

Rosetta Stone: Professions and Hobbies (Selected Course)

Overview

Resource Type	Subjects	NRS Level(s)
Online	ESL	ESL 3 and 4

Summary

General Information

"Professions and Hobbies," by Rosetta Stone, is a 4-lesson unit with several hours of pronunciation, speaking, listening, reading, vocabulary, and grammar practice for English Language Learners. Each activity focuses on a particular language skill such as pronunciation, but no matter the skill emphasized, the main goal is to increase comprehension and accurate production. For example, in pronunciation activities, students listen to and repeat individual words or complete sentences. In each case, the word, phrase, or sentence is matched with an image, which builds vocabulary and comprehension, while in other cases students repeat a sequence of sentences that match images. In these cases, the grammar is changed slightly within the sequence, so students implicitly learn grammar and accurate language production as they practice their pronunciation.

Throughout the unit, all activities are built to draw implicit awareness to the targeted grammar form, whether the activity is focused on reading, listening, or speaking. In this way, the unit is focused on descriptor levels 2 and 3 (NRS 3 and 4) of English Language Proficiency Standards 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, and 10. Additionally, standard 2 is also addressed as individual activities often feature the student hearing or reading a question from another speaker. When this is the case, the student must write or speak their response, as they would in a real-time conversation. For the culminating activity, students watch a series of images and hear a series of questions from the other characters in the story, the students themselves taking part in the story as they ask and answer questions, bringing a strong focus on standard 2, level 3 to this unit.

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