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The mapping activity below shows how easily the English File Pre-Intermediate English (B1) Student Book (2019), published by Oxford University Press, can be used by teachers and learners to prepare for the Skills for English tests at CEFR B1 level. The table below refers to key activities in English File Pre-Intermediate English (B1) Student Book and identifies topics, skills and activities which can be most helpful for candidates preparing to take the Skills for English B1 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 B1 Skills for English Speaking test	Relevance to B1 Skills for English Listening test	Relevance to B1 Skills for English Reading test	Relevance to B1 Skills for English Writing test
A Are you? Can you? Do you? Did you?	Common verb phrases	Word order in questions	Respond to 'getting-to-know-you' questions	Listen to people meeting for the first time, listen to people spelling a word	Read a description of someone (e.g. personal details, hobbies)	Write an email to introduce yourself
B The perfect date?	Describing people: appearance and personality	Present simple	Talk about someone in your family, talk about dating and matchmaking	Listen to people on a date, listen to someone describing an experiment	Read about family relationships, read about dating and relationships	Write an email to describe someone else, write a profile
C The Remake Project	Clothes, prepositions of place	Present continuous	Talk about clothes (e.g. clothes you like, what you are wearing), compare two (or more) things, describe a picture or painting you like	Listen to people talking about clothes (e.g. in a shop), listen to people making comparisons (e.g. between two photos)	Read about a famous artist or painting, read descriptions of clothes or what people are wearing	Use prepositions of place correctly in your writing, describe a painting or picture you like
Practical English Episode 1	Hotel problems	Calling reception	Talk about staying in a hotel, complain about something, talk about problems you had	Listen to a conversation in a hotel, listen to people making a complaint about something	Read an advert for a hotel and its facilities	Write a hotel review, write to a friend to tell them about a holiday, write a letter of complaint

Unit 2						
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A OMG! Where's my passport?	Holidays	Past simple: regular and irregular verbs	Talk about a holiday, talk about a time you lost something, tell a story	Listen to people talking about a holiday experience, listen to people trying to find missing belongings (e.g. lost property office)	Read an online magazine or blog, read about a personal experience	Write a forum post or blog, use past simple (regular and irregular) verbs in your writing
B That's me in the picture!	Prepositions of time and place: at, in, on	Past continuous	Talk about a period of time in your past, talk about a photo	Listen to people describing a period of their past lives	Read a newspaper article	Write a description
C One dark October evening	Verb phrases	Time sequencers and connectors	Use correct word stress in your spoken English, use common verb phrases	Listen to people describing a sequence of events	Read a story written in chronological order	Describe a sequence using time sequencers
Revise and Check 1 & 2			Describe people, use past simple and past continuous to describe past events	Recognise and answer different question forms, listen to introductory conversations	Read an article giving advice (e.g. photography tips)	Write about an event in the past (e.g. your childhood)

Unit 3						
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A TripAside	Airports	Be going to (plans and predictions)	Talk about a journey you made by plane, describe an airport, give advice, talk about a hypothetical trip	Listen to people in an airport (e.g. passport control, flight announcement), listen to people making plans and predictions	Read a travel article, read advice, read about predictions for the future	Give advice about travel (e.g. to your city/country), write about predictions for the future (e.g. environment, education)
B Put it in your calendar!	Verbs + prepositions (e.g. arrive in)	Present continuous (future arrangements)	Talk about how organised/disorganised you are, talk about what you are doing or wearing at the moment	Listen to people describing something that is happening at the moment or making future arrangements	Read about travel arrangements	Write an informal email about travel arrangements
C Word games	Paraphrasing	Defining relative clauses	Talk about playing games and watching game shows, use relative clauses, describe something when you don't know the word	Listen to people defining things (e.g. what people do as a job)	Recognise paraphrasing (e.g. between text and question)	Write about brain training activities that you can do
Practical English Episode 2	Restaurant problems	At the restaurant	Talk about your meal in a restaurant, make a complaint	Listen to people in a restaurant (e.g. ordering food, complaining)	Read a restaurant review, answer T/F/NG questions	Write a restaurant review, write a complaint letter

Unit 4						
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A Who does what?	Housework, make or do?	Present perfect + yet, just, already	Talk about your hobbies and habits, talk about gender roles in your country (e.g. housework)	Listen to people talking (or arguing!) about housework duties	Read an advert for a cleaning company or a job description for a cleaner	Write about typical roles in your country (e.g. age, gender)
B In your basket	Shopping	Present perfect or past simple? (1)	Talk about shopping, talk about life experiences using the present perfect	Listen to people talking in a shopping centre (e.g. buying something, finding a shop)	Read about shopping habits, read an advert for a shop or a sale, read about business models	Write about shopping habits (e.g. online vs stores), write about life experiences
C #greatweekend	Adjectives ending -ed and -ing	Something, anything, nothing etc.	Talk about how you like to spend your free time, use adjectives ending in -ed and -ing	Listen to people talking about free time activities, listen to people talking about social media use	Read about survey statistics, read about free time activities, read comparisons between the past and present	Write about the reliability of social media, write about how you like to spend your weekends
Revise and Check 3 & 4			Recognise and respond to various different question types	Listen to people discussing duties around the house, listen to people talking about free time and hobbies	Read about language learning, read an article giving advice	Write some advice, write about leisure time

Unit 5						
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A I want it NOW!	Types of numbers	Comparative adjectives and adverbs, as ... as	Talk about different personality types, describe your personality, talk about feelings	Recognise large numbers and different types of numbers (e.g. fractions, dates, amounts of money)	Read about how modern life/technology is changing people's personality and behaviours	Write about change (e.g. social change, travel and transport), compare things
B Twelve lost wallets	Describing a town or city	Superlatives (+ever + present perfect)	Describe a town or city, use superlatives to give opinions about things	Listen to a tour guide, listen to people comparing travel destinations	Read a travel review, read about an experiment and its results	Write a travel review, give suggestions about the best things to do/see in your town/city
C How much is enough?	Health and the body	Quantifiers, too, (not) enough	Talk about your eating and drinking habits, talk about health and the body	Listen to people discussing healthy and unhealthy habits	Read about benefits and drawbacks	Write about benefits and drawbacks, write about healthy habits
Practical English Episode 3	Shopping	Taking something back to a shop	Listen to a conversation about getting into shape, listen to a conversation in a shop	Recognising some common words which are different in US and UK English	Read about a product, read about healthy habits	Make suggestions, give advice

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A Think positive – or negative?	Opposite verbs	Will/ won't (predictions)	Make predictions for the future, talk about positive and negative attitudes and give examples	Recognise opposite meanings, listen to people making predictions (e.g. weather, exam results)	Read about positive and negative thinking	Write about optimism and pessimism, give advice to study for an exam
B I'll always love you	Verb + back	Will/won't/shall (other uses)	Talk about long distance relationships, use correct words stress	Listen to people talking about relationships, recognise verb phrases with back	Read about relationships	Give examples to back up your ideas
C The meaning of dreaming	Modifiers	Review of verb forms: present, past, future	Talk about the things you dream about, talk about what you think the meanings of dreams are	Listen to a lecture about interpretations of dreams	Read about positive and negative dream meanings	Use mixed tenses and verb forms, write about sleep (e.g. advice about how to sleep well)
Revise and Check 5 & 6			Give extra information using adjectives and modifiers	Recognise and respond to a variety of question types	Read about a famous person, read a bibliography	Make comparisons, make predictions for the future

Unit 7						
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A First day nerves	Verbs + infinitive (try to, forget to etc.)	Use of the infinitive with to	Talk about starting a new job, give a friend advice about starting a new job	Listen to someone giving advice, listen to a conversation about a first day at work	Read about workplace etiquette, read about someone's first day at work, read a company's rules for staff	Write about politeness and recommended behaviour (e.g. punctuality, interaction with colleagues)
B Happiness is ...	Verbs + gerund	Uses of the gerund (verb + ing)	Talk about things that make you happy (e.g. a film, music)	Listen to people discussing happiness, answer multiple choice questions	Read about happiness, read good news stories	Write about how to be happy (e.g. work/life balance, lifestyle)
C Could you pass the test?	Adjectives + prepositions (afraid of etc.)	Have to, don't have to, must, mustn't	Talk about learning a language, give advice about the best ways to learn a foreign language	Listen to people from different countries comparing their experience of learning an additional language	Read about an experiment and its results, read about approaches to language learning in different countries	Write about education (e.g. the importance of language learning at school)
Practical English Episode 4	Going to a pharmacy	Feeling ill	Talk about a health problem or a visit to a doctor	Listen to people having a conversation in a doctor's surgery, hospital or pharmacy	Read about illness or advances in medicine, read about health systems in different countries	Write about lifestyle and health (e.g. the importance of exercise)

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A Should I stay or should I go?	Get	Should	Talk about how you approach solving problems, talk about giving and receiving advice	Listen to people giving and receiving advice, listen to people discussing a problem	Read about problems or dilemmas, recognise phrases with get	Give advice using should, discuss the advantages and disadvantages of a situation
B Murphy's Law	Confusing words	If + present + will + infinitive (first conditional)	Talk about likely outcomes of a scenario using the first conditional	Listen to people discussing examples of Murphy's law	Read about things going wrong, read about actions and outcomes	Differentiate between homophones and their spellings
C Who is Vivienne?	Adverbs of manner	Possessive pronouns	Read aloud to help work on pronunciation	Listen to a short story	Read a short story, read for detail to find specific information	Use adverbs to enhance descriptive writing
Revise and Check 7 & 8			Recognise and respond to a variety of question types, use the present perfect to talk about life experiences and unspecified times in the past	Listen to people talking about happiness, listen to discussions about dreams, listen to people giving and receiving advice	Read an advice article	Write an advice article

Unit 9						
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A Beware of the dog	Animals and insects	If + past, would + infinitive (second conditional)	Talk about animals and pets, give your opinion on zoos and safaris, discuss hypothetical possibilities	Listen to a lecture about a type of animal/insect/bird, listen to people talking about native animals in their country	Read about a species of animal, read about dangerous encounters with animals	Write about imaginary situations (e.g. dealing with problems)
B Fearof.net	Words related to fear, phrases with for and since	Present perfect + for/since	Talk about things you are scared of, use the present perfect to link a time in the past with the present (ie. how long you have done/had something)	Listen to people talking about a point in the past that links to the present, listen to an interview about someone's job	Read about phobias, read about people's careers	Write a reply to a website post
C Scream queens	Biographies	Present perfect or past simple?	Talk about past events, talk about things you have in common with your family members, talk about a famous person you admire	Listen to the biography of a famous person, listen to people talking about how they are like family members	Read the biography of a famous person, read about the nature vs nurture debate	Write about celebrity (e.g. the pros and cons of being famous), write about nature vs nurture
Practical English Episode 5	Directions	Asking how to get there	Ask for or give directions	Listen to people asking for or giving directions	Read about the buildings or facilities in a city	Give instructions about how to travel somewhere

Unit 10						
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A Into the net	Sports	Expressing movement	Talk about sports you enjoy, talk about playing and watching sports, describe how to play a sport	Listen to a description of an unusual sport, listen to people discussing sports they play, listen to coverage of a sports match	Read about a sporting event, read about the popularity of a sport	Write a review of a sporting event, make comparisons (e.g. women's and men's sports)
B Early birds	Phrasal verbs	Word order of phrasal verbs	Talk about your daily routine, talk about your job, talk about people who work early in the morning	Listen to people being interviewed about their job, recognise common phrasal verbs, listen to a radio programme	Read about the daily routines involved in different jobs, read a job description	Write about working life (e.g. work-life balance, routines, jobs of the future)
C International inventions	People from different countries	The passive	Talk about people or things (e.g. food, music) from different countries, talk about important inventions	Listen to people discussing different countries, listen to discussions about important inventions	Read about achievements of people from different countries, read about advances in technology and new inventions	Use the passive voice to make your writing more formal, write about an invention you couldn't live without
Revise and Check 9 & 10			Recognise and respond to a variety of question types, describe different nationalities	Listen to people talking about animals, listen to people discussing hypothetical situations	Read about competitiveness and winning and losing, read about sports	Write about animal ethics (e.g. zoos, vegetarianism)

Unit 11						
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A Ask the teacher	School subjects	Used to	Talk about school subjects, talk about education, talk about teachers	Listen to people discussing education, listen to a conversation in a school, college or university, listen to a teacher describing their job	Read people's opinions about other people, read about past truths	Write about what makes a good teacher, write about what makes a good learner, write about education
B Help! I can't decide!	Word building: noun formation	Might	Talk about making decisions, talk about packing for a holiday	Listen to people trying to decide something, listen to a talk about choice, answer multiple choice questions	Read about decision making processes	Write about consumerism (e.g. having too much choice)
C Twinstrangers.net	Similarities and differences	So, neither + auxiliaries	Describe someone's appearance, talk about coincidence, talk about similarities and differences	Listen to physical descriptions, listen to talks about twins and siblings	Read about a website, read about coincidences	Write about nature vs nurture, write about similarities and differences
Practical English Episode 6	On the phone			Listen to a phone conversation		

Unit 12						
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A Unbelievable!	Time expressions	Past perfect	Talk about past events and the order in which they happened	Listen to someone describing a past event using the past perfect	Read a newspaper article	Explain something that happened in the past using the past perfect
B Think before you speak	Say or tell?	Reported speech	Report on someone else's opinion, talk about your favourite things	Listen to people gossiping, answer multiple choice questions	Read an article that reports other people's opinions or findings	Write about gossip and fame (e.g. celebrity gossip, reliability of social media posts)
C The English File quiz	Revision of question words	Questions without auxiliaries	Talk about your daily routine	Listen to people doing a general knowledge quiz	Read a fact sheet	Email a friend/colleague to ask some questions, include rhetorical questions in your essays
Revise and Check 11 & 12			Recognise and respond to a variety of question types, talk about your past	Listen to people discussing the past	Read good luck and bad luck stories, answer T/F/NG questions	Write about the past, use reported speech and the passive

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