

Rosetta Stone: Language Basics (Selected Course)

Overview

Resource Type	Subjects	NRS Level(s)
Online	ESL	ESL 1 and 2

Summary

General Information

"Language Basics," by Rosetta Stone, is a four-lesson unit for beginning English Language Learners with several 10-30 minute skill-focused activities that build students' listening, pronunciation, writing, grammar, vocabulary, and speaking skills. Each lesson focuses on a basic topic relevant to everyday conversations and recycles vocabulary throughout, putting a strong emphasis on standard 8 of the English Language Proficiency Standards. In the lessons, students build their implicit understanding of basic grammar forms and vocabulary through matching phrases and sentences to images and noting the difference in meaning between sentences where a single word is changed. In this way, the lesson builds ELPS 1 and 3 as it builds the students' comprehension and production skills, while standards 9 and 10 are addressed through follow-up activities that raise the students' awareness of grammar forms such as subject/verb agreement and pluralization. Likewise, standard 2 is addressed as the students listen to short passages and select appropriate responses. The students also build their phonetic understanding of English as they pronounce individual syllables and words. At the conclusion of the lesson, students view a series of pictures and texts that illustrate a story, with opportunities for them to ask and answer questions based upon the visual cues. In this way, everything that was taught throughout the lesson is consolidated into a final speaking and listening activity where the students practice using the language in a conversation that is designed to simulate a real-life situation.

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