

**Alignment to CEFR Common European Framework
ESL Level 1 Chapter 1**

ESL Level 1 is a highly effective English curriculum for novice-level learners. ESL 1 *Our Words* will introduce your middle and high school students to the most relevant and necessary expressions by means of a theme-based curriculum. This approach will help students build a strong foundation to communicate in basic and simple language production in English. This standards-based, online program integrates communication and culture in a cohesive, all-in-one format accessible to students and teachers from any device.

This document illustrates how Chapter 1 of ESL 1 aligns with the standards for the Common European Framework. If you have any questions, call 1-800-848-0256 or email info@vocesdigital.com.

Chapter 1			
Reception			
Oral Comprehension: Can follow language which is very slow and carefully articulated, with long pauses for them to assimilate meaning.			
Section	Title	Mode	Description
Chapter 1: Greetings and Introductions	Goodbyes	Receptive	Listen to formal and informal expressions to say goodbye in a conversation.
Story	Activity 2: Listen and Choose	Receptive	Listen to a statement and decide which character said it.
Oral Comprehension: Can recognize concrete information (e.g. places and times) on familiar topics encountered in everyday life, provided it is delivered slowly and clearly.			
Section	Title	Mode	Description
Culture	Formal and Informal Greetings	Receptive	Listen to the expressions used for greeting others.
Audio-Visual Comprehension: Can recognize familiar words/signs and phrases and identify the topics in headline news summaries and many of the products in advertisements, by exploiting visual information and general knowledge.			
Section	Title	Mode	Description
Chapter 1: Greetings and Introductions	Greetings	Receptive	Use greetings to interact with peers with visual and audio prompts.
Chapter 1: Greetings and Introductions	Leap into Language! To Be	Receptive	Listen to audio and look at pictures introducing the verb “to be.”
Now, You Try! Activities	Select the Best Greeting	Receptive	Select the appropriate expression to match the picture.

Now, Watch and Learn!	Verbal Greetings	Receptive	Answer comprehension questions about a video showing formal and informal greetings.
Now, Watch and Learn!	Formal vs. Informal Greetings	Receptive	Answer comprehension questions about a video showing formal and informal greetings.
Reading Comprehension: Can understand very short, simple texts a single phrase at a time, picking up familiar names, words, and basic phrases and rereading as required.			
Reception Strategies: Can deduce the meaning of an unknown word/sign for a concrete action or object, provided the surrounding text is very simple, and on a familiar everyday subject.			
Section	Title	Mode	Description
Presentations	Greetings	Receptive	Read formal and informal conversations.
Now, You Try! Activities	Choose the Correct Greeting	Receptive	Select the appropriate greeting based on the pictures.
Story	Don't Kiss Me!	Receptive	Read a story about people greeting each other.
Story	Activity 1: True or False	Receptive	Decide if a statement about a story is true or false.
Story	Activity 4: Which Picture?	Receptive	Read a statement and select the picture that best describes it.
Authentic Materials	British Sign Language	Receptive	Read a digital poster and answer reading comprehension questions.
Authentic Materials	Ways to Say "Thank You"	Receptive	Read an infographic and answer comprehension questions.
Culture	Common Phrases	Receptive	Read a text about common phrases and answer discussion questions.
Key Terms	Key Terms Assessment	Receptive	Select the appropriate expression to complete a sentence.
Reception Strategies: Can guess the probable meaning of an unknown word/sign that is similar to one in the language they normally use.			
Section	Title	Mode	Description
Presentations	Subject Pronouns	Receptive	Read and use the appropriate subject

			pronouns in context.
Now, You Try! Activities	Select the Best Greeting	Receptive	Select the appropriate expression to match the picture.
Now, You Try! Activities	Grammar in Greetings	Receptive	Select the appropriate form of the verb “to be.”
Now, You Try! Activities	Choose the Best Response	Receptive	Select the appropriate response to each phrase.
Panorama	Orlando, FL	Receptive	Explore Orlando in a panorama and answer comprehension questions.
Culture	Formal and Informal Greetings	Receptive	Answer discussion questions on the appropriate use of formal and informal greetings.
Culture	Nonverbal Greetings	Receptive	Read a descriptive text and answer discussion questions.
Culture	Shortened Words	Receptive	Read a descriptive text about shortened words and answer discussion questions.

Production

Oral Production: Can produce simple, mainly isolated phrases about people and places.

Section	Title	Mode	Description
Now, You Try! Activities	Look and Speak	Productive	Say a greeting to a person.
Now, You Try! Activities	Listen and Repeat	Productive	Listen to and repeat expressions for greetings.
Chapter 1 Assessment	Conversation 1	Productive	Record a formal introduction to a new person.
Chapter 1 Assessment	Conversation 2	Productive	Record an informal introduction to a new person.
Chapter 1 Assessment	Conversation 3	Productive	Record a formal greeting to a familiar person.
Chapter 1 Assessment	Conversation 4	Productive	Record an informal greeting to a familiar person.

Written Production: Can give information about matters of personal relevance (e.g. likes and dislikes,

family, pets) using simple words/signs and basic expressions. Can produce simple isolated phrases and sentences.			
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Now, You Try! Activities	Write the Different Types of Greetings	Productive	Write appropriate greetings for each situation.
Creative Writing: Can produce simple phrases and sentences about themselves and imaginary people, where they live, and what they do. Can describe in very simple language what a room looks like. Can use simple words/signs and phrases to describe certain everyday objects (e.g. the color of a car, whether it is big or small).			
Section	Title	Mode	Description
Story	Activity 3: Rewrite the Story	Productive	Rewrite a story in student's own words.
Interaction			
Oral Interaction: Can interact in a simple way but communication is totally dependent on repetition at a slower rate, rephrasing, and repair. Can ask and answer simple questions, initiate and respond to simple statements in areas of immediate need or on very familiar topics.			
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Chapter 1: Greetings and Introductions	Greetings	Interactive	Use greetings to interact with peers with visual and audio prompts.
Chapter 1: Greetings and Introductions	Introductions	Interactive	Use new expressions to introduce themselves to a classmate or friend.
Chapter 1: Greetings and Introductions	Goodbyes	Interactive	Use formal and informal expressions to say goodbye.
Now, You Try! Activities	Listen and Respond	Interactive	Listen to and respond to greetings and questions.
Now, Watch and Learn!	Verbal Greetings	Interactive	Use expressions on the video to greet classmates.
Now, Watch and Learn!	Formal vs. Informal Greetings	Interactive	Use formal and informal expressions to greet peers and unknown people.
Written Interaction: Can ask for or pass on personal details.			
Section	Title	Mode	Description
Now, You Try! Activities	Create a Dialogue	Interactive	Write a dialogue between two characters.
Online Interaction: Can use formulaic expressions and combinations of simple words/signs to post short positive and negative reactions to simple online postings and their embedded links and media, and can respond to further comments with standard expressions of thanks and apology.			

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Culture	Nonverbal Greetings	Interactive	Read a descriptive text and answer discussion questions.
Culture	Shortened Words	Interactive	Read a descriptive text about shortened words and answer discussion questions.

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