

Course information



Upper Intermediate (B2)

Storyline

Although the Morton family home is in Arlington Virginia, only Mrs Morton and Jordyn live there full time. Mr Morton is constantly flying around the globe in his capacity as cyber security consultant, Karen has her own apartment in the city and also travels a lot for her job with the Smithsonian and Wyatt is backpacking with his cousin Ethan in Australia.

Themes

Australian Wildlife
Crime
Culture
Daily life
Eating and drinking
Finance
Foreign languages
Geography
Health
History
Hobbies and free time
Homelessness
Hydroponics
Jobs
Jobs - Military
Meeting people
Money
Moods and feelings
Relationships
Reunions
Shopping
Sports injuries
Sustainability
Technology
Translation
Transport and travel
Weather
Working abroad

Number of units

15

Vocabulary

926 words

Grammar

Adjectives and adverbs
Comparisons
Confusing verbs (make/do, take/bring, etc)
Countable and uncountable nouns
Future Continuous
Future perfect
Future Perfect vs Future Continuous
Indirect Questions
Modal -review
Modal Verbs
Modals – can't have, needn't have
Modals of deduction and speculation
Narrative tenses
Needn't have vs didn't need
Passives
Phrasal Verbs
Phrasal Verbs
Phrasal verbs - separable and inseparable
Prefix Suffix Conversion
Prefixes and Suffixes
Prepositional Adverbs
Prepositions
Relative Clauses
Reported speech
Reported Speech
Will and going to - for prediction
Word formation: Conversion and Compounding
Zero, first, second and third conditionals

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Upper Intermediate (B2) Unit 1

Storyline

1. Wyatt and Ethan fly from DC to Perth, and Ethan keeps reading to Wyatt about Australia, much to Wyatt's annoyance.
2. Mr. and Mrs. Morton visit his boss who offers Mr. Morton a job as traveling IT consultant.
3. The Hot Potatoes start their Summer Tour in the South. Felicia asks Pablo about Karen.
4. Karen goes to Belize for her work and stays in eco lodge and tells her mom about it.

Themes

Geography
Moods and feelings
Sustainability
Transport and travel

Grammar

Phrasal Verbs
Prepositional Adverbs
Prepositions

Activity Sheet Topics

- 1 Australia
- 2 Air Travel
- 3 Road Trip
- 4 Stopping as Gas Station 1
- 5 Stopping as Gas Station 2
- 6 Vacations in an Eco-Lodge

Vocabulary

120 words

Video resources

B2 An American in Holland part one
B2 English County Towns - Introduction
B2 Paul Gurney Caricature Part One Video
Grammar Lesson | Phrasal Verbs 1
Grammar Lesson | Prepositional Adverbs
Grammar Lesson | Prepositions of place
Salt Mines and Dumper Trucks
The Salesman

Reading resources

B2 Depression Match
B2 The tree-hefting seed-picker text
B2_1 Going green in your office text
Depression
The Great Wide Open
The Great Wide Open 1
The Great Wide Open 2
The Great Wide Open 3
The Great Wide Open 4

Exercises	Compulsory	Remedial
Listening	13	4
Reading	15	5
Vocabulary	27	25
Speaking	19	0
Grammar	11	0
Writing	13	2
Introduction	2	0
Total	100	36

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Upper Intermediate (B2) Unit 2

Storyline

1. Wyatt writes to Destiny about their first week in Sydney.
2. The boys head to Melbourne along the Federation Track.
3. While camping in the Blue Mountains, Wyatt and Ethan meet some interesting people.
4. Wyatt and Ethan encounter kangaroos for the first time.

Themes

Australian Wildlife
Geography
Meeting people
Money

Grammar

Future Continuous
Future perfect

Activity Sheet Topics

- 1 How Expensive Is It Down Under?
- 2 A Year in Australia
- 3 Aussie Animals 1
- 4 Aussie Animals 2
- 5 Aussie Animals 3
- 6 Don't Feed the Wild Animals

Vocabulary

114 words

Video resources

Australia Promotional Video
B2 Dutch Provincial Capitals - Den Bosch
B2 English County Towns - Bedford
B2 English County Towns - Cambridge
B2 Paul Gurney Caricature Part Two Video
Future Perfect
Grammar Lesson | Future Continuous
Writing Instructions version 1

Reading resources

Australian Camping Pictures
Australian Wildlife
B2 Drugs and Alcohol Gap
B2 Navigate the City of London on foot text
B2 Was Queen the cleverest group ever? 2 text
Down Under
Down Under 1
Down Under 2
Down Under 3
Down Under 4

Exercises	Compulsory	Remedial
Listening	9	4
Reading	19	4
Vocabulary	24	28
Speaking	24	0
Grammar	8	0
Writing	13	3
Introduction	1	0
Total	98	39

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Upper Intermediate (B2) Unit 3

Storyline

1. One of Karen's coworkers asks her out on a date. She agrees.
2. Mr. Morton's goes to Beijing for the first time. But where's his host?
3. Mrs. Morton goes to a garden store and learns about hydroponics.

Themes

Hobbies and free time
Hydroponics
Relationships
Transport and travel

Grammar

Comparisons
Countable and uncountable nouns

Activity Sheet Topics

- 1 Dating
- 2 The Perfect Date
- 3 Traveling
- 4 Traveling 2 (Role Play)
- 5 Hydroponics
- 6 Alternative Gardening

Vocabulary

120 words

Exercises	Compulsory	Remedial
Listening	9	5
Reading	15	3
Vocabulary	22	22
Speaking	23	0
Grammar	8	0
Writing	12	1
Introduction	1	0
Total	90	31

Video resources

B2 Dutch Provincial Capitals - Den Haag part two
B2 English County Towns - Cambridge
B2 Helicopter Maintenance Engineer Video
Business Fail 1
Business failure
Business success
Drinking
Grammar Lesson | Adjectives
Grammar Lesson | Comparatives
Grammar Lesson | Countable and Uncountable Nouns
Mail to Mr Trump
Obama in London Pat Two Video

Reading resources

B2 Get Afloat Under Sail Match
B2 Get afloat under sail text
B2 Golf: A Good Walk Spoiled? text
Business failure
Hydroponics
Lost and Found
Lost and Found 1
Lost and Found 2
Lost and Found 3

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Upper Intermediate (B2) Unit 4

Storyline

1. Pablo and the Hot Potatoes have a gig in Canada, and border control gives them trouble.
2. The Hot Potatoes are out in California and Pablo experiences a small earthquake.
3. After a storm, the band witnesses a beautiful sight that makes Pablo wonder if he left the best of everything behind him.

Themes

Geography
History
Relationships
Transport and travel

Grammar

Modal Verbs
Passives
Prefixes and Suffixes

Activity Sheet Topics

- 1 At the Border 1
- 2 At the Border 2
- 3 Festivals around the World 1
- 4 Festivals around the World 2
- 5 Festivals around the World 3
- 6 Tourist Attractions

Vocabulary

70 words

Exercises	Compulsory	Remedial
Listening	10	4
Reading	19	3
Vocabulary	19	18
Speaking	18	0
Grammar	9	0
Writing	15	2
Introduction	1	0
Total	91	27

Video resources

B2 Dutch Provincial Capitals - Den Haag part one
B2 Highland Folk Museum Overview
B2 Operating Department Assistant part one
B2 Operating Department Assistant part two
Fort and Canon
Grammar Lesson | Modal verbs 2
Grammar Lesson | Passive
Grammar Lesson | Prefix Suffix Conversion
Saleswoman of the Month

Reading resources

B2 Baby Nicknames text
B2 Moving out of London text
Fort and Canon
Hot Potato Pablo
Hot Potato Pablo 1
Hot Potato Pablo 2
Hot Potato Pablo 3
Hot Potato Pablo 4
Man Steals Bucket of Gold
The History of Alcatraz
Why do Rainbows Occur?

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Upper Intermediate (B2) Unit 5

Storyline

1. Destiny gets a postcard from Wyatt.
 2. Mr. Morton uses Uber in Germany and is pulled over by the police.
 3. Mrs. Morton attends hydroponics meeting and learns about homesteading.
- Karen realizes she doesn't feel the same about Joe as she did Pablo.

Themes

Foreign languages

Sustainability

Technology

Grammar

Relative Clauses

Word formation: Conversion and Compounding

Activity Sheet Topics

- 1 Pen Pals or More? 1
- 2 Pen Pals or More? 2
- 3 Is There An App for That? 1
- 4 Is There An App for That? 2
- 5 Date Night
- 6 Ways to Conserve Energy & Water

Vocabulary

99 words

Exercises	Compulsory	Remedial
Listening	10	4
Reading	18	3
Vocabulary	16	18
Speaking	22	0
Grammar	9	0
Writing	12	2
Introduction	1	0
Total	88	27

Video resources

B2 Alan: A Documentary Maker

B2 DPC Haarlem

B2 Lynn the cake maker

B2 Round the World Trip part one

B2 White House - Health Reform video

B2_5 Coffee

Grammar Lesson | Prefix Suffix Conversion

Grammar Lesson | Relative Clauses

Taxi

Reading resources

B2 Bad Circulation Gap

B2 Bad Circulation text

B2 Recycling mobile phones text

B2 The Legend of Robin Hood text

B2_5 Coffee

Boys versus Girls

You Learn Every Day

You Learn Every Day 1

You Learn Every Day 2

You Learn Every Day 3

You Learn Every Day 4

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Upper Intermediate (B2) Unit 6

Storyline

- 1 Wyatt and Ethan finally get to Melbourne and decide to summer there.
- 2 Mr. Morton goes to Mumbai and gets sick the first night.
- 3 Pablo and Karen meet by chance on a train. He tells her he's going back to Spain to work with an architectural company.

Themes

Eating and drinking
Meeting people
Working abroad

Grammar

Phrasal Verbs
Prepositions
Reported speech

Activity Sheet Topics

- 1 Have You Got Your Working Papers? 1
- 2 Have You Got Your Working Papers? 2
- 3 Strange and New Foods
- 4 What Will You Have, Sir? 1
- 5 What Will You Have, Sir? 2
- 6 What Will You Have, Sir? 3

Vocabulary

65 words

Exercises	Compulsory	Remedial
Listening	11	4
Reading	19	5
Vocabulary	15	14
Speaking	17	0
Grammar	14	0
Writing	9	1
Introduction	1	0
Total	86	24

Video resources

Australia Promotional Video
B2 Canadians in Holland part two
B2 Glassblowing
B2 Helicopter Pilot Video
Grammar Lesson | Phrasal Verbs 2
Grammar Lesson | Reported Speech
Indian Streets
Obama in London Pat One Video

Reading resources

Adjustments
Adjustments 1
Adjustments 2
Adjustments 3
Adjustments 4
Anorexia Gap Text
B2 Living in Pakistan text
B2 Rainbow foods and cancer text
B2 The ups and down of flying text
B2_6 Adjustments 2 audio & text
B2_6 Anorexia text
The Mediterranean diet
Traveling the World

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Upper Intermediate (B2) Unit 7

Storyline

- 1 Karen, Mrs. Morton, and Jordyn meet in DC to see a play but end up helping a homeless mother and child instead. (two parts)
- 2 A short but sweet Christmas Skype for the Mortons.

Themes

Culture
Health
Homelessness
Jobs

Grammar

Phrasal verbs - separable and inseparable
Will and going to - for prediction

Activity Sheet Topics

- 1 Homelessness
- 2 Homelessness 2
- 3 Christmas in Australia and in the USA
- 4 Holiday Traditions
- 5 Role-Play
- 6 Role-Play 2

Vocabulary

43 words

Video resources

B1 Obesity Part One Video
B2 An American in Holland part two
B2 NASA - Ares Quarterly Report 13
B2 Round the World Trip part two
B2 Walk through Fleet Street
Grammar Lesson | Phrasal Verbs - (In)Separable
Grammar Lesson | Predictions (will & going to)
Homeless Video

Reading resources

B2 Film Review 2 Match
B2 Film review text
B2 Health encyclopaedias on the Internet text
B2 Jobs for teenagers text
B2 Pregnant at seventeen text
New Christmas Traditions 1
New Christmas Traditions 2
New Christmas Traditions 3
Poverty in the West

Exercises	Compulsory	Remedial
Listening	8	4
Reading	12	4
Vocabulary	14	17
Speaking	14	0
Grammar	8	0
Writing	8	1
Introduction	1	0
Total	65	26

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Upper Intermediate (B2) Unit 8

Storyline

- 1 Destiny in the doctor's office, reads a postcard from Wyatt.
- 2 Wyatt and Ethan stop in Marla for the night.
- 3 They meet an aboriginal man who explains aboriginal philosophy.

Themes

Culture
Sports injuries
Weather

Grammar

Future Perfect vs Future Continuous
Narrative tenses

Activity Sheet Topics

1. Extreme heat
2. Survival
3. Hi, my name's Adoni 1
4. Hi, my name's Adoni 2
5. Sporting injuries
6. An environmental holiday

Vocabulary

50 words

Video resources

B1 Obesity Part Two Video
B2 Dutch Provincial Capitals - Leeuwarden
B2 Media Officer for VSO part one
Grammar Lesson | Future Perfect Vs Continuous
Grammar Lesson | Narrative Tenses

Reading resources

Are you fit to play?
b2 Global Warming Gap
B2 Global Warming text
B2 Gun Ownership and the Second Amendment text
B2 The Olympics text
Pain and Progress
Pain and Progress 1
Pain and Progress 2
Pain and Progress 3

Exercises	Compulsory	Remedial
Listening	14	0
Reading	18	2
Vocabulary	15	11
Speaking	11	0
Grammar	9	0
Writing	10	1
Introduction	1	0
Total	78	14

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Upper Intermediate (B2) Unit 9

Storyline

- 1 Mrs. Morton starts working in a women's shelter in DC.
- 2 Karen calls Pablo while she is in London, and they decide to meet in Paris. They find they still love each other.

Themes

Daily life
Relationships

Grammar

Modal -review
Modals – can't have, needn't have
Needn't have vs didn't need

Activity Sheet Topics

- 1 Volunteering in Your Community 1
- 2 Volunteering in Your Community 2
- 3 Ways We Can Make the Community Better 1
- 4 Ways We Can Make the Community Better 2
- 5 Texting in the USA 1
- 6 Texting in the USA 2

Vocabulary

40 words

Video resources

B2 English County Towns - Bedford
B2 Glengarry Part Two
B2 Media Officer for VSO part two
B2 Round the World Trip part three
Grammar Lesson | Modal verbs 2

Reading resources

B2 Rejuvenated Thames Barges text
B2 The Great Weight Debate text
B2 Travel Gap
B2 Travel text
New Beginnings
New Beginnings 1
New Beginnings 2
New Beginnings 3

Exercises	Compulsory	Remedial
Listening	5	4
Reading	14	3
Vocabulary	16	3
Speaking	14	0
Grammar	7	0
Writing	12	3
Introduction	1	0
Total	69	13

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Upper Intermediate (B2) Unit 10

Storyline

1 Wyatt and Ethan get to the ranch but realize they're not cut out for the work. Neither is their truck. They head to Darwin.

2 While Karen is in London, her apartment is robbed for a second time. She decides to move into her parents' house.

3 Mrs. Morton's neighbor talks her into starting a community garden.

Themes

Crime

Hobbies and free time

Transport and travel

Grammar

Confusing verbs (make/do, take/bring, etc)

Modals of deduction and speculation

Vocabulary

35 words

Exercises

	Compulsory	Remedial
Listening	8	4
Reading	15	3
Vocabulary	16	6
Speaking	9	0
Grammar	7	1
Writing	12	1
Introduction	1	0
Total	68	15

Video resources

B2 An American in Holland part two

B2 Welcome to Scotland Two

Grammar Lesson | Confusing verbs

Grammar Lesson | Modals of Deduction & Speculation

Horticulture

Reading resources

B2 Rock Music Match

B2 Rock music text

B2 The 9/11 Truth Movement text

B2 The Great Train Robbery text

Gardens

Thieves and Community Spirit

Thieves and Community Spirit 1

Thieves and Community Spirit 2

Thieves and Community Spirit 3

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Upper Intermediate (B2) Unit 11

Storyline

- 1 Mr. Morton goes to Turkey and has some challenges with his interpreter.
- 2 Wyatt isn't that interested in Darwin, but it's not because it's a small city.
- 3 Mr. Morton comes home for a visit and tricks his daughter into carrying his luggage.

Themes

Health
Shopping
Translation

Grammar

Zero, first, second and third conditionals

Vocabulary

37 words

Exercises

	Compulsory	Remedial
Listening	6	5
Reading	9	4
Vocabulary	15	2
Speaking	13	0
Grammar	8	4
Writing	10	2
Introduction	1	0
Total	62	17

Video resources

B2 ADHD Discussion Video
B2 Canadians in Holland part one
B2 United Nations Year in Review part one Video
Grammar Lesson | Second and Third Conditional
Grammar Lesson | Zero and First Conditional

Reading resources

B2 Fashion Match
B2 Fashion text
B2 Otters and Anglers text
B2 Tackling the Tiredness Epidemic text
Life in the Fast Lane 1
Life in the Fast Lane 2
Life in the Fast Lane 3

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Upper Intermediate (B2) Unit 12

Themes

Moods and feelings
Reunions
Sustainability

Grammar

Adjectives and adverbs
Prefix Suffix Conversion

Vocabulary

34 words

Exercises	Compulsory	Remedial
Listening	5	4
Reading	11	4
Vocabulary	16	4
Speaking	12	0
Grammar	9	2
Writing	12	2
Introduction	1	0
Total	66	16

Video resources

B2 Dutch Provincial Capitals - Arnhem
B2 Student and Teacher Part One Video
Grammar Lesson | Adjectives
Grammar Lesson | Adverbs of time/place/frequency
Grammar Lesson | Prefix Suffix Conversion

Reading resources

B2 Pygmy Goats as pets text
B2 The Church of Maradona text
B2 Wildlife gardening text
B2 Writing a cover letter text
Home and Houses 1
Home and Houses 2
Home and Houses 3

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Upper Intermediate (B2) Unit 13

Storyline

- Mr. Morton and Wyatt talk about Wyatt's future.
- Karen's plane has some trouble on the way to Russia.
- Mrs. Morton finds out that Sparrow Reed may be in need of some funding.

Themes

Finance
Jobs - Military
Weather

Video resources

B2 Magistrate part one
B2 Magistrate part three
B2 Reporter Part One Video
B2 Reporter Part Two Video

Vocabulary

58 words

Reading resources

B2 Drugs and Alcohol text
B2 How to lose 5 pounds in 1 week text
B2 Luna Nine text
B2 Whatever happened to Global Warming? text
Facing Fear 1
Facing Fear 2
Facing Fear 3
Facing Fear Part Two - Gap

Exercises	Compulsory	Remedial
Listening	8	1
Reading	7	1
Vocabulary	17	3
Speaking	20	0
Writing	11	1
Introduction	2	0
Total	65	6

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Upper Intermediate (B2) Unit 14

Storyline

- Mr. Morton goes to Moscow, but is detained by security. They believe he is a cybercriminal and confiscate his computer. It turns out a hacker has gotten into their files and written information in an effort to keep him out of Russia, but Mr. Morton is hot on his trail.

Themes

Crime

Technology

Grammar

Indirect Questions

Reported Speech

Vocabulary

41 words

Exercises

Compulsory

Remedial

Listening

6

1

Reading

8

2

Vocabulary

15

6

Speaking

13

0

Grammar

8

0

Writing

14

2

Introduction

1

0

Total

65

11

Video resources

B2 Magistrate part four

B2 Mother and Wedding

B2 Music Shop

Grammar Lesson | Embedded questions

Grammar Lesson | Reported Speech

Reading resources

B2 Airport security and ergonomics text

B2 Online gaming text

B2 Youngsters Risk Hearing Loss text

Mr. Morton goes to Moscow 1

Mr. Morton goes to Moscow 2

Mr. Morton goes to Moscow 3

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Upper Intermediate (B2) Unit 15

Storyline

- Pablo visits for Christmas with good news.
- The Mortons spend Christmas Eve at the shelter.
- Wyatt and Destiny say goodbye before he joins the Navy.

Vocabulary

0 words

Exercises	Compulsory	Remedial
Listening	4	4
Reading	11	3
Vocabulary	2	0
Writing	9	2
Introduction	1	0
Total	27	9

Video resources

B2 Canadians in Holland part two
B2 Jennifer - church administrator part one
B2 Jill - Trees for Life
Grammar Lesson | Going to and will
Obama in London Pat Two Video

Reading resources

B2 Healthy eating text
B2 She sells seashells on the seashore text
B2 Was Queen the cleverest group ever? text
Moving Forward
Moving Forward 1
Moving Forward 2
Moving Forward 3