

VIDEO LANGUAGE

P. O. Box 3726, South Pasadena, CA 91031-6726
(800) 367-3806 fax (888) 252-6155

SUMMARY OF STRUCTURES & TOPICS PRESENTED IN EACH UNIT

IN ENGLISH ON YOUR OWN, VOLUME 1

UNIT 1 (videos #1, #2, #3)

1. **this, these; it, they**
2. **the verb "to be", present tense**
3. **"wh" questions: Where, Who, What**
4. **adjectives (new car, old car)**
5. **a, an, no article**
6. **the imperatives of a few verbs**
7. **prepositions (in, on, with, etc.)**

Vocabulary: 104 total

Topics: Greetings

UNIT 2 (videos #4, #5, #6)

1. **that, those**
2. **the verb "to be", present**
3. **adjectives, colors**
4. **"wh" questions: Where, Who, What**
5. **prepositions: under, of**

Vocabulary: 96 total

Topics: time, numbers,
colors, personal
identification

UNIT 3 (videos #7, #8, #9)

1. **there is, there are**
2. **"wh" questions: Who, What, Which one, Where**
3. **adverbs of frequency: always, never**
4. **noun substitutes: one, ones**
5. **preposition (at)**

Vocabulary: 75 total

Topics: weather, days of
the week, introductions

UNIT 4 (videos #10, #11, #12)

1. **there is/there are**
2. **questions: How many, When, Who, Where, What is the date?**
3. **adverbs of frequency: sometimes, ever**
4. **you, him, her, us...: object pronouns**
5. **contractions (e.g. sky's blue)**
6. **other/another**

Vocabulary: 105 total

Topics: months, seasons,
feelings, directions

IN ENGLISH

VOLUME 2

UNIT 5 (20-40 hrs. instruction) (video #13)

1. **present tense of drink, have, walk, etc.**
2. **How much?**
3. **some, any, a little, much, a lot of**
4. **How? How is the soup? It's good!**
5. **Whose? (possessive adjectives and pronouns)**
6. **Why? because**
7. **When?**
8. **before/after**

Vocabulary: 196 total

Topics: money, family,
directions (N, S, E, & W),
weekly routines, polite
expressions, ordering in
a restaurant, daily
activities

UNIT 6 (20-40 hrs. instruction) (video #14)

1. **present progressive**
2. **now vs. "habitual" present**
3. **imperative (e.g. Help me!)**
4. **"3 wants": I want a car; I want to buy a car;
I want him to buy me a car**
5. **get (as in become)**
6. **how much/how many**
7. **articles: definite, indefinite (a, the/some)**
8. **How does he write? He writes well.
How do you open your apartment door? With a key.**
9. **How do you come here? ... by bus.**
10. **Introduction of comparatives (His bill is higher than hers.)**

Vocabulary: 160 total

Topics: addresses, telephone
numbers, hotel, cardinal &
ordinal numbers, housing,
personal likes & dislikes

(over)

VOLUME 3

UNIT 7 (20-40 hrs. instruction) (video #15)

1. past of "to be"
2. future: "going to"
3. the familiar "you" (e.g. You need to eat every day.)
4. I have the time to (+ verb)
5. something, anything, nothing
6. How do you get there?
7. Imperative (negative and positive)
8. How far?
9. How long does it take to (+ verb)?
10. How often?
11. **know how to** (+ verb)
12. comparative, intro to superlative: good/better, more/fewer
13. embedded statements (I know that Richard is coming.)
14. too/enough

Vocabulary: 194 total

Topics: food, prices, shopping, holidays, directions

UNIT 8 (20-40 hrs. instruction) (video #16)

1. past of regular verbs
2. past of three irregular verbs: go, come, put
3. comparatives, superlatives: good/better/best more/most
bad/worse/worst less/least
4. everybody, somebody, nobody, anybody
5. somewhere, anywhere
6. embedded "wh" clauses (I know where he is from.)

Vocabulary: 134 total

Topics: social language - apologizing, disagreeing, information/asking for clarification, marital status, etc.

VOLUME 4

UNIT 9 (20-40 hrs. instruction) (video #17)

1. will (future)
2. can
3. ... and Joe can too./ ... and so can Joe.
4. ... and Joe can't either./... and neither can Joe.
5. past of irregular verbs
6. who, that, which, as relative pronouns
7. It is difficult to (+ verb)

Vocabulary: 131 total

Topics: picnics, cultural differences, American women's and men's roles, problem-solving, advice, describing recent activities, personal choices

UNIT 10 (20-40 hrs. instruction) (video #18)

1. modals: should, must, have to, be able to (can)
2. comparisons: the same as, different from, as big as,
as much as, as many as, similar to, like
3. relative clauses
4. past progressive: He told me while we were walking.
We were walking when he told me.
5. tag questions; present to future
6. past of additional irregular verbs

Vocabulary: 175 total

Topics: shopping for services, smoking & health, expressing feelings: pleasure, displeasure, congratulations

VOLUME 5

UNIT 11 (20-40 hrs. instruction) (video #19)

1. present perfect: I have lived here ... (for or since)
2. still, yet, already
3. past vs. present perfect
4. How many times ...?
5. ... used to (+ verb)
6. anymore
7. modals: must (conclusion); could (past of can); might; may

Vocabulary: 184 total

Topics: renting an apartment, movies, buying a used car, outdoor activities/sports

UNIT 12 (20-40 hrs. instruction) (video #20)

1. present perfect progressive: I have been living here since...
2. How long have you been (verb + ing)?
3. reported speech: He asked her if ...
He told her that ..., She told him to ...
4. say/tell
5. reflexives (myself, yourself, etc.)
6. either/or neither/nor
7. review of comparative/superlative with adverbs

Vocabulary: 163 total

Topics: outdoor activities, telephone skills, reporting what others have said or asked, appreciating nature