

Unit Zero Guidelines

Characteristics of Unit 0

Unit 0 is a six-page photocopiable unit that practices grammar and vocabulary areas from previous levels. There are different ways you can use Unit 0.

Using Unit 0 as a diagnostic test

You can have students complete the activities during one class or over different classes the first week(s) of the new school year. You can check the answers yourself, or you can have students do peer-correction. There is also a version in Word for you to edit material that you do not find important to test. This version is designed so that the original document will not be lost even after you have made changes. Be sure to save your new version as a different file.

Unit 0 as a diagnostic test gives you an opportunity to check what your students already know and what you need to reinforce or pay extra attention to, both as a group and on an individual basis.

You can include Unit 0 in students' portfolios, if you keep them.

Using Unit 0 as a preunit

At the beginning of a new school year, not all students have their book yet. The photocopiable Unit 0 gives you material to work with. You can use the unit in class as you would a regular unit. As you come across vocabulary areas or grammar structures that students haven't fully acquired, you can pay extra attention to these areas.

Answer Key

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Key

- 1 2. I was watching TV when the telephone rang.
3. I was talking to (my mom) when (my friend) arrived.
4. We were playing (ball) when it started to rain.
2 1. been 2. played 3. won 4. seen 5. visited
6. eaten

• *Answers will vary.*

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Key

- 3 2. T 3. F 4. T 5. T 6. F
4 2. most comfortable 3. most exciting 4. most interesting 5. most expensive 6. most disappointing
• *Answers will vary.*

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Key

- 1 *Suggested answers:* 2. When I'm sad, I cry.
3. When I'm hungry, I eat. 4. When I'm thirsty, I drink (water). 5. When I'm tired, I go to sleep early.
6. When I'm hot, I sweat.
2 2. study, will pass 3. walks, will be 4. listens, will understand 5. take, will remember 6. have, will go

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Key

- 3 *Suggested answers:* 2. (printed) books won't exist.
3. we will be able to travel to other planets.
4. cars won't need gasoline. 5. we will communicate differently. 6. cars will look like spaceships.
• *Answers will vary.*

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Key

- 1 1. I'll help 2. I'll dictate 3. We'll look 4. I'll take
2 *Suggested answers:* might, could, may

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Key

- 3 2. quickly, quick 3. hard 4. quiet 5. loudly
6. carefully
4 *Answers will vary.*
• *Answers will vary.*