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Listening and Video	Reading	Speaking	Writing
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Podcast: <i>The 30-day challenge</i>	Interviews: <i>30-day challenge</i>	Asking and answering questions about challenges	
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Conversation about a survival situation	Article: <i>Lost at sea</i>	Telling a survival story	
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Conversation: learning experiences	Text about learning: <i>Learning to learn</i>	Talking about something you have put a lot of effort into	
Radio programme: <i>The Sports Gene</i>	Article: <i>Born to be the best?</i> ; Two articles about US baseball players	Discussing sport and ways to improve performance	
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Interviews about sports	Article: <i>A nation of armchair athletes?</i>	Talking about popular sports	Article describing data Describing data
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Presenting photos		Discussing photos; Disagreeing carefully	<b>Unit Progress Test</b>
Three monologues: living in different places	Webpage about being an international student 'buddy'	Discussing living in a different country	Job application Giving a positive impression
Monologue: <i>What are your chances?</i>	Quiz: <i>Are you an optimist or a pessimist?</i> ; Article: <i>Why we think we're going to have a long and happy life.</i>	Discussing possible future events	
Conversation: talking about work	Quiz: <i>The unknown continent</i> ; Article: <i>Cooking in Antarctica</i>	Role play: a job interview	
Money problems		Explaining and responding to ideas for a café	<b>Unit Progress Test</b>
News reports: extreme weather	Essay about climate change	Giving opinions on climate change	For and against essay Arguing for and against an idea

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<b>Unit 6 Around the globe</b>				
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6B	Discuss changes	The passive	Describing change	
6C	Introduce requests and learn to say you are grateful		Consonant sounds	Introducing requests; showing you are grateful
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7B	Discuss changes to a home	Causative <i>have / get</i>	Film and TV; Houses	Sounds and spelling: <i>o</i>
7C	Imagine how things could be		Stress in compound nouns	Imagining how things could be; Using vague language
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10D	Write a narrative			
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<b>Communication Plus</b> p.127		<b>Grammar Focus</b> p.134		<b>Vocabulary Focus</b> p.154

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Two monologues about sightseeing tours	Website about four tourist destinations; Website: <i>Where to go?</i>	Comparing different tourist destinations	
Interview: disappearing languages Asking for a favour	Article: <i>Danger! Dying languages</i>	Agreeing and disagreeing Asking for a favour	<b>Unit Progress Test</b>
Conversation: a trip to the Grand Canyon	Travel blog: <i>Around the Grand Canyon</i>	Discussing local tourist destinations	Travel blog Using descriptive language
Interview: 'Smart' cities; Two monologues talking about 'smart' cities	Article: <i>Quick – slow down!</i>	Discussing good and bad points about a city	
Two monologues: house renovations	Article: <i>Who puts the 'real' in reality TV?</i>	Planning a home renovation	
Flat hunting		Designing and describing a new room	<b>Unit Progress Test</b>
Interviews about a new shopping mall	Email: complaining about an important issue		Email of complaint Using formal language
Radio programme: personal finance	Article: <i>Is it time to give up on cash?</i>	Giving opinions on financial matters	
Four monologues about honesty	Newspaper article: <i>Honest London?</i>	Discussing moral dilemmas	
Going to the bank		Talking about hopes and worries	<b>Unit Progress Test</b>
Conversation about a TV programme	Review: <i>Did the doctor do it?</i>	Discussing programmes about crime	Review Organising a review
Conversation about inventions	Article: <i>Too good to be true?</i>	Talking about inventions	
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Finding the perfect flat		Giving and receiving surprises	<b>Unit Progress Test</b>
Four monologues about alternative medicine	Essay about the value of alternative medicine		Opinion essay Presenting a series of arguments
Interview about Dan Cooper	Story: <i>The man who disappeared</i> ; Blog: <i>The wreck of the Titanic</i>	Telling stories about coincidences	
Two monologues: pursuing a dream	Article: <i>Golden Dreams and Golden Girls!</i>	Describing and comparing brave or amazing people	
Celebrating good news		Telling an important piece of news	<b>Unit Progress Test</b>
Monologue: extract from a thriller	Story: extract from a thriller	Describing a picture	Story Making a story interesting

