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Scheme of Work – Intermediate Class – Information Page

This scheme of work is an outline for a 10 week course at Intermediate level. It doesn't specify how many hours per week – that depends on your teaching situation. In our experience we would suggest around 6 hours of directed teaching (guided learning hours) per week, which would make this course a 60 hour course. But the scheme of work is designed to be flexible, so that you can make the course longer or shorter, depending on the needs of your teaching situation.

You can, of course, alter, add or subtract anything from the scheme of work to make it more relevant to your class. For example, in week 8 we have suggested the vocabulary topic of "going on a date/getting married". One or the other of these topics may be more suitable or interesting for your students – or neither!

This scheme of work is quite a departure from the Beginner & Elementary one included in this pack. The topics are designed to be significantly different from, and more advanced than, the earlier work that students will have covered and will introduce students to a range of new language structures, tenses and vocabulary areas. One of the main differences is that the social English themes encourage students to embark on project work in small groups. We have suggested a range of different projects, including "devise a magazine / newspaper" and "make a short film", but you can easily add your own ideas for projects that would be more suitable and stimulating for your class/es.

On both schemes of work we have suggested that you take your students out for trips, e.g. to a local museum or concert. Students always enjoy being together away from the confines of the classroom and trips such as these can really bring a group together and encourage a team spirit and bonding within the group – particularly at the beginning of a course, when you have a lot of new students who don't really know each other. You may want to suggest other ideas for trips – it depends on what there is to do in your area, as well as your budget.