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# English File Intermediate Plus (B2)

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## **English File Intermediate Plus (B2) Student's Book** by Oxford University Press and Skills for English B2 tests

The mapping activity below shows how easily the English File Intermediate Plus (B2) Student's Book (2020), published by Oxford University Press, can be used by teachers and learners to prepare for the Skills for English tests at CEFR B2 level. The table below refers to key activities in English File Intermediate Plus (B2) Student's Book and identifies topics, skills and activities which can be most helpful for test takers preparing to take the Skills for English B2 tests. Note that these are INDICATIVE of possible test content only and NOT an indication of what may appear on any Skills for English tests.

Unit 1						
	Topics and vocabulary	Grammar and Functions	Relevance to B2 Skills for English Speaking test	Relevance to B2 Skills for English Listening test	Relevance to B2 Skills for English Reading test	Relevance to B2 Skills for English Writing test
<b>A</b> Why did they call you that?	Names	Pronouns	Talk about naming customs in your country, talk about brands you like and why	Listen to people talking about their names and meanings, listen to people discussing or reviewing products or brands	Read about customs and traditions around the world, read a short celebrity biography, read a product review	Write a product review, write an email making suggestions
<b>B</b> Life in colour	Adjective suffixes	Adjectives	Talk about personality types (e.g. yourself, your friends), talk about colours you like and the way colour affects mood, talk about memories and senses	Listen to a talk on the use of colour in advertising, listen to people comparing things	Read about the effect of different colours on our mood, read a description of a room or a building	Write a description of your favourite room, write to a friend giving them advice about how they should decorate their house or office
<b>Practical English</b> Episode 1	Reporting lost luggage		Talk about a journey you made, give someone advice on how to prepare for a journey and some travelling tips	Listen to a conversation in a lost luggage or lost property office	Answer True, False or Not Given questions	Write an email about your missing property (e.g. to an airline)

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<b>A</b> Get ready! Get set! Go!	Packing	Present tenses	Talk about preparing and packing for a holiday, talk about priorities and making decisions, give advice on how to prepare for a holiday	Listen to people deciding what to take on holiday, listen to survey results, listen to someone giving advice	Read a quiz and its results, read about how people behave on holiday, read about unusual behaviour	Write about tourism and its effects on the tourist destination, write and email giving your friend advice about how to prepare for a holiday
<b>B</b> Go to checkout	Shops and services	Possessives	Talk about your shopping habits, describe some personal belongings	Listen to people talking about shopping online, listen to a conversation taking place in a local shop or market	Answer multiple choice questions, read about company success stories and strategies	Write an essay about the advantages and disadvantages of online shopping vs buying in stores
<b>Revise and Check</b> 1 & 2			Use adjectives in your speaking	Differentiate between vowel sounds and often confused consonant sounds	Read about how locations or attractions got their names	Use adjectives to add detail to your writing

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<b>A</b> Grow up!	Stages of life	Past simple, past continuous or used to?	Describe different people you know using their ages and stages of life, talk about what age you were at key points in your life, talk about the best age to do things	Listen to people talking about what ages they associate with different activities, listen to people discussing past events	Read about being grown-up, read interviews with people describing their childhood or talking about past events	Write an essay about age (e.g. ageing population, the age at which you think it is most suitable to do things like get married or go to university)
<b>B</b> Photo albums	Photography	Prepositions	Talk about photography, talk about taking selfies and sharing photos on social media, talk about how photography has changed	Listen to people describing a photograph, listen to people talking about photography or cameras, listen to a talk on digital security	Read an advert for a photography course, read advice on how to take good photos, match headings to paragraphs	Write about digital security (e.g. the risks of posting photos online), write about how the taking and storing of photos has changed over the years
<b>Practical English</b> Episode 2	Renting a car		Talk about cars and driving	Listen to a conversation in a car rental office, listen to people talking about driving	Read terms and conditions of a car rental contract, read about driving tests and driving rules	Write an email requesting a car rental, write an email to explain about some damage to a rental car

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<b>A</b> Don't throw it away!	Rubbish and recycling	Future forms: will, shall and going to	Talk about your food shopping habits, talk about how to reduce food waste	Listen to statistics and percentages being given, listen to people discussing environmental issues (e.g. rubbish and recycling)	Read about environmental problems and solutions, read about apps and technology that can help you reduce waste	Write about some initiatives to encourage people to recycle more, write to your local council to make suggestions about an environmental issue
<b>B</b> Put it on your CV	Study and work	First and second conditionals	Talk about your own experience of education, talk about the education system in your country, talk about working and studying at the same time	Listen to people comparing their schools, colleges or universities, listen to people discussing work and training opportunities, listen to people talking about part-time jobs they had	Read about an internship or training programme, read a course prospectus, read about balancing study and a part-time job	Write about education (e.g. age for compulsory education, what subjects should be prioritised), write about the world of work (e.g. whether students should work part-time)
<b>Revise and Check</b> 3 & 4			Talk about age, study and work	Listen to people talking about past events	Read about environmental issues and solutions	Write a professional profile for yourself

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<b>A</b> Screen time	Television	Present perfect simple	Talk about television watching habits, give your opinions on watching programmes with subtitles	Listen to people discussing different television programmes, listen to a talk about characteristics of television programmes from different countries	Read about the history of the television, read about how people's viewing habits have changed over the years	Write about teenagers and screen time (e.g. limiting it, advantages and disadvantages)
<b>B</b> A quiet life?	The country	Present perfect continuous	Talk about the differences in lifestyles between the city and the country	Listen to people talking about why they moved from one place to another, listen to a description of a city, town or village	Matching topics to paragraphs, read people's accounts of why they relocated, read about population trends and statistics	Write about living in a city vs living in the countryside, write to a friend to invite them to come and stay in your region
<b>Practical English</b> Episode 3	Making a police report		Talk about a time you had to report something, talk about crime in your country	Listen to a crime report, listen to news stories	Read about crime, read a police report, read a description of an incident	Write about social problems and possible solutions (e.g. crime, emergency services)

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<b>A</b> What the waiter really thinks	At a restaurant	Obligation, necessity, prohibition, advice	Discuss the culture of complaining in your country, talk about your eating and eating out habits and preferences, talk about tipping	Listen to a conversation taking place in a restaurant or café, listen to someone making a complaint	Read a restaurant review, read a complaint letter, read an article giving advice, read about the custom of tipping around the world	Write a complaint email, write about common behaviour in your country (e.g. tipping, complaining), write a restaurant review
<b>B</b> Do it yourself	DIY and repairs, paraphrasing	Can, could and be able to	Talk about ways to solve problems, give advice	Listen to people talking about abilities, listen to people talking about rules, possibilities or permission	Read about interesting ways to use everyday objects, read an instruction manual	Give practical advice or suggestions
<b>Revise and Check 5 &amp; 6</b>			Talk about hiring professionals vs doing odd jobs yourself, talk about what you can learn from watching videos	Listen to lists of rules and regulations, listen to people talking about abilities	Read reviews of TV shows, read instructions	Write about abilities or give advice



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<b>A</b> Take your cash	Cash machines, phrasal verbs	Phrasal verbs	Talk about your spending habits and methods of paying (e.g. cash vs card), talk about how important money is to you	Listen to a conversation in a bank, listen to a conversation about PINs or passwords, listen to people talking about donating to charity	Read about an invention, read about how a product and its functions have changed over the years (e.g. cash machine), read about a charity	Write about attitudes to money (e.g. how important a good salary is, money and happiness)
<b>B</b> Shall we go out or stay in?	Live entertainment	Verb patterns	Talk about what you like doing in your free time, talk about going to live events, talk about board games	Listen to people discussing what to do in their leisure time, listen to people talking about a live event	Read a review of a live event, read a programme of events or entertainment	Write a review of a live event, write about government support for the arts or sporting events, write about suitable hobbies (e.g. for teenagers)
<b>Practical English</b> Episode 4	Talking about house rules		Talk about the rules in your house, talk about an experience of staying with someone else	Listen to people discussing rules (e.g. in a house share or a hotel)	Read a list of rules, read a contract	Write an email giving a friend advice about moving into a new house or renting their house out

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<b>A</b> Treat yourself	Looking after yourself	Have something done	Talk about self-care and pampering, talk about your beauty and wellness regime	Listen to an interview with someone talking about their job, listen to a talk about fashion and beauty	Answer True, False or Not Given questions, read a brochure for a spa or fitness centre	Write an essay about the importance of wellness (e.g. exercise, nutrition)
<b>B</b> Sites and sights	Wars and battles, historic buildings	The passive, defining and non-defining relative clauses	Talk about historical events of importance, talk about historical buildings or attractions in your region, give directions around a building	Listen to people discussing history, listen to people talking about a historical re-enactment, listen to people giving directions	Read an account of a historical event, follow the sequence of events of something that happened in the past	Write about a famous historical site, write about the teaching of history at school and its importance
<b>Revise and Check 7 &amp; 8</b>			Explain how to do something, give instructions	Listen to a tour guide showing people around a historical site, listen to someone having problems with a PIN or password	Read a tourist brochure, read about a historical site or attraction	Describe a historical place, write about the importance of history, write about health and wellbeing

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<b>A</b> Total recall	Word building	Reported speech	Talk about memory and how you remember things, give advice on how to improve your memory	Listen to people doing a memory experiment, listen to a lecture on memorising techniques	Read about the memory, read about people with extraordinary abilities or skills	Write about a memorable event, write about how schools can help students learn and prepare for exams
<b>B</b> Here comes the bride	Weddings	Third conditional and other uses of the past perfect, adverbs	Talk about a wedding you went to, talk about how two people met, talk about past regrets	Listen to people discussing first meetings, listen to people discussing falling in love, listen to people talking about weddings	Read about past regrets, read about weddings and their costs	Write about customs and traditions in your country (e.g. weddings, graduations)
<b>Practical English</b> Episode 5	Giving directions in a building		Give directions, describe the location of something (e.g. building in a town, store in a shopping centre)	Listen to people giving and receiving directions, listen to people who are lost	Read a news report	Write a report of an incident

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<b>A</b> The land of the free?	British and American English	Be, do and have: auxiliary and main verbs	Talk about cultural differences between your own country and others you have visited, talk about language and different 'versions' of language	Listen to people talking about visiting or living in other countries, listen to people discussing cultural differences	Recognise UK vs US spelling and vocabulary, read comparisons between places, read about cultural differences	Write about the considerations of moving to another country to study or work, write about culture shock, give someone advice who is coming to live in your country
<b>B</b> Please turn over your papers	Exams	Revision of verb forms	Talk about studying and preparing for exams	Answer multiple choice questions	Read about different education systems	Use a variety of verb forms in your writing
<b>Revise and Check</b> 9 & 10			Talk about memory, studying and learning	Listen to people discussing culture, listen to people discussing studying and learning	Read about education, read about culture	Give study tips

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