

Video Language

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SUMMARY OF STRUCTURES & TOPICS PRESENTED IN EACH UNIT

IN ENGLISH ON YOUR OWN or IN ENGLISH, VOLUME 1

UNIT 1

1. this, these; it, they
2. the verb "to be", present tense
3. "wh" questions: Where, Who, What
4. adjectives (new car, old car)
5. a, an, no article
6. the imperatives of a few verbs
7. prepositions (in, on, with, etc.)

Vocabulary: 104 total

Topics: Greetings

UNIT 2

1. that, those
2. the verb "to be", present
3. adjectives, colors
4. "wh" questions: Where, Who, What
5. prepositions: under, of

Vocabulary: 96 total

Topics: time, numbers,
colors, personal
identification

UNIT 3

1. there is, there are
2. "wh" questions: Who, What, Which one, Where
3. adverbs of frequency: always, never
4. noun substitutes: one, ones
5. preposition (at)

Vocabulary: 75 total

Topics: weather, days of
the week, introductions

UNIT 4

1. there is/there are
2. questions: How many, When, Who, Where, What is the date?
3. adverbs of frequency: sometimes, ever
4. you, him, her, us...: object pronouns
5. contractions (e.g. sky's blue)
6. other/another

Vocabulary: 105 total

Topics: months, seasons,
feelings, directions

IN ENGLISH

VOLUME 2

UNIT 5 (20-40 hrs. instruction)

1. present tense of drink, have, walk, etc.
2. How much?
3. some, any, a little, much, a lot of
4. How? How is the soup? It's good!
5. Whose? (possessive adjectives and pronouns)
6. Why? because
7. When?
8. before/after

Vocabulary: 196 total

Topics: money, family,
directions (N, S, E, & W),
weekly routines, polite
expressions, ordering in
a restaurant, daily
activities

UNIT 6 (20-40 hrs. instruction)

1. present progressive
2. now vs. "habitual" present
3. imperative (e.g. Help me!)
4. "3 wants": I want a car; I want to buy a car;
I want him to buy me a car
5. get (as in become)
6. how much/how many
7. articles: definite, indefinite (a, the/some)
8. How does he write? He writes well.
How do you open your apartment door? With a key.
9. How do you come here? ... by bus.
10. Introduction of comparatives (His bill is higher than hers.)

Vocabulary: 160 total

Topics: addresses, telephone
numbers, hotel, cardinal &
ordinal numbers, housing,
personal likes & dislikes

VOLUME 3

UNIT 7 (20-40 hrs. instruction)

1. past of "to be"
2. future: "going to"
3. the familiar "you" (e.g. You need to eat every day.)
4. I have the time to (+ verb)
5. something, anything, nothing
6. How do you get there?
7. Imperative (negative and positive)
8. How far?
9. How long does it take to (+ verb)?
10. How often?
11. know how to (+ verb)
12. comparative, intro to superlative: good/better, more/fewer
13. embedded statements (I know that Richard is coming.)
14. too/enough

Vocabulary: 194 total

Topics: food, prices,
shopping, holidays,
directions

UNIT 8 (20-40 hrs. instruction)

1. past of regular verbs
2. past of three irregular verbs: go, come, put
3. comparatives, superlatives: good/better/best more/most
bad/worse/worst less/least
4. everybody, somebody, nobody, anybody
5. somewhere, anywhere
6. embedded "wh" clauses (I know where he is from.)

Vocabulary: 134 total

Topics: social language -
apologizing, disagreeing,
information/asking for
clarification, marital
status, etc.

VOLUME 4

UNIT 9 (20-40 hrs. instruction)

1. will (future)
2. can
3. ... and Joe can too./ ... and so can Joe.
4. ... and Joe can't either./... and neither can Joe.
5. past of irregular verbs
6. who, that, which, as relative pronouns
7. It is difficult to (+ verb)

Vocabulary: 131 total

Topics: picnics, cultural differences,
American women's and
men's roles, problem-solving,
advice, describing recent
activities, personal choices

UNIT 10 (20-40 hrs. instruction)

1. modals: should, must, have to, be able to (can)
2. comparisons: the same as, different from, as big as,
as much as, as many as, similar to, like
3. relative clauses
4. past progressive: He told me while we were walking.
We were walking when he told me.
5. tag questions; present to future
6. past of additional irregular verbs

Vocabulary: 175 total

Topics: shopping for services,
smoking & health, expressing
feelings: pleasure, displeasure,
congratulations

VOLUME 5

UNIT 11 (20-40 hrs. instruction)

1. present perfect: I have lived here ... (for or since)
2. still, yet, already
3. past vs. present perfect
4. How many times ...?
5. ... used to (+ verb)
6. anymore
7. modals: must (conclusion); could (past of can); might; may

Vocabulary: 184 total

Topics: renting an apartment,
movies, buying a used car,
outdoor activities/sports

UNIT 12 (20-40 hrs. instruction)

1. present perfect progressive: I have been living here since...
2. How long have you been (verb + ing)?
3. reported speech: He asked her if ...
He told her that ..., She told him to ...
4. say/tell
5. reflexives (myself, yourself, etc.)
6. either/or neither/nor
7. review of comparative/superlative with adverbs

Vocabulary: 163 total

Topics: outdoor activities,
telephone skills, reporting
what others have said or asked,
appreciating nature