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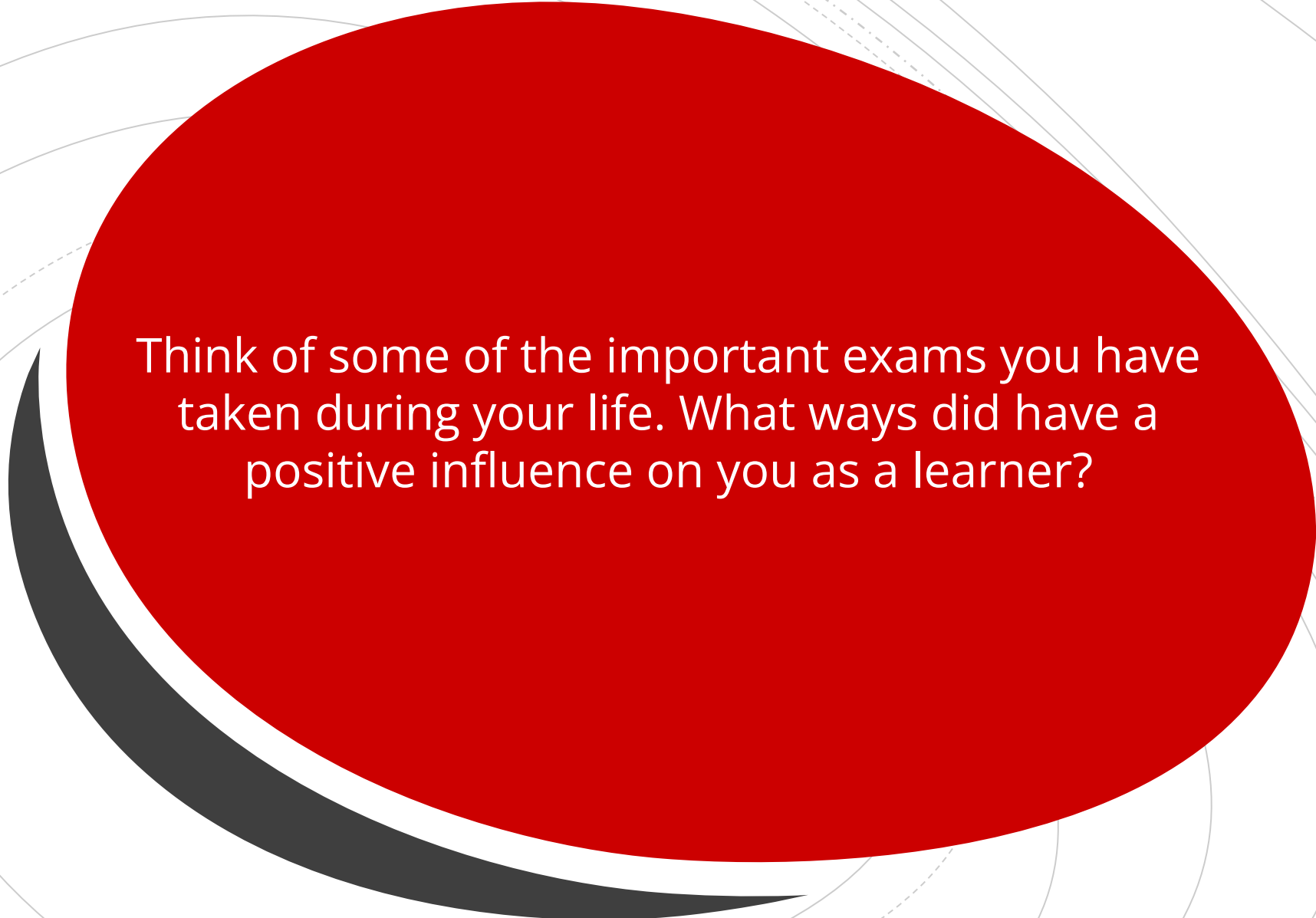


**MACMILLAN EDUCATION
TEACHER TRAINING DAYS**

Feeding two birds with one scone: exam skills in real life

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Think of some of the important exams you have taken during your life. What ways did have a positive influence on you as a learner?

Life skills

“Life skills are the skills we need to deal effectively with the challenges in everyday life, whether at school, at work or in our personal lives.”

Macmillan Life Skills handbook

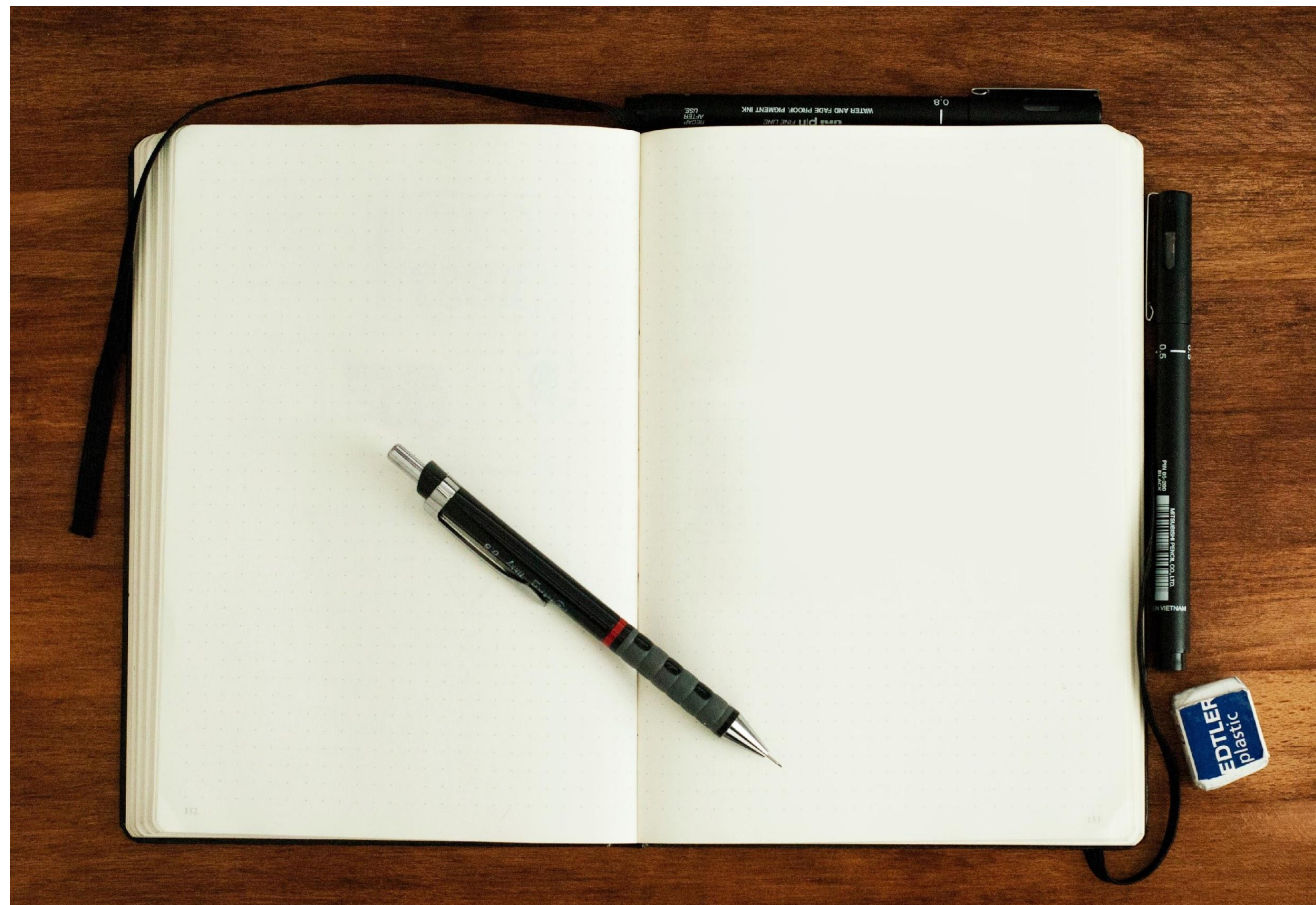
Life skills

- Organization
- Managing time and goals
- Social skills
- Writing skills
- Stress management



Organization

Notebooks



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Notebooks

Vocabulary Lifestyle

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live		alternative	outdoor	
lead		busy	relaxed	
		chaotic	sedentary	
		comfortable	simple	
		healthy	stressful	

Underline those adjectives which could be used to describe *your* lifestyle.

2 **SPEAK** Work in pairs. Compare your adjectives with your partner, explaining your choices.

*I **have** quite **a healthy lifestyle** at the moment. I'm eating sensibly and doing a lot of exercise.*

3 **SPEAK** Discuss the following questions. As in other parts of this book, common collocations are shown in bold.

- Would you like to **change your lifestyle**? Why/Why not?
- Do you **lead an active social life**? What kinds of things do you do?
- What do you think is meant by the **American way of life**? How would you describe the **way of life** in your country to a foreigner?
- What are some of the positive and negative aspects of our **modern way of life**? In what ways, if any, was the **traditional way of life** in your country better?
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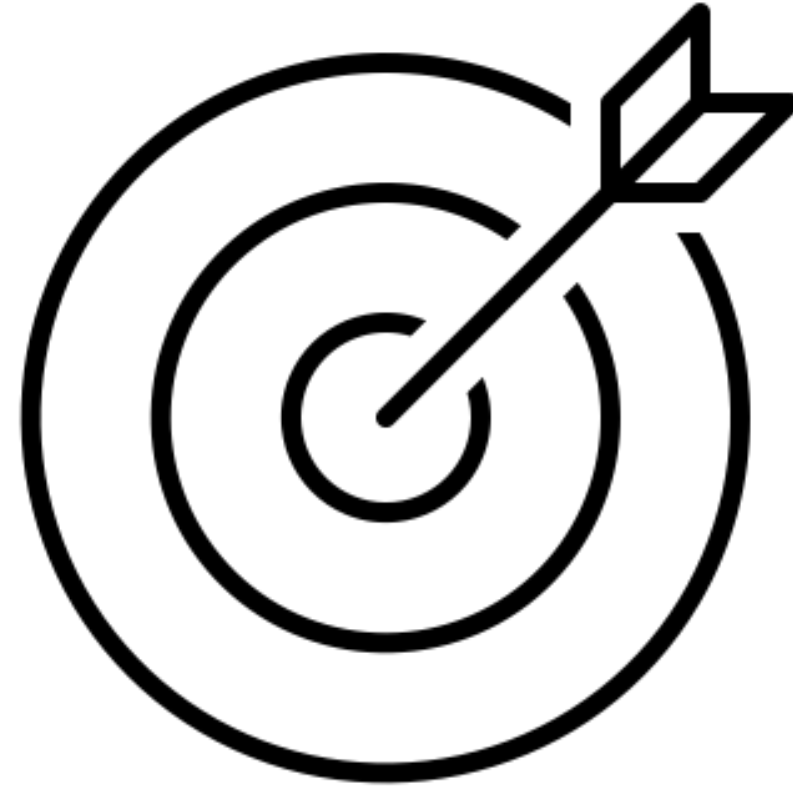
Tips

- New / useful language
- Collocations, lexical phrases, phrasal verbs, etc.
- By theme / part of exam
- Example sentences
- Pronunciation

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Managing time and goals

Short-term
goals



Tutorials



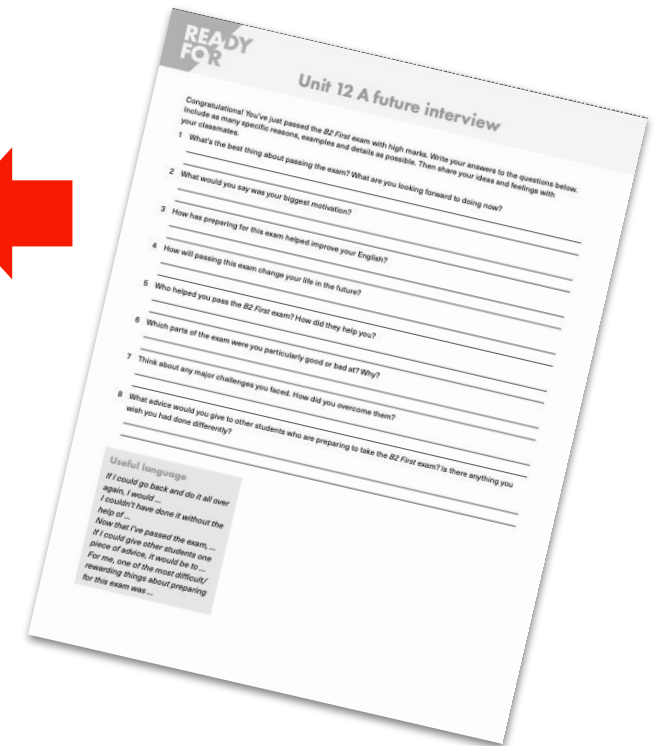
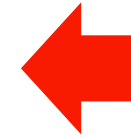
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A future interview

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- Who helped you pass the B2 First? How did they help you?
- Think about any major challenges you faced. How did you overcome them?
- What advice would you give other students who are preparing to take the B2 First exam? Is there anything you would have done differently?
- Etc.



Ready for B2 First, Teacher's Book (2021)

Invite a guest



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Social skills

Pair work



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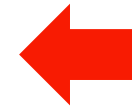
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Speaking assessment

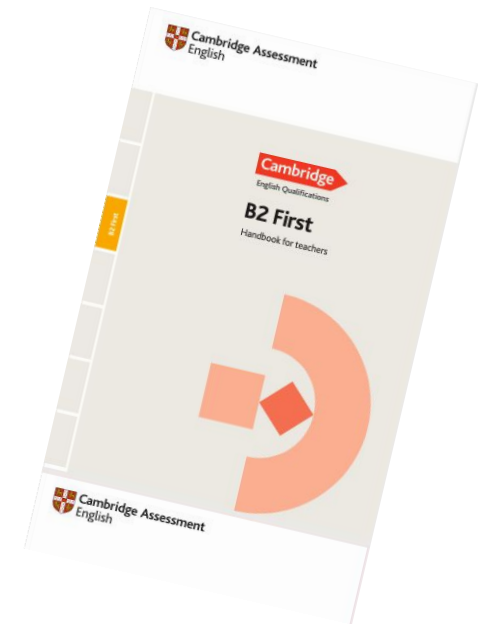
- Grammar and Vocabulary
- Discourse management
- Pronunciation
- Interactive communication



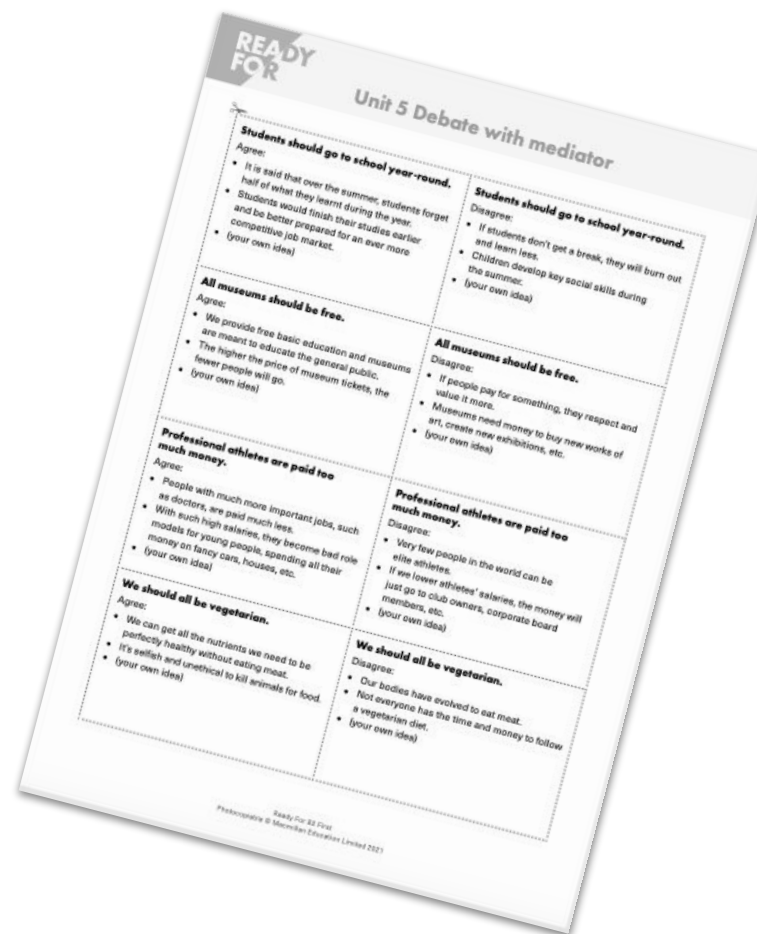
Speaking assessment

“Initiates and responds appropriately, linking contributions to those of other speakers.”

“Maintains and develops the interaction and negotiates towards an outcome.”



Debate with mediator



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Writing skills

Genres

Professional

- Report, formal / informal email

Academic

- Essay

Writing assessment

- Content ←
- Communicative achievement
- Organization ←
- Language

Writing strategies



Writing Part 2 Informal letter

1 SPEAK Read the following Writing Part 2 instructions. What advice would you give Paula and why?

You have received a letter from your English-speaking friend, Paula.

As you know, this is my last year at school, and I can't make up my mind what to do when I leave. My parents want me to go to university, but I'd really like to work as a ski instructor. What do you think I should do?

Thanks, Paula

Write your letter in 140–190 words.

2 SPEAK Read Hugo's reply below to Paula's letter, ignoring the gaps. Do you agree with Hugo's advice? Why/Why not?

Dear Paula

It was great to hear from you. You've certainly got a difficult choice to make. I know how much you love skiing and I'm sure you'd be a brilliant teacher, (1) _____ maybe you should think more carefully about your future.

The good thing about being a ski instructor is that you could have an exciting lifestyle, working in different countries, meeting lots of interesting people and doing something you really enjoy. The trouble is, though, it's not very well-paid work, and the career prospects are not fantastic (2) _____ – you might still be in the same job in twenty years' time.

(3) _____ if you go to university, you'll have more chance of getting a decent job later. It'll be great fun (4) _____, especially if you choose a university in a different town and live away from home.

(5) _____, if I were you, I'd do what your parents suggest and study for a degree. You could always work in a ski resort in the holidays – students get really long breaks!

(6) _____ good luck and let me know what you decide. Looking forward to hearing from you.

All the best,

Hugo

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You have received a letter from your English-speaking friend, Tom.

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Write soon, Tom

For more information on writing informal letters, see [page 193](#).



How to go about it

1 Plan your answer carefully. For this type of question, list the advantages and disadvantages of each option.

Advantages of working in parents' shop: easy work; live and eat at home ...

2 Decide which of these points you will include in your answer and what advice you will give.

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Brainstorming

Using a model

Linking ideas

Structuring paragraphs

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Stress management

Know your
exam



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Simulating exam conditions

- Mock exams
- Official exam timing / marksheets
- Role-play speaking exam

Problems and solutions



What

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Q & A

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