

# Talk a Lot

## Introduction

Hello, and welcome to the second Talk a Lot course book for Elementary level!

This book is a companion volume to Book 1 and features ten exciting new lesson topics: *Crime, Sport, Music, Weather, Animals, Cars, The Human Body, Colours and Numbers, Life Events, and Nature*. The lesson topics in this book can be used alongside those in Book 1, according to your needs. For example, it is now possible for you to plan a longer Talk a Lot course, using lesson material from both books!

A great new feature in Book 2 is the inclusion of information exchange activities. For more details see page 14.

Once again, the aim of this book is to teach students to think in English and Talk a Lot!

The Talk a Lot course objectives are very simple:

- Every student talking in English
- Every student listening to and understanding English
- Every student thinking in English, and
- Every student taking part in class

Talk a Lot is structured so that every student can practise and improve English grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, intonation, word and sentence stress, and interpersonal skills, by working in pairs, groups and one to one with the teacher.

The main benefits of Talk a Lot are:

- Students have to think in English during lessons in a controlled and focused way
- Students learn how to memorise correct English structures naturally, without abstract and unrelated grammar lessons
- Students learn how to construct eight different common verb forms, using positive, negative and question forms, as well as embedded grammar appropriate to their level. The verb forms studied are: Present Simple, Present Continuous, Past Simple, Past Continuous, Present Perfect, Modal Verbs, Future Forms, and First Conditional
- Students learn 400+ essential vocabulary words by heart
- Students enjoy following a simple and effective method that produces results quickly

As ever, we owe a big debt of gratitude to all of our students who have been trialling this course in recent months. We've had lots of fun doing these lessons, and we hope that you will too! We'd love to hear from you about how you have used this book and how your course went, so please feel free to contact us via our website feedback form, or by emailing [info@englishbanana.com](mailto:info@englishbanana.com). We'd also be really excited to hear about your ideas and proposals for new Talk a Lot topics and activities that we can use in future Talk a Lot books.

With best wishes for a successful course,

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