

Inside MODERN ENGLISH CYCLE ONE

A short introduction to help you select from among the 10 books of the series.

Modern English, Cycle One offers systematic lessons of communication exercises each preceded by fluency practices--both teacher-centered formats and pairwork--for learning in sequences of controlled to freer practice and extended freer conversations, introducing a great wealth of conversational expressions and vocabulary.

Book	Topics	Main Grammar Points
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Getting acquainted.• Nationalities.• Personal qualities.• The Weather.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present and present progressive tenses.• Articles, Pronouns.• Singular/plural contrasts.• Adjectives, adverbs.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parties. Sports.• Shopping and bargains.• Cost per unit.• U.S. currency.• Giving directions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Past tense and expressions of past time.• Question words. Future with <i>going to</i>.• Possessives. <i>There</i> with indefinite subjects.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swimming.• Describing the weather.• Going out. Coming home.• Conversations on the phone.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Verb + <i>to</i> + verb. Tag questions.• Two-word verbs. <i>Be</i> + preposition.• <i>How</i> and <i>by</i>. <i>Why</i> and <i>because</i>.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Checking the fridge.• Business phone calls.• About a fire.• Travel abroad.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uncountable nouns and determiners.• The future and future progressive tenses.• The perfect and perfect progressive tenses.• Present and past participles.
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shopping for gifts.• Getting nervous.• A trip abroad.• Time for the family.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Verbs with two objects. • Verb + <i>ing</i>/Verb + <i>to</i>.• <i>Used to</i> for past time.• <i>When</i> and <i>while</i> clauses.• Reported speech. Modals.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talking about Europe.• Moving to a new city.• About the children.• Shopping.• An adventure.• Caught in the rain.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comparisons with adjectives and adverbs.• Superlatives. <i>Too</i> and <i>enough</i>.• <i>It</i> replacing gerund.• Verbs of perception.• <i>It</i> and <i>there</i> for weather.
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A job interview.• Getting help.• Future plans.• A press conference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The past perfect and past perfect progressive tenses.• Clauses with <i>before</i> and <i>after</i>; <i>or else</i>, <i>if</i>, <i>unless</i>.• <i>While</i> and <i>during</i> contrasted. • Indirect questions.• Verb + object + <i>to</i> + verb.
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How-to instructions.• Off to America.• At the office.• Parts of the body.• Accidents and ailments.• Midnight capture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conditional and passive forms.• Answering <i>How</i> questions with <i>by</i> + nouns, <i>with</i> + noun, and adverbs of manner.• Question word + <i>to</i> + verb.
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jumping to conclusions.• Horror movies.• First day at work.• Eating out.• An absentminded professor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relative clauses. • <i>Where</i>, <i>when</i>, <i>why</i> as relative pronouns.• Conditionals. • The passive with <i>get</i>.• <i>Have/get</i> something done.• <i>Make</i>, <i>let</i>, <i>have</i> + object + verb.• Subjunctive with <i>suggest</i>, <i>insist</i>, <i>recommend</i>.
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• About the landlady.• At the travel agency.• Talking business.• A short story: "Richard and Valerie."	Review of Books 1-9. The important points of the course are covered in new formats.