School and education ESL lesson plan (B1)

B1 (intermediate) · 60 minutes · for English teachers · englishcue.app

Stage	Time
Warm-up	5–10 min
Vocabulary	15 min
Controlled practice	10 min
Grammar focus	10 min
Speaking	15 min
Wrap-up and homework	5 min

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- Tell me about a teacher who changed something for you.
- What did you hate at school that you find interesting now?
- What is the hardest thing about learning English for you?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

Elicit each word before you give it, model the pronunciation, then check meaning with a quick question.

Word	Meaning	Example
degree	a qualification from a university	She has a degree in biology.
graduate	to finish university or school successfully	I graduated in 2019.
scholarship	money given to a student to pay for studies	She got a scholarship to study in the US.
tuition fees	money you pay to study at a college or university	Tuition fees are very high in some countries.
lecture	a talk given to students at a university	The lecture lasted two hours.
assignment	a piece of work given to a student	The assignment is due on Monday.
essay	a short piece of writing on a subject	Write an essay about your hometown.
research	careful study to find new facts	She's doing research on climate change.
knowledge	the information and understanding you have	He has a lot of knowledge about history.
memorize	to learn something so you remember it exactly	I memorized the poem.

Grammar focus (10 min): Used to: first contact

Twenty years after school, old classmates meet at a reunion. Ben: “Jess! You used to have long red hair!” Jess: “And you used to be so shy! Now you’re a TV presenter!” By the end of this lesson you can talk about past habits and situations that have changed.

Form	Pattern	Example
Used to	used to + base form	I used to have long hair.
Negative · question	didn’t use to · Did … use to?	Did you use to play football?
Past simple	one time, a date	I went to Greece in 2015.
Now	present simple + usually	I usually cycle to work.

Watch for: ~~I use to play tennis when I was young.~~ → **I used to play tennis when I was young.**. Past: used to.

Speaking (15 min): Design the perfect English class

The learner designs their ideal English lesson: how long, what activities, how much correction, what homework. They present it and you negotiate two changes. Use the result in your real planning.

Useful language

- I’m good at… / I’m hopeless at…
- to pass · to fail · to revise · to drop out
- I find it hard to…
- I studied… at… / I graduated in…
- I learn best when…
- a degree · a course · a term · a mark

Wrap-up and homework (5 min)

- Each learner says the three new words they will remember, and one sentence with each.
- Homework: write 80–120 words about school and education using at least six words from the lesson and the grammar point.
- Self-study: the B1 school and education vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

School and education (B1)

Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

fell behind · private school · state school · skipped · strict · online course · catch up · cheating

B. Complete the sentences

Use a word from the word bank. Then compare with a partner.

1. I'm taking an _____ in marketing.
2. Their children go to a _____.
3. I went to a _____.
4. I _____ when I was ill.
5. He was caught _____ in the exam.
6. I need to _____ on my reading.
7. She _____ class to go to the beach.
8. Our teacher was very _____.

C. Talk with a partner

Ask and answer. Make notes of one interesting answer to report to the class.

1. How do you remember new words?
2. What have you learned outside school that is more useful than what you learned inside it?
3. Do you learn better alone or with other people?
4. What would you study if you could start again?
5. Is it harder to learn as an adult? Why?

Write

Write 80–120 words about school and education. Use six words from the lesson.

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 online course · 2 private school · 3 state school · 4 fell behind · 5 cheating · 6 catch up · 7 skipped · 8 strict