

## Allgemeinsprachen

### English A2 “Refresher”

**Course book: “Life” Pre-Intermediate (second Edition) Split Edition A, Student’s Book**  
(John Hughes/Helen Stephenson/Paul Dummett) - National Geographic Learning, extracts from Units 1 to 6

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The programme for **Level A2 “Refresher”** includes the following:

#### Language functions and topic areas:

- Where are you from? – People like me
- everyday routines
- health and lifestyles
- risks and challenges
- personal qualities
- sport – talking about interests
- holidays – telling a story
- prepositions of time, place and movement
- adverbs of manner and modifiers
- work – talking about jobs

#### Language structures/grammar:

- present simple vs. present continuous
- past simple vs. past continuous
- comparative adjectives and superlatives, as...as
- infinitive and gerund
- review of verb forms: present, past and future
- be going to (plans and predictions)
- present continuous for future arrangements
- 1<sup>st</sup> conditional
- modal verbs: have to/don’t have to/must/mustn’t/can/can’t
- present perfect vs. past simple
- present perfect + since/for; present Perfect vs. past simple

**The course evaluation** includes an oral assessment of each student during the course, and a written test is given to assess:

- Grammatical competence
- Reading comprehension
- Listening comprehension
- Writing competence

**The certificate is awarded** to participants who achieve a minimum of 60% on the written test, who demonstrate a good level of fluency and who attend and take part fully in the activities and assignments (written test: 70 %, active participation: 30 %).

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### English B1.1

**Course book: “Life” Intermediate Student’s book**

(NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition; ISBN-13: 978-1-337-28591-9)

Units 1, 2, 4 + the grammar material from unit 3

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The programme for **Level B1.1** includes the following:

#### Language functions and topic areas:

- Culture and identity (unit 1)
- Performing (unit 2)
- Opportunities (unit 4)

#### Language structures/grammar:

- Question forms, subject and object questions (unit 1)
- Present simple and present continuous (unit1)
- Past simple (unit 2)
- Regular, irregular verbs (unit 2)
- Present perfect simple and past simple (unit 2)
- Past simple and past continuous (unit 3)
- Past perfect (unit 3)
- Future forms; making predictions for the future (unit 4)

**Final written exam:** The final exam is based on the grammar from units 1, 2, 3, 4 and essential vocabulary from units 1, 2, 4.

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**3 ECTS points:** Participants will have daily homework assignments from the course book or workbook and will have to do 3 extra writing assignments in order to get 3 credit points.

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### English B1.2

**Course book: “Life” Intermediate Student’s book**

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Units 5, 7, 8 + the grammar material from unit 6

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The programme for **Level B1.2** includes the following:

**Language functions and topic areas:**

- Wellbeing (unit 5)
- Living space (unit 7)
- Travel (unit 8)

**Language structures/grammar:**

- Modal verbs (unit 5)
- First Conditional (*If*-clauses); *when, as soon as, before* (unit 5)
- Purpose: *to..., for..., so that...* (unit 6)
- Certainty and possibility (unit 6)
- Used to, would and past simple (unit 7)
- Comparison: adverbs; *as...as; emphasizing difference and similarity* (unit 7)
- Verb patterns: gerund (-ing form) or *to + infinitive* (unit 8)
- Present perfect simple and present perfect continuous. *How long?* (unit 8)

**Final written exam:** The final exam is based on the grammar from units 5, 6, 7, 8 and essential vocabulary from units 5, 7, 8.

**The course evaluation** includes an oral assessment of each student during the course, and a written test is given to assess:

- Grammatical competence
- Reading comprehension
- Listening comprehension
- Writing competence

**The certificate is awarded** to participants who achieve a minimum of 60% on the written test, who demonstrate a good level of fluency and who attend and take part fully in the activities and assignments.

**3 ECTS points:** Participants will have daily homework assignments from the course book or workbook and will have to do 3 extra writing assignments in order to get 3 credit points.

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### English B1.3

A refresher English course  
to bridge a grammar knowledge gap and improve fluency

**Course book:** script “Brush up your English!”

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The programme for **Level B1.3** includes the following:

**Language topic areas:**

- languages
- education: school and university
- money
- business

**Language structures/grammar:**

- verbs with prepositions
- reviewing present tenses: present simple, present continuous, present perfect simple and continuous
- reviewing future tenses: will / going to-future
- reviewing past tenses: past simple, past continuous, past perfect
- conditional sentences with if-clauses
- indirect speech

**Final written exam:** The final exam is based on the grammar and essential vocabulary from the script. It includes grammar and vocabulary tasks as well as reading and listening comprehension tasks and an opinion essay on one of the topics discussed in class during the course.

**The course evaluation** includes an oral assessment of each student during the course, and a written test is given to assess:

- Grammatical competence
- Reading comprehension
- Listening comprehension
- Writing competence

**The certificate is awarded** to participants who achieve a minimum of 60% on the written test, who demonstrate a good level of fluency, attend and take an active part in all activities and assignments.

**3 ECTS points:** Participants will get homework assignments from the script and will have to write 3 essays in order to get 3 credit points.