**Sample Course Outline**

English as an Additional Language or Dialect

Foundation Year 11

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## Semester 1 – Unit 1 – Moving between cultures

| **Weeks** | **Syllabus content (drawn from unit content and the Language Table)** | **Assessment tasks** |
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| **Context One: Coming to Australia** | | |
| 1–2 | **Comprehension/Language and textual analysis**   * begin to identify non-verbal cues and intonation to guess the meaning of words in familiar contexts * use visual information/home language/dialect to support understanding of simple aural texts * retell the gist of a story/identifying main ideas in a simple text * recognise the different features of basic text types * respond to simple aural texts about familiar topics * identify/use familiar vocabulary, morphemes and computer symbols to determine meaning from texts * keep charts or lists to organise/classify new vocabulary and knowledge * use dictionaries, including bilingual and picture, and library and web resources to understand texts   **Language competencies**  Semantic   * listen for gist, develop argument and specific content * understand and use words appropriate to the different semantic fields of SAE   Sociocultural   * identify register variations between familiar, semi-formal and some formal contexts * recognise some common cultural references   **Texts:** *Refugees* (reader), Miller, D. Lothian Books; *Lost and Found* DVD Langdon Rodda, AMES, Victoria; [www.abc.net.au/btn/](http://www.abc.net.au/btn/)  *Life Threads: A Celebration of Multiculturalism in Western Australia*, Kerr.E., (ed.) Communicare Inc. Perth, 2003; *Refugees telling their stories.* Napper, T. (ed.) UNHCR High School Article Writing Competition, Australia 2003 & 2004; *In their own voices: Teenage Refugees Speak Out*. Tekavec, V. Rosen Publishing Group N.Y. 1995 | **Task 1: Response (informal aural texts 5%)**  **Task 2: Response (informal written/visual texts 5%)**  Respond to a variety of texts about immigration by answering multiple choice questions and completing cloze activities. |
| 3 | **Comprehension/Language and textual analysis/Creating texts**   * use simple formulaic expressions/set phrases and common forms of address * identify and use common cultural gestures and non-verbal behaviours * question appropriately, knowing topics to avoid * use personal space/sociocultural behaviour appropriately * communicate needs and simple ideas to others using the support of visual cues/home language/dialect * apply modelled pronunciation/intonation correctly * engage in pair/group work * question/check for clarification/understanding   **Language competencies**  Phonological features   * use pronunciation, stress, rhythm, intonation and pitch for emphasis   Non-verbal language features   * use culturally-appropriate gestures and behaviours | **Task 3: Production (informal oral texts 7.5%)**  Participate in a small group discussion considering questions about moving to a new country and the differences between Australian culture and the cultures of others. |
|  | Lexical competence   * gradually increase a word bank of vocabulary in SAE; for example,  subject-specific vocabulary * choose vocabulary appropriate to purpose and audience   Grammatical competence   * use clause and sentence structures * use verb structures and tenses * use additive, comparative, temporal and consequential conjunctions * use correct subject–verb agreement * use reference items to achieve cohesion   Semantic competence   * identify ambiguous or inappropriate communication   Sociolinguistic competence   * question for clarification as needed * initiate, sustain and end conversations in casual and formal contexts * develop and use anxiety reduction strategies   Sociocultural understandings and skills   * identify register variations between familiar, semi-formal and some formal contexts * use culturally accepted politeness conventions in listening, speaking and written protocols * understand cultural differences in eye contact and personal space * identify cultural variations in symbolism, classification and gender behaviours |  |
| 4–6 | **Comprehension/Language and textual analysis/Creating texts**   * develop cursive/print orthography/keyboarding skills * use simple sentences/correct word order/simple conjunctions * spell words accurately * use basic punctuation accurately * develop an understanding about choice of register * use common high-frequency vocabulary accurately * use commonly-used logographs and abbreviations * use teacher editing and conferencing   **Language competencies**  Orthographic competence   * spell subject-specific vocabulary correctly * use subject-specific abbreviations, signs and symbols * understand common logographic signs * distinguish and use print, cursive and diverse fonts   Lexical competence   * gradually increase a word bank of vocabulary in SAE; for example,  subject-specific vocabulary * use synonyms and antonyms as required * choose vocabulary appropriate to purpose and audience * understand and use SAE word order within clauses and sentences   Grammatical competence   * use clause and sentence structures * use different verbs, nouns, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, articles, prepositions and affixes * use verb structures and tenses * use correct subject–verb agreement * use reference items to achieve cohesion   **Texts:** *Effective Academic Writing 1: The Paragraph,* Savage, A. & Shafiei,  M. OUP; *Great Writing: Great Sentences for Great Paragraphs,* various writers. | **Task 4: Production (informal written texts 5%)**  Write a letter to a friend or relative in your home country telling them about your school life and environment. |
| **Context Two: Cultural communities** | | |
| 7–10 | **Comprehension/Language and textual analysis**   * identify and use common cultural gestures and non-verbal behaviours * engage in pair/group work * question for clarification and check for understanding * keep charts or lists to organise or classify new vocabulary and knowledge * retell the gist of a story and identify the main ideas in a simple text   **Language competencies**  Semantic   * listen for gist, development of argument and specific content * understand and use words appropriate to the different semantic fields of SAE   Sociocultural   * identify register variations between familiar, semi-formal and some formal contexts * recognise some common cultural references * use culturally accepted politeness conventions in listening, speaking and written protocols * recognise cultural variations in acceptance of novice and expert knowledge * understand cultural differences in eye contact and personal space * identify cultural variations in symbolism, classification and gender behaviours | **Task 5: Response (formal aural texts 5%)**  Conduct and record an interview with a peer about the way of life in the cultural community of origin. Complete a retrieval chart to summarise the information you hear. |
| 11–12 | **Comprehension/Language and textual analysis/Creating texts**   * identify/use common cultural gestures and non-verbal behaviours * apply modelled pronunciation/intonation correctly across patterns of words * convey simple information in oral/written/multimedia forms about familiar topics * use simple sentences with correct word order and simple conjunctions   **Language competencies**  Phonological features   * use pronunciation, stress, rhythm, intonation and pitch for emphasis   Non-verbal language features   * use culturally appropriate gestures and behaviours   Lexical competence:   * choose vocabulary appropriate to purpose and audience   Grammatical competence:   * use clause and sentence structures * use verb structures and tenses * use additive, comparative, temporal and consequential conjunctions * use correct subject–verb agreement * use reference items to achieve cohesion   Semantic competence   * identify ambiguous or inappropriate communication   Sociolinguistic competence   * experiment with the register of texts (tone, language, audience), developing appropriate use for audience and purpose   Sociocultural understandings and skills   * identify register variations between familiar, semi-formal and some formal contexts * use culturally accepted politeness conventions in listening, speaking and written protocols * understand cultural differences in eye contact and personal space * identify cultural variations in symbolism, classification and gender behaviours   **Texts:** *We are what we talk.* (Workbook, DVD & CD) De Silva, H., Hilton, J. & D;  *Say it Again.* Hajncl, L. AMES, Victoria. | **Task 6: Production (formal oral texts 7.5%)**  Give an oral presentation to the class about the cultural community of one of your peers. |
| **Context Three: Accessing community services** | | |
| 13–15 | **Comprehension/Language and textual analysis**   * understand the purpose of various form of communication in simple contexts * use visual cues to predict subject matter/content in texts on familiar topics * understand the function of different parts of speech * follow the left/right and top/bottom layout of English texts * identify the linear structure of SAE texts   **Language competencies**  Semantic competence   * listen for gist, development of argument and specific content * understand and use words appropriate to the different semantic fields of SAE * identify inferred meanings in texts * identify ambiguous or inappropriate communication * use appraisal to express engagement, attitude and gradation   **Texts:** AMES NSW Website:   * *Understanding good health* * *Beach safety* * *Fire safety Module for ESOL students* * *Calling an Ambulance*   [www.moneysmart.com.au](http://www.moneysmart.com.au); *Driving in Western Australia,* Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre; *Residential Tenancy in WA,* Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre | **Task 7: Response (formal written/visual texts 7.5%)**  Read and view a range of texts related to accessing services in Australia – health care, transport and financial services. Complete comprehension activities in response. |
| 16–19 | **Comprehension/Language and textual analysis/Creating texts**   * develop cursive/print orthography/keyboarding skills * convey simple information in oral/written/multimedia forms * use simple sentences/correct word order/simple conjunctions * spell words accurately * use basic punctuation accurately * develop an understanding about choice of register * use common high-frequency vocabulary accurately * use commonly-used logographs and abbreviations * use teacher editing/conferencing   **Language competencies**  Orthographic competence   * spell subject-specific vocabulary correctly * use subject-specific abbreviations, signs and symbols   Lexical competence   * gradually increase a word bank of vocabulary in SAE; for example,  subject-specific vocabulary * use synonyms and antonyms as required * choose vocabulary appropriate to purpose and audience * understand and use SAE word order within clauses and sentences   Grammatical competence   * use clause and sentence structures * use different verbs, nouns, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, articles, prepositions and affixes * use verb structures and tenses * use correct subject–verb agreement * use reference items to achieve cohesion | **Task 8: Production (formal written texts 7.5%)**  Produce a brochure for people who are newly arrived in Australia to give them basic information about accessing services in Australia. |

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## Semester 2 – Unit 2 – Moving between cultures

| **Weeks** | **Syllabus content (drawn from unit content and the Language Table)** | **Assessment tasks** |
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| **Context One: The Australian Environment** | | |
| 1 | **Comprehension/Language and textual analysis**   * identify non-verbal cues and intonation to guess meaning in unfamiliar situations * identify essential information * retell and respond to familiar texts   **Language competencies**  Semantic   * listen for gist, development of argument and specific content * understand and use words appropriate to the different semantic fields of SAE   Sociocultural   * identify register variations between familiar, semi-formal and some formal contexts * recognise some common cultural references | **Task 9: Response (formal aural texts 5%)**  Listen to a guest speaker talk about our responsibilities for looking after the environment. Answer comprehension questions about what you learn. |
| 2–4 | **Comprehension/Language and textual analysis/Creating texts**   * use simple written, oral and multimedia text forms * use clauses with a growing range of conjunctions * use simple comparative language and reference items * use modal adjectives and adverbs * use familiar and some subject-specific vocabulary * spell with growing accuracy * use common punctuation with growing accuracy * use information from a range of graphic organisers * use simple paragraphs * use teacher editing and conferencing   **Language competencies**  Orthographic competence   * spell subject-specific vocabulary correctly * use subject-specific abbreviations, signs and symbols * understand common logographic signs * distinguish and use print, cursive and diverse fonts   Lexical competence   * gradually increase a word bank of vocabulary in SAE; for example,  subject-specific vocabulary * use synonyms and antonyms as required * choose vocabulary appropriate to purpose and audience * understand and use SAE word order within clauses and sentences   Grammatical competence   * use clause and sentence structures * use different verbs, nouns, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, articles, prepositions and affixes * use verb structures and tenses * use correct subject–verb agreement * use reference items to achieve cohesion   **Texts:** *Effective Academic Writing 1: The Paragraph.* Savage, A., Shafiei, M., OUP; *Weaving it Together; Connecting Reading and Writing Book 1* (Student book, CD and Teacher’s book), Heinle;  *Great Writing: Great Sentences for Great Paragraphs,* various authors, Heinle | **Task 10: Production (informal written texts 5%)**  Write a letter to a friend describing what you learnt from the guest speaker and encouraging your friend to take action to help look after the environment. |
| 5–7 | **Comprehension/Language and textual analysis/Creating texts**   * use rules of politeness for everyday situations * communicate ideas by asking for clarification/repetition or using the support of visual cues/home language/dialect * approximate pronunciation/intonation and stress of words/phrases   **Language competencies**  Semantic   * listen for gist, development of argument and specific content * understand and use words appropriate to the different semantic fields of SAE   Sociocultural   * identify register variations between familiar, semi-formal and some formal contexts * recognise some common cultural references * use culturally-accepted politeness conventions in listening, speaking and written protocols * recognise cultural variations in acceptance of novice and expert knowledge * understand cultural differences in eye contact and personal space * identify cultural variations in symbolism, classification and gender behaviours | **Task 11: Production (informal oral texts 7.5%)**  Interview students at your school (and record your interviews) to find out what their attitudes are toward the environment. |
| 8­–10 | **Comprehension/Language and textual analysis/Creating texts**   * use simple written, oral and multimedia text forms * use clauses with a growing range of conjunctions * use simple comparative language and reference items * use modal adjectives and adverbs * use familiar and some subject-specific vocabulary * spell with growing accuracy * use common punctuation * use information from a range of graphic organisers * use simple paragraphs * use teacher editing and conferencing   **Language competencies**  Orthographic competence   * spell subject-specific vocabulary correctly * use subject-specific abbreviations, signs and symbols * understand common logographic signs * distinguish and use print, cursive and diverse fonts   Lexical competence   * gradually increase a word bank of vocabulary in SAE; for example,  subject-specific vocabulary * use synonyms and antonyms as required * choose vocabulary appropriate to purpose and audience * understand and use SAE word order within clauses and sentences   Grammatical competence   * use clause and sentence structures * use different verbs, nouns, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, articles, prepositions and affixes * use verb structures and tenses * use correct subject–verb agreement * use reference items to achieve cohesion   **Texts:** *Effective Academic Writing 1: The Paragraph.* Savage, A., Shafiei, M., OUP; *Weaving it Together; Connecting Reading and Writing Book 1* (Student book, CD and Teacher’s book), Heinle;  *Great Writing: Great Sentences for Great Paragraphs,* various authors, Heinle | **Task 12: Response (formal written texts 7.5%)**  Write a letter to the principal of your school making suggestions about what your school could do to help look after the environment better. |

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| **Context Two: Australian Cultural Events and People** | | |
| 11–13 | **Comprehension/Language and textual analysis**   * identify non-verbal cues and intonation to guess meaning * identify and describe characters/settings/events in stories * identify essential information in a range of familiar texts * retell and respond to familiar texts * use known vocabulary/familiar text structures to find information * use dictionaries – bilingual/picture and library/internet resources   **Language competencies**  Semantic competence   * listen for gist, development of argument and specific content * understand and use words appropriate to the different semantic fields of SAE * identify inferred meanings in texts * identify ambiguous or inappropriate communication * use appraisal to express engagement, attitude and gradation   **Texts:** Easynews video series (DVD and workbook) various authors and presenters, AMES, Victoria; [www.abc.net.au/btn/](http://www.abc.net.au/btn/) | **Task 13: Response (informal aural texts 5%)**  Explore different Australian cultural events and celebrations and complete comprehension activities in response.  **Task 14: Response (informal written/visual texts 5%)**  Explore different Australian cultural events and celebrations and complete comprehension activities in response. |
| 14–16 | **Comprehension/Language and textual analysis/Creating texts**   * use rules of politeness for everyday situations * communicate ideas by asking for clarification/repetition or using the support of visual cues/home language/dialect * approximate pronunciation/intonation and stress of words/phrases * use phonemic awareness and graphophonics to begin to decode texts   **Language competencies**  Phonological features   * use pronunciation, stress, rhythm, intonation and pitch for emphasis   Non-verbal language features   * use culturally-appropriate gestures and behaviours   Lexical competence   * choose vocabulary appropriate to purpose and audience   Grammatical competence   * use clause and sentence structures * use verb structures and tenses * use additive, comparative, temporal and consequential conjunctions * use correct subject–verb agreement * use reference items to achieve cohesion   Semantic competence   * identify ambiguous or inappropriate communication   Sociolinguistic competence   * experiment with the register of texts (tone, language, audience), developing appropriate use for audience and purpose   Sociocultural understandings and skills   * identify register variations between familiar, semi-formal and some formal contexts * use culturally-accepted politeness conventions in listening, speaking and written protocols * understand cultural differences in eye contact and personal space * identify cultural variations in symbolism, classification and gender behaviours | **Task 15: Production (formal oral texts 7.5%)**  Choose one popular Australian cultural event and give an oral presentation about it. |
| 17–19 | **Comprehension/Language and textual analysis/Creating texts**   * identify purposes/audiences of common text types * identify the way information is ordered and structured in familiar texts * understand the way language/structure are used in common media * understand how the meaning of words can change according to context * expand vocabulary by understanding and using unfamiliar words/ subject-specific words   **Language competencies**  Semantic competence   * identify inferred meanings in texts * distinguish between fact and opinion   Sociolinguistic competence   * identify the organisation of thoughts and ideas within SAE texts (rhetorical patterns) * develop and use anxiety reduction strategies   Sociocultural understandings and skills   * identify register variations between familiar, semi-formal and some formal contexts * recognise some common cultural references | **Task 16: Response (formal written/visual texts 7.5%)**  Read a short biography about a famous Australian person and complete extended writing activities in response. |