

Level 2 Integrated English Skills VTL Unit 1

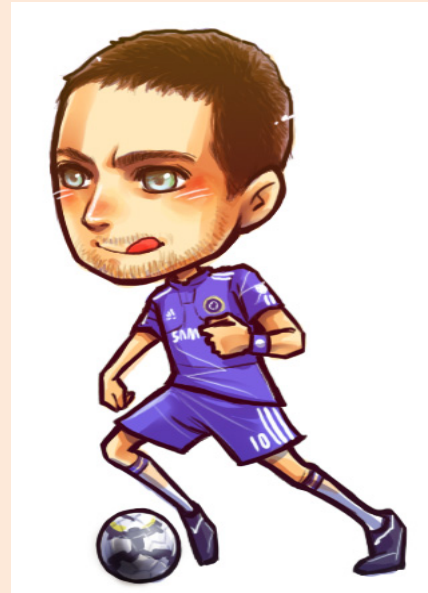
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activity	***	act	active	actively	inactive
***	***	***	actual	actually	***
adjustment	***	adjust	adjustable	***	***
advantage	***	***	***	***	disadvantage
advice	advisor	advise	***	***	***
assistance	***	assist	***	***	***
availability	***	***	available	***	unavailable
balance	***	balance	balanced	***	unbalanced
complaint	***	complain	complaining	***	***
continuation	***	continue	continual	continually	***
discussion	***	discuss	***	***	***
encouragement	***	encourage	encouraging	***	discourage
event	***	***	***	***	***
experience	***	experience	experienced	***	inexperienced
facility	***	***	***	***	***
frequency	***	***	frequent	frequently	infrequent
improvement	***	improve	improved	***	***
involvement	***	involve	involved	***	***
organization (USA) organisation (UK)	organizer (USA) organiser (UK)	organize (USA) organise (UK)	organized (USA) organised (UK)	***	disorganized (USA) disorganised (UK)
participation	participant	participate	participating	***	***
separation		separate	separate	separately	
suggestion	***	suggest	suggested	***	***
support	***	support	supportive	***	unsupportive
transportation	***	transport	***	***	***
variety	***	vary	various	***	***

Activity #1: Definitions

Instructions

Match the definition with the VTL word by choosing the correct VTL word from the dropdown box.

1. an opinion about what someone should or should not do; a recommendation
2. something useful or interesting to do; work that involves direct experience
3. help or support
4. a kind of change
5. not busy; easy to get
6. a strength or benefit
7. real; true
8. a conversation, spoken or in writing



Activity #2: Definitions

Instructions

Match the definition with the VTL word by choosing the correct VTL word from the dropdown box.

1. equal distribution of weight
2. something important that happens
3. to give confidence
4. a building or place which has a specific purpose
5. meeting or seeing something for yourself
6. a negative comment about something or someone
7. how often something happens
8. an idea offered as a possibility



Activity #3: Definitions

Instructions

Match the definition with the VTL word by choosing the correct VTL word from the dropdown box.

1. to put into order
2. to take part or share in something; to join in
3. different types of things
4. to get better or make better
5. to move something from one place to another
6. to hold up; to encourage
7. a break; when things are not joined together



Activity #4: Parts of Speech

Instructions

Choose the correct part of speech to complete each sentence.

1. My favourite free-time _____ is swimming.
2. Ali thought he failed the exam, but he _____ passed with a score of 75%.
3. There are _____ ways to help poor people, if you are really interested.
4. It is a great _____ to speak two or more languages well.
5. You should eat a _____ diet if you want to stay healthy.
6. Shamsa wanted to improve her marks, so asked her teacher for _____ .

Activity #5: Parts of Speech

Instructions

Choose the correct part of speech to complete each sentence.

1. Aisha _____ meets her friends at Starbucks after she finishes her classes.
2. Students learn more if they _____ in all classroom activities.
3. My sister is very _____ in charity work; she volunteers with the Red Crescent.
4. Sports _____ at the UAEU include a gym, a pool, and tennis courts.
5. When our car stopped on the highway to Dubai, a police officer came to _____ us.
6. In my first month in the hostel, I was very sad to be _____ from my family.

Activity #6: Parts of Speech

Instructions

Choose the correct part of speech to complete each sentence.

1. Alia and Maitha had different ideas about their project, so they had a long _____ about it.
2. My big sister is always _____ to help me; she is never too busy if I need her.
3. It's so cold in this classroom! Can you please _____ the AC temperature?
4. Most parents _____ their children to study hard in school.
5. In the first week of every semester, many students _____ that their iPads don't work well.
6. My sister's wedding was a wonderful _____. There was great food, music and dancing.

Activity #7: Parts of Speech**Instructions**

Choose the correct part of speech to complete each sentence.

1. Studying in Canada for a year was a wonderful _____ for my brother.
2. Noura knows that if she goes to the Speaking Centre every week, her speaking will _____.
3. Budoor is a very _____ student; she has different folders for all her subjects.
4. My IT teacher is too busy; I need help with my project, but he is _____ .
5. Before we got cars, people used horses and camels for _____ .
6. If you have questions about English grammar, I _____ that you speak with your teacher.



Activity #8: VL in Use I

Instructions

Complete the sentences. Use the words from the Word Box below to help you.



Word Box

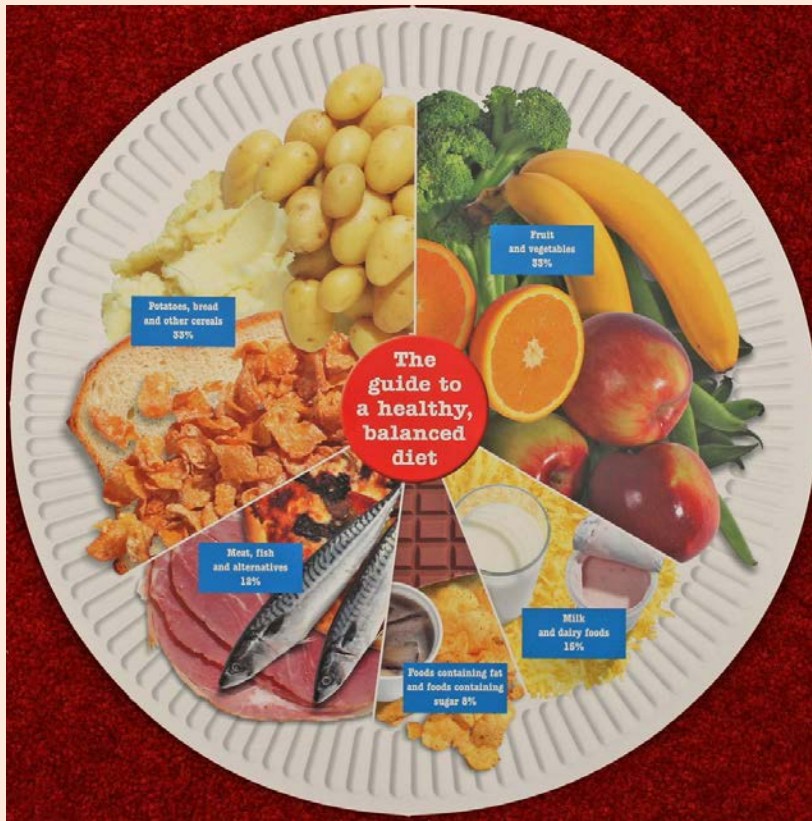
participate	active	assistance	adjust	various	organize	discuss	vary
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1. It can be difficult to _____ to hostel life; students must make some big changes.
2. When your teacher gives you worksheets, don't just mix them all together; _____ them in a file.
3. If you _____ in class, you will enjoy it more and learn more!
4. Lina had a problem in her IT class; she went to her teacher's office to _____ it.
5. If you have a problem with your iPad, go to the IT office and ask for _____ .
6. No two sea shells are ever the same; they _____ in size and shape.

Activity #9: VTL in Use II

Instructions

Complete the sentences. Use the words from the Word Box below to help you.



Word Box

improve	variety	discussion	frequently
balance	complained	advantage	suggestions

1. Everyone in my family loves visiting the Green Mubazara; we go there _____ .
2. I know I should study, but I prefer to just relax; it's hard to _____ work time and play time.
3. Alia doesn't write well; she knows she must _____ her writing skills.
4. The Red Star restaurant offers a big _____ of foods; they have Italian, Chinese and Indian dishes.
5. Dalal didn't know the best place to have her birthday party, so her friends gave her some _____.
6. In the restaurant, the service was slow and the food was cold, so we _____ to the manager.

Activity #10: VTL in Use II

Instructions Complete the sentences. Use the words from the Word Box below to help you.



Word Box

actual	transported	available	facility
supports	experienced	event	involved

1. Hundreds of people came to my brother’s wedding party. It was a huge _____.
2. I thought the class began at 9:00, but the _____ starting time was 8:00.
3. Saif’s IT teacher _____ his students very well; he always helps them when they need it.
4. Ms. Kimberly has been teaching for 20 years; she is a very _____ teacher.
5. Shamsa needs to get a new mobile phone, but the model she wants is not _____ in Al Ain.
6. Grammar exercises are boring; projects are more fun because students feel really _____ in their work.

Activity #11: VTL in Use II

Instructions

Complete the sentences. Use the words from the Word Box below to help you.



facilities	advisor	advantage	activities
frequently	balance	organization	encourages

1. The Al Ain Sports Club has some great _____, including a gym, two pools, tennis courts and a football pitch.
2. If you want to make some new friends, go to the social _____ on campus, like Film Club and games night.
3. Lina’s roommates in the hostel were too noisy, so she asked the Student _____ for help.
4. Sometimes I feel I won’t succeed in my studies, but my father always _____ me to keep trying.
5. Noura communicates with her best friend _____; they call or text each other many times every day.
6. Students who studied in English in secondary school have a big _____ when they come to UAE University.

Activity #12: Vocabulary in Context I

Instructions

Complete the paragraphs below using the words from the Word Box.

Paying for Higher Education in the USA

available	facilities	improve	advantage
encouraging	assistance	advice	event

Paying for higher education has become one of the most challenging tasks facing students and parents in America. Public universities are cheaper than private ones, but the costs for both are rising very quickly. Students need help, and more and more of them are asking for _____ from their government. In addition, parents are _____ their teenagers to apply for student loans to help them pay for university.

These three simple strategies can help parents pay for the best education for their children:

- 1. Have a college savings plan.** Many banks have special savings plans _____. Parents should take _____ of them when their children are still young.
- 2. Compare several different universities.** Look carefully at the major programs offered, and the _____ which are on-campus, such as sports venues, science and IT labs, etc.
- 3. Get _____ about financial aid.** Ask an advisor about the different organizations that give money for education.

As educational costs continue to rise year after year, it is important for parents and students to know that there is money available for them if they know where to look for it.



Activity #13: Vocabulary in context II

Instructions

Using the words from the Word Box below, complete the text below.

participate	organizing	advantage	frequently
organization	events	assistance	available

Group Iftars at Sana’a University

In Yemen, during the Holy month of Ramadan, the Sana’a University supports its students by _____ big Iftar dinners. This helps students to better manage their study time. Just before Maghrib, students form a long line as the sun goes down; they are waiting to _____ in the Iftar celebration.

Sports equipment is pushed to the walls of the gymnasium so 500 hungry students can take _____ of the Iftar meal offered by the university. On long tables, there are mounds of rice, chicken, dates and shafout.

During Ramadan, free daily Iftars are _____ throughout Sana’a for students who live far from their families. Many students come from cities far from Sana’a, and they _____ feel homesick. These large Iftars are special _____ which make them feel less lonely and more at home.

The university does not pay for the Iftar dinners; the Al-Fadeela Association, a local non-profit _____, does. All year, the organization gives _____ to disadvantaged students, but during Ramadan it tries to do even more to improve the students’ lives.



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