

Theme Number	Theme	Communication	Vocabulary	Grammar	Other
1	Expressing Feelings and Emotions	Giving and accepting apologies	Emotions: amused, annoyed, anxious, arrogant, ashamed, bitter, calm, determined, disgusted, jealous, optimistic, pessimistic, petrified, puzzled, upset	Simple, compound, and complex sentences	Consult dictionaries to discover pronunciation of words
2	Describing People's Personalities	Sharing opinions	Personalities: ambitious, cold, friendly, gifted, immature, mature, likeable, naive, persistent, intelligent, shy	Present perfect tense	
3	Celebrations	Expressing love and affection	Celebrations: anniversary, birthday, graduation, wedding, retirement, promotion, holidays, engagement	Using for vs. since for present perfect tense	
4	Art and Colors	Giving compliments	Colors: auburn, beige, crimson, cyan, magenta, maroon, scarlet, tan, teal, turquoise, violet, black, white, blue, green, red, orange, yellow, purple Descriptions: bright, brilliant, dark, dull, glossy, light, soft, vibrant, warm	Asking questions in present perfect tense	
5	Music and Musical Instruments	Resolving conflict	Musical Instruments: cello, clarinet, drums, flute, guitar, organ, piano, saxophone, trombone, trumpet, tuba, violin		Tales and fables
6	Television	Making suggestions	Television Words: commercial, channel, cable, remote control, program TV Shows: cartoon, documentary, drama, game show, news, reality TV, sit-com, soap opera, sports, talk show	gerunds and infinitives	use context to understand the meaning of words

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7	Movies	Making non-invitations	Movie Words: theater, screen, lobby, usher, film Movie Types: action, comedy, horror, mystery, romance, science fiction, suspense, western	active vs. passive voice	
8	Driving and Transportation	Expressing anger and frustration	Transportation: bicyclist, carpool, commute, dead end, detour, median, merge, motorist, overpass, pedestrian, rush hour, traffic jam	Conditionals (if, unless, only if, even if, whether or not)	
9	The Drugstore and Medicine	Asking Questions	Medicines: antacid, antiseptic, antibiotics, aspirin, decongestant, eye drops, pain killer, sedative, stimulant, capsules, tablets	subjunctive voice	
10	Sporting Actions	Giving commands / Imperatives	Sporting Actions: bounce, catch, dribble, drop, hit, jump, kick, miss, pass, pitch, serve, shoot, swing, tackle, throw	Before and after in clauses	Use synonyms, antonyms, and analogies to better understand words
11	Public Education	Giving encouragement after an invitation	Public Education: absent, assembly, bell, cafeteria, detention, honor roll, kindergarten, playground, principal, recess, report card, tardy, yearbook	Cause and effect (Because of and due to, therefore, consequently, so)	
12	Computers	Admitting mistakes	Computers: apps, attachment, cursor, desktop, device, keyboard, laptop, monitor, file, folder, speakers, virus, mouse	modals may and might	making inferences

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13	Mathematics	Asking for repetition	Math Terms: add, addition, algebra, calculate, decimal, divide, equals, geometry, minus, multiply, multiplication, percent, subtract, subtraction, plus, times	Contrast (even though, although, though, but, yet, however)	figurative language
14	Plants and Animals	Giving warnings and expressing caution	Plants: bark, branch, bush, flower, grass, root, seed, weed Animals: alligator, bear, mouse, elephant, frog, lizard, monkey, fish, snake, turtle, bird	Past progressive tense	interpret figures of speech in context
15	Tools and Maintenance	Explaining pros and cons for doing something	Tools: axe, clamp, drill, hammer, ladder, pliers, saw, screwdriver, tape measure, workbench, wrench	Tag questions	prefixes and roots
16	Marriage and Family	Pre-closings	Family & Relationships: adoption, divorce, folks, in-laws, newlyweds, orphan, relatives, spouse, twins, widow, widower, ex-husband, siblings	Independent and dependent clauses	
17	Around the Community	Predicting, speculating	Community Items: billboard, parking meter, parking lot, traffic light, sidewalk, alley, yard sale, intersection, crosswalk, freeway, square, fountain, neighborhood	Use parallel structures	
18	Barber and Beautician	Phrases used at the barber and beautician	Barber and Beautician: beard, clippers, goatee, hair spray, moustache, pedicure, perm, pigtails, pony tail, razor, scissors, sideburns, wig	Noun clauses	

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19	Doctor and Hospital	Expressing pain, relief and pleasure	Medical Terms: ambulance, blood pressure, cast, crutches, emergency room, operating room, prescription, surgeon, receptionist, a shot, side effects, stitches, symptoms, waiting room, wheelchair	Adjective clauses	
20	At the Dentist	Making and cancelling appointments	Dental Terms: braces, cavity, crown, decay, dental floss, filling, gums, plaque, rinse, wisdom teeth, whitening, toothbrush, toothpaste	Reduced adjective clauses	
21	Business	Expressing regret	Business Terms: bonus, briefcase, client, cubicle, deadline, file cabinet, manager, promotion, quarter, retirement, salary, wages	Adverb clauses	
22	Money and Finance	Expressing concern	Finance Terms: investment, budget, mortgage, assets, interest, balance, borrow, lend, dividends, stocks, bankruptcy, account	Reduced adverb clauses	
23	Airports and Air Travel	Offering assistance	Air Travel: aisle seat, baggage, carry-on, coach, cancelled, delayed, departure, gate, immigration, lavatory, on-time, passport, terminal, turbulence, window seat	Prepositional phrases	Identify and use multiple-meaning words and phrases
24	News and Media	Showing sympathy	News & Media: advertisement, broadcast, classifieds, commentary, editorial, eyewitness, feature, front page, headline, reporter, newspaper, magazine	Past progressive tense	

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25	Science	Checking for comprehension	Science Terms: absorb, condense, dilute, dissolve, evaporate, expand, react, biodegrade, contract, disassemble	Future progressive tense	Use context and grammar to understand the meaning of a word
26	Our Universe	Remembering / Recalling	Astronomy: astronomy, comet, constellation, galaxy, asteroid, meteor, moon, orbit, planet, satellite, solar system, star, sun, telescope	Past perfect tense	
27	College Education	Showing attention	Higher Education: application, auditorium, campus, credits, dormitory, faculty, freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, orientation, transcripts, scholarship	Future perfect tense	Learn different cognates of the same word. analyze, analysis, etc
28	History	Expressing surprise	History: century, dictator, explorer, inventor, rebellion, scholar, invasion, plague, alliance, treaty, founder, traitor	Present perfect progressive tense	Spell correctly
29	Law and Legal Issues	Expressing disbelief	Legal Terms: accusation, alibi, attorney, defendant, evidence, juror, jury, plaintiff, prosecutor, trial, witness, verdict	Past perfect progressive tense	Figurative speech
30	Government	Clarifying what was said	Government Terms: ballot, bill, election, conservative, liberal, majority, minority, veto, citizen, campaign, president, vice-president, vote, politician	Future perfect progressive tense	frequently confused words