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Dear ESL/EFL colleagues,

I once met a teacher who had recently used one of my texts in her class. At the end of the term, one of her students said to her, "Thank you for teaching me the secrets of English."

I still smile when I think of that comment. Of course, we know there are no "secrets," but I think I understand what the student meant—that it's sometimes helpful to understand what's going on underneath the surface of a language. A second language can seem so dizzying and random. A little information about its patterns can help students make sense of it and give them a foundation for language growth.

The first book in the Azar series was published in 1981. It was the blue book, *Understanding and Using English Grammar*, which grew out of many years of creating my own materials for my own classes. I then wrote two other texts, the red and the black, creating *The Azar Grammar Series*.

All of the texts have undergone revisions over the years with many evolutionary changes, especially in the use of more interactive and communicative activities. But throughout this time, the original vision remains as stated in the very first book: the goal is the development of all usage skills from a grammar base by giving clear grammar information and employing a variety of practice modes, from controlled response to open communicative interaction.

When I published the first book, I hoped maybe a few other teachers might find the textbook useful, too. In all honesty, I never imagined there were so many teachers like myself who found a grammar-based skills approach to be effective and appropriate for their students. It turns out we are legion.

During the naturalist approach heyday in the 80s and into the 90s, when advocates of zero grammar held sway, grammar instruction largely disappeared from school curricula for native speakers of English. But because of teacher support for grammar-based materials like mine, grammar teaching did not disappear from curricula for second language learners.

Because of you, grammar is today a viable and vigorous component in the ESL/EFL classroom—much to our students' benefit. A great deal of current research shows that many if not most of our students benefit greatly from a grammar component blended with other approaches in a well-balanced program of second language instruction. Together we have served our students well.

My hat is off to you.

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Basic English Grammar is a beginning level ESL/EFL developmental skills text in which grammar serves as the springboard for expanding learners' abilities in speaking, writing, listening, and reading. It uses a grammar-based approach integrated with communicative methodologies. Starting from a foundation of understanding form and meaning, students engage in meaningful communication about real actions, real things, and their own real lives in the classroom context.

Teaching grammar is the art of helping students look at how the language works and engaging them in activities that enhance language acquisition in all skill areas. The direct teaching of grammar to academically oriented adults and young adults is one component of a well-balanced program of second language instruction and can, much to students' benefit, be integrated into curricula that are otherwise content/context-based or task-based.

This third edition has the same basic approach as earlier editions, with new material throughout. It has

- student-friendly grammar charts with clear information that is easily understood by beginning students.
- numerous exercises to give students lots of practice.
- more illustrations to help students learn vocabulary, understand contexts, and engage in communicative language tasks.
- · reorganized chapters with expanded practice for high-frequency structures.
- · the option of a student text with or without an answer key in the back.

In addition, the new edition has a greater variety of practice modes, including

- greatly increased speaking practice through extensive use of interactive pair and group work.
- the addition of numerous listening exercises, accompanied by audio CDs, with listening scripts included in the back of the book.
- more activities that provide real communication opportunities.

A new *Workbook* accompanies the student text to provide additional self-study practice. A *Test Bank* is also available.

HOW TO USE THIS TEXT

GRAMMAR CHARTS

The grammar charts present the target structure by way of example and explanation. Teachers can introduce this material in a variety of ways:

- a. Present the examples in the chart, perhaps highlighting them on the board. Add additional examples, relating them to students' experience as much as possible. For example, when presenting simple present tense, talk about what students do every day: come to school, study English, etc.
- b. Elicit target structures from students by asking questions. (For example, for simple past tense, ask: What did you do last night?) Proceed to selected examples in the chart.
- c. Instead of beginning with a chart, begin with the first exercise after the chart, and as you work through it with students, present the information in the chart or refer to examples in the chart.
- d. Assign a chart for homework; students bring questions to class. This works best with a more advanced class.
- e. Some charts have a preview exercise or pretest. Begin with these, and use them as a guide to decide what areas to focus on. When working through the chart, you can refer to the examples in these exercises.

With all of the above, the explanations on the right side of the chart are most effective when recast by the teacher, not read word for word. Keep the discussion focus on the examples. Students by and large learn from examples and lots of practice, not from explanations. In the charts, the explanations focus attention on what students should be noticing in the examples and the exercises.

FIRST EXERCISE AFTER A CHART

In most cases, this exercise includes an example of each item shown in the chart. Students can do the exercise together as a class, and the teacher can refer to chart examples where necessary. More advanced classes can complete it as homework. The teacher can use this exercise as a guide to see how well students understand the basics of the target structure(s).

SENTENCE PRACTICE

These exercises can be assigned as either oral or written practice, depending on the ability and needs of the class. Many of them can also be done as homework or seatwork.

LET'S TALK

Each "Let's Talk" activity is designated as one of the following: pairwork, small group, class activity, or interview. These exercises encourage students to talk about their ideas, their everyday lives, and the world around them. Examples for each are given so that students can easily transition into the activity, whether it be student- or teacher-led.

LISTENING

Listening exercises for both form and meaning give exposure to and practice with spoken English. Listening scripts for teacher use are in the back of the book. Two audio CDs also accompany the text. Many of the exercises also introduce students to common features of reduced speech.

Teachers may want to play or read aloud some listening scripts one time in their entirety before asking students to write, so they have some familiarity with the overall context. Other exercises can be done sentence by sentence.

WRITING

As students gain confidence in using the target structures, they are encouraged to express their ideas in paragraphs and other writing formats. To help students generate ideas, some of these tasks are combined with "Let's Talk" activities.

When correcting student writing, teachers may want to focus primarily on the structures taught in the chapter.

REVIEW EXERCISES

All chapters finish with review exercises; some are cumulative reviews that include material from previous chapters, so students can incorporate previous grammar with more recently taught structures.

Each chapter review contains an error-correction exercise. Students can practice their editing skills by correcting errors commonly found in beginning students' speaking and writing.

ANSWER KEY

The text is available with or without an answer key in the back. If the answer key is used, homework can be corrected as a class or, if appropriate, students can correct it at home and bring questions to class. In some cases, the teacher may want to collect the assignments written on a separate piece of paper, correct them, and then highlight common problems in class.

For more teaching suggestions and supplementary material, please refer to the accompanying *Teacher's Guide*.

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Janet Johnston was the finest editor an author could ever hope to work with. Wielding pencils of many colors (with purple seeming to be her personal favorite), she cheerfully held her authors to account for every single word they wrote. She saw the Azar Series through thousands of pages of manuscript and proof for more than fifteen years. Each published page bears the seal of her high standards and keen eye. Her delight in the process of shaping text was contagious and her technical expertise extraordinary, making all of us who worked with her enthusiastically reach for our highest level of professionalism. They simply don't make editors like Janet anymore. Working with her has been a privilege and a joy. As we grieve her untimely death from breast cancer, we will deeply miss her good, sweet friendship as well as her editorial wizardry. Simply stated, Janet Johnston was, and will always remain, the best of the best.

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☐ EXERCISE 1. Let's talk: class activity.

Directions: Ask your classmates their names. Write their first names in the spaces below. You can also ask them what city or country they are from.

FIRST NAME	CITY OR COUNTRY

☐ EXERCISE 2. Preview: listening.

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Directions: Listen to the sentences. Write the words you hear.

Paulo <u>is a student</u>	from Brazil. Marie
1	2
student from France3	the classroom. Today
exciting day	the first day of school, but they
nervous	to be here. Mrs. Brown
the teacher. She9	in the classroom right now.
late today.	

1-1 NOUN + IS + NOUN: SINGULAR				
NOUN + IS + NOUN (a) Canada is a country.	Singular means "one." In (a): Canada = a singular noun is = a singular verb country = a singular noun			
(b) Mexico is a country.	A frequently comes in front of singular nouns. In (b): a comes in front of the singular noun country. A is called an "article."			
(c) A cat is an animal.	 A and an have the same meaning. They are both articles. A is used in front of words that begin with consonants: b, c, d, f, g, etc Examples: a bed, a cat, a dog, a friend, a girl An is used in front of words that begin with a, e, i, and o.* Examples: an animal, an ear, an island, an office 			

^{*}An is sometimes used in front of words that begin with u. See Chart 7-2, p. 183. Vowels = a, e, i, o, u.

Consonants = b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z.

☐ EXERCISE 3. Sentence practice.

Directions: Complete the sentences. Use an article (a or an).

- 1. A horse is an animal.
- 2. English is _____ language.
- 3. Tokyo is _____ city.
- 4. Australia is _____ country.

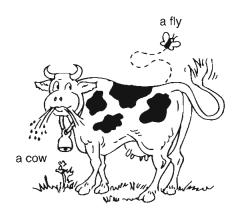
5. Red is	color.		a hive
6	dictionary is _	book.	bees (a)
7	hotel is	building.	a bea
8	bear is	animal.	
9	bee is	insect.	
10	_ ant is	insect.	a tree

☐ EXERCISE 4. Sentence practice.

Directions: Complete the sentences. Use a or an and the words in the list.

animal	country	language
city	insect	sport

- 1. Arabic is <u>a language</u>.
- 2. Rome is _____ *a city* _____.
- 3. A cat is <u>an animal</u>.
- 4. Tennis is ______.
- 5. Chicago is ______.
- 6. Spanish is ______.
- 7. Mexico is ______.
- 8. A cow is ______.
- 9. A fly is _____.
- 10. Baseball is ______.
- 11. China is _____.
- 12. Russian is ______.



☐ EXERCISE 5. Let's talk: small groups.

Directions: Work in small groups. Choose a leader. Only the leader's book is open.

Example: a language

LEADER: Name a language.

SPEAKER A: English is a language.

SPEAKER B: French is a language.

SPEAKER C: Arabic is a language.

LEADER: Japanese is a language.

SPEAKER A: Spanish is a language.

SPEAKER B: Etc.

(Continue until no one can name another language.)

1. an animal

4. a color

2. a sport

5. a country

3. an insect

6. a city

1-2 NOUN + ARE + NOUN: PLURAL				
NOUN + ARE + NOUN (a) Cats are animals.	Plural means "two, three, or more." Cats = a plural noun are = a plural verb animals = a plural noun			
(b) SINGULAR: a cat, an animal PLURAL: cats, animals	Plural nouns end in -s. A and an are used only with singular nouns.			
(c) SINGULAR: a city, a country PLURAL: cities, countries	Some singular nouns that end in -y have a special plural form: They omit the -y and add -ies.*			
NOUN and NOUN + ARE + NOUN (d) Canada and China are countries. (e) Dogs and cats are animals.	Two nouns connected by and are followed by are . In (d): Canada is a singular noun. China is a singular noun. They are connected by and . Together they are plural, i.e., "more than one."			

^{*}See Chart 3-6, p. 63, for more information about adding -s/-es to words that end in -y.

☐ EXERCISE 6. Sentence practice.

Directions: Change the singular sentences to plural sentences.

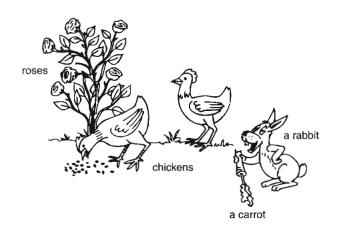
SINGULAR PLURAL

1. An ant is an insect. → Ants are insects.

2. A computer is a machine. →

SINGULAR PLURAL

3. A dictionary is a book.	\rightarrow	
4. A chicken is a bird.	\rightarrow	
6. A carrot is a vegetable.	\rightarrow	
7 A robbit is an animal	>	



8.	Egypt is a country. Indonesia is a country.	→		
9.	Winter is a season.			
	Summer is a season.	\rightarrow		

☐ EXERCISE 7. Game.

Directions: Work in small groups. Close your books for this activity. Your teacher will say the beginning of a sentence. As a group, write the complete sentence. In the end, the group who completes the most sentences correctly wins the game.

Example:

TEACHER (book open): Spanish GROUP (books closed): Spanish is a language.

1. A bear	6. September and	10. China
2. An ant	October	11. Winter and summer
3. London	7. Mexico and Canada	12. Arabic
4. Spring	8. A dictionary	13. A computer
5. A carrot	9. Chickens	14. A fly

☐ EXERCISE 8. Listening.

Directions: Listen to the sentences. Circle yes or no.

Example: Cows are animals. (yes) no Horses are insects. yes (no)

4. yes 7. yes 1. yes no no 2. yes 8. yes 5. yes no no no 9. yes 6. yes no 3. yes no no

☐ EXERCISE 9. Let's talk: pairwork.

Directions: Your partner will ask you to name something. Answer in a complete sentence. You can look at your book before you speak. When you speak, look at your partner.

Example:

Partner A	Partner B
 a country an insect 	 two countries a season

PARTNER A: Name a country.

PARTNER B: Brazil is a country.

PARTNER A: Yes, Brazil is a country. Your turn now.

PARTNER B: Name two countries.

PARTNER A: Italy and China are countries.

PARTNER B: Yes, Italy and China are countries. Your turn now.

PARTNER A: Name an insect.

PARTNER B: A bee is an insect.

PARTNER A: Yes, a bee is an insect. Your turn now.

PARTNER B: Name a season.

PARTNER A: Etc.

Remember: You can look at your book before you speak. When you speak, look at your partner.

Partner A	Partner B
a language two languages	two cities an island
3. a city	3. two countries in Asia
4. an animal	4. a vegetable
5. two seasons	5. a street in this city

1-3 PRONOUN + BE + NOUN

SIN	IGULAR			PLURAL		I	
PRONOUN (a) I (b) You (c) She (d) He	+ BE + am are is	NOUN a student. a student. a student. a student.	PRONO (f) We (g) You (h) They	UN + BE + are are are	NOUN students. students. students.	you he she it we they)	> = pronouns
(e) <i>It</i>	is	a country.				am is are	\Rightarrow = forms of be

- (i) Rita is in my class. She is a student.
- (j) Tom is in my class. He is a student.
- (k) Rita and Tom are in my class. They are students.

Pronouns refer to nouns.

In (i): she (feminine) = Rita.

In (j): he (masculine) = Tom.

In (k): they = Rita and Tom.

	EXERCISE	10.	Sentence	practice.
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Directions: Complete the sentences. Use a verb (am, is, or are). Use a noun (a student or students).

- 1. We <u>are students</u>. 4. Rita and Tom ______
- 5. You (one person) ______.
- 3. Rita ______.
- 6. You (two persons) ______.

□ EXERCISE 11. Let's talk: class activity.

Directions: Close your books. Complete the sentences with a form of be + a student/students. Point to the student or students as you name them.

Example:

TEACHER: (name of a student in the class) Yoko

STUDENT: (The student points to Yoko.) Yoko is a student.

- 1. (name of a student)
- 2. (name of a student) and (name of a student)
- 3. I
- 4. (name of a student) and I
- 5. We
- 6. (name of a student)
- 7. (name of a student) and (name of a student)
- 8. They
- 9. You
- 10. (name of a student) and (name of a student) and (name of a student)

1-4	CONTR	Α	C1	IC	ONS WITH	BE	
АМ	pronoun I				CONTRACTION I'm	(a) <i>I'm</i> a student.	When people speak, they often push two words together. A contraction =
IS	she he it	+	is	\rightarrow	she's he's it's	(b) She's a student.(c) He's a student.(d) It's a city.	two words that are pushed together. Contractions of a subject pronoun + be are used in
ARE	you we they	+	are	\rightarrow	you're we're they're	(e) You're a student.(f) We're students.(g) They're students.	both speaking and writing. PUNCTUATION: The mark in the middle of a contraction is called an "apostrophe" (').*

*NOTE: Write an apostrophe above the line. Do not write an apostrophe on the line. CORRECT: <u>I'm a student</u> □ EXERCISE 12. Sentence practice. *Directions:* Complete the sentences. Use contractions (pronoun + be). 1. Sara is a student. She's in my class. 2. Jim is a student. _____ in my class. 3. I have one brother. _____ twenty years old. 4. I have two sisters. ______ students. 5. I have a dictionary. _____ on my desk. 6. I like my classmates. _____ friendly. 7. I have three books. _____ on my desk. 8. My brother is twenty-six years old. _____ married. 9. My sister is twenty-one years old. _____ single. 10. Yoko and Ali are students. ______ in my class. 11. I like my books. ______ interesting. 12. I like grammar. _____ easy.

13. Kate and I live in an apartment. ______ roommates.

	14. We live	in <i>an apartm</i>	ent	on	Pine Street	t.
	15. <i>I</i> go to s	chool	a stu	dent.		
	16. I know j	you	in	my English	class.	
□ EXEI	CISE 13. List Directions: in the list. Example:		sentences. Writ	te the contra	ections you l	hear. Use the words
			in class. You're a <u>'ou're</u> a stu			
		She's He's It's				
	1		very nice.	6		in the same class.
	2		in the classroom	m. 7		young.
	3		late.	8		very big.
	4		a teacher.	9		very friendly.
	5		her friend.	10		fun.
□ EXE	contraction	Complete th s.		-		ome of them will be
	SPEAKER A:		name	Mrs. Brown	n.	
	SPEAKER B:	Hi. My nar				
	SPEAKER A.	-	in your clas			
	SPEAKER B:	•	nice to meet you happy to m			
		,	time for class. P		seat.	
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 (a) I am not a teacher. (b) You are not a teacher. (c) She is not a teacher. (d) He is not a teacher. (e) It is not a city. (f) We are not teachers. (g) You are not teachers. (h) They are not teachers. 	I'm not you're not / you aren't she's not / she isn't he's not / he isn't it's not / it isn't we're not / we aren't you're not / you aren't they're not / they aren't	CONTRACTIONS: Be and not can be contracted. Note that "I am" has only one contraction with be , as in (a), but there are two contractions with be for (b) through (g).
Examples: Africa \ city	nces using is, isn't, are, and	aren't and the given information.
Baghdad an	d Chicago \ city They \ co	ontinent
1. Canada \ country .	•	,
2. Jakarta \ country	. It \ city	
3. Beijing and London	n \ city They \ country	
4. Asia \ country]	It \ continent	

5. Asia and South America \ continent . . . They \ country

CONTRACTIONS

Not makes a sentence negative.

1-5 NEGATIVE WITH BE

☐ EXERCISE 16. Sentence practice.

PART I.

Directions: Write the name of the person next to his or her job.

artist // gardener
bus driver doctor
police officer photographer

Mike Mr. Rice

PART II.

Directions: Complete the sentences with the correct information.

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1-6	BE + Al	DJE	CTIV	E		
(b) (c)	NOUN A ball Balls Mary Mary and Tom	+	BE is are is are	+	ADJECTIVE round. round. intelligent. intelligent.	round intelligent hungry young happy round adjectives
` ′	PRONOUN I She They	+	BE am is are	+	ADJECTIVE hungry. young. happy.	Adjectives often follow a form of be (am, is, are). Adjectives describe or give information about a noun or pronoun that comes at the beginning of a sentence.*

^{*}The noun or pronoun that comes at the beginning of a sentence is called a "subject." See Chart 6-1, p. 158.

☐ EXERCISE 17. Sentence practice.

Directions: Find the adjective in the first sentence. Then complete the second sentence with be + an adjective that has an opposite meaning. Use the adjectives in the list. Use each adjective only once.

beautiful	expensive	noisy	short
clean	fast	old	tall
easy	√ happy	poor	

- 1. I'm not sad. I <u>'m happy</u>.
- 2. Mr. Thomas isn't rich. He _____.
- 3. My hair isn't long. It ______.
- 4. My clothes aren't dirty. They ______.
- 5. Flowers aren't ugly. They ______.
- 6. Cars aren't cheap. They ______.
- 7. Airplanes aren't slow. They ______.
- 8. Grammar isn't difficult. It ______.
- 9. My sister isn't short. She _____.
- 10. My grandparents aren't young. They ______.
- 11. The classroom isn't quiet. It ______.

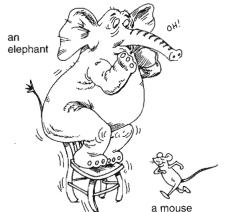
□ EXERCISE 18. Sentence practice.

Directions: Write sentences using is or are and an adjective from the list. Use each adjective only once.

cold	funny	round	sweet
dangerous	√ hot	small/little	wet
dry	important	sour	
flat	large/big	square	

- 1. Fire <u>is hot</u>.
- 2. Ice and snow ______.
- 3. A box _____.
- 4. Balls and oranges _____.
- 5. Sugar _____.
- 6. An elephant ______, but a mouse _____.
- 7. A rain forest ______, but a desert _____.
- 8. A joke _____.
- 9. Good health ______.
- 10. Guns aren't safe. They _____
- 11. A coin _____ small, round, and _____.
- 12. A lemon _____.

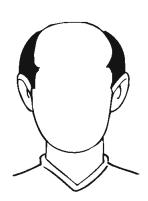




□ EXERCISE 19. Let's talk: pairwork.

Directions: Complete the drawings by making the faces **happy**, **angry**, **sad**, or **nervous**. Then show your drawings to your partner. Your partner will identify the emotions in your drawings.





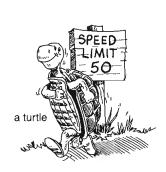


bananas

☐ EXERCISE 20. Sentence practice.

Directions: Complete the sentences. Use is, isn't, are, or aren't.

- 1. A ball <u>isn't</u> square.
- 2. Balls _____ round.
- 3. Lemons _____ yellow.
- 4. Ripe bananas ______ yellow too.
- 5. A lemon _____ sweet. It ____ sour.
- 6. My pen _____ heavy. It ____ light.
- 7. This room _____ dark. It ____ light.
- 8. My classmates _____ friendly.
- 9. A turtle _____ slow.
- 10. Airplanes _____ slow. They ____ fast.
- 11. The floor in the classroom _____ clean. It ____ dirty.
- 12. The weather _____ cold today.
- 13. The sun _____ bright today.
- 14. My shoes _____ comfortable.



☐ EXERCISE 21. Let's talk: pairwork.

Directions: Work with a partner. Take turns making two sentences for each picture. Use the given adjectives. You can look at your book before you speak. When you speak, look at your partner.

Example: The girl . . . happy/sad

PARTNER A: The girl isn't happy. She's sad.

Your turn now.

Example: The flower . . . beautiful/ugly

PARTNER B: The flower is beautiful. It isn't ugly.

Vour turn now



Partner B		
1. The man friendly/unfriendly.		
2. The coffee cold/hot.		
3. The woman tall/short.		
4. Ken's sister old/young.		

□ EXERCISE 22. Let's talk: game.

Directions: Practice using adjectives.

PART I. Look at the words. Check (✓) all the words you know. Your teacher will explain the words you don't know.

1. ____ hungry 11. ____ angry 2. ____ thirsty 12. ____ nervous 13. ____ quiet 3. ____ sleepy

4. ____ tired 14. ____ lazy

5. ____ old 15. ____ hardworking

6. ____ young 16. ____ famous

7. ____ happy 17. ____ sick

18. ____ healthy 8. ____ homesick

9. ____ married 19. ____ friendly

10. ____ single 20. ____ shy

PART II. Sit in a circle. Speaker 1 makes a sentence using "I" and the first word. Speaker 2 repeats the information about Speaker 1 and makes a new sentence using the second word. Continue around the circle until everyone in class has spoken. The teacher is the last person to speak and must repeat the information about everyone in the class.

Example:

SPEAKER A: I'm not hungry. SPEAKER B: He's not hungry.

I'm thirsty.

SPEAKER C: He's not hungry.

She's thirsty. I'm sleepy.

☐ EXERCISE 23. Let's talk: pairwork.

Directions: Check (\checkmark) each adjective that describes this city/town (the city or town where you are studying now). When you finish, compare your work with a partner. Do you and your partner have checks beside the same adjectives? Report to the class on things you disagree about.

1.	 big	11	noisy
2.	 small	12	quiet
3.	 clean	13	crowded
4.	 dirty	14	not crowded
5.	 friendly	15	hot
6.	 unfriendly	16	cold
7.	 safe	17	warm
8.	 dangerous	18	cool
9.	 beautiful	19	expensive
10.	 ugly	20	inexpensive/cheap

☐ EXERCISE 24. Let's talk: game.

Directions: Sit in small groups. Close your books for this activity. Your teacher will ask you to name things. As a group, make a list. The teacher will give you only a short time to make the list. Share the list with the rest of your class. The group that makes the longest list gets a point. The group with the most points at the end of the game is the winner.

Example: round

TEACHER: Name something that is round.

GROUP A's LIST: a ball, an orange, the world GROUP B's LIST: a baseball, a basketball, a soccer ball

GROUP C's LIST: a ball, a head, an orange, the world, the sun, a planet

Result: Group 3 wins a point.

1. hot 6. flat 11. beautiful

2. square 7. little 12. expensive

3. sweet 8. important 13. cheap

4. sour 9. cold 14. free

5. large 10. funny 15. delicious