



SELT mapping:

Language Hub (B1+)



Language Hub Intermediate (B1+) Student's Book by Macmillan Education and Skills for English B1 tests

The mapping activity below shows how easily the Language Hub Intermediate (B1+) Student's Book (2019), published by Macmillan Education, 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 the Language Hub Intermediate (B1+) Student's Book and identifies topics, skills and activities which can be most helpful for test takers preparing to take the Skills for English B1 test. 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: Communication						
	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
1.1 Communication today	Social media & podcasts	Present simple & present continuous	Talk about social media or technology, plan and present a short talk on a given topic	Listen to people discussing social media or technology, listen to a podcast or interview, answer multiple choice questions	Read blog posts and social media posts, read about social media or technology, read an interview	Use present continuous and present simple, write about social media
1.2 Who owns English?	Interviews & rhetorical questions	Subject & object pronouns	Talk about languages and language learning, use rhetorical questions in a presentation	Listen for main ideas, listen for details	Read about languages, read about statistics or survey results, read for gist, scan, work out the meaning of unknown words from the context	Write about communication or languages, give a friend advice about how to learn your language
1.3 Café Hub	"Welcome back"	Ask for, offer, and respond to help	Ask for or offer help, use a range of everyday phrases/functional language when speaking, use intonation and stress effectively	Listen for main ideas, listen to a conversation in which someone is asking for, offering or responding to help	Read a report about trends	Write a report about trends

Unit 2: Experiences						
	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
2.1 Important decisions	Past experiences & life-changing decisions	Present perfect simple & past simple	Talk about things you would like to achieve, talk about past events, talk about a life-changing decision	Listen to people talking about bucket lists, listen to people talking about past experiences, listen for gist and for detail	Read a blog post, read for gist, read for detail, read about past events and experiences	Use present perfect simple and past simple, write about past events, write about important decisions and decision-making
2.2 You can do it	Inspirational people & problem solving	Present & past ability	Talk about retirement and ageing, talk about an inspirational person, prepare for and give a short presentation	Listen to people talking about challenges or problems, listen to a talk about an inspirational person	Work out the meaning of unknown words from context, read for gist	Write a problem and solution essay, write about an inspirational person
2.3 Café Hub	"Picture this"	Ask for, give, and refuse permission	Talk about something that went wrong or a situation when you had difficulties	Listen to people in a creative working environment (e.g. a photo shoot), listen to people asking for, giving and refusing permission	Read about a quiz and its results	Write an informal email requesting something or asking for permission to do something

Unit 3: On the move						
	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
3.1 Travel experiences	Difficult journeys & behaviour on public transport	Narrative tenses	Talk about travel and public transport, describe an interesting or difficult journey, talk about behaviour on public transport	Listen to a radio phone-in programme, listen to people discussing travel and public transport	Skim a text, identify the main point of each paragraph, read about research, read a journal article	Write about public transport, write to a friend to describe a journey
3.2 Travel smart	Evaluating suggestions & justifying a choice	Articles & quantifiers	Talk about cars and traffic, talk about traffic problems and solutions, talk about environmentally friendly transport options, give your opinion on a proposal	Listen to people talking about a transport scheme, listen to people talking about environmentally friendly transport options, answer multiple choice questions, listen for signposting language	Match headings to paragraphs, answer multiple choice questions, read a proposal	Use articles and quantifiers, write about traffic problems and solutions, give your opinion on a proposal, evaluate suggestions and justify a choice
3.3 Café Hub	"Getting there"	Tell a story	Use functional language to tell a story in five stages	Listen to someone telling a story, listen to a traffic report	Read a story	Write an email of complaint

Unit 4: Change						
	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
4.1 Personal change	Resolutions & plans	Future forms	Talk about celebrations (e.g. New Year's Eve), talk about future goals and resolutions, talk about a life-changing book or film	Listen to people talking about celebrations, listen to people making future plans, listen to people talking about books, complete gapped sentences while listening	Read a self-help article, match topics to paragraphs, read a book review	Write about goal setting, write a book or film review
4.2 Social change	Predictions, problems, reasons & consequences	Making predictions	Make predictions for the future, talk about living in the countryside vs the city	Listen to people discussing future predictions, listen to a current affairs radio programme, complete gapped sentences while listening	Predict the content of a text from its title, match opinions to people, understand paraphrasing	Write about predicted problems and solutions, write about advantages and disadvantages of city and country living
4.3 Café Hub	"Part-time"	Clarify & ask for clarification, make & deal with complaints	Talk about starting a new job, talk about making or receiving a complaint	Listen to people having/discussing problems in the workplace, listen to someone making a complaint	Recognise common prefixes	Respond to an email of complaint, write a short essay

Unit 5: Work and business						
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5.1 At work	Employment skills & workplace benefits	Past habits and states	Talk about different kinds of businesses and jobs, discuss and give advice about employment skills and career interests	Listen to people talking about their jobs and what skills they need to do them, listen for key words, answer multiple choice questions	Read a job advertisement, read about a business (e.g. its history, goals, values), answer multiple choice questions	Write to a friend to give them some career advice, write about the changing world of work (e.g. workplace benefits, remote working)
5.2 In business	Small business & business ideas	The passive	Talk about interesting and unusual business ideas, present a business idea, talk about clothes and fashion	Listen to people talking about interesting and unusual business ideas, listen to someone pitching a business idea, listen for examples	Predict the content of a text from its title, read a business report	Use the passive in your writing, use common business collocations
5.3 Café Hub	"Major presentation"	Structure a presentation	Give advice about doing a presentation at work, talk about a personal possession	Listen to a presentation, listen to an interview	Read advice on giving presentations	Write a covering letter for a job application

Unit 6: Sports and hobbies						
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6.1 Take part!	Sports and games	Modals of obligation	Talk about sports and free time activities you enjoy, describe a sport or game, talk about eSports and spectator sports, give a persuasive talk	Listen to people talking about sports and free time activities, listen to people describing rules, answer multiple choice questions	Read about unusual sports and activities, read about rules and regulations	Use modal verbs to describe obligation, persuade a friend to do something
6.2 Hobbies	Hobbies and free-time activities	Present perfect continuous & had to / needed to	Use common phrasal verbs and verb phrases to talk about hobbies, talk about trying new things	Listen to a radio programme, listen to people talking about hobbies, answer multiple choice questions	Read a diary or blog, read for key words, read for detail	Use present perfect continuous, write about hobbies and pastimes, write about trying new things
6.3 Café Hub	"You got served"	Express your opinion	Talk about how you prepare for doing sport, express your opinion	Listen to people agreeing/disagreeing with each other and expressing their opinions	Read about an opinion, agreement or disagreement	Write an article for a magazine, agree or disagree with a statement and give reasons

Unit 7: Food						
	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
7.1 Eating out	Eating in restaurants	Modals of speculation and deduction	Talk about food and eating out, make speculations and deductions about food	Listen to people discussing food, listen to people ordering food in a restaurant	Read a restaurant review, read an article comparing two (or more) things	Write a restaurant review, write about healthy eating
7.2 Food fads	Different types of food	Comparatives and superlatives	Talk about diets and food fads, compare different types of food, give advice for healthy eating, talk about food waste	Listen to people talking about diets, superfoods or food fads, listen to people making comparisons	Read for gist, read for specific information, read about food and nutrition	Make suggestions for a healthy diet, write about reducing waste, compare a range of solutions and choose the best one
7.3 Café Hub	"Comfort eating"	Make suggestions	Make suggestions, talk about your feelings	Listen to people discussing problems and their feelings, listen to people making suggestions	Read about problems and solutions, recognise common phrasal verbs	Reply in an online discussion forum, give advice

Unit 8: Innovation						
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8.1 Making a difference	Inventions & creative ideas	Relative clauses	Talk about being imaginative and inventive, explain how an invention works, talk about brainstorming and creativity, talk about your life goals	Listen to people talking about inventions, listen to a description of how something works, answer multiple choice questions	Read about how something works, read about thinking outside the box	Use relative clauses, describe a process, suggest and evaluate creative ideas
8.2 Must-have gadgets	Promotion & advice about choosing a gadget	Zero & first conditionals, Conditionals with modals and imperatives	Talk about inventions and gadgets, use positive adjectives to describe something	Listen to a podcast, listen to people talking about gadgets, listen to people giving advice	Read an advert or promotional material for a new product, identify topic sentences and use them to predict other content	Use positive language to promote something, give a friend advice about choosing a gadget, use conditionals
8.3 Café Hub	"Flat-packed"	Give and follow instructions	Give instructions, talk about furniture and building furniture	Listen to people giving or following instructions	Read an instruction manual or an instructive text	Write a biography

Unit 9: The arts						
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9.1 Art for everybody	Suggesting & planning	Second conditional	Talk about art you like (or don't like), make a proposal for an event	Answer multiple choice questions, listen to a talk about the arts	Read about an arts event or venue, match topics to paragraphs, read about immersive theatre	Suggest improvements to a proposal
9.2 Tell me a story	Report a conversation & create a story	Reported speech	Report a conversation, talk about a book you have read, talk about reading strategies	Listen to a book review, listen for definitions of new words, listen to people discussing books and reading	Read a book review, read a biography	Write about literature and reading
9.3 Café Hub	"Leaving London"	Talk about films and books	Talk about your favourite film, talk about going to the cinema	Listen to people discussing films, listen to a conversation in a cinema	Read a film review, read a cinema advert	Write a film review, invite a friend to the cinema

Unit 10: Psychology						
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10.1 Making up your mind	Past events & past mistakes	Third conditional, should have + past participle	Talk about thoughts and reflection, talk about different versions of past events, talk about shopping and buying habits, talk about past mistakes	Listen to people discussing psychology, listen for phrases that support an argument, listen to people who are shopping	Answer True/False/Not Given questions, read about rational thinking, read about consumerism and shopping/buying habits	Write about decision-making, write about marketing and advertising
10.2 Wish lists	Wishes & regrets	Hopes & wishes	Talk about your wishes and regrets, talk about your good and bad habits, talk about to-do lists	Listen to people discussing good and bad habits, answer multiple choice questions	Match headings to paragraphs, work out the meaning of unknown words from context	Write about your wishes and plans, give a friend advice about organisation and memory
10.3 Café Hub	"Come home"	Make and accept apologies	Talk about a time when you made or accepted an apology	Listen to people making and accepting apologies	Read an apology email	Write a report. Write an apology email

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