

Beginner English A1.1

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Beginner English A1.1 Objectives

Plurals

- To understand the difference between singular and plural nouns
- To identify words which follow the regular plural rules
- To change any regular noun from its singular to plural form and vice versa
- To understand there are three ways to pronounce the letter S when it's the final letter of a word and correctly pronounce any word ending in S according to the pronunciation rules

Animals

- To learn 39 farm animals and zoo animals in English
- To learn the correct pronunciation for all these farm animals and zoo animals
- To talk about animals in conversation and answer basic questions about animals

Possessive Adjectives

- To learn all seven possessive adjectives and use them correctly in sentences
- To learn the correct pronunciation of all seven possessive adjectives
- To avoid common mistakes that English learners typically make with possessive adjectives

Family Members

- To learn the basic family members in English
- To pronounce all family members correctly
- To use basic phrases to talk about my family in conversation
- To avoid typical mistakes that learners make in English when talking about family

Possessive S

- To learn what the possessive S is, when it is used and how to create the possessive S structure
- To use the possessive S correctly in exception situations
- To understand the difference between plurals, the verb to be and the possessive S



Present Simple Tense

- To understand the situations when the present simple tense is required
- To use the present simple tense in the affirmative, negative, question and short response forms
- To recite and use the verbs to have and to be in the present simple tense
- To understand which auxiliary verb is required to form a question in the present simple tense
- To identify keywords that are used in the present simple tense and use them correctly
- To avoid common mistakes that learners make in the present simple tense
- To know that there are three ways to pronounce third person singular regular verbs in the present simple tense and pronounce them correctly yourself

Weather

- To learn and pronounce different types of weather in English
- To learn the four seasons of the year
- To use phrases and talk about the weather with confidence
- To talk about the temperature in English with numbers and with adjectives
- To understand the weather in listening

Rooms In The House

- To learn the basic rooms in the house in English
- To pronounce the rooms in the house correctly
- To recognise which room basic household objects belong to

Around The House

- To learn basic features of a house and pronounce all these words correctly
- To know vocabulary for items in the kitchen, dining room, living room, bedroom, bathroom and garden and to pronounce all this vocabulary correctly
- To understand basic household items in reading and listening
- To feel comfortable talking about my house and household items in English

Indefinite Articles

- To identify indefinite articles in a sentence and understand why they are being used
- To decide whether a, an or some should be used
- To understand that the letters H, O and U are exceptions and use the correct indefinite article when a word begins with these letters
- To understand which word in a sentence helps you choose the correct indefinite article
- To express letters of the alphabet using the correct indefinite article



In Town

- To learn 47 words to describe places in town and use them correctly
- To know the correct pronunciation of all 47 places in town taught in this course
- To understand places in town in listening
- To talk about my favourite places in town
- To know typical items associated with each of these places in town

The Imperative Form

- To understand what the imperative form is and why it is used in English
- To form the basic imperative form in the affirmative and the negative
- To use the advanced imperative with the verb "do"
- To avoid common mistakes English learners make with the imperative form
- To understand and use typical imperative phrases in everyday English

Directions

- To give basic directions in English
- To understand basic directions in English
- To ask for directions in English
- To recognise items and places around town in English and use them to give directions

Transport

- To learn 19 means of transport in English
- To understand vocabulary differences between American and British English to talk about transport
- To learn basic transport verbs and use them correctly with each means of transport
- To talk about transport with key phrases in English

Would Like

- To use the expression "would like" correctly in the affirmative, negative and question forms, both long and contracted
- To know the structure of "would like" with nouns and verbs
- To pronounce all forms of the expression "would like" correctly
- To understand the differences between "like" and "would like"



Clothes

- To learn basic items of clothing in English
- To learn the correct pronunciation of these items of clothing in English
- To use key phrases to talk about clothes in English
- To understand when other people are talking about their clothes

Ordinal Numbers

- To know what an ordinal number is and when it is used in English
- To learn the ordinal numbers from 1 to 20
- To convert all cardinal numbers into ordinal numbers in English
- To correctly pronounce all ordinal numbers
- To use abbreviations for ordinal numbers correctly
- To avoid common mistakes typically made with ordinal numbers

Present Participle

- To understand what the present participle is
- To know the situations when the present participle is used
- To create the present participle for any verb in English
- To pronounce the ending "ING" correctly

Present Continuous Tense

- To understand the situations when the present continuous tense is required
- To use the present continuous tense in the affirmative, negative, question and short response forms
- To identify keywords that are used with the present continuous tense and know their position in a sentence

Food and Drink

- To learn the conjugation of the verbs "eat" and "drink" in the present simple and present continuous tenses
- To understand adjectives to describe your feelings towards food and drink
- To learn basic food and drinks vocabulary in English and pronounce all these words correctly
- To use key phrases and hold a basic conversation about food and drink in English



Countable and Uncountable Noun

- To recognise a noun as being countable or uncountable
- To know the most common uncountable nouns in English
- To understand situations where nouns can be both countable and uncountable
- To define a partitive, understand how a partitive is used and know the most common partitives in English
- To use the correct verb formation, articles, pronouns and demonstratives with countable and uncountable nouns

The Body and Face

- To learn the basic vocabulary to talk about the face and body in English
- To pronounce the basic face and body vocabulary
- To learn the five senses in English as well as the five sense verbs



Plurals

Plurals are used to say we have more than one of something. The traditional rule to make a noun plural in English is to add the letter S to the end of the word. For example, one car \rightarrow two cars, one house \rightarrow two houses.

But there are some exceptions to this rule!

- If the last letters in the word are CH, SH, S, X, O or Z, then we add ES to the end of the noun instead (watch → watches).
- There is a special rule for words ending in O. If the final letters are consonant + O, then we add ES to the end of the word (tomato → tomatoes). If the final letters are vowel + O, then we add only S to the end of the word (kangaroo → kangaroos.)
- If the last letter in the word is F, then we replace this with a V, then add ES to the end of the noun instead (leaf \rightarrow leaves).
- If the last two letters of the word are FE, then we replace this with VE, then add S to the end of the noun instead (wife → wives).
- If the last two letters of the word are consonant + Y, then we eliminate the Y, replace it with an I, then add ES to the end of the noun instead (baby → babies). Note that if the final two letters are vowel + Y, this follows the traditional rule where you simply add S (boy → boys).



Remember to pronounce the letter S correctly

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- \triangle If the sound before the S is voiced, the S is pronounced /Z/
- \triangle If the sound before the S is an exception sound, the S is pronounced /IZ/



Animals

Farm Animals Zoo Animals bee bat bird bear cat (baby: kitten) crocodile chicken dolphin cow elephant dog (baby: puppy) giraffe hippo donkey jellyfish duck fish kangaroo fly lion frog lizard goat monkey horse panda mouse parrot rabbit penguin sheep polar bear snail shark snake spider tiger whale Zebra

Useful Phrases

Question	Answer
What is your favourite animal?	My favourite animal is
Do you like?	Yes, I like No, I don't like
Do you have any pets?	Yes, I have No, I don't have any pets
Do you like going to the zoo?	Yes, I like going to the zoo No, don't like going to the zoo



Possessive Adjectives

A possessive adjective is used to explain who is the owner of an object. For example, What is <u>your</u> name? <u>My</u> name is Fred.

Possessive adjectives are always followed by a noun.

my
your
his
her
its
our
they



- \triangle Don't put an apostrophe in ITS. This is not the verb to be.
- \triangle Possessive adjectives are always singular in English, they do not change in the plural form.
- △ Don't mix up personal pronouns and possessive adjectives. Personal pronouns are used with verbs whilst possessive adjectives are used with nouns.
- △ Don't mix up the spelling of THERE and THEIR. The possessive adjective is their.
- ⚠ Don't use "of" in sentences in English- We don't say this is the dog of her. We say this is her dog.



Family

Family Members

aunt baby
boy brother
child cousin
dad daughter
family girl

granddaughter grandfather grandma grandmother grandpa grandparent

grandson man
mother mum
parent person
sister son
uncle woman

Useful Phrases

Question	Answer	
How many people are there in your family?	There are (number) people- my mum, my dad (list of family)	
Do you have any brothers or sisters?	Yes, I have (a brother/ two sisters)	
	No, I don't have any brothers or sisters	
Describe your (female family member)	She is called (name) She is (age) years old She is a/an (job)	
Describe your (male family member)	He is called (name) He is (age) years old He is a/an (job)	
Who do you live with?	I live with (family member) and (family member)	



LOOK OUT!

- \triangle Don't use the plural form of the masculine e.g. fathers, sons
- \triangle Spell granddaughters correctly



Possessive S

The possessive S is used to explain that somebody is the owner and has possession of another thing.

The structure is ...

Name Apostrophe s object

For example: Lisa's brother is called Bart. Sam's car is blue.

There are a few exceptions;

- 1) If the name ends in the letter S, we don't add apostrophe S, only an S. For example, Charles' brother is called Sam.
- 2) If there are two names, we only add apostrophe S to the end of the second name. For example, Bart and Lisa's mother is called Marge.



- \triangle Don't mix up the verb "to be" in contracted form and the possessive S
- △ Don't add an apostrophe + S for plural forms. The plural only adds S (no apostrophe)
- ⚠ Be sure you understand the possessive S with singular and plural nouns. For example, the girl's desks and the girls' desks.



Common Verbs

Verb	Phonetic Transcription	Example Sentence
be	biː	I am happy
come	k∧m	Come in!
do	duː	l do karate
go	gəʊ	I go to the cinema
find	faind	I find your idea very interesting
give	gIv	l give you my calculator
have	hæv	I have two sisters
know	ทอช	I know your name!
like	laīk	I like going to a party
look	lʊk	I look nice in this photo
make	meīk	I make a cake
need	ni∑d	I need to clean the whiteboard
run	r∧n	I run in the morning
say	seI	I say "hello" every morning
see	siː	I see the whiteboard!
take	teīk	I take my sister to English class
tell	tεl	I tell the time
think	θīŋk	I think about English
use	juĭz	I use my English on holiday
want	wɒnt	I want to listen to music



Present Simple Tense

The present simple tense is used to give personal information, facts and truths, to talk about habits or future events and with stative verbs. The present simple is normally used with words such as always, normally, usually, twice a year, every day/week and in the summer/winter.

In the affirmative, we add the letter S to the infinitive verb for the third person singular (he/she/it). There are a few exceptions though;

- If the verb ends in X, Z, S, CH, O or SH then we add ES to the third person singular
- If the verb ends in consonant plus Y, then we eliminate the Y before adding IES to the third person singular

In the negative, all verbs are formed in the same way. The verb do (don't/doesn't) plus the infinitive verb.

There are four possible question structures in English and two short response forms too.

Affirmative	Negative	Question
l read	l don't read	Do I read?
You read	You don't read	Do you read?
He reads	He doesn't read	Does he read?
She reads	She doesn't read	Does she read?
It reads	It doesn't read	Does it read?
We read	We don't read	Do we read?
They read	They don't read	Do they read?



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Weather

Weather Weather Nouns

It is sunny sun It is rainy rain It is windy wind It is snowy snow It is cloudy cloud It is foggy fog It is stormy storm There is thunder and lightning umbrella There is a rainbow sky

Seasons Temperature

Spring What is the temperature?
Summer It is freezing
Autumn It is cold
Winter It is hot
It is boiling

ice

Useful Phrases

Question	Answer
What is your favourite weather?	My favourite weather is
Do you like ?	Yes, I like No, I don't like
What is the weather today?	Today, it is
What was the weather yesterday?	Yesterday, it was
What is the weather tomorrow?	Tomorrow, it is
What is the typical weather in your country?	The typical weather in my country is
What is your favourite season?	My favourite season is
In which season is it your birthday?	My birthday is in



Rooms in the House

Rooms in the House

Living Room

Dining Room

Kitchen

Garden

Bedroom

Office

Bathroom

Garage

Attic

Hall

Gym

Spare bedroom

Parts of the House

House

Home

Flat

Apartment

Wall

Stairs

Upstairs

Downstairs

Window

Balcony

Roof

Door



Around the House

Parts of the House In the Kitchen

curtain fridge floor freezer carpet sink

rug/ mat dishwash key oven furniture toaster

microwave

In the Dining Room kettle

table In the Living Room

chair

olate sofa
bowl cushion
glass blanket
cup television
spoon bookshelf
fork bookcase

knife coffee table

In the Bedroom rug

bed In the Bathroom

cushion

duvet sink pillow soap

bedside table toothbrush lamp toothpaste photo mirror tissues toilet drawer bath mirror shower wardrobe toothpaste toothpaste

shampoo body wash towel



In the Garden

fence gate tree flower

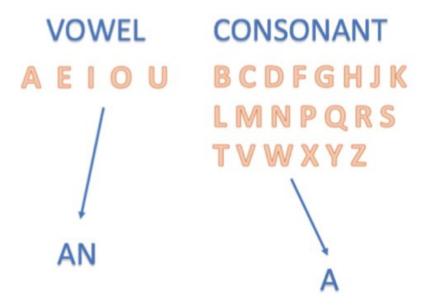
barbecue(BBQ)

bench plant pot



Indefinite Articles

A, an and some are indefinite articles that we use to say we have "one" of something. To decide which article we use, we must analyse the first letter of the following noun. If the first letter of the noun is a consonant, then we use A and if the first letter of the noun is a vowel, then we use AN. For example a car, an orange. We use SOME for plural nouns. For example, some apples.





THERE ARE SOME EXCEPTIONS!

- ⚠ The letter H is a consonant so normally it uses the article a (for example, a house). But sometimes, the letter H is completely silent (hourglass). If the H is silent, then the first sound in the word is a vowel, so we need to change the article to an, **an hourglass**.
- ⚠ The letter O is a vowel so normally it uses the article an (for example, an orange). But sometimes it sounds like there is a W before it (one-eyed pirate). The sound is a W, which is a consonant, so we change the article to a, a one-eyed pirate.
- ⚠ The letter U is a vowel so normally it uses the article an (for example, an umbrella). But sometimes it sounds like there is a Y before it (university). The sound is a Y, which is a consonant, so we change the article to a, **a university**.



In Town

Places in Town

Airport Bank

Bus station

Café
Castle
Cathedral
Chemist's
Church

Cinema College Factory Farm

Fire station Funfair Gym

Hairdresser's

Hospital Hotel

Library

Market

Museum

Park

Pastry shop

Petrol station

Playground

Police station

Post office

Restaurant

School

Shop

Shopping centre

Sports centre

Sports stadium

Supermarket

Theatre

Tourist information centre

Town hall

Town Features

Town

Town centre

City

City centre
Building
Skyscraper
Square
Bus stop

Car park



The Imperative Form

The imperative is a mood in English used to give commands, orders or instructions, to offer advice or to warn somebody. For example, Stop! Go!

The affirmative structure is simply the infinitive verb \rightarrow Stop! There are no subjects in the structure and this form is the same for all subjects. To sound more polite, you can add "please" to the structure.

The negative structure is do not/don't + infinitive verb \rightarrow Don't stop!

There is an advanced structure too: do + infinitive verb \rightarrow Do sit down! This is used to be very polite, to show frustration or anger and to persuade somebody.



- △ Don't use DOESN'T in the he/she/it form. It is always DON'T in the imperative.
- △ Don't insert subjects in the imperative form, it is the verb only.
- △ Don't conjugate the verb in the same way as the present simple. It is only the infinitive verb for all subjects in the imperative form.



Directions

Directions

Turn right

Turn left

Go straight

Go past ...

Take the first right

Take the second right

Go over the roundabout

At the roundabout, take the first exit

Follow the signs to ...

Directions Questions

Do you know where ... is?

How do I get to ...?

Where is ...?

I'm lost! Where am I?

Is there a ... near here?

Directions Vocabulary

Roundabout

Zebra crossing

Traffic lights

Signpost

Motorway

One-way street

Junction

Bridge

Мар

Corner



Transport

Means of Transport

Ambulance Bicycle (bike)

Boat Bus

Car Fire engine (Am: fire truck)

Helicopter

Lorry (Am: truck)

Motorbike (Br: motorcycle)

Plane Rocket Ship

Spaceship Taxi (Am: cab)

Tractor Train Tram

Underground (Am: subway)

Van

Transport Verbs

walk run drive fly ride take

Transport Phrases

Question	Answer
How do you get to work/school?	I drive I walk I take the bus
Do you own a car?	Yes, I own a car No, I don't own a car
Can you drive?	Yes, I can drive No, I can't drive
Do you use public transport?	Yes, I use public transport No, I don't use public transport
Have you been on a plane before?	Yes, I have been on a plane before No, I haven't been on a plane before



Would Like

Would like is a polite way of saying "want" in English. It has the same conjugation for all subjects.

Affirmative: Would like

Negative: Wouldn't like

Question: Would + subject + like

This structure can be followed by a noun or a verb.

Subject

would like

noun

Subject

would like

to

verb



LOOK OUT

- △ Don't mix up "like" and "would like". Like means to have a positive opinion about something, would like means "want" in a polite way.
- ⚠ "Like" and "would like" have different conjugations in the affirmative, negative and question forms in the present simple tense.
- ⚠ If we use "like + verb", we must say like + verb (ing). E.g. I like eating. If we use "would like + verb", we must say would like + to + infinitive. E.g. I would like to eat.



Clothes

The verb used to say you have clothes on your body is WEAR.

Clothes

Trousers

Jeans

Shorts

Dress

Skirt

Тор

T-shirt

Shirt

Jumper

Jacket

Shoes

Boots

Socks

Hat

Cap

Handbag

Scarf

Coat

Glasses

Clothes Phrases

Question	Answer
What are you wearing today?	Today, I am wearing
What is your favourite item of clothing?	My favourite item of clothing is
Do you like wearing?	Yes, I like wearing No, I don't like wearing
Do you own lots of clothes?	Yes, I own lots of clothes No, I don't own many clothes



Ordinal Numbers

Ordinal numbers are used in English to provide a position or distribution. Typical uses of ordinal numbers include dates, a position or a sequence, floors of a building, celebrations, birthdays or anniversaries and the royal family.

To create an ordinal number, you add TH to the end of the cardinal number. E.g. six \rightarrow sixth. If the number ends in 0 (e.g. 20, 30, 40), you eliminate the Y then add IETH. E.g. twenty \rightarrow twentieth.

There are many exceptions though, mostly between 0 and 20. Remember to write the last two letters of the ordinal number in small writing in the top-right next to the number.

1 st first	6 th sixth	11 th eleventh	16 th sixteenth
2 nd second	7 th seventh	12 th twelfth	17 th seventeenth
3 rd third	8 th eighth	13 th thirteenth	18 th eighteenth
4 th fourth	9 th ninth	14 th fourteenth	19 th nineteenth
5 th fifth	10 th tenth	15 th fifteenth	20 th twentieth



LOOK OUT

- △ Don't add TH to every ordinal number in English, many numbers are irregular.
- ⚠ Write the correct abbreviations with numbers
- △ Don't mix up cardinal and ordinal numbers. Remember we use ordinal numbers for dates in English



Present Participle

The present participle is used to form continuous tenses, as an adjective, in participial phrases, to convert a verb to a noun (gerund) and when the verb formation must change.

The normal rule is to add ING to the end of the infinitive verb:

drink → drinking

• If a verb ends in the pattern consonant, vowel, consonant, you must double the final consonant:

cut → cutting

Unless the last consonant is W, X or Y, then this follows the normal rule and only adds ING: $draw \rightarrow drawing$

• If the verb ends in the pattern consonant, vowel, consonant, but the stress of the verbis on the first syllable, this also follows the normal rule and only adds ING:

visit → visiting

• If the final letter of the verb is E, you must eliminate the E before adding ING:

drive → driving

Unless the last letters of the verb are EE, then this follows the normal rule and only adds ING: $see \rightarrow seeing$

• If the final letters of the verb are IE, then you must eliminate the E, replace this with a Y and then add ING:

• If the final letter of the verb is C, you must add an extra K before adding ING:

picnic → picnicking

Pronunciation of ING can be /ɪŋ/ /ɪn/ or /ən/. The ING is never stressed, always the infinitive part.



Present Continuous Tense

The present continuous tense is used to talk about events happening right now, events in process, planned future events, a before and after structure and with a change in state.

- In the affirmative, we use the SuBEP structure: subject, verb to be (affirmative) and the present participle. We can also contract the verb to be and the subject together.
- In the negative, we use the same SuBEP structure, but the verb to be is used in the negative form. We can also contract the negative form of the verb to be.
- There are two question forms in the present continuous. QuBESuP, if you use a question word, and BESuP, without a question word.
- The short response is yes or no, plus the subject and then the verb to be.
- There are many keywords in the present continuous tense:
 - Always, still constantly, forever: These words have a negative effect and go in between the verb to be and the present participle. E.g. He is always complaining.
 - Now, even now, any longer, anymore, no longer, this season/month/year, at this moment/time can go at the beginning or the end of the sentence. E.g. This year, we are learning English OR We are learning English this year.

Affirmative	Affirmative Negative (
I am reading	I am not reading	Am I reading?
You are reading	You are not reading	Are you reading?
He is reading	He is not reading	Is he reading?
She is reading	She is not reading	Is she reading?
It is reading	It is not reading	Is it reading?
We are reading	We are not reading	Are we reading?
They are reading	They are not reading	Are they reading?



Food and Drink

Meals

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Snack

Drink

Food

Hungry

Thirsty

Food and Drink

Apple Meatballs Banana Milk

Beans Milkshake **Noodles** Bread Burger Onion Cake Orange Carrot **Pancakes** Pasta Cheese Chicken Pea Chips Pear

Chocolate Pie
Coconut Pineapple
Coffee Potato
Egg Rice
Fish Salad
Fruit Sandwich
Grape Sauce

Ice-cream Sausage
Juice Soup
Kiwi Sweets
Lemon Tea
Lemonade Tomato
Lilme Vegetable
Mango Water

Watermelo



Meat

Question	Answer	
What is your favourite food?	My favourite food is	
Are there any foods you don't like?	Yes, I don't like No, I like everything!	
Are you a vegetarian/vegan?	Yes, I am No I'm not	
Do you have any allergies?	Yes, I am allergic to No, I don't have any allergies	
What do you eat for breakfast/lunch/dinner?	I usually have for breakfast/lunch/dinner	
Do you eat snacks?	Yes, I have as a snack No, I don't usually have snacks	
What is your favourite drink?	My favourite drink is	



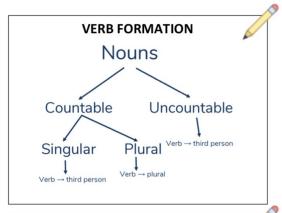
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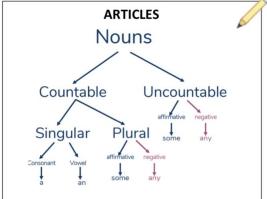
A noun is defined as a person, animal, place, thing or idea. In English, every single noun is categorised into being either a countable or an uncountable noun.

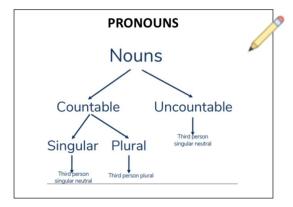
Countable Nouns are nouns you can count by putting a number in front of them. For example, books. (1 book, 2 books, 3 books). You can physically separate the items.

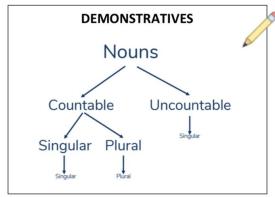
Uncountable Nouns are nouns where you cannot count individual items. These are typically liquids, abstract ideas, gases and powders. For example, water. It is possible to convert uncountable nouns into countable nouns by using a partitive. For example, a bottle of water.

Depending on whether a noun is countable or uncountable, every grammatical element in a sentence will change.











Face and Body

Face and Body

Arm

Back

Body

Ear

Elbow

Eye

Face

Finger

Foot (feet)

Hair

Hand

Head

Knee

Leg

Mouth

Neck

Nose

Shoulder

Stomach

Toe

Tooth (teeth)

Senses

Sense Noun	Sense Verb	Sense Organ
sound	hear	ears
sight	see	eyes
smell	smell	nose
taste	taste	tongue/mouth
touch	touch	hands

