USA Learns: 2nd English Course (Selected Course)

Overview

Resource Type	Subjects	NRS Level(s)
Online	Writing, Grammar, Reading, ESL	ESL 4

Summary

General Information

USA Learn's "2nd English Course" is the final story-based installment of its curriculum, with each of the five units in this intermediate-level course telling a different story as English Language Learners build upon the skills they gained in "1st English Course" and "English 1 Plus." The units in "2nd English Course" explore issues related to the workplace, housing and family life, the law and community, parenting and workplace roles, and education, allowing learners to read and listen to relatable stories as they work on the listening, speaking, reading, and writing activities presented throughout the course.

For reading and listening instruction, learners tackle progressively longer passages throughout the course, meaning they are sufficiently challenged as their skills grow. At the same time, the reading comprehension questions foster a deeper understanding and application of details from the text, while the listening passages are scaffolded with relevant vocabulary and pre-listening questions to help learners succeed. The written passages frequently ask learners to support their claims with details, pushing the activities into level 3 of the English Language Proficiency Standards, while the speaking activities are designed to help students practice their pronunciation of vocabulary and useful phrases.

Teachers may want to supplement the writing and speaking activities by instructing students on the organizational structures they will need to answer the writing prompts, while students would also benefit from opportunities to use the vocabulary and phrases from the course in real-time speaking exercises. Overall, the most frequently targeted ELPS in this unit are standards 1, 3, 8, and 10.

General Information
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