A VISUAL TOUR OF VIDEO COMPREHENSION BOOKS 1-4









The primary goal of each *Video Comprehension Book* is to help students build listening comprehension skills and gain a clear understanding of the characters and storyline in *Connect with English*.

Language Skills

The primary skill emphasized in each Video Comprehension Book is listening, along with recognition skills related to facial expressions, body language, and cultural nuances. Additional skills/topics covered in each book include reading, writing, oral communication, vocabulary development and culture.

Chapter Structure

Each Video Comprehension Book is organized around a consistent four-part chapter structure. The first part of each chapter is devoted to previewing activities. Part 2 contains the viewing activities, divided into two sections: watch for main ideas, and watch for details. This section of the chapter asks students to watch the video more than once with different tasks in mind for each viewing. Part 3 of the chapter is called Highlights, and it presents a short culture reading as well as practice with some of the more difficult phrases and idiomatic expressions found in that episode. The last section of the chapter, Part 4, is devoted to review and contains a chapter-culminating discussion topic.

Proficiency Level

The comprehension exercises found in each Video Comprehension Book are accessible to high-beginning through intermediate students. While the majority of activities are written at the high-beginning level, special What about You? activities found throughout the books allow teachers to raise or lower the level of difficulty of the materials according to their students' abilities.

Options for Use

Each Video Comprehension Book can be used in a variety of different learning environments, including classroom, distance learning, tutorial, and/or independent study situations. Teachers may choose to show the video during class time, while simultaneously using the Video Comprehension Book. Teachers also have the option to assign students to watch video episodes prior to class, either in a library, language lab or at home. Class time can be used to review the activities found in these books.

Each Video Comprehension Book can be used as the sole text in any course that emphasizes listening comprehension. Teachers also have the option of combining the Video Comprehension Books with other corresponding texts in the Connect with English print package.



A Visual Tour of this Text

This visual tour is designed to introduce the key features of Video Comprehension Book 1. The primary focus of each Video Comprehension Book is to help students develop listening and story comprehension. Video Comprehension Book 1 corresponds to episodes 1–12 of Connect with English, and it presents an assortment of activities dealing with various aspects of comprehension, including understanding main points, comprehending details, ordering, decoding, inference, analysis, and more.

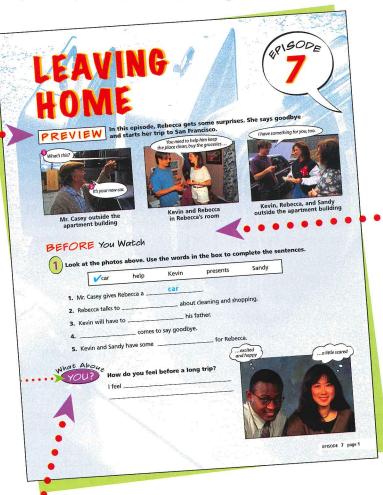
The Opening Page

The first page of each chapter introduces key characters and themes from the corresponding video episode and builds on students' prior knowledge to help them predict upcoming events.



This section presents a brief summary of the video episode. The three photos highlight key events from each of the three parts of the episode. The **Preview** section builds students' confidence as it gives them a base of contextualized clues about the characters and story line before they watch the video.

What Abo



Activities in this section help students further identify the characters and story line. This particular example is a sentence completion activity which utilizes students' prior knowledge and calls upon their ability to make inferences about the information presented in the photos, captions, and speech bubbles on this page.

What About You? activities provide open-ended questions that encourage students to express their personal feelings, opinions, and reactions to the events and characters in the story. Whenever possible, language prompts or cues are used to provide linguistic support for lower-level students. At the same time, these activities create a springboard for more sophisticated discussions among students who are at higher levels of oral proficiency. The What About You? activities can also be used as optional writing assignments.

WATCH FOR MAIN IDEAS

This first viewing activity asks students to watch the entire episode with the purpose of focusing on major story highlights.



• WHILE You Watch

The While You Watch section provides a focused viewing activity dealing with specific people, places, things, and/or events central to the development of the story.

·AFTER You Watch

Activities in the **After You Watch** section ask students to recall specific information about the story. The first activity is usually a sequencing exercise dealing with the order of the major events in the episode. Many of the activities in this section also include an emphasis on recognition skills for facial expressions, body language, and cultural nuances.

Variety of Activity Types

A variety of different types of activities are included in each chapter, including multiple-choice, sentence completion, true/false, circling, and checking activities. The numbered activities are designed to be accessible to students engaged in independent study — at home, in a language lab, or any place where they have access to a TV and VCR. However, instructors can modify most of these activities into much more elaborate conversation and/or writing topics. For example, in the first sentence in Activity 4, we learn that Rebecca is surprised to get a car from her father. In a classroom setting, instructors can start a discussion by simply asking the question, "Why?"

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•		How does Rebecca feel? Circle the answers. 1. Rebecca is <u>surprised/upset</u> about the car. 2. She likes/doesn't like the car. 3. She is <u>unhappy/nervous</u> about leaving home. 4. She <u>wants/doesn't want</u> her mother's necklace. 5. She is <u>sorry/happy</u> to have Sandy's present. 6. She feels <u>angry/worried</u> about her father.			
		What do you know about Kevin? Check (//) Ye 1. Is Kevin happy that Rebecca has a car? 2. Does he want to help Rebecca? 3. Is he happy that Rebecca can go to music school? 4. Does he want Rebecca to stay in Boston? 5. Will he miss his sister?	s or No. Yes	No	
7	0	What does Mr. Casey want? Check (✔) the answ a. He wants Rebecca to have a safe trip. b. He wants Rebecca to be happy. c. He wants to go to San Francisco with I		ot true.	
	,	What do you think will happen? Cht 1. Will Rebecca have a safe trip to San Francisco? 2. Will her father and Kevin be OK alone?	Yes	No No	EPISODE 7 page 3



AFTER You Watch

The After You Watch activities continue to check students' comprehension of the story and help to solidify their understanding of the subtle nuances related to the characters' feelings and emotions.

Watch PART 3.
WHILE You Watch (1) What does Rebecca say? Circle the words you hear. 1. "Oh, Sandy, a diary! Its @erfect/wonderful!" 2. "What about the other /bad stuff?" 3. "A four-leaf clover! [I need it/! love it." AFTER You Watch (14) How much do you remember about the story? Put the sentences in order from 1 to 5. a Rebecca says goodbye. b Sandy gives Rebecca a key ring. d Relbecca with her worders grave. e Kevin puts Rebecca's suitcases in the car.
What happens? Use the words in the box to complete the sentences. Vabout her trip to call home for good luck Rebecca's diary to worry 1. Sandy hopes Rebecca will write about her trip 2. Sandy wants to read 3. Kevin gives Rebecca something 4. Mr. Casey asks Rebecca 5. Mr. Casey tells Rebecca not What brings good luck in your country? In my country, bring/brings good luck.

.. WATCH FOR DETAILS

The Watch for Details section helps students develop a more specific understanding of the video story. Each video episode is divided into three viewing sections, labeled on-screen as Part 1, Part 2, and Part 3. In this section of the book, students are asked to view one part at a time, and comprehension is checked with more detailed activities regarding the characters and their experiences.

• WHILE You Watch

Many of the **While You Watch** activities in *Video Comprehension Book 1* require students to listen and watch carefully in order to identify speakers, key vocabulary, or completed actions or events. In this example, students listen for specific lines spoken by each character, giving them practice in listening for details.



Discussion Topics Address Cultural Differences

The What About You? activities shown here focus on specific cultural topics reflected in the video: saying "I love you" to people in your family and using good luck symbols. These questions can be used as a basis for in-class discussions related to the students' various cultures and how they compare with those shown in the video episode.

HIGHLIGHTS

The **Highlights** page offers students an opportunity to explore various cultural and language points from the story.

CULTURE

These boxes expand on subject matter found in the video by providing cultural information about life in the United States and Canada. In this example, students learn that many young people in North America leave home at age 18 to go to college, to work, or to join the military. This topic is explored because the main character in the video is also leaving home. An open-ended **What About You?** activity always follows the culture point and encourages students to compare and contrast their understanding of this new information with the corresponding cultural situation in their own countries.

EXPRESSIONS

In this section, students have an opportunity to work with some of the key idioms and expressions from the episode. Only those expressions which were presented in the context of the video story are included in this section. Care has been taken to ensure that the vocabulary features high-frequency items that students might encounter in conversational American English.



REVIEW AND DISCUSS STORY SUMMARY 17) Use the words in the box to complete the story summary for Episode 7. Rebecca gets a ______ from her father. It's a used ______ . She takes her father and Kevin for a _____ _____. She has a lot of ______. Her father _____ another present. It's her mother's ______ ____. The next morning, Kevin packs the car. Sandy comes to _____ goodbye. She gives Rebecca a ___ Rebecca a key ring. It's for good _______. Rebecca says goodbye and goes to her mother's grave. Then she starts her trip to San Francisco. VIEWPOINTS Watch the video discussion group. What does Lan mean? Check () True or False. 1. Lan is talking about the car. 2. Lan thinks Rebecca has her father's approval. What is your opinion? Check (V) I agree or I disagn l agree I disagree Rebecca has her father's approval now 2. It is important to have your parents' approval

REVIEW AND DISCUSS

This final page of each chapter gives students the opportunity to review the entire episode and offers a chapter-culminating discussion topic.

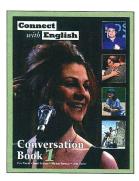
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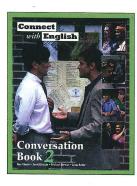
In this section, students summarize the episode by selecting and inserting key vocabulary used in the video or earlier in the chapter. As in every exercise in the chapter, a sample answer is provided.

· VIEWPOINTS

Activities found in the **Viewpoints** section are based on the final review portion of the video episode. In this part of the video, various non-native English speakers from around the world talk about the episode and share their personal feelings about things that happened. Students using *Video Comprehension Book 1* are asked to interpret and react to these comments and ideas in a final **What About You?** activity.

A VISUAL TOUR of CONVERSATION BOOKS 1-4









The primary goal of each *Conversation Book* is to help students develop oral communication skills using the themes found in *Connect with English* as a springboard for classroom discussion.

Language Skills

Each Conversation Book has 12 chapters, which contain a variety of pair, group, team and whole-class activities based on important issues and ideas from the corresponding video episodes.

The activity types vary with each chapter including an assortment of role-plays, discussions, opinion surveys, games, interviews, and questionnaires. In each chapter, a special two-page spread is devoted to language-learning games, or information gaps or activities dealing with the songs found on the Connect with English soundtrack.

Thematic Organization

The events and issues presented in each episode are familiar and important to new language learners. The topics have been chosen for their relevant cultural content, and they provide a rich context for the communicative activities found in each Conversation Book. These books provide a framework within which students can freely express their thoughts on the ideas presented in each episode. Throughout each book, students are given the opportunity to explore such varied themes as pursuing your dreams, looking for a job, making new friends, divorce and remarriage, parenting, moving, and other life lessons.

Proficiency Level

The activities found in each Conversation Book are designed for use with high-beginning through intermediate students. Special icons are used to identify the difficulty level of each activity in the book. Instructions for raising and/or lowering the difficulty level are found in the accompanying Instructor's Manual.

Options for Use

The Conversation Books are specifically designed for classroom use. Teachers may choose to show the video during class time, or they can assign students to watch the video episodes prior to class, either in a library, language lab or at home.

Each Conversation Book can be used as the sole text in any course that emphasizes oral communication skills. Teachers also have the option of combining the Conversation Books with other corresponding texts in the Connect with English print package.

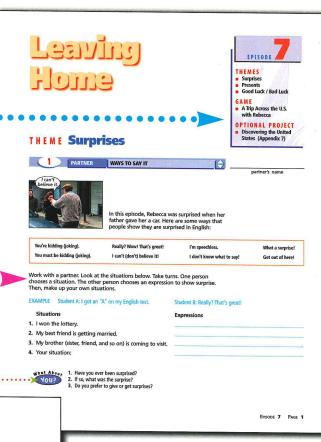
A VISUAL TOUR OF THIS TEXT

This visual tour is designed to introduce the key features of *Conversation Book 1*. The primary focus of each *Conversation Book* is to help students develop oral communication skills within the context of the *Connect with English* story. *Conversation Book 1* corresponds to episodes 1–12 of *Connect with English*, and it presents an assortment of activities dealing with various aspects of communication, including explaining, questioning, interviewing, reporting, paraphrasing, describing, stating feelings/opinions, and more.

Themes drawn directly from the video episodes are listed at the start of each chapter. In Episode 7, activities are based on the themes of Surprises, Presents, and Good Luck/Bad Luck. A two-page game is devoted to Rebecca's trip across the U.S., and an optional project offers students an opportunity to become more familiar with the United States.

A regular feature of the Conversation Books, Ways to Say It activities introduce students to several common expressions used in daily conversation.

Special effort has been made to include high-frequency, natural language which reflects the language used in the video episodes and in everyday speech in the United States and Canada.



Multilevel Activities

Special icons are used to show the difficulty level of each activity in the book. These icons are designed to help teachers tailor the activities for the needs of a multilevel group of students. An arrow pointing up indicates that the difficulty of an activity can be increased, while an arrow pointing down - indicates that an activity can be simplified for lowerlevel students. Arrows pointing in both directions indicate that the activity can be adjusted in either direction. Detailed teaching suggestions for how to change the level of each activity in Conversation Book 1 are included in the accompanying Instructor's Manual.

Activity bars identify the start of each numbered activity and indicate whether the activity is designed for pairs, groups, teams, or whole-class participation. Descriptors such as **Discussion**, **Interview**, or **Role-Play** alert teachers to the type of activity that follows.

Variety of Activity Types

Each chapter contains a variety of activity types that feature different student combinations and communicative objectives. For example, Activity 3 on this page features teams competing in a timed categorizing game, while Activity

4 asks partners to perform a role-play involving the purchase of a gift.

A Look at the picture in Activity 2. Write the name of each present in the correct category below.

8. Add one more present for each category.

C. Make up a new category with five presents. The team with the most correct answers wins.

Jeweely

Clothing

1. blookels

2. 2. 2. 2.

3. 3. 3. 3. 3.

4. 4. 4. 5. 5. 5. 5.

Entertainment

Other category

1. cassette

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2. 2. 2.

3. 3. 3. 3.

4. 4. 5. 5. 5.

Do this role-play with your partner. One of you will pretend to shop for three people. The other person will pretend to be a salesporson at the store. The salesporson will reliable the people you are buying presents for to the salesporson. What do they like? If you are the salesporson will reliable the describe the lemms in your store. Why would someone want to buy them?

People on your shopping list

Presents your partner sum asts

1. 2. 2.

3. 3. 3.

An extensive art program consisting of colorful illustrations and

Activities such as group discussions and opinion surveys invite students to share personal experiences and opinions as they relate to the themes from the video story. In Activity 5, students compare ideas about symbols of good and bad luck.

Conversation Book 1 often features a logical progression of activities. For example, a group survey on superstition in Activity 6 is followed by an analysis of the data in Activity 7. This organization reinforces important concepts and vocabulary and provides an additional opportunity to discuss various issues evolving from each theme.

THEME Good Luck/Bad Luck 5 GROUP DISCUSSION In the United States and Canada, a four-leaf clover is a sign of good luck. A broken mirror is a sign of bad luck. Divide into groups. Write the names of three signs of good luck and three signs of bad luck in your country. Discuss your answers with your group. Good luck Bad luck four-leaf clove a broken mirro 6 GROUP OPINION SURVEY In the United States, people who believe in good or bad luck are called superstitious. Divide into groups. Find out how many people in your grare superstitious. Ask this question: Are you superstitious? Sex A little 7 PARTNER 1. Who are more superstitious, men or women? Look at the opinion survey in Activity 6. Compare surveys with a partner from a different group. Answer these questions. Number of superstitious men: Number of superstitious 2. Which birthday months have the most superstitious people? 3. Which birthday months have the fewest superstitious people? EPISODE 7 PAGE 4

photo stills from each episode creates a visually stimulating environment as the basis for many communicative activities.

Spaces that allow students to indicate partner name, group number, and team number make it easier for students and teachers to keep track of student collaborations. Group and team numbers are also useful when different groups are asked to compare and contrast survey or discussion results with one another.

Two-Page Activity

Each episode contains an extended theme which is covered in a longer, two-page activity. These themes are developed into games, information gaps, or activities based on songs from the Connect with English soundtrack.

> This two-page game, "A Trip Across the U.S. with Rebecca," centers on Rebecca's trip from Boston to San Francisco. In this game, students are involved in the creation of the game questions. This participation simultaneously increases motivation and reviews important concepts and vocabulary related to the story.

> Step-by-step explanations and clear, concise examples provide necessary structure and format as students prepare and create game cards. Game instructions are presented in an organized fashion that takes students through each step of play.

GAME A Trip Across the U.S. with Rebecca

8 TEAM GAME

In this episode, Rebecca is going to leave Boston and drive to San Francisco. Play this game, and cross the United States with Rebecca. The team that gets to California first wins.

Get Ready to Play

Step One

Divide into four teams. Each team writes 20 questions and answers about the story so far. Work with your team to write five questions and answers for each of the categories below. Use your own paper.

	Who?	What?	Where?	Why?
EXAMPLE	Who plays the guitar? (Rebecca)	What is the name of Rebecca's brother? (Kevin)	Where is Rebecca going to college? (San Francisco)	Why does Rebecca leave home? (She wants to go to college.)
	1.	1.	1.	1.
	2.	2.	2.	2.
	3.	3.	3.	3.
	4.	4.	4.	4.
	5.	5.	5.	5.

After your teacher checks your team's questions and answers, copy the questions on separate pieces of paper (or index cards). Write the questions and your team's number on the front. Write the answers on the back.

Step Three
Cut out the die and the other
game pieces on Appendix 13.
Each team should pick one car
and one game marker.



Play the Game

Play the Game

Each team puts its square marker on the gameboard at GO and its car in the state of Massachusetts.

One player from each team arranges the question cards in four piles—who, what, where, and why. This player will ask the questions for the team seated across from him/her.

Decide who goes first. Roll the die. The team with the highest number starts, and play continues to the right.

The first team rolls the die, and moves its marker the number of spaces indicated (if a 2 is rolled, the marker is moved two spaces, and so on).

If a team lands on a question space (who, what, where, or why), that team member must answer a question from that card pile to move on.

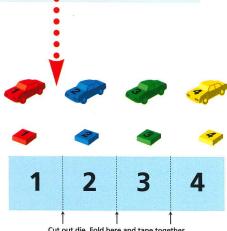
If the team's answer is correct, the team member is allowed to move the car one state closer to California. Helshe gets to roll the die again, and take another turn. If the team's answer is incorrect, that team lose is turn. Play continues to the right with the next team.

If the team lands on a DETOUR space, the team member must move the car to the state that is indicated and lose a turn. On the next turn, helshe will start from that state on hisher way to California.

GAME A Trip Across the U.S. with Rebecca



Each book contains colorful game boards that are removable, making them easy for students to use on a desk or tabletop. Game pieces and markers for students to cut out and use are found in Appendix 13 at the back of the book.

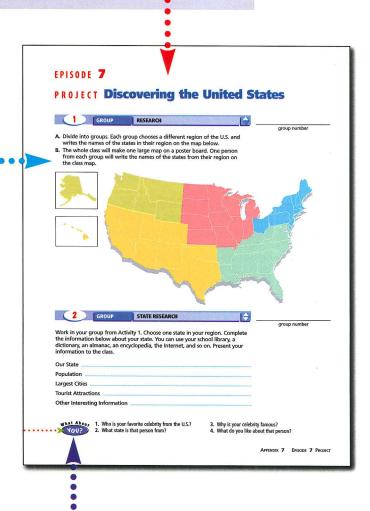


Cut out die. Fold here and tape together.

Project Page

Optional project pages correspond to each episode and are found in appendices located at the back of the book. Project pages contain research-oriented activities or community surveys and polls based on important themes from each episode. These projects reinforce the communicative nature of the *Conversation Books* and invite students to expand their learning and conversation to areas beyond the classroom environment.

On this project page, students discover different regions of the United States. As they gather information, students are often asked to synthesize their findings with those of their classmates in order to gain a complete understanding of the theme. Many times, students will be asked to make a class presentation, which serves the dual purpose of solidifying their own knowledge of the material and successfully communicating it to their classmates.



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A VISUAL TOUR of GRAMMAR GUIDES 1-4









The primary goal of each *Grammar Guide* is to help students develop mastery of the grammatical structures found throughout *Connect with English*.

Proficiency Level

Designed for high-beginning through intermediate students, *Grammar Guides 1-4* provide a systematic presentation of the basic structures and grammatical features of American English. Examples from the video episodes are used to illustrate grammatical structures in both presentation and practice.

Students at various proficiency levels can benefit from using the *Grammar Guides*. Lower-level students will find the *Grammar Guides* a valuable resource tool they can rely on to help them internalize the authentic language of the video. More advanced students will welcome the carefully sequenced review of the language and its connection to the video through numerous examples and practice.

Language Skills

Grammar Guides 1-4 provide practice with the linguistic building blocks of the language. They give students an opportunity to analyze and review the structures through clear and simple grammar charts and explanations. Exercises are transparent and help students build from a receptive understanding of the grammar point to language production through controlled exercises and finally, freewriting, using the grammar point to talk about their own lives.

Options for Use

Each *Grammar Guide* can be used in a variety of different learning environments, including classroom, distance learning, tutorial and/or independent study situations. Students can use these books before or after they watch the corresponding video episode, to either preview or review critical structures and grammatical topics.

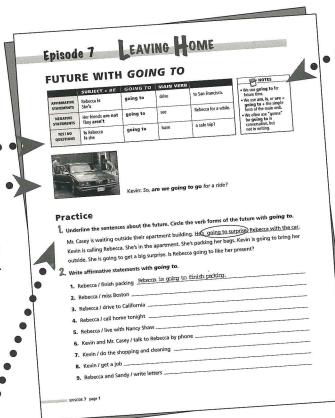
Each *Grammar Guide* can be used as the sole text in any course that emphasizes grammar skills. Teachers will also have the option of combining the *Grammar Guides* with other corresponding texts in the *Connect with English* print package.



This visual tour is designed to introduce the key features of *Grammar Guide 1*. The primary focus of each *Grammar Guide* is to help students develop mastery of key grammatical structures and concepts. *Grammar Guide 1* corresponds to episodes 1-12 of *Connect with English*. The scope and sequence of the grammar points in this book is developmental: topics become more advanced as the chapters progress.

Grammar Charts
The Grammar
Chart explains the
grammar topic and
acts as a model
that students can
refer to as they do
the exercises.

Photos • • • • • • Photos from the corresponding video episode are used to illustrate the meaning of the grammar point. In this example, teachers can contrast informal/formal uses of gonna/going to in conversational and written English.



Notes

The **Notes** section offers additional explanations about the material being presented. These sections have been carefully worded so that the language of instruction is no more advanced than the grammatical structures being presented in the text.

Contextualized Exercises

The first exercise in the **Practice** section is always based on the characters, situations, and events that happen in the video. This first exercise is also usually on the receptive level, allowing students to recognize the structural point before they actually need to produce it.

Chapter Structure

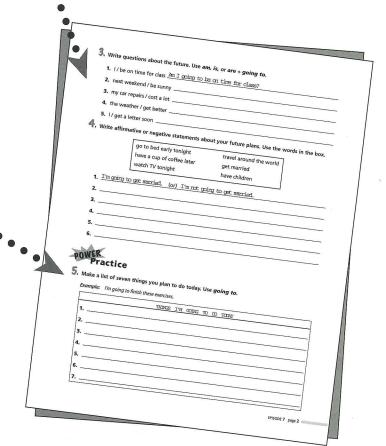
Every episode of *Grammar Guide 1* presents three grammar points, each on a two-page spread. Each grammar presentation has the following features:

- A grammar chart, illustrating the structures or grammatical features;
- Simple explanatory usage notes;
- A photo from the video episode illustrating the context of the grammar point;
- A practice section of exercises taking the student from a receptive knowledge to productive practice with the structure;
- A more advanced practice (**Power Practice**) section providing the student an opportunity for free writing about his/her own life using the target structure.

Guided Practice

Subsequent exercises in the **Practice** section provide students with an opportunity to further practice the structure. The task in each exercise increases slightly in difficulty throughout each lesson. Some of these exercises are focused on the video, and others are set in other real-world contexts. The language used in all exercises — in direction lines, examples, and the items themselves — is very simple and utilizes only the structures that have been introduced up to that point in the book.

Relating Grammar to
Everyday Life
The Power Practice
section allows a chance
for students to use the
target structure to write
about things that are
meaningful in their own
lives. It's a particularly
useful tool for multilevel
classrooms as it gives
students an opportunity
to produce language at
a variety of different
levels.



CONNECTIONS READERS

THE FIRST GRADED READER SERIES

The First-Ever Graded Reader Series with a Video Component!

Connections Readers feature controlled vocabulary and grammar at four distinct levels of difficulty to encourage new readers to be able to read with understanding as well as enjoyment. The stories featured in the Connections Readers were the basis for Connect with English.

Controlled Vocabulary

The vocabulary lists featured in the Connections Readers were based on a linguistic analysis of generalized high-frequency words in conversational American English. Additional criteria such as conceptual usefulness and cognates in various languages were also used to develop this word list. The four levels of vocabulary featured in the Connections Readers are 300, 600, 1,000, and 1,500 words.

Controlled Grammar

The grammar sequence featured in the Connections Readers is a simplified scope and sequence of the most useful grammatical structures in American English, ranging from beginning through intermediate language levels. These structures match the scope and sequence found in Grammar Guides 1-4.



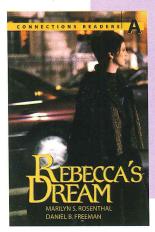
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LEVEL	BOOK A	ВООК В	воок с	BOOK D
Beginner 300 words	Rebecca's Dream	California, Here I Come!	Saying Goodbye	A Very Good Year
High Beginner 600 words	Leaving Home	A Stranger in a Strange Land	Shattered Lives	Dream Catcher
Low Intermediate 1,000 words	Single Dad	Friends	The Mendozas of Mexico	Love Triangle
Intermediate 1,500 words	Room and Board	Alone Together	On the Farm	A Family Secret

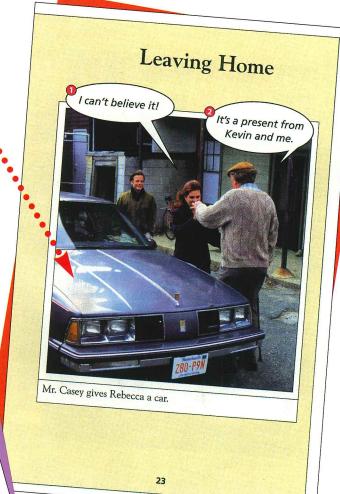
LEVEL	Main Structures Featured (Structures at each level are cumulative)
Beginner 300 words	 Short, simple, active declarative sentences and commands Yes/No, Wh-, and or questions and short answers Compound sentences with and and but Verbs/Tenses: Simple Present, Simple Past, Present Continuous, Going to Future, Modal: can
High Beginner 600 words	 ▲ Compound sentences with andtoo, andeither, and or ▲ Verbs/Tenses: Future with will, Verb + infinitive ▲ Modals: have to, could, should, would, may, must
Low Intermediate 1,000 words	 ▲ Complex sentences ▲ Direct speech ▲ Adverbial clauses of time: when, before, after ▲ Adverbial clauses of reason: because, so ▲ Verbs/Tenses: Used to, Past Continuous, Present Perfect, Present Perfect Continuous, Future Conditional, Modal: might, Verb + gerund
Intermediate 1,500 words	 Adjectival clauses Indirect speech Embedded questions Verbs/Tenses: Past Perfect, Past Perfect Continuous, Conditional Contrary-to-Fact, Passive, Simple Present

Level 1 Beginning

Each of the four Level 1 readers is colorfully illustrated with photos taken from the video. Text and photos are given equal importance to assist students in building beginning-level reading comprehension skills.



The storyline featured in the four Level 1 books follows the video exactly. However, the vocabulary and grammatical structures used have been simplified.



Level 2 High-Beginning

CONNECTIONS READERS!

Chapter 7 A New Car

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"Just a minute," "Dad? . . . Kevin? . . . Where are vou?"

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"It's a present from Kevin and "It's your new car," Dad said.

to the living room; no one, one on the street with a car, ere on the street with a car. "Rebecca asked." Rebecca asked. "A car? For me? I can't believe it!" Rebecca said.
"A car? For me? I can't believe it!" Rebecca said.
"You wanted to drive to San Francisco," Kevin said. "Now, you

"I'm shocked," Rebecca said. "What can I say!"
"Say thank you," Dad said.
"Say thank you so much." Rebecca kissed her father and
"Of course.
"Of her brother. "I'm shocked," Rebecca said. "What can I say?" * * *

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Later that night, Rebecca wrote a letter to her brother. "I have to

"There won't be time later."

do this now," she thought.

hugged her brother.

As the reading level increases in complexity, less visual support is offered to readers.

The four Level 2 books feature half-page drawings as shown in this example.

The stories featured at Level 2 follow the general outline featured in Connect with English but also contains characters and situations not found in the video. yesterday. Her name is Ana. I think she'll be fine. She went to cooking or the start of the same of averaginary of the same of th yesterday. Her name is Ana. I think she'll be fine. She went to cooking street of the street of experience. She's perfect." about her? school, and she has two years of experience. She's perfect." about her? old boss? Did you ask anybody thim. He self-will have been street of the st uel Gómez's chef's wife's cousin."
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"Miguel Gómez's chef's wife's cousin?"
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"Miguel Gómez's chef's wife's cousin?" Alberto repeated. "Who is

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Miguel Gómez! And who is his chef's wife's chef's wife's cousin?

"His chef's claudio." Ana's old boss is on vacation re Miguel Gomes's chef's wife's cousin. "Miguel owns the Mérida restaurant on Geary Street," Ramón said.
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"She could take other things."

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"Not really," Alberto said. "I was just asking about the restaurant.

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But if you don't like my questions ... "You have never cared very much.

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es, their retirement! I don't think they will reso They'll still be there almost every day. The

re probably right," Ramon said. "The res their life for a long, long time. They will never reall with the problem. If the family still has plant with a problem is the problem. If the family still has plant will never really review. Low-Intermediate

"That's the problem. If the fa and Papa will never really retire." rapa wu never reauy retire. "What are you saying, Alberto?" "Maybe we should sell the restaurant."

The House and the Home

"Car racing," Elizabeth repeated. "Don't listen to him," she said to "Car racing," Elizabeth repeated, "Don't listen to him," she said to Nancy. "He always tells me that I push the wheelchair too fast." Elizabeth pushed Howard's wheelchair down the hall.
"Slow down!" Howard said. "You're going too fast."
"They all went to the sun room. Elizabeth and Howard used to make movies in the 1930s. They told stories about making their first movie.

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Howard had been to persone. movies in the 1930s. They told stories about making their first movie.

Howard had been so nervous. He forgor to put on his pants.

"Everybody thought it was funny," Elizabeth said to Edward and
Nancy, "So he did the whole movie without his pants."

Edward told a story about fishing with Nancy's father. Nancy visfitted for three hours.

ited for three hours.

The sun went down. Nancy looked at her watch. "I have to go," she said. She kissed Edward, and shook Howard's hand. "It was wonderful visiting with you," she said to Elizabeth and Howard. They were laughing when Nancy left. The other retirement homes was the best. Edward needed more and more were cheaper, but this one was the best. Edward needed more and more

Chapter 7 Alberto's Plan



Ramón came into the kitchen for breakfast two days later. There was Ramón came into the kitchen for breakfast two days later. There was you leave." Ramón picked up the telephone and called his brother. "Is note from Alberto on the kitchen table. The note said, "Call me before anything wrong, Alberto;" he asked.

"No, nothing, I still feel bad about vour date with Tracey. Let's "No, nothing 1 still feel bad about your date with Tracey. Let's have breakfast this morning. I'll pay."

"OK. But I have to be at the restaurant by 9:30." "No Problem. I have to be at the restaurant by 9:30."

Diner, When can you be there?"
"Give me abour 40 minutes I will have to learn the Suntise ner. When can you be there?"
"Give me about 40 minutes, I still have to take a shower," Ramón

"So what happened with the chef?" Alberto asked. "Did you find "Don't rall Manual looks really tired. She's too old to work in the kitchen."

"Don't tell Mama that!" Ramón said. "She'll be very upset. But 1
have good news. I found a new chef. I interviewed a Mexican woman

The storyline featured in the four Level 3 books follows the same chronological time period as the video, with a twist! The Level 3 readers are Ramón's story instead of Rebec-

As the levels progress in difficulty, less emphasis is placed on visual support. The only art in Levels 3 and 4 is a chapter-opening

illustration.

Chapter 7 The House and the Home



They were laughing when Nancy left. The other retirement homes were cheaper, but his one was the best. Edward needed more and more thereof the was happy, but his health was getring worse. Insurance paid therapy. He was happy, but his health was getring worse. Insurance paid therapy. He was happy, but his health was getring worse. Insurance part of the state of the bills, but not all. Nancy walked down the hall. "The for some of the bills, but not all. Nancy walked down the hall." If do not not have the way was the property of the bills, but not all. Nancy walked was a state of the bills was a state of the bills. The was a state of the bills was a state of the bills was a state of the bills. The was a state of the bills was a state of the bills was a state of the bills. The bills was a state of the bills was a state of the bills was a state of the bills. The bills was a state of the bills. The bills was a state of the bills was a sta "Excuse me," a woman in a long cotton dress said to her.
"Excuse me," a woman in a long cotton dress said to her.
Nancy stopped, "Yes!"
Linda late with your payment for Edward."
(barrassed, "I'm sorry," she said, "I'll send it to

Level 4 Intermediate

Level 3

d," Nancy said. "I'll send cy got home, she closed t Her grandparents had lived in this house, and the half-wood walls. Her father and and the nail-wood wans, the father and those walls. She looked at the pictures of tnose walls. The looked at the pictures of ents getting married in this house, her pay Nancy remembered sitting with her pay here what happened in every room, bered what happened in her father use. bered what nappened in every room.
the hall. Nancy and her father use
Once, the hard golf ball hit the wall. To
made the walls half wood. They like Nancy's mother liked her walls. Nancy felt safe in this house. I

Nancy reit safe in this nouse. If part of Nancy. It was a part of her fapart of Nancy. It was a pile of bills.

assed. Nancy's back hurt for almost two months, then

to visit Edward at the retirement home.

aw in his room?" Nancy asked. "I want to visit him."

pehind the desk looked at some papers. "He's doing

waited She visited ruice a week—every Monday y in the pool. He is be out in 20 minutes.
waited. She visited twice a week—every Monday waited. She visited twice a week—every monday as. Edward seemed to enjoy the program. He came

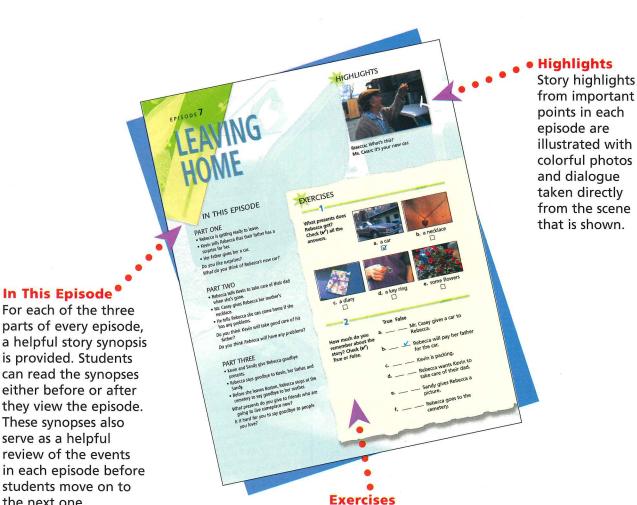
on the weekends, and in the hall. He was in a wheelchair. A nurse vard's friend Elizabeth was walking slowly behind the hall, the hall howard, in a wheelchair. Nancy was a little wer from the pool. He was sick, but nt care nere. d to Edward. "How are you? Don't tell me. You

uid. "I'd rather go fishing." cing," Howard said.

Each of the Level 4 books are self-contained novellas that greatly expand one of the plots touched upon in the video.

A VISUAL of HOME VIEWER'S GUIDES

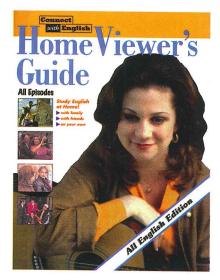
The primary goal of the Home Viewer's Guide is to help students who are studying independently to better understand the events in the Connect with English story. The Home Viewer's Guide is also recommended for any beginning-level classroom that would like a comprehensive guide to the entire 48-episode video series. Each of the 48 lessons in the Home Viewer's Guide contains comprehension exercises, story highlights, Behind the Scenes or cultural information, and a thorough story synopsis.



Story comprehension is checked in a variety of exercises that students complete after they have watched the corresponding video episode. In this example, students are asked to recall specific information about the goodbye presents Rebecca receives. In exercise 2, students check

their recollection of story events in a True / False activity.

the next one.



Culture Corner

In this Culture Corner, students learn relevant cultural information related to something that happens in the corresponding video episode. In Episode 7, Rebecca leaves her hometown of Boston, Massachusetts. Therefore, this Culture Corner describes the city of Boston, and tells students a little bit about why it is one of the most famous and historical American cities. In many episodes, Behind the Scenes sections replace the Culture Corner information that you see on this page. In Behind the Scenes sections, students learn more about the filming of *Connect with English*. They will read interviews with some of the actors, go on location for filming across the United States, and learn some of the tricks that the film crew used in order to make *Connect with English*.

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Answer Key • Each episode contains a complete answer key for students to use in order to check their answers to the comprehension exercises.

Additional Features of the HOME VIEWER'S GUIDE:

At the end of each unit (12 episodes) students are provided with a complete review of the story in a section called The Story So Far. For students that do not begin watching the *Connect with English* program from the start, this story review is a valuable tool to help them catch up with the story line.

A photo-filled Character Index in the back of the book helps students keep track of all of the major characters in the story.

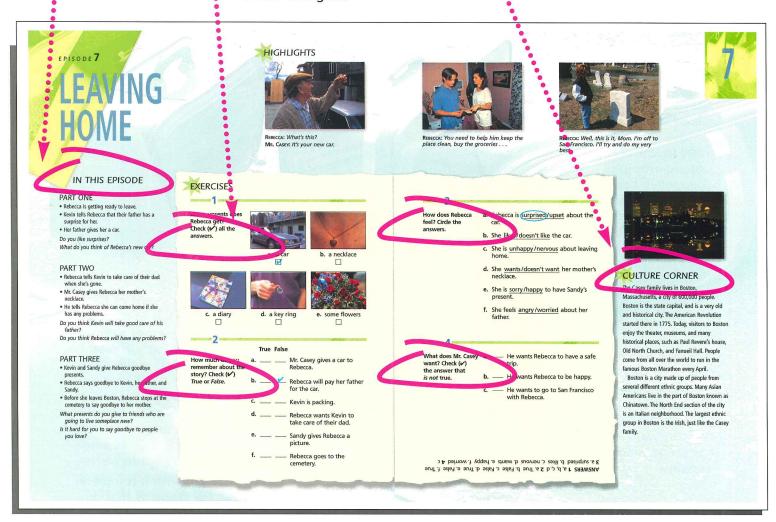
The HOME VIEWER'S GUIDE is also available in a VARIETY of BILINGUAL VERSIONS!

ilingual editions of the *Home Viewer's Guides* are suitable for beginning-level students who would like a little more native language support as they watch the *Connect with English* program. Bilingual editions are available in the following languages: Mandarin/English, Korean/English, Thai/English and Spanish/English.

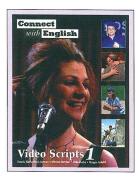
The illustration below highlights the sections of each episode in the *Home Viewer's Guide* that appear in the native language (Mandarin, Korean, Thai, and Spanish). Those sections are:

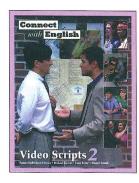
IN THIS EPISODE, and CULTURE CORNER / BEHIND THE SCENES.

The direction lines to each exercise will also be translated into one of the languages above, though the exercises, and the answers will remain in English.



A COMPLETE SELECTION of SUPPLEMENTS ALSO AVAILABLE





15 KEVIN





FOR STUDENTS

Video Scripts 1-4

The Video Scripts for Connect 17 KEVIN with English offer wonderful 19 REBECCA support for both students and teachers. Although the video episodes are closed-captioned, having access to the scripts is helpful for students who want to read the dialogue before or after they've viewed the program. The scripts also serve as an effective way to review certain events in each episode, or to more closely examine the language in the video episodes for use of grammatical structures, examples of formal and informal speech, recognition of idioms and colloquialisms, etc. Teachers can also use the scripts to create additional classroom activities, including role-plays, short skits, sequencing activities, and additional writing assignments.

Connect With English Soundtrack

Available in both CD and Audiocassette versions. The Connect with English soundtrack contains 12 original songs written specifically for the series. Songs represent a variety of North American music genres, including pop, rock, country, jazz, blues, and rap.

14 REBECCA Dad? ... Kevin, where are you 6 REBECCA What? I'm in the kitchen. Rebecca goes to the kitchen doo Dad's downstairs. He wants to shor 21 REBECCA Show me? Show me what? 23 Revin tends senecca to one poren starts.
24 REFECCA Kevin, I'm busy packing, What's this all about? 22 KRYIN
23 Kevin leads Rebecca to the porch stairs. 27 Relocases her father standing next to a car. Dad holds up the keys. 26 OUTSIDE REBECCA'S APARTMENT (holding up the keys) It's your new car. (She walks up to the car.) Dadi You're joking.

(She walks up to the car.) Dadi You're joking. 28 REBECCA What's this? 30 MANUSCCA (Sine walks up to the care.) Dad! You're joking!
31 Dad shukee his head 'no,' and offers her the keys ogain. Rebecca of the care.) 32 Ner Dana.
33 REBECCA 1... I can't believe it! This is for me? (Interrupting You need a car, don't your present from Kevin and me. present from Nevin and me.

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44 She dimber in and sits in her car for the first time. A big s What do ya mink:

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RESECCA It's perfect. My first car. I can't bel 43 KEVIN 45 DAD 47 KEVIN Get in 48 REBECCA

BOSTON STREET

The three Caseys are enjoying Rebecca's new used car

REBECCA This car's great, Dad, but I bet you spent a fortune on it!

Not really. I got a good deal. KEVIN Try the horn, (Rebecca blows the horn.)

DAD It's got a good radio and tape deck . . . everything a musician needs on a long trip.

REBECCA I'm gonna miss this place.

DAD Sure y'are. Boston's been your home for twenty-eight years REBECCA When I think about leaving, I get butterflies in my stomach.

You'll be fine.

KEVIN Yeah, you'll be O.K.

REBECCA I hope so.

PART 2

REBECCA'S ROOM

Rebecca is packing her clothes. Her door is open and Kevin appears

KEVIN You're talking to yourself.

REBECCA It's an old habit.

KEVIN Boy, you have a lot of bags

REBECCA Maybe I shouldn't take all this stuff. Well, but what if I need it? (She is packing

I hope we can fit all these suitcases into the car. KEVIN

REBECCA Oh, I have some things to show you. Here's a list of what needs to be done on a regular basis . . . put out the garbage, recycle the glass and the cans, the newspapers and the cardboard . . . don't put anything . . .

Dad's on my case about all of that.

You need to help him keep the place clean, buy the groceries . . . REBECCA

I'm starting to realize how nice it is to have a big sister around. (Rebecca smiles at Kevin.)

KEVIN It's gonna' be kind of strange without you

They look at each other. She steps over and hugs him. He returns the hug

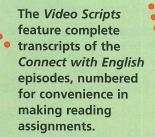
APARTMENT KITCHEN-NIGHT

Dad is wrapping something at the kitchen table. He starts coughing.

Rebecca's in her bedroom. She finally gives herself a break, picks up her guitar, and starts a little song. There's a knock on the door. It's her father. She stops playing.

REBECCA Hi.

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All of the stage directions from the filming of the series are also included in the scripts.



ALSO for the INSTRUCTOR

Instructor's Manuals

The Connect with English Instructor's Manuals provide thorough support for teachers using any of the core texts in their classroom. The Instructor's Manuals are organized by type of book; in other words, Video Comprehension Books 1-4 are covered in one manual, as are Conversation Books 1-4, and Grammar Guides 1-4.

All Instructor's Manuals contain the following valuable information:

- General Overview and Philosophy of the Books
- Chapter Organization
- General Teaching Suggestions
- Classroom Management and Time Allotment Suggestions
- Homework, Evaluation, and Testing Suggestions
- Suggestions for using the other CWE print materials in conjunction with text in question
- Answer Key

More specifically, the following items are unique to each of the manuals below:

Instructor's Manual, Video Comprehension Books 1-4:

This manual includes detailed expansion activities and additional questions for each What About You? activity that appears throughout each book.

Instructor's Manual, Conversation Books 1-4:

This manual contains step-by-step teaching suggestions for each activity in each book. Instructors will also be given specific information on how to adjust the level of each activity in order to meet the needs of multilevel classes.

Instructor's Manual, Grammar Guides 1-4:

Additional teaching suggestions are included for the Power Practice sections, which appear three times in each chapter and encourage students to practice specific grammatical structures in more open-ended, self-directed activities.

Distance-Learning Faculty Guide

The Distance-Learning Faculty Guide is intended for instructors who wish to use Connect with English as the basis for a college-level distance-learning course. Contents of this guide include:

- General overview of how the video and various print materials can be used in a variety of different distance-learning programs offered by colleges and universities
- Instructions for establishing new distance-learning programs using Connect with English
- Guidance for syllabus planning and classroom management in a distance-learning environment
- Advice for both credit and non-credit programs

Connect with English Demonstration Video

This informative video contains advice for using *Connect with English* in a variety of different learning environments. The video shows visual examples of the kinds of classes and students that *Connect with English* can be used with and includes interviews with several different instructors about their own experiences with the materials.



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CONNECTIONS: GRADED READERS for Connect With English

LEVEL	BOOK A	BOOK B	воок с	BOOK D
Beginner 300 words	Rebecca's Dream	California, Here I Come!	Saying Goodbye	A Very Good Year
	0-07-292777-1	0-07-292778-X	0-07-292779-8	0-07-292780-1
High Beginner 600 words	Leaving Home	A Stranger in a Strange Land	Shattered Lives	Dream Catcher
	0-07-292781-X	0-07-292782-8	0-07-292783-6	0-07-292784-4
Low Intermediate	Single Dad	Friends	The Mendozas of Mexico	Love Triangle
1,000 words	0-07-292785-2	0-07-292786-0	0-07-292787-9	0-07-292788-7
Intermediate 1,500 words	Room and Board 0-07-292789-5	Alone Together 0-07-292790-9	On the Farm 0-07-292791-7	A Family Secret 0-07-292792-5

Soundtrack Cassette

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