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# Notes for Teachers

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## The Intermediate Functional Language Teaching Resources eBook

This collection of over 100 teaching resources from the Teach-This.com website provides worksheets, activities, and games aimed at Intermediate level (B1) students. These resources have been created by a dedicated team of highly qualified and experienced English teachers and ESL professionals and have been tried and tested many times in the classroom.

The resources can be used in any general English course and are intended to supplement other materials. These resources are flexible enough to be easily incorporated into most lesson plans and can be used to introduce or reinforce language, practice or revise language structures, or improve core skills.

The book contains a wide range of easy to use, practical, and effective supplementary materials that focus on speaking practice as well as vocabulary or grammar exercises or activities to help students develop their reading and writing skills.

### How to Use this eBook

First, scan through the table of contents to select a teaching resource. To make the selection process easy, all resources are categorised according to their relevant language point and are arranged in alphabetical order. The table of contents also indicates the aim of each resource and lists activity types that the students will engage in. Shortcut hyperlinks that quickly and easily direct you to your chosen resource are included.

Each resource comes with detailed teacher notes that provide key details such as activity types, language focus, aim, preparation requirements, and estimated time duration. The notes also include a comprehensive step-by-step procedure and answer keys, making lessons quick and easy to plan. Each resource comes in a user-friendly and printable A4 PDF format.

### Activity Types Explained

Each resource in this eBook falls into one of three categories: worksheets, activities, or games. The worksheets provide opportunities for students to examine form and function and exercises typically focus on either vocabulary or grammar. The activities are designed to provide opportunities for students to practice using the language in more interactive and interesting ways. The games offer students more fun and engaging methods to practice the language and help to liven up lessons.

For each language point covered in this eBook, you will generally be provided with one standalone worksheet, one activity, and one game to help students learn and practice the language in different ways.

### Controlled, Freer and Communicative Practice

Speaking activities in this eBook are labelled as either controlled or freer practice. In the controlled practice activities, students are given the target language to practice in a limited form. These activities are more restricted, and the focus is more on developing accuracy. The freer practice activities provide students with prompts that require them to make meaningful choices before they use the language. This enables students to produce the target language more independently with more of a focus on fluency than accuracy. The communicative activities are more free form in nature, giving students more control over the content and the structure of the language used.

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Name	Aim	Activity Type
<b>Agreeing and Disagreeing</b>		
1. I couldn't agree more	To practice 12 phrases that show various levels of agreement or disagreement.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
2. So, Neither or Nor?	To play a game where you race to agree with statements using so, neither or nor.	Speaking activity
3. Me Neither	To agree with negative statements using neither and nor.	Speaking activity
<b>Air Travel</b>		
4. Race through the Sky	To practice air travel vocabulary.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
5. Come fly with me!	To practice asking for air travel information and practice booking airline tickets with a ticket agent.	Speaking activity
<b>Asking Permission</b>		
6. Asking Permission Board Game	To practice or review how to ask, give and refuse permission.	Speaking game
7. Do you mind if I...?	To ask, give and refuse permission with <i>Do you mind</i> .	Speaking activity
8. 12 Ways to Ask Permission	To guess missing words in questions that ask permission.	Speaking game
<b>At the Doctor's</b>		
9. What are your symptoms?	To practice vocabulary used when visiting a doctor.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
10. Advice for Aches and Pains	To practice giving health advice.	Vocabulary game Speaking activity
<b>Being Polite</b>		
11. Levels of Politeness	To learn how to achieve different levels of politeness in various situations.	Vocabulary exercises
12. Ask Me Nicely	To come up with polite requests for various situations.	Speaking game
<b>Complaining and Apologizing</b>		
13. Dealing with Complaints	To role-play making and dealing with complaints using various expressions.	Speaking game
14. Always and Never	To practice making complaints with always and never.	Speaking activity
15. I'm Sorry	To match statements and questions with an appropriate response using the word sorry.	Vocabulary and Speaking games

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Name	Aim	Activity Type
<b>Describing Character and Personality</b>		
16. Personality Adjectives	To learn and practice personality adjectives.	Vocabulary exercises
17. Personality Traits	To ask and answer questions about personality traits.	Vocabulary and Speaking activity
18. The Happy Days Inn	To practice adjectives of personality.	Vocabulary and Speaking activity
<b>Describing People's Appearance</b>		
19. Appearance Practice	To learn and practice vocabulary for describing appearance.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
20. Let's face it!	To practice describing people's appearance.	Speaking activity
21. Partners in Crime	To practice asking questions about people's physical appearance.	Speaking activity
<b>Describing Places</b>		
22. Race through the City	To practice describing places in a city.	Speaking game
23. Describe the Place	To describe places in a town or city for a partner to guess.	Speaking game
24. Ideal Holiday Destinations	To describe and discuss ideal holiday destinations.	Reading exercise Speaking activity
<b>Describing Things</b>		
25. Describing Objects	To learn how to describe objects using adjectives, the materials they're made of and their use.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
26. The Describing Game	To describe objects with five given words or phrases.	Vocabulary game
27. Whatsitsname?	To describe objects and to guess objects from a partner's description.	Speaking game
<b>Emailing</b>		
28. Email Etiquette	To learn and practice email etiquette for formal emails.	Vocabulary and writing exercises
29. Statements of Purpose	To practice writing statements of purpose in emails.	Vocabulary and writing exercises
30. Emails of Apology	To make predictions about a partner's future plans using the future simple form <i>will</i> and <i>won't</i> .	Vocabulary activity Writing exercises

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<b>Emailing</b>		
31. Email Greetings and Salutations	To practice formal and informal email salutations.	Vocabulary and writing exercises
32. Request Emails	To practice request emails.	Vocabulary and writing exercises
<b>Getting Around</b>		
33. Getting Around Questionnaire	To practice asking and answering questions about different forms of local transport.	Speaking activity
34. The Bus Stop	To become familiar with questions related to taking the bus.	Speaking activity
35. Taxi for Two	To form orders and instructions using the imperative structure.	Vocabulary and Speaking game
<b>Getting to Know You</b>		
36. True or False?	To practice sharing personal information.	Speaking game
37. That's Interesting!	To practice asking and answering getting to know you questions.	Speaking activity
38. Assumptions	To practice asking and answering getting to know you questions.	Speaking game
<b>Giving Advice</b>		
39. Should, Ought To, Had Better	To learn and practice how to give advice using <i>should</i> , <i>ought to</i> and <i>had better</i> .	Vocabulary exercises
40. Advice for the Modern World	To learn and practice how to give advice using four different structures.	Speaking game
41. Advice Dominoes	To match main and if clauses together to make conditional sentences for giving advice.	Grammar and Vocabulary game
<b>Giving Directions</b>		
42. Destination Unknown	To review giving directions.	Speaking activity
<b>Giving Opinions</b>		
43. Four Corners	To practice expressing and defending opinions.	Speaking activity
44. Rant Or Rave	To practice expressing positive and negative opinions on various topics.	Speaking activity
45. The Cycling Holiday	To give opinions, prioritize and agree on a list of items to pack for a cycling holiday.	Speaking activity

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<b>Giving Personal information</b>		
46. Networking	To practice exchanging personal and company information.	Speaking activity
47. Numbers, Names And Places	To talk about personal information relating to numbers, names and places.	Speaking activity
48. My Partner	To practice asking for and giving personal information.	Speaking activity
<b>Greetings</b>		
49. Sociable Dominoes	To match language for greetings, introductions and saying goodbye with suitable responses.	Vocabulary game
<b>Holidays</b>		
50. Holiday Vocabulary	To learn and practice holiday vocabulary and questions.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
51. Holiday Conversation Questions	To practice asking and answering holiday conversation questions.	Speaking activity
52. Holiday Postcards	To write postcards describing positive and negative holiday experiences.	Writing activity
53. Itinerary Inquires	To practice asking for information about the itinerary of a package tour.	Reading and speaking activity
<b>Indirect questions</b>		
54. Indirect Questions Practice	To practice indirect questions.	Grammar exercises
55. Super Polite	To practice asking for information politely using indirect questions.	Speaking activity
56. Would You Mind Telling Me...?	To change direct personal information questions into indirect questions and ask them to other students.	Speaking game
<b>Making Arrangements</b>		
57. Let's Meet!	To practice language for making and rescheduling appointments.	Vocabulary, writing and speaking activity
58. It's a Date!	To practice language for making arrangements.	Reading, grammar and writing exercises
59. Changing Reservations	To practice changing hotel, restaurant and transportation reservations over the phone.	Speaking activity



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Name	Aim	Activity Type
<b>Making Decisions</b>		
60. Decision Dominoes	To match questions to decisions.	Vocabulary game
61. Hypothetical Bets	To practice asking and answering hypothetical <i>Would you...?</i> questions about possible decisions.	Speaking game
62. Tough Decisions	To practice asking and answering second conditional questions about moral dilemmas.	Grammar exercises Speaking game
<b>Making Excuses</b>		
63. The Rascally Robinsons	To learn how to make excuses for different transgressions.	Vocabulary exercises
64. What's your Excuse?	To make excuses in response to requests, invitations and accusations using a variety of phrases.	Speaking activity
<b>Making Invitations</b>		
65. Invite Only	To practice language for making, accepting and declining spoken and written invitations.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
66. I'm sorry, I can't.	To decline invitations with unique excuses.	Speaking game
67. Invitations Board Game	To practice making and responding to invitations.	Speaking game
<b>Making Offers and Promises</b>		
68. On the Spot	To practice making suitable offers and promises for certain situations.	Speaking game
<b>Making Requests</b>		
69. Let's Practice Requests	To learn how to make, accept and decline requests using various phrases.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
70. Would you mind...?	To make, accept and decline requests with <i>Would you mind + ing...?</i>	Speaking activity
71. Making Requests Board Game	To practice or review various phrases for making requests.	Speaking game
<b>Making Suggestions</b>		
72. Perhaps we could...	To learn and practice phrases for making, accepting and declining suggestions.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity

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Name	Aim	Activity Type
<b>Making Suggestions</b>		
73. What shall we do?	To practice making, accepting and rejecting suggestions.	Vocabulary exercise Speaking activity
74. Suggestions and Solutions	To practice giving and agreeing on suggestions for a set of problems.	Speaking activity
<b>Online Communication</b>		
75. Online Shopping	To practice vocabulary associated with online shopping.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
76. Troublesome Transactions	To practice language for online transactions.	Vocabulary activity
77. Chat Abbreviations	To learn and practice instant messaging abbreviations and acronyms.	Vocabulary exercises
78. Items For Sale	To describe items for sale online.	Vocabulary and writing activity
<b>Ordering Food and Drink</b>		
79. Let's Order	To learn and practice vocabulary and expressions related to ordering food and drink in a restaurant.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
80. Who said it?	To practice language for ordering food and drink in a restaurant.	Vocabulary exercises
81. Dining Out	To role-play and practice 20 interactions that would happen when dining at a restaurant.	Speaking activity
82. Sally's Sandwiches	To role-play and practice ordering food and drink from a sandwich shop.	Speaking activity
<b>Shopping</b>		
83. What can you buy?	To learn about different types of shops and the products they sell.	Vocabulary exercises
84. End of Season Sale	To practice language for buying and selling items in a clothes shop.	Speaking activity
85. Shopping Conversation Questions	To practice asking and answering conversation questions on the topic of shopping.	Speaking activity
86. It's a Bargain	To practice using bargaining language.	Reading and vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
87. Specific Shoppers	To practice describing what one wants when shopping.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity

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Name	Aim	Activity Type
<b>Small Talk</b>		
88. Small Talk Techniques	To learn techniques for making small talk.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
89. Common Responses	To reply to everyday statements and questions with commonly used responses.	Speaking game
90. Small Talk Role-Play	To role-play attending a school reunion and practice making small talk.	Speaking activity
91. Conversation Starters	To learn and practice questions and statements that can be used to start a conversation and engage in small talk.	Speaking activity
92. Shared Interests	To practice asking small talk questions and making true statements with both of us or neither of us about things people have in common.	Speaking game
<b>Social Media</b>		
93. Social Media Vocabulary	To practice vocabulary associated with social media.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
94. Find Someone Who...	To practice vocabulary associated with social media.	Speaking activity
<b>Telephoning</b>		
95. Rescheduling an Appointment	To learn and practice expressions for calling and rescheduling an appointment over the phone.	Reading and vocabulary exercises Writing and speaking activity
96. Be Polite!	To re-write a telephone dialogue to make it more polite and appropriate.	Writing and speaking activity
97. Telephone Role-Plays	To practice taking and leaving messages, making and changing arrangements, and confirming information over the phone.	Speaking activity
98. Booking Tickets	To practice language for booking a ticket to an event over the phone.	Reading and vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
99. Arranging a delivery	To practice arranging a delivery time over the phone.	Vocabulary exercises Speaking activity
<b>Travelling</b>		
100. Travel Dominoes	To match words together to make collocations related to travel.	Vocabulary game
101. Where did they go?	To practice asking and answering questions about holiday experiences.	Speaking activity

## Activity Type

Vocabulary Exercises: matching, gap-fill, writing sentences

Speaking Activity: guided discussion, opinion sharing (pair work)

## Focus

Agreeing and disagreeing

## Aim

To practice 12 phrases that show various levels of agreement or disagreement.

## Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

## Time

60 minutes

## Introduction

In this agreeing and disagreeing worksheet, students practice 12 phrases that show various levels of agreement or disagreement.

## Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

Students start by identifying the level of agreement or disagreement in 12 phrases by writing strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree next to each expression.

### Exercise A - Answer key

Strongly Agree (SA)	Disagree (D)
3. I completely agree.	5. I don't agree (with you).
4. I couldn't agree more.	7. I don't agree.
12. You're absolutely right.	8. I see it differently.
Agree (A)	Strongly Disagree (SD)
1. I agree (with you).	2. I cannot agree with that.
9. I see your point.	6. I don't agree at all.
11. I think so, too.	10. I strongly disagree.

Students then do a gap-fill exercise where they complete three conversations with the phrases from Exercise A.

### Exercise B - Answer key

Students can choose the phrases they want as long as the statements agree or disagree as follows:

Conversation 1: a. agree, b. disagree

Conversation 2: c. agree, d. agree, e. disagree

Conversation 3: f. agree, g. disagree

Next, students say whether they agree or disagree with a set of statements by writing sentences about their opinions that include phrases to agree or disagree. When the students have finished, check their answers.

In the last exercise, students work with a partner and discuss the opinions in Exercise B and C.

Students discuss who they agree with in the Exercise B conversations and why. Students then discuss, agree or disagree with the opinions shown in Exercise C.

Afterwards, have a class feedback session to find out the student's opinions.