

Foundation Certificate of Secondary Education

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Topic breakdown

Unit 1 (Set 1) - Meeting People

Sub-topics	Examples
Personal information	Names, ages, birthdays
Family	Family members, brothers/sisters, etc
Pets	Dog, cat, horse, rabbit, etc
Physical descriptions/character descriptions	Hair/eye colour, sizes, intelligent, shy, musical, etc
Time	Days of the week, 12/24 hour clock
Clothes and colours	Jacket, skirt, dress, etc
Places	Cinema, places to meet, countries and compass points, etc
Sports and hobbies	Invitations, swimming, dancing, shopping, etc
Jobs	CV, potential careers, places of work

Unit 2 (Set 1) – Home Life

Sub-topics	Examples
Types of accommodation	House, flat, farm, etc
Rooms in a house	
Description of own room	
Daily routine	
Jobs around the house	
Household equipment	Fridge, cooker, etc
Members of the family	
Family relationships	
Pocket money	Amount; who gives it

Unit 3 (Set 1) - Education and Future Plans

Sub-topics	Examples
School subjects and opinions	
School items	Pen, ruler, etc
School report	Comments about subjects
Classroom language	Teacher/pupil
Types of school and location	Comprehensive, etc
School routine	
Aspects of school life	Teachers, classmates, etc
Study plans	
Career plans	

Unit 4 (Set 1) - Holidays

Sub-topics	Examples
Activities	
Aspect of holidays	Food, journey
Weather	
Places in a town	Town hall, railway station
Holiday destinations	
Literature about places to visit	
Descriptions of holidays	

Unit 5 (Set 1) – Travel and Accommodation

Sub-topics	Examples
Transport and opinions	
Hotel bookings	
Accommodation	Facilities, food
Prices	
Holiday activities	
Traffic signs	
Accommodation descriptions	

Unit 6 (Set 1) - Leisure

Sub-topics	Examples
Sports/hobbies	Cycling, reading, TV, horse-riding, ice skating, fishing, etc
Invitations – accepting and refusing	Invitation to seaside
Time	Opening/closing times
Places	Cinema, castle, ice rink, theme park, etc
Locations	Beach/mountains, etc
Clothes	

Unit 7 (Set 1) - Celebrations

Sub-topics	Examples
Celebrations/festivals in target language country	Tomatina, Fiesta Mayor
Organising a celebration	Wedding, end of school year
Invitations – venue, time, transport	
Gifts	Wedding gifts
Activities at a celebration	Music, games, dancing
Food and drink	
New Year resolutions	
Clothes	What to wear for celebration

Unit 8 (Set 1) - Health and Fitness

Sub-topics	Examples
Parts of the body	
Common ailments/at the doctor's/pharmacy	
Food and drink vocabulary/menus	
Healthy versus unhealthy lifestyle	
Sports/forms of exercise/ways of keeping fit	
Giving/receiving advice on diet/exercise	

Unit 9 (Set 1) - Food and Drink

Sub-topics	Examples
Food and drink vocabulary	Fruit, vegetables, chicken, fish, etc
Shopping for food	Bread, cheese, sausage, etc
Ordering in a restaurant	Wine, soup, etc
Likes and dislikes	
Recipes	

Unit 10 (Set 1) – Region and Environment

Sub-topics	Examples
Types of houses	
Description and location of home	Rooms, colours, size, garage, garden, etc
Opinions on different houses	
Description and location of area	
Facilities and activities within an area	
Positive and negative aspects and opinions on a particular area	
Environment issues – including public transport, travel, recycling, rubbish, pollution, conservation, weather, saving energy/water etc.	
Opinions and positive/negative aspects of different environmental issues	

Unit 11 (Set 1) – Media

Sub-topics	Examples
Free time activities	
Types of TV programme and films	
TV and film story lines/plots	
Forms of communication	Mobile phone, e-mail, computer, etc
Internet/websites/e-mails	
Guidance on using mobile phones and the internet responsibly	
Opinions on different TV programmes/films/types of media	
Advantages/disadvantages of new technology and TV	
Computer related vocabulary	Download/surf the net, etc

Unit 12 (Set 1) - Work Choices

Sub-topics	Examples
Days of the week	
Time	
People/jobs/place of work	
What people do in their jobs/duties	
Work experience	
Opinions on jobs/positive and negative aspects	
Working conditions/rules	
School subjects and preferences	
Job adverts	
Future plans – career/studies/lifestyle choices	