

To the teacher

Welcome to *In Focus*, a multi-level, corpus-informed course aimed at high school and university students. *In Focus* is designed to build all four skills, while also systematically developing knowledge of core vocabulary and students' critical thinking skills. Each Student Book contains 12 topic-based units, which are divided into six general themes. It provides two units in a row on each theme to help better develop students' critical thinking skills on these issues.

In Focus is supplemented by a range of free online learning components, which provide great flexibility and help to speed language acquisition.

We have created a unique lexical syllabus containing the most important words for second language learners of English. The authors of this series are also the creators of the New General Service List Project (www.newgeneralservicelist.com), a collection of corpus-based word lists, each providing the highest coverage in the world for that specific genre. The syllabus for *In Focus 2* is based on the New General Service List (NGSL), a list of approximately 2,800 words that allows learners to understand approximately 92 percent of the words in most texts of general English. These are nearly all the words learners will ever need (not bad, if you consider there are more than 600,000 words in English!). In each level of *In Focus*, 120 of these words are taught in depth (10 per unit). In *In Focus 1* and *In Focus 2*, these words are taken from the NGSL, while in *In Focus Academic 1*, they are taken from the New Academic Word List (NAWL). Students can use the free online tools and resources developed especially for *In Focus* to learn additional unknown words from our NGSL and NAWL word lists.

All readings and written materials are graded to contain a very high percentage (90–95%) of high-frequency words from the NGSL. This helps develop students' reading fluency and confidence.

Though *In Focus* can be used as a standalone textbook, dedicated online elements enable students to personalize and extend their learning beyond the classroom. Among the online components are interactive flashcards, interactive dictionaries that show the keywords being used in authentic video clips, crossword and word search puzzles, speed reading exercises, supplemental graded readings for each unit, vocabulary worksheets, and audio recordings of all reading texts.

In Focus 2 is designed for students at an intermediate level. Each unit is designed to help your students build both their knowledge as well as their ability to think critically about a wide range of important topics. The topics covered are English as a global language, over- and under-population, salaries and drug use in sports, global warming, ideas of beauty, vegetarianism, and factory farming. Language prompts are provided throughout to help students express themselves.

The *In Focus* Teacher's Manual contains full step-by-step teaching notes, unit-by-unit summaries, language notes, tips, extension activities, options for assessment, and a complete answer key.

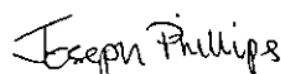
We hope you and your students enjoy using *In Focus*.



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