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2 <i>A language at your fingertips</i> p.10	Education	• Proposal	• Identifying the main idea of a paragraph	A proposal on a healthy eating campaign
3 <i>Please leave your skateboard at home</i> p.18	Sports	• Letter to the editor • Instruction		A letter to the editor on local sports facilities
4 <i>My friends online</i> p.26	Getting along with others	• Lyrics • Magazine column		A rap about my best friend
5 <i>Eat well at university</i> p.34	Being healthy	• Leaflet		A leaflet for a new sports centre



## Stage 2

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6 <i>A building reborn</i> p.42	Individual and society	• Fact sheet • Short commentary	• Understanding the purpose of a text • Paying attention to parts of speech	A fact sheet about a historical site
7 <i>A monster in the classroom</i> p.50	School life	• Character profile • Book introduction	• Recognizing paraphrasing	A character profile about someone I know
8 <i>Street gymnastics</i> p.58	Sports	• Speech		A speech about Sports Day
9 <i>Grow your own</i> p.66	Individual and society	• Advice column		A letter of advice on green living
10 <i>Fabulous fast food feasts</i> p.76	Being healthy	• Restaurant guide		A review of a restaurant

# Stage 3

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12 <i>Postcrossing</i> p.96	Communication	• Feature article • Diary entry	• Inferring feelings	A feature article about teen fashion
13 <i>Mind your mobile manners</i> p.104	Getting along with others	• Drama script		A drama script about mobile manners
14 <i>The ukulele</i> p.114	Entertainment	• Presentation script • Lyrics		A presentation script about self-improvement
15 <i>A wonderful trip to Thailand</i> p.124	Leisure	• Travel blog		A travel blog about a local attraction

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17 <i>An orientation camp</i> p.142	School life	• Blog post • Comments		A blog post about a local tradition
18 <i>Looking after our oceans</i> p.152	Nature and environment	• Persuasive essay		A persuasive essay on saving an endangered species
19 <i>Preparing Generation Z for the workplace</i> p.160	Careers and prospects	• Interview script • Checklist		An interview script about a profession
20 <i>Has the digital revolution made us better off?</i> p.170	Technology	• Two-sided argumentative essay		A two-sided argumentative essay on university education



# Stage 5

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22 <i>Curb your sweet tooth</i> p.190	Being healthy	• Editorial	• Understanding rhetorical devices	An editorial on plastic surgery
23 <i>Helen Keller</i> p.200	Personal growth	• Book review • Letter		A review on a biography
24 <i>Rikki-Tikki-Tavi</i> p.210	Personal growth	• Story		A story with a moral
25 <i>Should we limit tourist numbers?</i> p.220	Individual and society	• Debate speech		A debate speech about after-school activities