

Elementary English A2.1

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Elementary English A2.1 Objectives

Sentence Structure

- To learn the basic parts of speech in English, how they are used and their characteristics
- To learn the three basic sentence structures in English
- To create my own sentences in English using knowledge of parts of speech and sentence structure

Meals

- To learn food and drinks vocabulary and pronounce these words correctly
- To learn phrases to talk about meals in English
- To feel confident talking about my diet and meals in English
- To understand when other people talk about their diet and meals

Much and Many

- To define a quantifier
- To understand the difference between much and many
- To understand and use the expression "how much" correctly as both a quantity and a price
- To use the expressions so much, so many, too much, too many, this much and that much
- To know when an expression with much or many needs an additional preposition "of"

Indefinite Pronouns

- To understand why an indefinite pronoun is used in a sentence in English
- To use the indefinite pronouns some, any, every and no correctly
- To use the words where, place, one, body and thing with indefinite pronouns to create compound words
- To pronounce all indefinite pronouns and compound words correctly

Pets

- To learn basic phrases and vocabulary to talk about pets in English
- To learn vocabulary to talk about parts of an animal
- To describe animals in English
- To feel confident talking about pets and animals in English



Prepositions of Movement

- To learn the prepositions of movement in English
- To pronounce all prepositions of movement correctly
- To use prepositions of movement correctly in conversation

Past Simple Tense

- To understand all the situations the past simple tense is required
- To know the past simple form for all regular verbs and the most common irregular verbs in English
- To use any verb in the past simple tense in the affirmative, negative, question and short response forms

ED Pronunciation

- To understand the difference between voiced and unvoiced sounds
- To understand the basics of the English phonetic chart
- To know what a sound pair is
- To know that there are three ways to pronounce the letters ED when they are the final letters
- To identify which pronunciation a word should have when it ends in the letters ED
- To correctly pronounce the letters ED when they are at the end of a word

Shopping

- To use the verb "to shop" correctly in English
- To use vocabulary around the shops correctly in English and pronounce these words correctly too
- To say and understand prices correctly

Hobbies

- To learn vocabulary to talk about hobbies and free time activities in English
- To pronounce all these new words correctly
- To understand other people talking about their hobbies in English
- To feel confident talking about your hobbies in English

Modal Verbs of Obligation

- To learn what a modal verb is and why it is different to a normal verb
- To learn the modal verbs of obligation "must" and "have to" in the affirmative, negative, question and short response form
- To understand the difference in meaning between "must" and "have to"
- To understand the form of "have to" and "have got to"



So and Such

- To learn the definitions of the intensifiers "so" and "such"
- To learn the structure of sentences that use "so" and "such"
- To understand native informal expressions that use "so" and "such"

Silent Letters

- To learn all the silent letters rules for all letters of the alphabet in English
- To learn some typical words that have silent letters
- To recognise and correctly pronounce a word with silent letters when reading in English

Zero Conditional

- To learn what a conditional is and why we use it in English
- To learn the correct structure of the zero conditional
- To use the zero conditional in conversation and writing in English

Object Pronouns

- To learn what all seven object pronouns are in English
- To pronounce all object pronouns correctly
- To understand the difference between possessive pronouns, possessive adjectives, personal pronouns and object pronouns and use them all correctly in English

/I/ and /iI/

- To learn the correct pronunciation of the vowel sounds /I/ and /iː/
- To hear and correctly pronounce both of these sounds as different vowel sounds
- To use these sounds correctly in minimal pairs

On Holiday

- To learn relevant vocabulary to talk about holidays in English, including types of holidays, typical holidays items and typical holiday activities
- To learn useful phrases to talk about holidays
- To feel confident talking about holidays in English

Going To Future

- To learn the correct use of the going to future
- To learn the correct structure and form of the going to future in affirmative, negative, questions and short responses
- To learn some keywords and phrases that are typically used with the going to future
- To use the going to future comfortably in conversations in English



Will Future

- To learn the correct use of the will future
- To learn the correct structure and form of the will future in affirmative, negative, questions and short responses
- To learn some keywords and phrases that are typically used with the will future
- To use the will future comfortably in conversations in English

The Basic Future

- To know how to create the present continuous, present simple, will future and going to future for any verb in English
- To understand when to use all four different structures to talk about simple future events
- To talk about future events in conversation and use the correct structure in each sentence

Travel

- To learn vocabulary to talk about cycling, driving, a train journey and public transport in English
- To learn phrases and expressions to talk about travel and transport in English
- To be able to express my personal opinion about public transport in my city through writing
- To feel confident talking about travel and transport in English conversation

First Conditional

- To learn what a conditional is and why we use it in English
- To learn the correct structure of the first conditional
- To use the first conditional in conversation and writing in English



Sentence Structure

Sentences tend to follow a particular structure in English. Each part of speech is placed in a specific location.

- 1) Noun → person, animal, place, thing, idea
- 2) Verb \rightarrow action, feeling, process, state, happening
- 3) Subject → name, noun, noun phrase, pronoun
- 4) Adjective → describes a noun
- 5) Adverb → time, manner or place to add information

The most common sentence structures are:

- 1) Verb (known as the imperative form) Watch!
- 2) Subject + Intransitive Verb She runs
- Subject + Intransitive Verb + Adverb
 She runs quickly
- 4) Subject + Transitive Verb + Object She likes chocolate
- 5) Subject + Linking Verb + Noun/Adjective She is a teacher



Meals

biscuit (Am: cookie) blueberry butter cereal coriander (Am: cilantro) chilli cream curry flour ham honey ice mineral water jam oil mushroom olive omelette pizza pepper raspberry salt steak strawberry sugar sweetcorn toast

Useful Phrases

Question	Answer
What is your favourite meal?	My favourite meal is
I find pizza really tasty! I think pizza is really delicious!	
What are the traditional meals from your country?	The traditional meals are
How does your burger taste?	It tastes;
What do you usually eat for breakfast?	For breakfast, I usually have
Do you have a sweet tooth?	Yes, I definitely have a sweet tooth No, I don't really like sweet food



Much and Many

Much and many are quantifiers that are used before a noun. They express that a quantity is large. Both words have the same meaning but must be used in different ways. Much is always used with uncountable nouns whilst many is used with plural, countable nouns.

Much and many are more commonly used in questions and in negative sentences, but they can be used in affirmative sentences too.

There are different ways we can use these words, as seen in the table below.

	Countable Plural Nouns	Uncountable Nouns
Question	How many?	How much?
Replace "very"	So many	So much
Unnecessarily large quantity	Too many	Too much

We can also express the size of something by using the demonstrative this/this plus much/many. To do this you must also use a hand gesture to show the size. For example, I've only eaten this much!



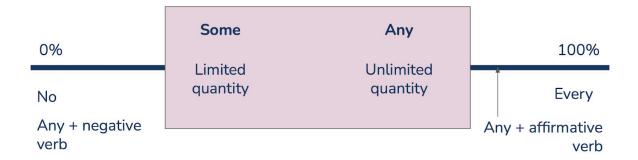
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- ⚠ When there is an article (a, an, the), demonstrative (this, that, these, those), possessive adjective (my, your, his, her, its, our, their) or object pronoun (me, you, him, her, it, us, them) directly before the noun, then we must use much of and many of. How many of your shoes are clean? How much of this cake have you eaten?
- ⚠ The expression "how much" also has a different meaning. When we want to ask the cost of something, we ask the question "how much?" It doesn't matter whether the noun is countable or uncountable, but the verb will most likely be "to be" or "to cost" *How much does this cake cost?*



Indefinite Pronouns

The four main indefinite pronouns are some, any, every and no. They are used to express a non-specific quantity.



- Some can be used in affirmative sentences and questions and it's always followed by a plural or uncountable noun. It means "limited quantity".
- Any can be used in affirmative and negative sentences as well as questions and it's always followed by a plural or uncountable noun. It means "unlimited quantity".
- Every can be used in affirmative and negative sentences as well as questions and it's always followed by a singular noun. It means 100%
- No can be used in affirmative sentences and questions and it's always followed by a plural or uncountable noun
 - Some v Any (affirmative): Some is "a few" but any is 100%
 - Some v Any (questions): Some is when you have inside knowledge or expect the answer to be yes but any is when you don't know what the answer will be
 - Every v Any (affirmative): Every is 100%, any is flexible and doesn't always mean 100%
 - **No v Any**: Both have the same meaning, the functions are different.

All indefinite pronouns can be used with the compound words where, place, body, one and thing.



Pets

Caring for Pets

Bedding

To care

To clean

To cuddle

To dig

To feed

Food bowl

Hay

Food pellets

To groom

To jump

To kiss

To lick

Litter tray

To look after somebody

To moult

Pen

Rabbit hutch

To rinse off

To run around

To stroke

Parts of an Animal

Paw

Coat/ Fur

Nail

Tail

Whisker

Wing

Feather

Fin

Hoof

Shell



Prepositions of Movement

Prepositions of movement are small words that express the way somebody moves or the direction they are going.

to	down	along
from	over	through
on/on	to	across
off	(5 towards	round
up	away	past



Past Simple

The past simple tense is used to talk about any event that happened in the past and has finished, including events that happened once or were repeated, a series of events, a duration of time in the past, with a changed state and with stative verbs. Keywords typically used in the past simple tense are: **ago**, **yesterday**, **in**, **once**, **then**, **this** and **last**.

To create the past simple tense, typically we add ED to the end of the infinitive verb, but there are a few exceptions;

- \blacksquare Last letters are consonant, vowel, consonant, double the final consonant then add ED \rightarrow **stop stopped** (unless the final letter is an X or W or the stress is on the first syllable of the verb)
- \implies Last letter is E, only add D \rightarrow dance danced
- Last letter is C, add KED → picnic picnicked
- \blacksquare Last letters are consonant + Y, eliminate Y and add IED \rightarrow study studied
- \blacksquare Last letters are vowel + Y, add ED \rightarrow play played
- There are also numerous irregular verbs you need to learn (including the verb "to be"

Affirmative	Negative	Question
l walked	l didn't walk	Did I walk?
You walked	You didn't walk	Did you walk?
He walked	He didn't walk Did he walk?	
She walked	She didn't walk Did she walk?	
It walked	It didn't walk Did it walk?	
We walked	We didn't walk Did we walk	
They walked	They didn't walk Did they walk?	



ED Pronunciation

These rules apply to all words that end in ED. Typically, this is for regular past simple verbs, the regular past participle and for adjectives. In order to identify the pronunciation of the final ED, you must look at the penultimate sound in the word.

There are three ways to pronounce an ED ending and these are /t/, /d/ and /id/.

/d/	/t/	/id/
If the penultimate sound is	If the penultimate sound if	If the penultimate sound is /t/
voiced	unvoiced	or /d/
 /b/ grabbed 	 /p/jumped 	 /t/ waited
• /g/ hugged	 /k/ kicked 	• /d/ needed
• /n/ owned	 /f/ puffed 	
• /m/ hummed	 /θ/ frothed 	
• /j/ played	• /ʧ/ watched	
• /ŋ/ belonged	• /s/ missed	
• /r/ roared	/ʃ/ washed	
• /v/ saved		
• /w/ bowed	/h/ There are no examples as an	
• /\/ pulled	H would be silent as a final letter	
• /ð/ loathed		
• /z/ buzzes		
• /ʤ/ judged		
• /ʒ/ massaged		
VOWELS		



Shopping

advertisement aisle barcode bill card machine cashier checkout cheap debit card/credit card customer discount expensive loyalty card to pay for something pound coin receipt sale

saleshop assistantshoppershopping bagshopping basketshopping trolley

to spend till

Useful Phrases

Asking about price	How much does this cost?How much is this?What's the price of these tomatoes?	
Responding to price	 □ That's £15.00 in total □ That'll be £15.00, please □ The price is £15.00 □ It costs £15.00 	
Asking for help	Excuse me, I'm looking for some potatoes, do you know where I can find them?Excuse me, please could you help me?	
Help offered from a shop assistant	Hello, how can I help you?Are you looking for something?How can I help you?	
Responding to help offered from a shop assistant	 Yes please, I'm looking for bananas Yes please, I can't seem to find bananas No thank you, I'm just looking 	
Questions at the till	 Would you like a bag? Do you have a loyalty card? Are you paying by cash or card? Would you like a receipt? 	



Hobbies

board game camping campsite CD player to chat with friends chess to chill to collect collection concert digital camera festival gamer to go out dancing to go to the beach to join a club to meet up with friends MP3 player painting partying photographer photography quiz

Useful Phrases

video games

To be a keen

To be fascinated by ...

To have so much in common

When I grow up, I'd love to be ...

To be good at something



Modal Verbs of Obligation

A modal verb is a very special type of verb because it is used in a different way. It has the same conjugation for all subjects, it doesn't exist in all tenses and it must be followed by an infinitive verb. There are two modal verbs of obligation: "have to" and "must". In British English, we tend to use "have got to" whilst American English speakers use "have to".



Subject	Affirmative	Negative	Negative (contraction)	Question	Short R	esponses
I	must	must not	mustn't	Must?	Yes, must	No, mustn't
you	must	must not	mustn't	Must?	Yes, must	No, mustn't
he/she/it	must	must not	mustn't	Must?	Yes, must	No, mustn't
we	must	must not	mustn't	Must?	Yes, must	No, mustn't
they	must	must not	mustn't	Must?	Yes, must	No, mustn't

Subject	Affirmative	Negative	Negative (contraction)	Question	Short F	Responses
I	have to	do not have to	don't have to	Do have to?	Yes, do	No, don't
you	have to	do not have to	don't have to	Do have to?	Yes, do	No, don't
he/she/it	has to	does not have to	doesn't have to	Does have to?	Yes, does	No, doesn't
we	have to	do not have to	don't have to	Do have to?	Yes, do	No, don't
they	have to	do not have to	don't have to	Do have to?	Yes, do	No, don't



So and Such

So and such are generally used as intensifiers in English that have the same meaning as "very".

So	Verb + so + adjective Verb + so + adverb Transitive verb + object + so + adjective/adverb	It is so cold outside She plays so well She plays the piano so well There are so many people
Such	Verb + such + quantifier + noun Verb + such + quantifier + adjective (followed by a noun)	He drinks such a lot of coffee It is such a cold day

Be careful not to mix up the expressions "so much" and "so many" with "so". They are followed by different words.

The word "so" also has some additional meanings;

1. As a result/therefore

I will wear a jumper <u>so</u> I won't be cold My car is broken <u>so</u> I will be late today

2. And/also

He is a nice person, <u>so</u> is she. I forgot my phone, <u>so</u> did my husband.

3. As a filler

<u>So</u>, let's learn about adverbs today! <u>So</u>, shall we go to the park?



Silent Letters

Silent letters are letters that are not pronounced in an English word. Below, you can see the most common silent letters rules, but please note there are still additional words with silent letters that don't follow these guidelines and plenty of exceptions too!

A is silent when the word ends in LLY (basically).	B is silent when MB is at the end (thumb) and when the word ends in BT (debt).	C is sometimes silent when it is next to S (muscle). It is not pronounced next to another /k/ sound (block) and can often merge to a /ʧ/ sound (witch).
D is sometimes silent next to N (handsome) and can often merge to a /ʧ/ sound (fudge).	E is silent as the last letter (love) and words ending in ED have a special pronunciation (kissed).	G is silent next to an N at the beginning or end (sign) and sometimes as GH (high).
H is silent sometimes with G (ghost), with R (rhino) and W (when). Some words start with silent H too (hour).	K is silent at the start with N (know).	L is silent with A, O or L in the middle (yolk).
M is silent with N at the start (mnemonic).	N is silent with M at the end (autumn).	P is silent as PS, PN or PT at the start (psychology). Sometimes it merges to /f/ with P (phone).
T is silent at the end with STLE (castle) or STEN (listen) and with French words (ballet).	U is silent with G and followed by a vowel (guitar).	W is silent with WR at the start (write) and with WH + O at the start (who).
X is silent in faux.	Z is silent in rendezvous	

Irregular words: yacht, Wednesday, receipt, coup, aisle, island, debris, asthma, Christmas, mortgage, often, biscuit, circuit, build, answer, sword, two.



Zero Conditional

The zero conditional is used to express a truth or a fact. If event A happens (the condition) event B will always happen (the result).

If + present simple

present simple

If you mix red and blue, you get purple

Zero conditional sentences can be flipped around too.

present simple

If + present simple

You get purple if you mix red and blue.

The past tense can also be used in conditional sentences to talk about 100% truth in the past time.

When I was at school....

If + past simple

past simple

If I was late, my teacher gave me extra homework.



Object Pronouns

Object pronouns are small words that replace a noun in a sentence. They refer to the person who receives the action.

Object Pronouns
me
you
him
her
it
us
them



LOOK OUT

- \triangle Don't mix up all the pronouns!
 - Subject pronouns are before a verb and refer to the person completing an action
 - Possessive adjectives are used to show possession and are before a noun
 - Possessive pronouns are used to show possession and replace a noun that was previously mentioned
 - Object pronouns are used after a verb and refer to the person receiving the action

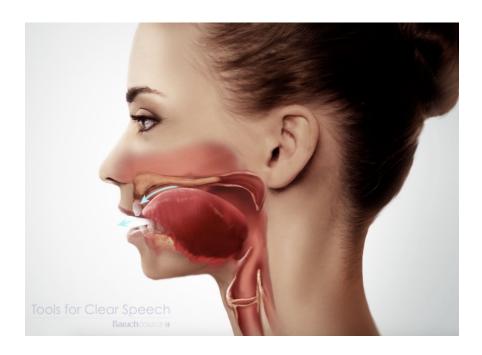


/I/ and /i \!/

/I/



/iː/





On Holiday

Holiday Synonyms

to go on holiday to go on vacation to visit somewhere to go on a trip to travel somewhere a journey

Sightseeing Holiday

coach
tour guide
souvenir
backpack
map
postcard
to take photos
to go to the tourist information centre
to go on a tour
to wander around
to book tickets
to visit the tourist attractions

Camping Holiday

torch

tent
compass
walking boots
fire
mosquito repellent
caravan
sleeping bag
to go fishing
to sit around the fire
to sing camp songs
to go for a walk
to toast marshmallows
to look up at the stars

Beach Holiday

sunglasses

deck chair suncream bikini sandcastle goggles Flip flops bucket and spade shell crab suitcase passport to go surfing to play in the sand to sunbathe to get a tan to go snorkelling to play volleyball to go swimming in the sea

Adventure Holiday

scuba-diving bungee jumping rock climbing parachuting canoeing paragliding surfing horse riding trekking



Useful Phrases

- Do you travel light or heavy?
 - o I travel light
 - I travel heavy
- What is your favourite holiday destination?
 - o My favourite holiday destination is ...
- What are your essential travel items?
 - o My essential travel items are ...
- What is your favourite type of holiday?
 - My favourite type of holiday is ...
- Do you like travelling abroad?
 - Yes, I like travelling abroad
 - o No, I prefer staying at home



Going To Future

The going to future is used to talk about planned future events or intentions, a prediction based on current information and an action about to happen in the immediate future.

Keywords in the going to future include: **next**, **in**, **on**, **tomorrow**, **later**, **today and this**.

Affirmative	Negative	Question	
I am going to walk	I am not going to walk	Am I going to walk?	
You are going to walk	You are not going to walk	Are you going to walk?	
He is going to walk	walk He is not going to walk Is he going		
She is going to walk	She is not going to walk	ot going to walk Is she going to walk?	
It is going to walk	It is not going to walk	Is it going to walk?	
We are going to walk	We are not going to walk	Are we going to walk?	
They are going to walk	They are not going to walk	Are they going to walk?	



Will Future

The will future is used to talk about spontaneous future decisions, true future facts, predictions, offers, threats and promises.

Keywords in the will future include: **tomorrow**, **today**, **later**, **in the future**, **someday** and **this**.

Affirmative	Negative*	Question	
I will walk	I will not walk	Will I walk?	
You will walk	You will not walk	Will you walk?	
He will walk	He will not walk	He will not walk Will he walk?	
She will walk	She will not walk	Will she walk?	
It will walk	It will not walk	Will it walk?	
We will walk	We will not walk	Will we walk?	
They will walk	They will not walk	Will they walk?	

^{*}Will not can be contracted to won't.



Future Simple

There are four tenses that we can use to talk about simple future events. We can use the going to future, the will future, the present simple tense and the present continuous tense.

Present Simple	Present Continuous	Going to Future	Will Future
Future event with a schedule/timetable The plane lands at 6pm tonight After the words when, until, before, after and as soon as As soon as she finishes her homework, we will go into town	Future event that is planned and organised but not to a timetable We are getting married in summer Future events that often involve other people She is coming for dinner on Sunday	Planned future event or intention that is decided but not fully organised The windows are dirty. I'm going to clean them at some point! Prediction based on current information Look at those black clouds! It's going to rain! Action about to happen in the immediate future Careful! It is going to fall on the floor!	Spontaneous future decision I'm thirsty, I will have a drink True future fact Tomorrow will be Sunday Personal prediction I think we'll win Offer I'll open the door for you, don't worry! Threat If you don't come here, you won't get dinner Promise I promise I'll buy you a new phone



Travel

Cycling Driving

wheel
pedal
bell
helmet
to ride a bike
to cycle

to go cycling
Do you enjoy cycling?

At the Train Station

platform clock train railway track lights boot seat tyre wheel mirror engine oil

driving licence mechanic to repair to drive to race a car to racing



First Conditional

The first conditional is used to express a high possibility. If event A happens (the condition) event B will very likely happen (the result).

If + present simple

will + infinitive

If it rains,

we will have the party inside

First conditional sentences can be flipped around too.

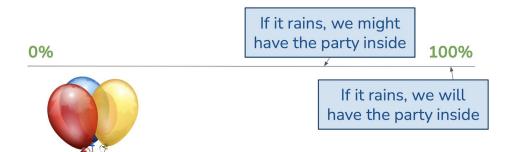
will + infinitive

if + present simple

We will have the party inside

if it rains

The words **might** and **may** can replace **will** to add some doubt or reduce the likelihood of event B.



We can also use the conditional conjunctions so long as, when, as long as, unless and as soon as

