MAN 1: Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, to be

exact. I work for Ark. Perhaps you've heard of them? I'm a software engineer there. And what about you? What do you

dos

WOMAN 1: I'm in hardware development

with Cor.

MAN 1: That's interesting. Perhaps you

can tell me something about ...

## Conversation two

WOMAN 2: Wendy, do you know Dirk Dressler? Dirk, this is Wendy James from United Finance.

MAN 2: I don't think we've met before. Nice to meet you, Ms James.

WOMAN 3: How do you do? Please call me Wendy.

MAN 2: And I'm Dirk.

WOMAN 3: What exactly do you do, Dirk?

MAN 2: I'm responsible for quality control. I ...

#### Conversation three

MAN 3: Hello Mikiko. Nice to see you

again.

WOMAN 4: Hi Oscar. How are you? MAN 3: Fine thanks. And you?

WOMAN 4: Oh, not too bad. How are things in Sydney?

MAN 3: Pretty good. We're quite busy at

the moment. But I'll tell you about that later. Did you have a

good flight?

WOMAN 4: Well, we were late taking off,

but ...

# C Language focus

 Ask learners to look at the language boxes in their books. Read through the exponents and use them to practise pronunciation.

• Then give prompts and get learners to provide the correct responses, e.g.:

T: How do you do?

L: How do you do?

T: How are you?

L: Fine, thanks.

T: ...

L: ...

• Improvise one of the conversations with a learner, substituting information about yourself. Learners continue in twos and threes to practise the other two conversations, substituting their own information this time. If you feel it is appropriate, round up by asking one or two pairs to act out one of the conversations in front of the class.

# Speaking

This activity is a class survey.

 Ask learners to look at the questionnaire in their books and elicit the questions they need to ask other learners in order to complete the chart, e.g.:

What's your name? What do you do? Where are you from?

- If your learners are all from the same country, substitute this with city.
- Demonstrate what learners should do by going up to one learner and introducing yourself before you ask the questions.
   Encourage them to use the language they have been practising in this section, e.g.:
  - T: I don't think we've met? My name's Simon Black.
  - L: I'm Wolfgang Lotz.
  - T: Pleased to meet you, Wolfgang.
  - L: How do you do, Simon?
- Give learners a few minutes to mingle with each other and interview four other

members of the group. Stop when you think the first ones have got this far.

Learners then take it in turns to introduce a couple of the people they talked to to the rest of the class, using the prompts in their books as a help.

If your learners already know each other, use the Resource activity.

# Resource activity 1: Introductions

The Teacher's Guide contains a number of extra Resource activities. In contrast to the Files, most of these are whole group activities and will involve a certain amount of moving around. There is no reference to these activities in the Learner's Book, so it is up to you to decide if and when you want to use them, e.g. you may feel that your learners need extra practice and use them to provide this, or they might be useful as a warmer to the next lesson after presenting the material. The photocopiable material is at the back of this book.

- Copy the cards at Resource activity 1, page 80, and hand them out.
- The aim of this activity is for learners to introduce themselves and ask questions about their partner this is based on the listening at 1.1B.

# 1.2 Keeping the conversation going

# A

#### Warmer

- Tell learners they will be dealing with a visitor to their company whom they are meeting for the first time. Elicit the kind of things they could talk about for the first few minutes before they start discussing business. Hopefully they will come up with topics such as the visitor's journey to the company, the hotel, etc. Note these on the board.
- In pairs, learners write down three questions they could ask a visitor in the situation outlined above. While they are doing this, go round and check their questions for both appropriacy and accuracy. This will give you an indication as to how your learners can cope with different tenses, question formation, etc.
- Stop the activity after a few minutes, even if your learners have not quite finished, and

ask each pair to read out their questions. Write useful and/or common ones under the appropriate headings on the board.

# B Listening and presentation

 Play the tape and ask learners to compare the questions they hear (from both the host and the visitor) with their questions. Then play it again, pausing for learners to write down the questions they hear.

#### Answers

- 1 Is this your first trip to ...?
- 2 What do you think of it?
- 3 Do you live in ...?
- 4 Which part of ... are you from?
- 5 Have you ever been to ...?
- 6 How long are you staying?

# Tapescript

MAN: Are you Ms Novak?

WOMAN: Yes, that's right.

MAN: I'm Bruno Soares, the Sales

Manager. How do you do?

WOMAN: How do you do? It's nice to

finally meet you - to put a face

to a name.

MAN: Yes, it is, isn't it? Now, come this

way and we'll go up to my office.

Is this your first trip to Porto? WOMAN: Yes, it is. I've been to Lisbon a

couple of times before, but this is

the first time I've been to Porto.

MAN: And what do you think of it?
WOMAN: It seems like a nice place. Do you

live in Porto itself?

MAN: No, I don't. I live to the north. It's

about twenty minutes from here, depending on the traffic. And what about yourself? Which part

of the States are you from?

WOMAN: The Midwest. From Omaha,

Nebraska. Have you ever been

there?

MAN: No, I haven't, unfortunately. How

long are you staying in Porto?

WOMAN: Until Friday. And then I'm

heading north. To Belgium.

MAN: Right, here we are. Now can I get

you a drink before we start ...

# C Language focus

 If learners need pronunciation practice, drill the above questions from prompts, checking pronunciation and intonation as you go. Get learners to practise giving answers to the questions, making up information if necessary.

# Speaking

 Learners match each sentence with a picture.

## Answers

1c 2a 3f 4d 5b 6e

 Then ask them to decide who says what (H = host; V = visitor; E = either) and to suggest a reply to each question.

#### Answers

- 1 Where are you staying? [H]
- 2 Is the traffic always like this? [V]
- 3 What do you think of the conference? [E]
- 4 Do you work here in Paris? [V]
- 5 Is it your first trip to New York? [H]
- 6 Did you have a good flight? [H]

#### Suggested answers

- 1 At the Hilton.
- 2 Unfortunately, yes. The rush hour starts at four.
- 3 It's very interesting.
- 4 No, I don't. I work in Lyon.
- 5 No, it isn't. I was here last year too.
- 6 Yes, thank you.
- In pairs, learners write a short dialogue based around one of these situations. Either let learners choose their own situation or, to ensure that learners work on different dialogues, number a set of cards from 1 to 6 and ask each pair to draw a card. This becomes their situation. The dialogue should incorporate about eight exchanges. If you wish to make it more of a challenge, set a limit to the number of words, e.g. 87.
- If you feel it is appropriate, ask learners to act out their dialogue once they have finished. If you think they will feel uncomfortable doing this, simply ask them to show their dialogue to another pair.

# 1.3 Finding out about people

# A Reading

- Learners look at the form in their books and suggest what it could be for (magazine subscription).
- Put the headings from the subscription form on the board and elicit the questions learners need to ask you (i.e. second person) in order to complete the form, e.g. What's your surname? What do you do? Who do you work for? etc.

• In pairs, learners complete as much of the form as they can for Pamela Thomas. They will not be able to fill in how she wishes to pay as there is a choice between Mastercard and American Express. They will establish this from the listening in the next section. They will also find out her job title from the listening.

# B Listening and presentation

 Learners complete the missing information, i.e. how Pamela Thomas wishes to pay and what her job title is.

#### Answer

Mastercard, Accountant

# Tapescript

THOMAS: Pamela Thomas. Good morning. CHANG: Good morning. This is Brenda

Chang from Asia Business
Publications. I'm calling
about your subscription for

The Economist.

THOMAS: Oh yes.

CHANG: I'm afraid your fax isn't very

clear, so I'd just like to check

some of the details.

THOMAS: Of course.

CHANG: Right. Your first name's Pamela,

isn't it?

THOMAS: That's right.

CHANG: And you work for Extratour,

don't you?

THOMAS: Yes.

CHANG: Now, I'm afraid I can't read your

job title at all. What do you do,

Ms Thomas?

THOMAS: I'm an accountant.

CHANG: Right. And I can't read the name

of the street either.

THOMAS: That's Bourke Street. That's

B-O-U-R-K-E.

CHANG: And that's in Melbourne, isn't it?

THOMAS: Yes, that's right.

CHANG: OK. Now, you want to pay by

Mastercard, don't you?

THOMAS: Yes.

CHANG: Could you give me your account

number?

THOMAS: Sure. It's 5412 0012 4567.

CHANG: Right then, I think that's

everything. You should get your first copy in a couple of weeks.

THOMAS: Thanks very much.

• If your learners need the practice, ask them to role play the call, using their own information this time.



## Language focus

 Ask learners if they can remember how the caller checked Pamela Thomas's details.
 Write on the board the examples from the listening:

Your first name's Pamela, ... You work for Extratour, ... That's in Melbourne, ...

and ask them to complete the sentences. If necessary, replay them.

- Then establish the rule that the auxiliary verb is repeated in the tag. If you have a positive statement, the tag is negative and vice versa. Note also the falling intonation to confirm information. Give a few more examples around the class, using information you have about your learners, e.g. names, companies they work for, etc. It is probably best to keep to the present tense while you are doing this, unless you feel confident that your learners can cope with more.
- In pairs, learners complete the task.

#### Answers

- 2 You work for McCash, don't you?
- 3 You're the Assistant Manager, aren't you?
- 4 You live in Portland, don't you?
- 5 You're American, aren't you?
- 6 You're not married, are you?
- Give them a few minutes to write down some things about other learners in the class and then let them check their information.
   If you have a large class, split learners into groups of five or six to do this.

# Speaking

- Learners practise asking and answering questions about a third person, i.e. Paul Harris or Sharon Willis, in the context of a telephone call. Divide the class into two groups. Group A looks at File 1 on page 117 and Group B looks at File 2 on page 120. Give them a few minutes to write down the questions they need to ask in order to complete their form and then regroup learners so that they are sitting with a person from the other group. In pairs they then exchange information. While they are doing this, go round and make notes on use of language to give feedback on once the activity has finished.
- To round up, ask questions around the class to ensure that the information is correct and then give feedback on use of language.

# 2 Talking about companies

lines of business are considered, and learners then work on questions to find out more about particular companies and products. The past simple for statements and questions is reviewed, together with irregular verbs and questions with *Who*, *What*, etc. Other points include a review of business letter style and a role play practising telephone calls to find out information.

Unit 2 deals with companies and products. Different

# 2.1 Describing a company

# A Warmer

- Start by giving learners the names of a few big, well-known companies and eliciting the line of business they are in, e.g.: Apple – computers, McDonalds – catering, etc.
- Ask learners to look at the list of industries in the box and think of other local examples. Use this as an opportunity to introduce and revise different lines of industry. Then ask your learners to match the company to a line of business. Make them do this fairly quickly and on their own in preparation for the discussion below.

# B Language focus

 Draw learners' attention to the exponents in the speech bubbles and check they understand the differing degrees of certainty. Write on the board:

100% 75% 50% I'm sure ... I think ... It could be ...

• Point out ways of agreeing and disagreeing and then ask learners what line of business they think the first company is (or is not!) in and encourage them to give reasons. In small groups of three or four, learners compare their answers to the preceding task, e.g. I think Monterrey Taco Company could be a transport company.

#### Answers

Containex: packaging; Bars and Stripes: bar coding; Iced Meals: transport; Jupiter Sciences: aerospace; Bolshoi Trading: financial services; Monterrey Taco Company: catering.

# Resource activity 2: Local industries

- In pairs, learners write down the names of the ten biggest local companies.
- Then they join another pair and modify their lists so that they are in agreement.
- Finally, these groups modify their lists as a class. Once you have a 'definitive' list of the ten biggest local companies, establish which lines of business they are in.

# Reading

 Learners read the company profiles and match them with a name from A. In pairs or small groups, learners compare their answers using the exponents from B.

#### Answers

- 1 Jupiter Sciences
- 2 Monterrey Taco Company
- 3 Containex
- 4 Bolshoi Trading
- Have learners reread the texts and underline the words which helped them find the answers. They can then compare their answers in pairs or small groups.

# Language focus

• Learners look at the questions and then try to find the answers in the text.

#### Answers

- 1 Atlas Copco Group
- 2 compressor, construction and mining and industrial technologies
- 3 Answer given on cassette: compressors and other equipment for mining and construction
- 4 Over 21,000 world-wide
- 5 Answer given on cassette: Stockholm, Sweden
- 6 Answer given on cassette: European Union

 They then listen to the interview to check their answers and complete the missing information.

# Tapescript

INTERVIEWER: What's the name of your

company?

EMPLOYEE: The Atlas Copco Group. INTERVIEWER: What line of business are

you in?

EMPLOYEE: We're in the mining and

industrial sectors.

INTERVIEWER: What goods or services does

your company provide?

EMPLOYEE: We make compressors and

other equipment for the mining and construction

industries.

INTERVIEWER: How many employees does

your company have?

EMPLOYEE: Over 21,000 world-wide.

INTERVIEWER: Where are your

headquarters?

EMPLOYEE: In Sweden, in the capital,

Stockholm.

INTERVIEWER: Where are your main

markets?

EMPLOYEE: Well, we operate world-

wide, but our main market is the European Union.

- Before getting learners to practise the exchange of information, you may need to drill the question forms and practise falling intonation for Wh- questions.
- For additional practice, learners ask and answer questions about one of the companies in **A**.

# Speaking

• If learners are from different companies, get them to exchange information in pairs, using the questions from the previous section and making notes on what they find out. If they are from the same company or pre-work, use the Resource activity.

# Resource activity 3: My Company

 Photocopy the cards (Resource activity 3, page 81) and hand them out to pairs of learners. Give learners a few minutes to read the cards and think about language they will need. Remind learners to use the listening exercise as a model for their conversations.

# 2.2 Starting a business

# A Reading

 Learners scan the text to find out what kind of business Servcorp is in. Then ask them to reread the article and correct the statements.

#### Answers

- 1 Slater started her business in Sydney.
- 2 Servcorp was <u>not</u> a success from the start.
- 3 The first client was an overseas lawyer.
- 4 Servcorp provides offices and staff.
- 5 Servcorp doesn't operate in the USA.
- 6 The company's turnover was <u>US\$28m</u> last year.

# **B** Vocabulary

• Learners reread the article, looking for words which fit the definitions given.

#### Answers

- a set up
- b business plan
- c temporary
- d facilities
- e expand

# Language focus

 Ask learners to look at the box and remind them how to form questions and negatives in the past. Then give them a couple of minutes to read through the text and find the irregular verbs.

#### Answers

be was have had make made become became get got say said think thought

 In pairs, learners write down their questions. Stop them after a few minutes and check their answers.

#### Suggested answers

- 2 Where was her first office?
- 3 Who was her first client?
- 4 What was her turnover last year?
- 5 Why did she go to Japan?
- 6 When did she go to Japan?

# Speaking

 Working in the same pairs, learners write three more questions (in the past) to ask Joan Slater. • Regroup learners so they are working with a new partner and get them to role play an interview with Joan Slater. Point out that if they do not have the answers to their partner's questions, they should make up the answers. While they are doing this, make a note of any errors to discuss with the class once they have finished the activity.

# 2.3 Getting product information

# A

#### Presentation

 Start with blank piece of paper and ask your learners what they would expect to find in a business letter. Try and elicit items such as the letterhead, reader's address, date, etc. List these on the board.

- Draw the outline of a page on the board and elicit where these components of the letter usually go. This also provides an opportunity to revise prepositions such as on the right, at the top, above, below, etc.
- Point out, if necessary, different ways of writing the date, in particular, that in American English (AmE) the month comes first (05.21.199-), whereas in British English (BE) the date comes first (21.05.199-).
- Ask learners to look at the letter in their books and decide what kind of letter it is, i.e. an enquiry. Alone or in pairs, they complete the task.

#### Answer

See below.



Jaie Balmes 11 COL Los Morales 11510 Mexico D.F. Mexico

ABC Computing F8, no 142, Min-Chaun E. Rd. Sec. 3 Taipei Taiwan China

May 21, 199-

#### Dear Sir or Madam:

I saw your advertisement in this month's issue of Asia-Pacific Computing World and would like to receive more information on your range of electronic components.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Truly yours

M. A. Park

M. A. Park (Ms) Sales Manager

# B Writing

- Elicit what you might send the writer of the letter, e.g. brochures, price lists, catalogues, references, samples, etc.
- Elicit suggestions as to how learners can complete the phrases in their books.

#### Suggested answers

- 1 Thank you for your | enquiring | about our products. letter of May 21 | asking
- We enclose
  We are pleased to enclose
  We have pleasure in enclosing

our latest catalogue and price list.

- 3 Please contact me if you need any further information.
  - Make sure learners realize they will be writing to Ms Parks and point out the change in the opening and closing salutations if we know the name of the reader:

#### Reader unknown

Dear Sir or Madam (AmE) Dear Sir or Madam (BE)

Truly yours (AmE)

Yours faithfully (BE)

#### Reader known

Dear Mr/Ms ...

Sincerely yours/ Best regards (AmE)

Yours sincerely (BE)

In pairs, learners draft a reply on a blank piece of paper, paying attention to the layout of their letter. When they have finished, ask them to show their letter to another pair and to get their comments on it.

#### Answer

See below.

# C Listening and presentation

- It is probably advisable to revise spelling at this point. A quick dictation to warm learners up or alert them to letters which may cause difficulty may be a good idea before you tackle the listening.
- Play the first phone call and ask learners to complete as much information as they can.
   They should compare their answers with a partner before listening a second time.
- Check their answers before proceeding in the same way with the second call.

#### ABC COMPUTING

F8, no 142, Min-Chuan E. Rd Sec. 3 Taipei Taiwan China

Ms M. A. Park Sales Manager X Electronics Jaie Balmes 11 COL Los Morales 11510 Mexico D.F. Mexico

Dear Ms Park:

May 28, 199-

Thank you for your letter of May 21, enquiring about our products.

We enclose our latest catalogue and price list and hope you will find it of interest.

Please contact me if you need any further information.

Best regards,

Salas Ma

Sales Manager

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