Course content

1 First day nerves
Topic: Starting a new job/Surviving new situations.
Grammar and vocabulary: Verbs that take the infinitive, uses of the infinitive + to.
Skills focus: Reading – gapped text. Listening – listening for gist, matching. Speaking – retelling an article, asking and answering questions. Pronunciation – weak form of 'to', linking. Writing – an article.

2 Happiness is…
Topic: Happiness.
Grammar and vocabulary: Verbs that take the gerund, uses of the gerund.
Skills focus: Reading – reading for gist. Listening – listening for gist, multiple choice questions. Pronunciation – pronunciation of '-ing', the letter 'o'. Speaking – talking about things you like/don't like doing.

3 Could you pass the test?
Topic: Learning languages.
Grammar and vocabulary: Have to/don't have to/must/mustn't, adjectives + prepositions.
Skills focus: Speaking – talking about experiences of learning and using English. Reading – gapped text, reading for information. Listening – gap fill, true/false sentences, listening for information. Pronunciation – stress on prepositions. Writing – a formal email.

4 Should I stay or should I go?
Topic: Giving advice.
Grammar and vocabulary: Uses of should, get.
Skills focus: Reading – reading for gist. Listening – multiple choice, note-taking. Pronunciation – vowel sounds. Speaking – talking about problems and giving advice, asking and answering questions.

5 Murphy's Law
Topic: Murphy's Law.
Grammar and vocabulary: First conditional, confusing verbs.
Skills focus: Reading – reading for gist, matching. Listening – listening for information, true/false sentences. Speaking – asking and answering questions. Pronunciation – homophones.

6 Who is Vivienne?
Topic: A short story.
Grammar and vocabulary: Possessive pronouns, adverbs of manner.
Skills focus: Reading and listening – reading and listening for information. Pronunciation – reading aloud. Writing – finishing a short story.

7 Beware of the dog
Topic: Dangerous animals.
Grammar and vocabulary: Second conditional, animals and insects.
Skills focus: Pronunciation – word stress. Speaking – asking and answering questions, discussing hypothetical situations. Listening – predicting and checking, rank ordering. Reading – gap fill, multiple choice.

8 Fearof.net
Topic: Phobias.
Grammar and vocabulary: Present perfect + for/since, words related to fear.
Skills focus: Reading – gap fill, matching. Listening – table completion, listening for information. Pronunciation – sentence stress. Speaking – interviewing a partner.

9 Scream queens
Topic: Biographies.
Grammar and vocabulary: Present perfect versus past simple, vocabulary for talking about biographies.
Skills focus: Pronunciation – words stress, vowel sounds. Reading – matching, reading to remember information. Listening – note-taking. Speaking – talking about a person's life. Writing – a biography.

10 Into the net
Topic: Sport.
Grammar and vocabulary: Sports, expressing movement.
Skills focus: Pronunciation – word stress. Speaking – interviewing a partner, agreeing/disagreeing and giving reasons. Listening – gap fill. Reading – reading for gist, matching. Writing – an article.

11 Early birds
Topic: Phrasal verbs.
Grammar and vocabulary: Phrasal verbs and their word order.
Skills focus: Speaking – interviewing a partner, exchanging information. Reading – reading for information. Listening – listening for information, sentence completion. Pronunciation – linking.

12 International inventions
Topic: Inventions.
Grammar and vocabulary: The passive, nationalities/people from different countries.
Skills focus: Pronunciation – consonant sounds. Listening – listening for information, predicting and checking, note-taking. Speaking – asking and answering questions.

13 Ask the teacher
Topic: School.

Grammar and vocabulary: Used to, school subjects.
Skills focus: Reading – predicting and checking, matching. Pronunciation – pronunciation of 'used to'/'didn't use to'. Listening – multiple choice, matching, note-taking. Speaking – sharing experiences of school.

14 Help! I can't decide!
Topic: Making decisions.
Grammar and vocabulary: Uses of 'might', noun formation.
Skills focus: Speaking – interviewing a partner. Listening – listening for information, sentence completion, multiple choice. Pronunciation – diphthongs, stress in multisyllable verbs and nouns.

15 Twinstrangers.net
Topic: Twins, similarities and differences.
Grammar and vocabulary: So/neither + auxiliaries, phrases to talk about similarities and differences.
Skills focus: Reading – checking information. Listening – listening for gist, listening for information. Pronunciation – similar consonant sounds. Speaking – giving and responding to personal information.

16 Unbelievable!
Topic: Unbelievable newspaper stories.
Grammar and vocabulary: Past perfect, time expressions.
Skills focus: Reading – predicting and checking, sequencing, sentence completion.
Speaking – giving information, retelling stories. Pronunciation – the letter 'i'.

17 Think before you speak
Topic: Reported speech.
Grammar and vocabulary: Reported speech, 'say' or 'tell'?
Skills focus: Listening – listening for gist, multiple choice, listening for information.
Speaking – asking and answering questions, retelling what somebody else has told you, giving opinions. Pronunciation – double consonants. Reading – reading for gist.

18 The English File quiz
Topic: Revision/question formation.
Grammar and vocabulary: Revision of question words, questions without auxiliaries.
Skills focus: Pronunciation – pronunciation of question words. Speaking – quizzing a partner, asking and answering questions. Reading – reading quiz questions. Listening – listening to quiz questions.