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This guide is for teachers preparing Learners for LanguageCert International ESOL exams using *English File 3rd edition: Upper-Intermediate: Student's Book with iTutor: The best way to get your students talking* by Oxford University Press. It aims to help teachers understand which skills, functions, and linguistic features are covered in the book's structure.

The document maps each unit and topic of the *English File: Upper-Intermediate* textbook and refers to the competences outlined in the Common European Framework (CEFR) as B2 level. The CEFR focuses on using language in real, communicative contexts, and so do *English File: Upper-Intermediate* and LanguageCert International ESOL exams. For detailed information on the CEFR, teachers are advised to consult the [original document](#).

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Unit No and Topics	Speaking	Writing functions/text types	Listening/Phonological features	Reading
SB 1A family, likes and dislikes, sports, eating habits, character	asking for and giving personal information, encouraging another speaker to continue, expressing fellow-feeling, empathy p5 ex 3 hypothesising, stating, responding to and asking about preference p7 ex 6		informal short conversations gist/detail, friendly intonation, showing interest p5 ex 3 gist/detail, extract and reproduce key information from short informal narrative monologues from vocational lives p7 ex 5	gist/detail short, informal <i>newspaper interview</i> p 4-5 ex 1 gist/detail short, <i>newspaper article</i> p 6-7 ex 4
SB 1B the paranormal and supernatural p8-9 the written word (reading, letter-writing, diaries etc.) p10	narrating and describing past events p8, ex 1a, b p9, ex 2, ex 4g expressing doubt, incredulity, bewilderment p9, 2 and 4g asking for and giving personal information, encouraging another speaker to continue, expressing fellow-feeling, empathy p9 ex 4 b,d,f giving descriptions SBp10, ex 6 e,f,g p11 ex 8f	notetaking p10 ex 6d	gist/detail, extract and reproduce key information from extended informal narrative p9 ex 1d,e detail, understanding descriptions and explanations p10 ex 6 d	gist/detail short, informal <i>true stories</i> p 8 ex 1a,b gist, short <i>book extract</i> p10 ex 6b
SB 1 Colloquial English occupation p12-13	narrating and describing past events p13, 4		gist/detail, understanding descriptions, explanations, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast (extended interviews) p12 ex 1 b,c part 2 b, part 3 a p13 ex 3 a,b,c	detail, short <i>biography</i> p12 ex 1a
TB 1A 1B Communicative	asking for and giving personal information p186/187/188/189			detail, short complex explanations, informal <i>quiz</i> p189
SB 2A ailments, accidents, medical services p14-17 vocab bank ailments, p152	asking for and giving personal information p17 ex 6c	giving personal information, stating facts, giving descriptions and specifications, stating and asking about the permissibility of doing something, stating and asking about intention, stating, responding to and asking about preference, responding to a request, suggesting a course of action, responding to, agreeing to or rejecting suggestions with reason/alternative, making and	gist/detail, understanding descriptions, explanations, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast (<i>interview</i>) p17 ex 6a,b	detail, short complex explanations, formal <i>instruction manual</i> p 14 ex 1b,c gist/detail short <i>newspaper article</i> p16 ex 5b,e

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		agreeing plans and arrangements, encouraging someone to do something, observing letter-writing conventions p15,4 <i>informal email</i>		
SB 2B social conventions/care for the elderly p18-19 clothes, fashion p20-2 and vocab bank p153	hypothesising p18 ex 2 a,c describing people p18 ex 1a,b p20 ex 4a expressing views and feelings with reasons p19 ex 2g 3c p20 ex 4a p21 ex 7	giving descriptions and specifications p21 ex 8a <i>advert</i> notetaking p20 ex 4c	gist/detail, understanding descriptions, explanations, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast (<i>conversation-presenter and two experts</i>) p20 ex 4b,c	gist/detail <i>newspaper article</i> p18-19 ex 2b,d,e
SB 2and3 Colloquial English the written word (reading) p 32-3	asking for and giving personal information, comparing things, giving descriptions p33 ex4		gist/detail, understanding descriptions, explanations, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast (<i>interviews</i>) p32 ex 1b,c part 2 a,b p33 part 3 a,b p33 ex 3 a,b,c	detail, short <i>biography</i> p32 ex1a
TB 2A 2B Communicative medical services p190 clothes p191	stating facts, actions p 190 describing people p191			
1and2 Revise and Check unexplained phenomena p23 (text) medical services p23 (video)			detail, understanding descriptions, explanations, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast (<i>lecture/documentary film</i>) p23 can you...video 1 51	gist/detail <i>newspaper article</i> p23 can you...text a,b
SB 3A transport (air travel) p24-27 vocab bank p154	expressing views and feelings with reasons p24 ex 2d narrating (<i>anecdote</i>) and describing past events p25,4 p27 ex 8a,b,c expressing interest p27 ex 8c hypothesising p26 ex 5a,d	notetaking p26 ex 5c	gist/detail, understanding descriptions, explanations, extract and reproduce key information from <i>announcements</i> p24 ex 1a,b and media broadcast (<i>interviewer/expert</i>) p26 ex 5 a,b,c,d	gist/detail <i>popular business book</i> p24-25 ex 2a,b,c


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SB 3B the written word (reading, letter-writing, diaries etc.) p28-31		asking for and giving personal information p30 ex 5a hypothesising p31 ex 6d	describing people, places, things, narrating and describing past, present and future events p29 4a,b,c <i>fiction/micro-story</i>	gist/detail, understanding narrative, extract and reproduce key information from <i>short story extract</i> p31 ex 6b,d	gist <i>fiction/micro-stories</i> p28 ex 1a p29 ex 2a gist/detail <i>short story extract</i> p30 ex 6a p31 ex 6c
TB 3A 3B Communicative		narrating and describing past events/(<i>anecdote</i>) p192/193			
SB 4A	The environment, recycling p 34-35 climate and weather, weather forecasting, extreme weather p 36-7 vocab bank p156	expressing views and feelings with reasons, comparing things, giving descriptions p34 ex 1c p35 ex 2b p36 ex 3f p37 ex 4d hypothesising p34 ex 1a p35 ex 2b,e stating and asking about degrees of probability/possibility p35 ex 2 a,b,e narrating and describing past, events p37 ex 5c		gist/detail, understanding narrative, extract and reproduce key information from narratives (<i>monologues</i>) p37 ex 5a,b	gist/detail complex <i>newspaper quiz</i> p34 ex 1b gist/detail <i>newspaper article</i> p36 ex 3a,b,c,
SB 4B	character travel (air) p40-41	hypothesising p38 ex 1a,f expressing views and feelings with reasons/examples p38 ex 1d,e,f p40 ex 4e p41 ex 6c narrating and describing past events p40 ex 4a	narrating and describing past, present and future events, reporting and stating facts, actions, expressing views and feelings with reasons, expressing doubt, incredulity, bewilderment, giving clarification, explanation or definition of something, exemplifying or emphasising a point, present an argument giving points for and against, supporting and evaluating different views p41ex 7 <i>blogpost</i>	gist/detail, understanding narrative, extract and reproduce key information from short explanations (<i>monologues</i>) p38 ex 1b,c,d	gist/detail short <i>newspaper quiz</i> p38 ex 1e gist/detail <i>newspaper article</i> p40 ex 4b,c,d
TB 4A 4B Communicative		stating and asking about degrees of probability/possibility p194			
3and4 Revise and Check				detail, understanding descriptions, explanations, extract and reproduce key	gist/detail <i>newspaper article</i> p43 can you...text a,b

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				information from media broadcast (lecture/ <i>documentary film</i>) p43 can you...video 2 45	
SB 5A	character p44 ex 1a	hypothesising, expressing feelings with reasons p44 ex 1a p46 ex 4a giving descriptions and specifications p44 ex 1d narrating and describing past events p45 ex 3c hypothesising p44 ex 4a p47 ex 4d	warning others to be careful, giving advice, suggesting a course of action p47 ex 6 <i>formal article</i>	gist/detail, understanding narrative, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast (<i>documentary film</i>) p46-7 ex 4c	gist/detail <i>book review</i> p44 ex 1b,d gist/detail <i>fiction extract</i> p46-7 ex 4b
SB 5B	likes and dislikes p48-49	expressing views and feelings with reasons/expressing and asking about (dis)pleasure ^{SEP} p48 ex 1b,e p49 ex 2d,e expressing fellow-feeling, empathy p48 ex1b,e expressing regret ^{SEP} p51 ex 6c		gist/detail, understanding narrative, understand feelings, extract and reproduce key information (<i>short narrative monologues</i>) p51 ex 6a,b	gist/detail, understanding feelings informal <i>social media posts</i> p48 ex 1a gist/detail, p50 ex 3b,c,d <i>short newspaper article</i> understand feelings p51 ex 4a <i>short comment posts</i>
TB 5A 5B Communicative		expressing and asking about wishes, hopes, expectations expressing regret p197-198 ^{SEP}			gist/detail <i>newspaper quiz</i> p196
SB 4and5 Colloquial English	The environment, recycling	explaining routines, expressing views and feelings with reasons p53 ex 4		gist/detail, understanding descriptions, explanations, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast (<i>interviews</i>) p52 ex 1b,c part 2 a,b p53 part 3 a,b p53 ex 3 a,b,c <i>short monologues</i>)	detail, short <i>biography</i> p52 ex1a
SB 6A	music	asking for and giving personal information, narrating and describing past events p54 ex 2 hypothesising p57 ex 4d	note-making p56 4c	gist/detail, understanding descriptions, explanations, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast (<i>lecture</i>)	gist/detail <i>newspaper article</i> p55 ex 3a,b,c,d,e,f

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		expressing and asking about wants, needs ^{SEP} , enquiring of someone else whether a person, thing or action is remembered or forgotten p57 ex5e		p56 ex 4b,c	
SB 6B		explaining routines narrating and describing past events p58 ex 1a,c p58 ex 3d p60 ex 5f p61 ex 6d expressing views and feelings with reasons p59 ex 4e	note-making p58 ex 4c	gist/detail, understanding narrative, understand feelings, extract and reproduce key information (<i>short narrative monologues</i>) p58 ex 1b gist/detail, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast (<i>radio show w presenter and a couple</i>) p60 ex 5a,b,d,e	gist/detail short extract(s) from <i>newspaper article</i> p59 ex 4a,b,c p60 ex 5c
5 and 6 Revise and Check				detail, understanding descriptions, explanations, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast (<i>lecture/documentary film</i>) p63 can you...video 3 50	gist/detail <i>newspaper article</i> p63 can you...text a,b
TB 6A 6B Communicative		expressing views and feelings with reasons/expressing and asking about (dis)pleasure, ^{SEP} narrating and describing past, present and future events p199-200			
SB 7A		expressing views and feelings with reasons p65 ex 3a,e p66 ex d,e expressing doubt, incredulity, bewilderment, expressing and asking about wishes, hopes, expectations, expressing and asking about (dis)pleasure, (un)happiness, giving reassurance, expressing surprise or lack of it, offering and accepting an apology, expressing and asking about		gist/detail, understanding formal lecture, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast (<i>expert monologue</i>) p60 ex 5a	gist/detail from <i>newspaper article</i> p65 ex 3b,c,d

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		approval, appreciation or disapproval ^[17] _[SEP] p66 ex 4e hypothesising p68 ex 2e			
SB 7B		describing people, things p68 ex1f ex 2a,b p71 ex 7a describing and expressing feelings p71 ex 6d,h	describing people, places, things, classifying, generalising, defining something, comparing things, people, hypothesising giving descriptions p71ex 7b <i>photo description</i>	gist/detail, understanding descriptions, explanations, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast short extract (<i>interview</i>) p69 ex 2f,g	gist/detail extract from <i>newspaper article</i> p70-71 ex 6b,c
SB 6 and 7 Colloquial English	theatre, films p73	describing and expressing feelings, expressing views and feelings with reasons p73 ex4		gist/detail, understanding descriptions, explanations, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast (<i>interview</i>) p72 ex 1b,c part 2 a,b p73 part 3 ex 3 a,b,c <i>short monologues</i>)	detail, short <i>biography</i> p72 ex1a
TB 7B Communicative		describing people, things p202			
SB 8A	social responsibilities writing p77	expressing views and feelings with reasons, describing people, things, narrating and describing past events p 75 ex 3d expressing views and feelings with reasons p77 ex 7a,b expressing and asking about agreement or disagreement p77 ex 7a,b	present an argument giving points for and against, supporting and evaluating different views, expressing views and feelings with reasons p77ex 8 <i>formal article</i>	gist/detail, understanding descriptions, explanations, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast (<i>interview</i>) p75 ex 1 e,f	gist/detail extract from <i>newspaper article</i> p74 ex 1b,c p76-7 ex 6 b,c,d
SB 8B	the press TV, radio	explaining routines (<i>habits</i>) p78,1a reporting facts, actions p79,3e expressing views and feelings with reasons, expressing and asking about agreement or disagreement p81 ex 5 p81 ex 6a,c		gist/detail, understanding descriptions, explanations, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast (<i>news</i>) p78 ex 1c,d p81 ex 6 b (<i>interview</i>)	gist/detail extract from <i>newspaper article</i> p78 ex 1f p79 ex 2a,b,c p80 ex 4a,b,c

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TB 8A 8B Communicative		expressing views and feelings with reasons, expressing and asking about agreement or disagreement, expressing agreement reluctantly or with reservations, p 203 expressing views and feelings with reasons, expressing and asking about agreement or disagreement, expressing agreement reluctantly or with reservations, denying something, conceding a point or argument, demurring, stating and asking about degrees of probability/possibility, stating and asking about intention, expressing surprise or lack of it, expressing moral obligation, accepting, attaching or denying blame for something ^[SEP] p 204			
7 and 8 Revise and Check				detail, understanding descriptions, explanations, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast (<i>lecture/documentary film</i>) p83 can you...video 4 48	gist/detail <i>newspaper article</i> p83 can you...text a,b
SB 9A		expressing views and feelings with reasons, expressing and asking about agreement or disagreement, expressing agreement reluctantly or with reservations p85 ex 2d p87 ex7d	note-making p85 ex 2c	gist/detail, understanding descriptions, explanations, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast (<i>lecture</i>) p85 ex 2b,c p86 ex 4d,e	gist/detail <i>news website</i> p84 ex 1a,b,c,d p86 ex 4b
SB 9B	local and regional services/amenities p89 holidays p90	expressing views and feelings with reasons p 88 ex 1a,e p 89 ex 3c p91 ex 5c stating, responding to and asking about preference p ^[SEP] 90	note-making p90 ex 4d describing people, places, expressing views and feelings with reasons, giving advice,	detail, understanding descriptions, explanations, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast (<i>interview</i>)	gist/detail <i>newspaper article</i> p88 ex1b,c,d

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		ex 4f describing people, places p91 ex 5c 	persuading someone to do something p91 ex 6 formal report	p90 ex 4c,d,e	
SB 8 and 9 Colloquial English		describing things, expressing views and feelings with reasons p93 ex4		gist/detail, understanding descriptions, explanations, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast (<i>interview</i>) p92 ex 1b part 2 p93 part 3 ex 3 a,b,c <i>short monologues</i>)	
TB 9A 9B Communicative		expressing views and feelings with reasons, expressing and asking about agreement or disagreement, expressing agreement reluctantly or with reservations p205 expressing views and feelings with reasons p206			
SB 10A	scientific development p94-95 occupation, family, leisure, hobbies and interests p101 c	expressing views and feelings with reasons p94 ex 1a,d p 95 ex3		gist/detail, understanding descriptions, explanations, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast (<i>interview with scientist</i>) p94 ex 1b	gist/detail <i>newspaper article</i> p96 ex4b,c,
SB 10B		correcting information, stating facts p98 ex 1g narrating and describing daily life at work, past events, p100 ex3 a, e narrating and describing daily life at work, past events, describing people, things, expressing and asking about satisfaction or dissatisfaction p101 ex 5d		gist/detail, understanding descriptions, explanations, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast (<i>political speech - monologues</i>) p98 ex 2d (<i>individual narrative monologues</i>) p100 ex 3b,c,d	gist/detail extract from <i>newspaper article</i> p98 ex 2a,b,c

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		giving a talk/monologue p101 ex 5c,d			
9 and 10 Revise and Check				detail, understanding descriptions, explanations, extract and reproduce key information from media broadcast (lecture/ <i>documentary film</i>) p103 can you...video 5 45	gist/detail <i>newspaper article</i> p103 can you...text a,b
TB 10A 10B Communicative		asking and answering questions for information, correcting information stating facts p201,208			
Communicative Revision		narrating and describing daily life, past events, expressing views and feelings with reasons, describing people, things (etc)			

Legend/key

SB student book

TB teacher book

Italic script denotes the text type

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