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FOREWORD

The Rwanda Education Board is honoured to avail syllabuses which serve as official documents and guide to competence-based teaching and learning in order to ensure consistency and coherence in the delivery of quality education across all levels of general education in Rwandan schools.

The Rwandan education philosophy is to ensure that young people at every level of education achieve their full potential in terms of relevant knowledge, skills and appropriate attitudes that prepare them to be well integrated in society and exploit employment opportunities.

In line with efforts to improve the quality of education, the government of Rwanda emphasizes the importance of aligning the syllabus, teaching and learning and assessment approaches in order to ensure that the system is producing the kind of citizens the country needs. Many factors influence what children are taught, how well they learn and the competences they acquire, among them the relevance of the syllabus, the quality of teachers' pedagogical approaches, the assessment strategies and available instructional materials. The ambition to develop a knowledge-based society and the growth of regional and global competition in the job market has necessitated the shift to a competence-based syllabus. With the help of the teachers, whose role is central to the success of the syllabus, learners will gain appropriate skills and be able to apply what they have learned in real life situations. Hence they will make a difference not only to their own lives but also to the success of the nation.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to the syllabus review

Vision 2020 and other Rwanda Government's recent policies emphasizes the ambition to become a knowledge based and technology led economy and stresses the need for the generation, dissemination and acquisition of scientific skills and technological innovations, critical thinking, and positive values; the integration of these skills into social and economic development of Rwanda is critical. English is one of the official languages and medium of instruction in schools. It plays an important role in the achievement of this vision.

1.2 Rationale

Since Rwanda is an English speaking country and a member of the East African Community and Commonwealth the teaching of English requires a Competence Based Curriculum. Indeed, the curriculum of any country acts as its guiding light. The basis of this English curriculum review is the need in Rwanda to shift towards a Competence Based Curriculum that focuses on developing the wholeness of the learner. This wholeness would not only be achieved by giving knowledge and skills, but also through cultivating and inspiring certain attitudes as well as creating occasions and activities during the teaching-learning process that would enable learners to think critically and be able to compete favourably and fit into East Africa and the wider global community. This global outlook has underpinned the adoption and use of English as the language of instruction in Rwandan schools. One of the most important elements of this curriculum review was to organise and provide contents and activities that would lead to a higher 'learning achievement'.

Therefore well thought-through learning activities and questions have been designed in the syllabus as much as possible to challenge students to think independently as well as in groups. So, it is not just about knowledge of language [the four skill areas] but how learners can work in English to reason, express themselves and solve problems in a wide range of situations.

1.2.1 English and society

Communication sits at the very base of every development trend in any country and particularly in Rwanda. Learning good English will not only enable learners to pass their exams but also place them in a better position once they have finished school, to transact business with ease and exploit opportunities at local and international levels where the knowledge of English is a key pre-requisite. For this very reason, English will be taught as a subject from nursery through to university, whereas it will be fully used as the language of instruction from Primary four onwards. Students at A' Level will be building on the solid language foundation they should have acquired from pre-primary and primary up to this level.

Before engaging English as both an official language and the language of instruction in Rwanda schools, Rwandans could not effectively relate with, transact and fully exploit business and other opportunities in East Africa, the Commonwealth and the rest of the English speaking world. With the introduction of English in Rwanda, those problems with be solved.

1.2.2 English and the learners

English language is crucial for the students to achieve learning in other subjects as it is the medium of instruction from Primary four onwards. As one of the official languages, English is also useful for learners to integrate in business and working situations in Rwanda.

Also Rwanda being part of East Africa Community and the Commonwealth, students with mastery of English Language will be able to explore opportunities provided through these political and economic alliances especially and become competitive at the job market.

Finally, English has become a global language, especially in the science and technology fields. Students with higher educational goals will benefit from English learning in Rwanda to access education abroad.

1.2.3 Competences

A competence is the ability to perform a particular task successfully, resulting from having gained an appropriate combination of knowledge, skills and attitudes. The national policy documents, based on national aspirations, identify 'basic Competences alongside the 'Generic Competences' that will develop higher order thinking skills. Basic competences are addressed in the stated broad subject competences and in objectives highlighted year on year basis and in each of the units of learning. The selection of types of learning activities must focus on what the learners are able to demonstrate such competences throughout and at the end of the learning process. A generic competence is a competence that is not specific to a particular subject or situation. Generic competences are transferrable and applicable to a range of subjects and situations including employment. The core competences that must be emphasized and reflected in the learning process are briefly described below and teachers will ensure that learners are exposed to tasks that help the learners acquire such skills.

Critical thinking and problem solving skills: The acquisition of such skills will help learners to think imaginatively and broadly to evaluate and find solutions to problems encountered in all situations.

Creativity and innovation: The acquisition of such skills will help learners to take initiatives and use imagination beyond knowledge provided to generate new ideas and construct new concepts.

Research: This will help learners to find answers to questions basing on existing information and concepts and to explain phenomena basing on findings from information gathered.

Communication in official languages: Teachers, irrespective of not being teachers of language, will ensure the proper use of the language of instruction by learners which will help them to communicate clearly and confidently and convey ideas effectively through speaking and writing and using the correct language structure and relevant vocabulary.

Cooperation, inter personal management and life skills: This will help the learner to cooperate with others as a team in whatever task assigned and to practise positive ethical moral values and respect for the rights, feelings and views of others. Perform practical activities related to environmental conservation and protection. Advocating for personal, family and community health, hygiene and nutrition and responding creatively to the variety of challenges encountered in life.

Lifelong learning: The acquisition of such skills will help learners to update knowledge and skills with minimum external support and to cope with evolution of knowledge advances for personal fulfilment in areas that need improvement and development.

Broad English syllabus competences

The syllabus competences listed below describe the educational purposes of a course based on this syllabus. It outlines the educational context in which the syllabus content should be viewed. These competences are the same for all learners and are not listed in order of priority. Some of these competences may be delivered by the use of suitable local, international or historical examples and applications, or through collaborative experimental work.

The students at A' Level should be able to:

Communicate information, ideas and feelings appropriately and effectively in a range of different social settings and cultural contexts, Listen attentively and read fluently both for information and for pleasure,

Demonstrate an adequate command of vocabulary and language patterns in more complex texts to enable them to learn and communicate in English in different situations,

Listen to and understand English as it is spoken around them in authentic situations.

English and developing competences

These basic competences alongside the generic competences are stated in such a way that will develop higher order thinking skills and this will help the subject learning and application of what has been learnt in real life situation. Through experimentation, observations and presentation of information during the learning process, the learner develops not only deductive and inductive skills but also communication, critical thinking and problem solving skills in trying to make inferences and conclusions.

2. PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH

Since each learner is an individual with his/her own needs, pace of learning, experiences and abilities, teaching strategies must be varied but flexible within well-structured sequences of lessons. However, learner-centred education does not mean that the teacher no longer has responsibility for seeing that learning takes place. Teachers will find useful suggestions to implement the child centred and interactive learning approach in the activities and methodology columns of this curriculum.

Language learning is a process. But by this time, a student is expected to have achieved English language basics. When they make errors, the teacher should support them accordingly but also accept their attempts to use the language correctly.

At this stage, students are also encouraged and expected to further develop the culture of reading for both information and enjoyment.

Schools should provide a conducive environment for students to practise their English by participating in different clubs such as debating, drama and music because students learn well when they are actively involved in the learning process through a high degree of participation, contribution and production.

With stronger language abilities at this level and with continued teacher to student support, learners will read more fluently and write accurately. Teachers must bear in mind that students learn in different ways and at different rates.

Teachers need to provide a variety of learning experiences to support all learners. The classroom should be a safe and friendly place in which to learn and experiment with the language by:

Ensuring constant access by students to the library and encouraging them to read and write within and beyond the framework of the curriculum with comprehension,

Writing accurately for both functional and creative writing purposes,

Integrating into other English speaking communities with sufficient command of English language characterised by adequate competences, knowledge and attitudes.

2.1 Role of the teacher

The change to a competence-based curriculum is about transforming learning, ensuring that it is deep, enjoyable and habit-forming. The teacher ought to shift from the traditional method of instruction to adopt a facilitator role, to allow learners' active involvement in the teaching-learning process.

The teacher must identify the needs of the learners, the nature of the learning to be carried out, the means to shape learning experiences through challenging level appropriate situations in order to enhance critical thinking and problem solving skills. The role of the teacher is to organize learners in and outside the classroom and engage them while using participatory and interactive methods throughout the learning process. Tasks can be given to individuals, pairs and groups. This ensures that learning is personalized, participative and co-operative. The teacher will design and introduce tasks to the class to perform [as in role play] or for immediate discussion. The role of the teacher will be to guide the learners in constructing their own knowledge and to translate that knowledge into set competences.

Learners should be taught how to use the textbooks and other resource materials in different ways: to search for and make use of information in expressive, denotative and connotative contexts.

2.2 Role of the learner

The activities of the learner are indicated in each learning unit and reflect appropriate engagement in the learning process. The teaching and learning processes will be tailored towards creating a learner friendly environment based on learners' capabilities, needs, experience and interests.

The learning activities will be organized in a way that encourages learners to construct their knowledge, either individually or in groups, in an active and engaging way.

Learners work on key competences in the form of concrete units with specific learning outcomes broken down into knowledge, skills and attitude.

In practical lessons learners will work in groups where the availability of the apparatus will not permit working individually but they will be encouraged to do simple project work individually.

2.3 Special needs education and inclusive approach

All Rwandans have the right to access education regardless of their different needs. The underpinnings of this provision would naturally hold that all citizens benefit from the same menu of educational programs. The possibility of this assumption is the focus of special needs education. The critical issue is that we have persons/learners who are totally different in their ways of living and learning as opposed to the majority. The difference can either be emotional, physical, sensory and intellectual learning challenged traditionally known as mental retardation.

These learners equally have the right to benefit from the free and compulsory basic education in the nearby ordinary/mainstream schools. Therefore, the schools' role is to enrol them and also set strategies to provide relevant education to them. The teacher

therefore is requested to consider each learner's needs during teaching and learning process. Assessment strategies and conditions should also be standardised to the needs of these learners. Detailed guidance for each category of learners with special education needs is provided for in the guidance for teachers.

3. ASSESSMENT APPROACHES

Assessment is the process of evaluating the teaching and learning processes through collecting and interpreting evidence of individual learner's progress in learning and to make a judgment about a learner's achievements measured against defined standards. Assessment is an integral part of the teaching learning processes. In the new competence-based curriculum assessment must also be competence-based; whereby a learner is given a complex situation related to his/her everyday life and asked to try to overcome the situation by applying what he/she learned.

Assessment will be organized at the following levels: School-based assessment, District examinations, National assessment (LARS) and National examinations.

3.1 Types of assessment

3.1 1 Formative and continuous assessment (assessment for learning)

Continuous assessment involves formal and informal methods used by schools to check whether learning is taking place. When a teacher is planning his/her lesson, he/she should establish criteria for performance and behavioural changes at the beginning of a unit. Then at the of end of every unit, the teacher should ensure that all the learners have mastered the stated key unit competences basing on the criteria stated, before going to the next unit. The teacher will assess how well each learner masters both the subject and the generic competences described in the syllabus and from this, the teacher will gain a picture of the all-round progress of the learner. The teacher will use one or a combination of the following: (a) observation (b) pen and paper (c) oral questioning.

3.1.2 Summative assessment (assessment of learning)

When assessment is used to record a judgment of a competence or performance of the learner, it serves a summative purpose. Summative assessment gives a picture of a learner's competence or progress at any specific moment. The main purpose of summative assessment is to evaluate whether learning objectives have been achieved and to use the results for the ranking or grading of

learners, for deciding on progression, for selection into the next level of education and for certification. This assessment should have an integrative aspect whereby a student must be able to show mastery of all competences.

It can be internal school based assessment or external assessment in the form of national examinations. School based summative assessment should take place once at the end of each term and once at the end of the year. School summative assessment average scores for each subject will be weighted and included in the final national examinations grade. School based assessment average grade will contribute a certain percentage as teachers gain more experience and confidence in assessment techniques and in the third year of the implementation of the new curriculum. This means that it will contribute 10% of the final grade, but will be progressively increased. Districts will be supported to continue their initiative to organize a common test per class for all the schools to evaluate the performance and the achievement level of learners in individual schools. External summative assessment will be done at the end of P6, S3 and S6.

3.2 Record keeping

This is gathering facts and evidence from assessment instruments and using them to judge the student's performance by assigning an indicator against the set criteria or standard. Assessment procedures generate data in the form of scores which will be carefully recorded and stored in a portfolio. These scores will contribute to remedial actions and alternative instructional strategies. They will also be used to provide feedback to the learner and their parents to check learning progress and to provide advice, as well as be used in the final assessment of the students.

This portfolio is a folder (or binder or even a digital collection) containing the student's work as well as the student's evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of their work. Portfolios reflect not only the work produced (such as papers and assignments), but also serves as a record of the activities undertaken over time as part of student learning. The portfolio output (formative assessment) will be considered only as enough for three years of Advanced level. It will also serve as a verification tool for each learner that he/she attended the whole learning activity before he/she undergoes the summative assessment for the subject.

3.3 Item writing in summative assessment

Before developing a question paper, a plan or specification of what is to be tested or examined must be elaborated to show the units or topics to be tested on, the number of questions in each level of Bloom's taxonomy and the marks allocation for each question. In a

competence based curriculum, questions from higher levels of Bloom's taxonomy should be given more weight than those from knowledge and comprehension level.

Before developing a question paper, the item writer must ensure that the test or examination questions are tailored towards competence based assessment by doing the following:

- Identify topic areas to be tested on from the subject syllabus.
- Outline subject-matter content to be considered as the basis for the test.
- Identify learning outcomes to be measured by the test.
- Prepare a table of specifications.
- Ensure that the verbs used in the formulation of questions do not require memorization or recall answers only but testing broad competences as stated in the syllabus.

Structure and format of the examination for English Language:

At Advanced Level there will be one paper with four sections:

Section A: Comprehension and vocabulary

Section B: Grammar and phonology

Section C: Summary

Section D: Essay writing/report writing

3.4 Reporting to parents

The wider range of learning in the new curriculum means that it is necessary to think again about how to share learners' progress with parents. A single mark is not sufficient to convey the different expectations of learning which are in the learning objectives. The most helpful reporting is to share what students are doing well and where they need to improve.

4. RESOURCES

4.1 Material resources

Teaching and learning of English language is presented in context in order for the learners to practice the language. The successful implementation of this curriculum requires appropriate teaching aids including text books, teachers' guides, audio visuals, maps, graphs for secondary school learners, It is hoped that ICT also will help in this language learning process.

4.2 Human resources

Skills required for the teacher of this subject

- Engage students in variety of learning activities;
- Use multiple teaching and assessment methods;
- Adjust instructions to the level of the learner;
- Creativity and innovation;
- Makes connections/links with other subjects;
- Should have a high level of knowledge of the content;
- Effective discipline skills;
- Good classroom management skills
- Good communicator;
- Guide and counsellor;
- Passion for children teaching and learning;

5. ADVANCED LEVEL SYLLABUS UNITS

5.1. Presentation of the structure of the English syllabus units

English language is taught from pre-primary onwards.

English language subject is structured in Topic Areas that are oral and written communication that apply to all education levels.

English language subject is taught in different contexts/situations that make learning units.

Units are characterised by the following features:

1. Each Unit shows the number of corresponding periods in it.

- 2. Each Unit has a key unit competency that is based on an elaborate subject Overview and which is accomplished through all teaching and learning activities undertaken by both the teacher and the learners. Through these activities with adequate methodologies and techniques the key competences are hence achieved.
- 3. In each unit there are stated learning objectives including knowledge and understanding, skills and attitudes and values. These have been developed based on Broom's taxonomy that is from lower order thinking level to higher order thinking level.
- 4. Each Unit has a detailed content referred to as Language use.
- 5. Each Unit is provided with learning activities that are expected to engage learners in an interactive learner centered participatory approach.
- 6. Finally, each Unit shows its links to other subjects, its assessment criteria and the materials (or resources) that are needed during the teaching-and-learning process.

5.2. English Syllabus for senior four

5.2.1. Key competences at the end of S4

At the end of S4, the learner should be able to:

- Identify the main points of authentic spoken texts or conversation involving one or more speakers,
- Give a presentation on a chosen theme organizing ideas and responding spontaneously to questions,
- Read and understand a range of texts involving more complex language, analysing meaning and summarizing in speech or writing,
- Communicate ideas on a range of topics and in an appropriate style of writing for the task. Argue and justify a point of view,
- Develop vocabulary through the use of reference materials including dictionary and a range of subject texts,

•	Construct explanatory and procedural texts using a variety of vocabulary, language structures and knowledge of different writing genres.

5.2.2 Senior 4 Units

Topic Area: Oral and written communication

S4 English	Unit 1: Geography of I	Rwanda		No of periods: 14
Key unit compete	ence: To use language in th	e context of geography	y of Rwanda.	
	Learning objectives		Content	Learning
Knowledge	Skills	Attitudes and		activities
and		values		
understanding				
Recognise the	Describe the	Appreciate the	Language use	Discuss in groups
use of the	geography of the	beauty and	Describing our province	the province using
present perfect	local province and of	physical features	Our province is called Northern	a map.
tense passive	Rwanda, the climate	of your country.	Province. The main provincial town	
and active	and population of		is Musanze. The neighboring	Read texts about
voice with	Rwanda.		provinces are Eastern and Western	the geography of
since.			Provinces. There are lakes in the	Rwanda,
	Read and listen to		north. The main river is called the	containing
Identify	texts about the		Nyabarongo. What's the name of	paragraphs,
present	geography of		your province?	numbering and
simple), the use	Rwanda, agriculture,			headings.
of paragraphs,	population or trade		Describing geography	
headings and	in Rwanda.		The vegetation in Rwanda includes	Show
numbering.			grassland and savanna. Wildlife	understanding of
	Write texts about		includes gorillas, chimpanzees,	paragraphs,
List the	aspects of Rwandan		storks and cranes. The height of the	headings and
vocabulary of	geography, climate,		land rises to 4500 metres. How high	numbering, e.g. by
physical	population, trade,		is the land? What is the vegetation	filling in a table.
geography,	showing textual		like?	
population,	organisation.			In groups,
farming, trade.			Describing the climate	interpret a graph
			Average monthly temperature is	of temperature
			between 25 and 27°C. The highest	and rainfall.
			rainfall is about 190 mm in April.	

What is the lowest temperature?	Write about
	temperature and
Describing livestock, agriculture and fishery	rainfall.
Cattle are reared in the grasslands.	Read about
Tea is grown in the highlands. Fish	agriculture in
are caught in Lake Kivu.	Rwanda, focusing
	on the passive
Describing the population	voice.
The population was about 12 million	
in 2014. The population is growing	Discuss in groups
by about 2.6%. Since 2002 the	about agriculture,
population has increased by 2%.	paying attention
Since 1995 the death rate has fallen	to the passive
by 3%. How many babies have been	
born per annum since 2005? Has the	Write sentences
population decreased since 2009?	about agriculture,
	paying attention
Describing trade	to the passive
Rwanda exports tea and coffee.	
Machinery and electrical goods are	Listen to texts
imported. Coffee and tea account for	about population
80% of agricultural exports. What	in Rwanda,
does Rwanda export? What is	focussing on since,
imported from Europe?	with the present
	perfect
	Write sentences
Vocabulary	about population
Physical geography: grassland,	paying attention
savanna, mountainous, etc	to since with the
Population: rise, fall, birth, increase,	present perfect
etc	
Farming: rear, grow, grasslands, etc	Read about
Trade: export, account for,	Rwandan trade,

machinery, etc focussing on the Language structure passive Write about trade • Present perfect tense in Rwanda paying (passive) with since attention to the • Passive voice(present simple, passive voice. present perfect tense) Plan texts about • Paragraphing, headings and geography in numbering. Rwanda, with Sounds and spelling several sections. Use dictionaries and thesauruses to Write and extend and develop vocabulary. evaluate texts spelling and pronunciation. about geography, climate, agriculture and population in Rwanda showing paragraphs, headings and numbering and paying attention to the present perfect tense and the passive voice.

Links to other subjects: population, wildlife, trade, agriculture...

Assessment criteria: Can describe the geography of the local province and of Rwanda, the climate and population of Rwanda, write a one page text about aspects of geographical features in Rwanda, climate, population, trade, showing textual organisation.

Materials: maps, diagrams, photographs, pictures...

Topic Area: Oral and written communication

S4 English	Unit 2: Education and personal development			No of periods: 15
Key unit compete		nt in the context of edu	ication and personal development.	
	Learning objectives		Content	Learning
Knowledge	Skills	Attitudes and		activities
and understanding		values		
Identify the use	Describe educational	Appreciate the	Language use.	Discuss in groups
of the first	ambitions and	importance of		ability in subjects.
conditional,	discuss job	education in our	Describing the ability at school	
second	opportunities in	lives.	I'm not good at maths. My grades in	Listen to a
conditional and	speech and writing.		maths are good. I must improve my	dialogue about
could.		Lifelong learning	grades in maths. What subjects are	educational
	Speculate about job	support personal	you good at? Are you good at history?	ambitions and
List the	possibilities in	development.		career
vocabulary of	speech and writing.	-	Describing educational ambitions	opportunities,
work and jobs.			I'm interested in being a doctor. I'd	focussing on I'd
	Read texts about		like to work as a journalist. If I went	like, I'm interested
	educational		to university I would study biology. I	in, if-sentences
	ambitions and job		would like to get experience in	with you have to
	opportunities, an		banking. What job are you interested	
	educational and job		in doing? What would you like to do	Discuss in groups
	career or a		professionally? If you went to	educational
	discussion of job		university, what would you study?	ambitions and
	opportunities.			career
			Discussing career opportunities	opportunities,
	Listen to texts about		There are many jobs in Rwanda for	paying attention
	educational		skilled craftsmen. It is difficult to get	to I'd like, I'm
	ambitions and job		a job as a journalist. A teacher earns	interested in, if-
	opportunities, an		about 45,000 Rwf a month. If you	sentences with
	educational and job		want to be a doctor, you have to have	you have to
	career or a		qualifications in medical science. If	

discussion of job opportunities. Write about one's own educational and job aspirations.

you want to be a lawyer, it is useful to get experience in a law office. How easy is it to get a job as a journalist? What experience do you need if you want to be a doctor? How much does a teacher earn?

Describing career development

I studied at school and then went to university. I got a degree in biology. I then applied for a job as a laboratory technician. I got experience doing lab tests

Discussing job possibilities

If I was a teacher, I would earn about 45,000 Rwf a month. If I had a science degree, I could be a doctor. If I had experience in business, I could be a manager. If I studied biology, I would be able to get a job as a doctor. If I was good at maths, I could be an accountant. If I had good computer skills, I could be a secretary. What would you have to study if you wanted to be a doctor? What would you earn if you were a farmer?

Vocabulary

Work: experience, study, skills, earn, profession, skilled, etc

Jobs: manager, journalist, accountant,

teacher, etc

Write sentences about educational ambitions and career opportunities, paying attention to I'd like, I'm interested in, ifsentences with you have to.

Read job advertisements and find out about qualifications, experience and earnings.

Find out what people earn in different jobs, make a table.

Discuss and write about the table.

Listen to texts by a person describing her educational and iob career.

Read texts about a

young person speculating about Language structure First conditional: if you want to get a jobs, focussing on job you have to study the second Second conditional: If you studied conditional and hard, you would/could get a job. could. Sounds and spellings Discuss in groups Use dictionaries and thesauruses to and speculate extend and develop vocabulary about jobs, paying spelling and pronunciation. attention to the second conditional and could, with support, e.g. sentence starters. Write about one's own educational and job aspirations, paying attention to the second conditional and could.

Links to other subjects: jobs, qualifications, earnings in Entrepreneurship and General Studies

Assessment criteria: Can describe educational ambitions and discuss job opportunities, discuss job possibilities, write about one's own educational and job aspirations.

Materials: photographs, pictures, job advertisements ...

Topic Area: Oral and written communication

S4 English	Unit 3: Ancient Egypt			No of periods: 15
Kev unit competer		e context of ancient Eg	vpt.	
	Learning objectives		Content	Learning
Knowledge and	Skills	Attitudes and		activities
understanding		values		
Recognise the	Describe the	Appreciate the	Language use	Read texts about
use of the past	achievements of the	contribution of	Describing ancient Egypt	the achievements
simple, past	Egyptians in speech	Ancient Egypt to	The ancient Egyptian pharaohs ruled	of the Egyptians.
perfect tenses,	and writing.	our learning,	over a large country for 3 centuries.	
the passive		knowledge and	The Egyptian civilization started 5000	Discuss in groups
voice.	Describe a	culture.	years ago and finished in 332BC. The	about the
	construction process		Egyptians built huge and beautiful	achievements of
	in the past in writing		buildings. They built the pyramids.	the Egyptians.
State the			They made beautiful objects. They	
vocabulary	Describe the		wrote about philosophy, life and death.	Read texts about
related to	relationship between		They had scientific and medical skills.	Egyptians in
historical	knowledge and		When did they rule? What did they do?	prehistory,
ancient Egypt,	achievement in the			focussing on the
prehistoric	past.		Use of habitual past with "used to"	past perfect tense.
Egypt the			Before that the early Egyptians had	
pyramids and	Read texts about the		been farmers. They had herded cattle.	Write sentences
expertise.	achievements of the		Before they developed agriculture,	focussing on the
	Egyptians, about		they had fished in the Nile. They had	past perfect tense.
	how the pyramids		had stone tools. They had made pots.	
	were built, or about		Until the Egyptians built their palaces,	Listen to texts
	the knowledge the		the prehistoric Egyptians had not had	about how the
	Egyptians possessed.		large buildings.	pyramids were
				built, with
	Listen to texts about		Describing processes in the past	diagrams, focussing
	the achievements of		The area was leveled. The space was	on the past simple
	the Egyptians, about		measured. Blocks of stone were cut in	passive.

how the pyramids were built, or about the knowledge the Egyptians possessed.

Write texts about hypothetical situations in the past.

quarries. The blocks were dragged into place using ramps and levers. Where were the blocks found? How were they put in place?

Describing ability in the past

The Egyptians could write using hieroglyphs. They were able to make beautiful paintings. They were able to build large buildings. They could understand mathematics

Describing cause and effect

Their knowledge of the stars allowed them to site the pyramids. Expertise in structural engineering enabled them to construct complex chambers.

Describing hypothetical situations in the past

If they had not understood astronomy, they wouldn't have built the pyramids. If they hadn't had slaves, they would not have been able to move the stone blocks.

Vocabulary

Ancient Egypt: pyramid, scientific, rule, civilization, etc

Prehistoric Egypt: herd, too, stone, pot, etc

The pyramids: level, block, quarry,

drag, etc

Write texts about a process paying attention to the past simple passive.

Read texts about the knowledge and abilities of the Egyptians focussing on could and on abstract nouns with allowed them to, enabled them to and the third conditional.

Discuss in groups the knowledge of the Egyptians, paying attention to the third conditional.

Write a short text in the past tense about knowledge and its advantages, paying attention to could and to abstract nouns with allowed to, enabled to. **Expertise:** engineering, astronomy, Write a short text literacy, etc about hypothetical situations in the Language structure past paying Past simple tense attention to the Past perfect tense third conditional. Passive voice in the past simple tense Could, be able to Cause and effect: lead to, allow to, enable to Third conditional Sounds and spelling Use dictionaries and thesauruses to extend and develop vocabulary, spelling and pronunciation.

Links to other subjects: Ancient Egypt in History

Assessment criteria: Can describe the achievements of the Egyptians, describe a construction process in the past, describe the relationship between knowledge and achievement in the past and write texts about hypothetical situations in the past.

Materials: pictures, diagrams, photographs...

Topic Area: Oral and written communication

S4 English	Unit 4: Ecology and ma	thematics		No of periods: 14
Key unit competer	 nce: To use language in the	context of science and	d mathematics	
	Learning objectives		Content	Learning
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values		activities
Recognize when to use abstract nouns, the passive voice (present simple) and countable and uncountable nouns. State the vocabulary of plant types and parts of plants.	Describe soil components and contents and soil erosion, in speech and writing. Describe the parts of a plant and their functions in speech and writing. Classify plants in speech and writing Read texts about the components and .contents of soil, about the parts and functions of plants or about the classification of plants. Listen to texts about the components and contents of soil, about the parts and functions of plants.	Appreciate the importance of mathematics and science in daily life.	Language use Describing soil components and contents Soil is made up of several things. Bacteria help to break down organic matter. Bacteria are necessary for breaking down organic matter. The function of bacteria is to break down organic matter. Air in the soil provides oxygen. Describing soil erosion The loose particles are carried away by moving water. The topsoil is deposited on flood plains. The river bank is washed away. What happens to the river bank? Describing plants Plants have roots. This is the stem. The function of the root is the absorption of water. The function of the root is the absorption of water. The function of the leaves is to produce food. The function of the leaves is the production of food. What is the function of the leaves?	Discuss in groups about a diagram of the soil. Read texts about soil, focussing on the passive, and label a diagram. Write a description of soil and its components and contents, using gapfilling. Sequence pictures about soil erosion and match them with sentences. Sequence sentences. Discuss in groups about soil erosion. Read texts about

functions of plants or	Talking about plant types	plants, focussing on
about the	Plants can be classified into trees,	the use of abstract
classification of	herbs etc. There are four types of	nouns to describe
plants	plants. Trees are tall and live a long	function, and label
	time. They have hard stems.	a diagram.
Listen to texts and	Eucalyptus is an example of a tree.	
make notes	What is sorghum? Does it have a soft	Match sentence
	stem?	beginnings and
Write about a survey	Conducting a plant survey	endings to describe
of plants	We saw mango trees. There were four	function
	kinds of grass. We saw a lot of rice. We	
	saw few sweet potatoes. We didn't see	Listen to texts
	much rice. How much rice did you see?	classifying plants
	27% of the plants we saw are herbs.	describing the
	About two thirds of the plants we saw	characteristics of
	are trees.	each class; make
		notes in a table
	Vocabulary	
	Soil erosion : carry away, moving,	Discuss your notes,
	topsoil, deposit, etc	and how to make
	Percentages and fractions: percent,	simple notes, with a
	two thirds, average, etc	group, the teacher
		D: .
	Plant types: herb, tree, grass, shrub,	Discuss in groups,
	etc	classify a number of
	Plant parts: stem, leaf, root, flower, etc	plants and justify
		the classification
	Language structure	
	Describing function: to; help to	Classify a number
	Use of abstract nouns to describe	of plants and justify
	function	the classification in
	Passive voice (present simple)	writing
	Countable and uncountable nouns	
		Go into the school

Sounds and spelling Use dictionaries and thesauruses to extend and develop vocabulary spelling and pronunciation.	grounds, bring in a plant, draw it and label it Conduct a survey of an area of vegetation and compile a table of the classes and species of plants seen.
	Talk and write about the survey
	using percentages.

Links to other subjects: soil, plants, soil erosion in Geography statistics and percentages in Mathematics

Assessment criteria: Can describe soil components and contents and soil erosion, describe the parts of a plant and their functions, classify plants, write about a survey of plants.

Materials: realia, pictures, diagrams, photographs...

Topic Area: Oral and written communication

S4 English	Unit 5: Friendship			No of periods: 14
Key unit compete		t in the context of frie	ndship	
	Learning objectives		Content	Learning
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values		activities
Recognize when to use formal and informal language State the vocabulary of politeness: describing people, safe sex	Describe friends and friendship in speech and writing Use reported speech in speech and writing Express politeness, offers and requests in speech Read texts about safe sex Listen to texts about safe sex Write about relationships between the sexes and about safe sex	Appreciate the different relationships we have in our lives	Language use Describing friends I have several good friends. Mutesi lives in Butare. She is 16. He is about 140 cm tall. Her mother is a secretary. We meet every day. We do our homework together. He likes reading. She is good at science. I like him because he is funny Recounting activities On the weekend Jotham and I played football. After that we went to his house Reporting speech Yesterday Mutesi said that she was going to visit her aunt. She told me that it was her birthday. He said he would like to play football. She said she wanted to be a doctor. Getting on with people	Listen to someone talking about a friend and make notes about the person in a table. Discuss in groups friends, maybe using a photo, and describe them, using categories, e.g. age, name, height, etc Write a description of a friend. Read some reported speech and analyse in groups how the grammar of reporting works.
			How are you today? Are you OK? I'm fed up because I've lost my mobile	Write a report of

some direct speech.
Making offers and requests
May I help you? Can I carry that for Listen to someone
you? I'll open the door for you. Let me talking about a
help you with that. Shall I open the planned event and
door? Do you want me to help you report their
carry your bag? Yes thanks. That's kind conversation in
of you. Could you help me with this speech and writing.
bag? Sure. Would you like to play
football with me? Yes I would. I would Listen to a dialogue
but I'm afraid I can't. I have to help in between friends
the house. focussing on
politeness, offers,
Talking about boy- and girlfriends requests
and safe sex
Say 'No' to pre-marital sex. A condom Role-play a
is important for preventing STDs. dialogue with a
People should be faithful to their friend being polite,
partners. It's Ok to find someone making offers and
attractive. It is not good to force requests.
someone to do what they don't want.
It's important to respect the other Discuss in groups
person. about what is good
or not good in
Vocabulary relationships
Politeness: may, can, could, kind, sure, between the sexes.
etc
Describing people: honest, funny, tall, Write a short text
good at, etc about relationships
Safe sex: respect, attractive, condom, between the sexes.
safe sex, faithful, etc
Language structure
Reported speech

Shall I? May I? Can I? Could you? I'll, let	
me.	
Sounds and spellings	
Use dictionaries and thesauruses to extend and develop vocabulary spelling and pronunciation.	

Links to other subjects: safe sex in Biology, Languages friendships, describing people, politeness in Citizenship

Assessment criteria: Can describe friends, use reported speech in speech and writing, express politeness, offers and requests orally, write about relationships between the sexes and about safe sex.

Materials: pictures, photographs...

Topic Area: Oral and written communication

S4 English	Unit 6: Study skills and writing			No of periods: 15	
Key unit competence: To use language in the context of study skills and writing					
Learning objectives		Content	Learning		
Knowledge and	Skills	Attitudes and		activities	
understanding		values			
Recognize how	Read an extract from	Appreciate how	Language use	Read an extract	
to work in	a simplified work of	planning and	Instructions for working in class	from a simplified	
groups, plan and	literature.	organisation can	Work with a partner. Answer the	work of literature.	
evaluate writing,		help you study.	questions. Choose a group leader. You		
make notes and	Work in groups and		have 5 minutes. Get ready to report in	Read texts and	
write a	organize the work of		English. Tell the class what you said.	select the main	
summary, use	the group.			points; compare	
connectors in			Reading extracts from literature	them with others.	
key language	Plan a short text		A man with a great iron on his leg		
functions.	using notes.		seized me by the chin. "O! Don't cut my	Write headings and	
			throat, sir," I pleaded in terror. "Don't	numbers and write	
List the	Write a short text		do it, sir."	notes under them.	
vocabulary of	and evaluate it from			Compare them with	
key school	the viewpoint of		Writing compositions	others.	
language	grammar,		Plan your writing. Write notes. Write		
functions.	punctuation,		your text. Check your work. Evaluate	Write a short	
	spelling.		the grammar.	summary and give	
				it to others to	
	Listen to a short text		Making notes	evaluate.	
	exemplifying a		Read the text. Select the main points.		
	common school		Write headings and numbers for the	Practise working in	
	language function.		main points. Write simple notes under	groups, choosing a	
			the headings.	group leader,	
	Read a short text			keeping time,	
	exemplifying a		Writing a summary	reporting etc	
	common school		Read the text. Select the main points.		

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Vocabulary			Vocabulary	
Working in class: group, pair, report,			Working in class: group, pair, report,	
chairperson etc			chairperson etc	

Making notes and writing summaries: select, points, headings, numbering, notes, etc
Language structure Features of key school language functions Connectors of example, contrast, explaining, listing etc
Sounds and spelling Recognise and pronounce sounds and use rhythm and stress correctly. Spell correctly.

Links to other subjects: study skills, groupwork

Assessment criteria: Can work in groups and organize the work of the group, read an extract from a simplified work of literature, plan a short text using notes, write a short text and evaluate it from the viewpoint of grammar, punctuation, and spelling, write a short text demonstrating the use of a common school language function.

Materials: pictures, photographs...

Topic Area: Oral and written communication

S4 English	Unit 7: Leadership an	nd famous people		No of periods: 14	
Key unit competence: To use language learnt in the context of leadership and famous people					
	Learning objectives		Content	Learning	
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values		activities	
Identify when the use of the past simple tense, and clauses State the vocabulary of leadership styles, character.	Describe a famous Rwandan leader in speech and writing. Describe leadership styles and exemplify them in speech and writing. Write texts containing examples. Describe the life story of a famous person in Rwanda in speech and writing. Read texts about a famous leader in Rwanda, about leadership styles, or about a famous	Appreciate the role of a good leader in the development of society. Apply effective leadership, management and governance skills in society.	Language use Talking about a famous Rwandan leader Rwabugeri ruled from 1853 to 1895. He was Rwanda's most powerful king. He established an army. He expanded the kingdom. Rwabugiri built royal residences. He set up provinces with an administrative structure. What did he do? Why is he famous? Talking about leadership styles Some leaders are authoritarian. They exert control. They don't like opposition. Some leaders are democratic. They involve people, share ideas. Giving your opinion about leaders Leaders should be courageous. For example, they should fight terrorism. They should be fair. For example, they	Read texts about a famous Rwandan leader. Discuss in groups about a famous Rwandan leader Write about him/her Draw a timeline of his/her life. Listen to dialogues talking about leadership styles. Discuss in groups about leadership styles and give examples of leaders and what they did	
	person in Rwanda. Listen to texts about		Leaders should set an example. They should treat people equally. What are the characteristics of a good leader?	which exemplify they style.	
	a famous leader in Rwanda, about		Talking about a famous person in	Write your opinion about leadership	

leadership styles, or about a famous person in Rwanda.

Make notes on a written text.

Plan, write and evaluate texts.

Write the life story of a famous person.

modern Rwanda

King James is a famous singer. He was born in Gisenyi in 1985. He lives in Kigali. He plays with a band. He went to university. He first became famous in 1998, when he released his first album. He is well-known because he appears on TV a lot. When was he born? Where does he live? Why is he famous?

Talking about character

King James is unpretentious. King Rwabugeri was authoritative. What was King Rwabugeri like?

Vocabulary

Leadership styles: tolerant, authoritarian, violent, democratic, etc

Character: simple, unpretentious, good-natured, reserved, etc

Language structure

Past simple tense When-clauses, because-clauses Example sentences

Sounds and spelling

Use dictionaries and thesauruses to extend and develop vocabulary spelling and pronunciation.

styles and give examples of what they did which exemplifies they style.

Read about a famous person in Rwanda, focusing on *when-* and *because-*clauses.

Make notes about their life story and compare your notes with other learners.

Discuss in groups about another famous person in Rwanda, describing their life story, paying attention to when- and because-clauses.

Write a plan of texts about a famous person, dividing the text into paragraphs.

Write and evaluate

	the text, paying attention to the past simple tense and to <i>when-</i> and <i>because-</i> clauses.		
Links to other subjects: Leadership, leadership styles, famous Rwa	ndans in History, Geography, General Studies and Citizenship		
Assessment criteria : Can describe a famous Rwandan leader describe leadership styles and exemplify them, write texts containing examples, describe the life story of a famous person in Rwanda, plan, write and evaluate texts, write the life story of a famous person. Materials : pictures, photographs.			

Topic Area: Oral and written communication

S4 English	Unit 8: Business			No of periods: 15	
Key unit competence: To use language learnt in the context of business					
•	Learning objectives		Content	Learning	
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values		activities	
Recognize the use of if, unless, need to, be able to, have to, must, the third conditional. List the vocabulary of entrepreneurshi p, costs, production, marketing Defining.	Describe entrepreneurship orally. Define business terms in speech and writing. Read texts, make notes and make a summary. Read texts about entrepreneurship, running a business, a small business in Rwanda, or an interview with a business person. Listen to texts about entrepreneurship, running a business, a small business in Rwanda, or an interview with a business in Rwanda, or an interview with a	Appreciate the role of entrepreneurs in their contribution to the economy. Entrepreneurshi p skills can be applied to our daily lives.	Language use Describing entrepreneurship To be an entrepreneur, you need to be an innovator. You have to be able to take risks. You should also be able to manage people. You must be capable of communicating. Unless you take risks, you will not keep ahead of the market. If you cannot communicate, you will not persuade people. Defining costs Materials costs are defined as the costs of tools, materials and shipping. We define sales costs as what it costs to sell products. Overheads refers to utilities, rent, insurance etc. Making a business plan A business description details who runs the business, the market and the competition. A financial management plan explains how you will make a profit and pay off debt.	Read texts about entrepreneurship and make notes; compare your notes with others. Discuss in groups entrepreneurship, paying attention to sentences with ifnot, unless. Complete sentences with ifnot, unless Read texts about running a business. Talk about the text in groups and look for all the terms which explain and define (e.g. are defined as, involves, etc.)	
	business person.		Describing production	Invite and listen to	

Write hypothetically about a time or incident in the past and discuss on outcomes. Production involves keeping control over production costs. It means scheduling production and understanding the supply chain.

Describing marketing

Marketing includes branding and advertising. Branding means appearing in the media, sponsoring local events. Advertising includes print advertising and online advertising.

Describing a business

Rwanda fashion is a fashion business in Kigali. It was founded by It creates fashionable clothing for Rwanda. They employ 22 people.

Recounting the development of a business

I took risks. If I hadn't taken risks, I would not have built up the business. I controlled expenditure. If I hadn't controlled expenditure, I would have gone bankrupt.

Vocabulary

Entrepreneurship: risk, communicate, control, innovator, etc Costs: utilities, rent, overheads, sale, etc

Production: schedule, supply, chain,

production, etc

Marketing: brand, advertise, sponsor,

a business person talking about aspects of running

Read about a small business in Rwanda and make notes. Compare your notes with others. Write a short summary of the text.

Read an interview with a businessperson, focusing on the third conditional.

Write sentences about a business, paying attention to the third conditional, with support, e.g. match main and subordinate clauses.

Write about a time or incident in the past and speculate, paying attention to the third

online, etc	conditional.
Defining: refers to, means, is defined as, involves, explains, etc	
Language structure Ifnot, unless Need to, be able to, have to, must Third conditional	
Sounds and spelling Use dictionaries and thesauruses to extend and develop vocabulary spelling and pronunciation.	

Links to other subjects: business, business plans, developing a business, entrepreneurship in Entrepreneurship

Assessment criteria: Can describe entrepreneurship orally, define business terms, read texts, make notes and make a summary, write hypothetically about a time or incident in the past and speculate on outcomes.

Materials: pictures, photographs...

5.3. English Syllabus for senior five

5.3.1. Key competences at the end of S5

- At the end of S5, the learner should be able to:
- Understand the main points of authentic texts and conversation in a range of different contexts,
- Give presentations on a range of themes and argue a particular point of view,
- Read, comprehend and analyse a wide variety of factual and imaginative texts expressing different points of view issues and concerns including some formal and official material. Summarize the main points,
- Write coherent text in on a wide range of topics in different styles to interest, persuade and /or entertain different readers
- Building on prior knowledge,
- Recognize and analyse new vocabulary, expressions and language structures,
- Communicate complex and descriptive texts using varied vocabulary, language structures and knowledge of different writing genres.

5.3.2 Senior Five Units

S5 English	Unit 1 : Myself and my community			No of periods: 14	
Key Unit Competence: To use language in the context of myself and my community.					
	Learning objectives		Content	Learning activities	
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values			
Recognize when to use: of can, may, have to, paragraphs, more, fewer, no. State the vocabulary of hobbies, internet use, reading habits, local facilities, local government.	Describe leisure time activities, internet use, reading habits, facilities in the community, the structure of local government and the provision of social services, in speech and writing. Compare facilities, jobs and transport in town and country in speech and writing. Read an extract from a simplified work of literature. Read texts about the provision of social services, the structure of local government, or the comparison of	Show readiness to execute one's role and responsibility as a community member.	Language use Describing hobbies and leisure time I like searching for information on the internet. She plays sports with her friends. What do you like doing in your spare time? Recounting activities Last weekend we went to the library. He helped his father in the fields. What did you do on Sunday? Describing internet activity I use the internet at an internet cafe. She uses the internet at a friend's house. They send emails. Do you search the web? Describing reading habits I read magazines about cars. She reads stories from literature. What do you read? Reading extracts from literature A man with a great iron on his leg	Discuss in groups about leisure time activities and internet use. Discuss in groups about reading habits. Write about leisure time activities, internet activities and reading habits. Read an extract from a simplified work of literature. Discuss in groups about community facilities and which exist in the locality. Read texts comparing facilities, jobs, transport, etc in town	

facilities in town and country.

Listen to texts about the provision of social services, the structure of local government, or the comparison of facilities in town and country.

Write a comparison of facilities in town and country.

seized me by the chin. "O! Don't cut my throat, sir," I pleaded in terror. "Don't do it, sir."

Describing facilities in the community

At a bank you can draw money out. At a bus stop you can get a bus. At a health centre you can get treatment if you are ill. There isn't a bank in our community. There are shops. What can you do at a health centre?

Comparing facilities in the country/town.

In the country there are fewer facilities. There are often no banks
There may be a church. You can't easily send letters. You often have to travel to town. You can buy things in a town.
What facilities are there in the country?

Comparing jobs in the country/town

In the country many people are farmers. They earn their money by selling food. In the town people work as teachers. They get salaries. Incomes are higher in the town. How do people earn their money in the country?

Comparing transport in the country/town

In the country people travel on foot. In

and country, focussing on can, there may be, have to, more fewer, etc

Discuss in groups about facilities, jobs, transport, etc in town and country, paying attention to can, there may be, have to, more fewer, etc

Write a comparison of facilities, jobs, transport, etc in town and country, paying attention to *can*, there may be, have to, more fewer, etc

Read texts about the provision of social services, focussing on paragraph structure

Make notes on the text, under topic headings. Compare your notes with others

Talk about the provision of local social services, using a

the town people often travel by public diagram of providers, paying attention to transport provide, fund. Describing social services. The government provides services Invite someone from such as education and healthcare. Nonthe local council to governmental organisations provide talk about the services such as food, sports or provision of local religion. The government gets money services. from taxes. The local government funds education. Non-governmental Listen to someone organisations get money from talking about the donations. What services does the structure of local government provide? government. **Describing local government** Talk about the structure of local processes The people vote in local elections and government, using a elect local representatives. There is a diagram. local council. People can attend local meetings and give their opinions. Write about the provision of services Talking about responsibility in local government, We all have the responsibility to keep using a diagram. our community clean. The government is responsible for providing healthcare. What responsibilities do parents have? **Vocabulary** Hobbies and internet use: search, internet, sports, library Reading habits: literature, story, magazine, etc **Facilities:** bank, bus stop, health

centre, hair salon, etc
Social services : education, healthcare, roads, transport, etc
Local government: council, vote,
meeting, attend, etc
Language structure
Modal verbs: can, may, have to
Paragraphs
Quantity words: some, any, many,
more, fewer, none etc.
Sounds and spellings
Use dictionaries and thesauruses to
extend and develop vocabulary
spelling and pronunciation.

Links to other subjects: town, country, local government, social services in Citizenship and General Studies

Assessment criteria: Can describe leisure time activities, internet use, reading habits, facilities in the community, the structure of local government and the provision of social services, in speech and writing, compare facilities, jobs and transport in town and country in speech and writing, write a comparison of facilities in town and country.

Materials: diagram, photographs, pictures.

S5 English	English Unit 2: Climate change and wildlife protection		
Key Unit Competence : To use language in the context of climate change and wildlife protection.			
Learning objectives		Content	Learning activities

Knowledge	Skills	Attitudes and		
and		values		
understanding				
Recognize the		Show concern	Language use	Read texts about
use of the	Describe climate	for protection		climate change,
present	change and its effects	and proper use	Describing climate change	focussing on the
continuous	in speech and writing.	of the	The climate is changing. The global	present continuous
tense, the		environment.	temperature is rising. The temperature	and the perfect simple
perfect simple	Describe changes in		has been rising for several years. The	and continuous.
and continuous	numbers of wildlife	Appreciate the	glaciers have been melting for a long	
tenses with	species in speech and	relationship	time.	Discuss in groups
since, for, ought	writing.	between climate	In the last few years the sea level has	about climate change
to, must, may,		and human	been rising	paying attention to the
might, could,	Read texts on climate	activities.		present perfect
when-clauses,	change, species		Describing climate change	continuous.
although,	increase and decrease,		The average temperature of the earth	
despite, in spite	or on wildlife		has risen in the last decade. Since the	Write sentences
of, more, fewer.	protection.		last century, the snow on Mount	paying attention to the
			Kilimanjaro has reduced. Has the	present perfect
List the	Listen to texts on		temperature gone up?	continuous.
vocabulary of	climate change ,			
climate change,	species increase and		Predicting the effects of climate	Discuss in groups and
greenhouse	decrease, or on wildlife		change	predict the effects of
effect, species	protection.		It could be more difficult to grow	climate change, paying
decline, wildlife			crops. There might be more droughts.	attention to <i>may</i> ,
protection.	Plan, write and			could, might.
	evaluate texts on		Describing change in wildlife	
	wildlife protection,		populations	Listen to someone
	containing paragraphs.		Since 2007 the population of gorillas	describing the decline
			has increased by about 25%. Species	in species in Rwanda,
			have decreased because of poaching	using graphs and
			and grazing. Species of birds have	tables and focussing
			declined. Why have numbers of species	on the present perfect
			decreased?	simple.

Describing causes

One cause of species decline is increased grazing. Poaching leads to the decline of species

Describing contrasts

Although species are declining, the gorilla population is increasing. The snow on Kilimanjaro has recently increased despite the global increase in temperature.

Describing wildlife protection

NGOs are trying to restore biodiversity. The government is establishing ecotourism. The government is helping local communities to find alternative sources of income.

Making suggestions about preserving the environment

We must use bicycles more. We ought to use fewer fossil fuels

Vocabulary

Climate change: temperature, global, warming, ozone layer, melt, greenhouse effect, pollution, etc

Species decline: increase, decrease,

poach, graze, etc

Wildlife protection: ecotourism,

income, biodiversity, etc

Present data orally in class on species decline using a graph and paying attention to the present perfect simple

Read texts on species increase and decrease, including although, despite, in spite of Write sentences paying attention to although, despite, in spite of

Read texts on species increase and decrease, including paragraphs. Make notes under paragraph headings.

Read texts on wildlife protection and suggesting solutions, including paragraphs.

Discuss in groups and suggest solutions to wildlife problems, paying attention to *must, ought to.*

Language structure	Plan texts on wildlife
Present continuous tense	protection, with
Present perfect simple and continuous	paragraphs.
tenses with since, for	
Ought to, must	Write and evaluate the
May, might, could	text, paying attention
When-clauses	to paragraphs.
Although, despite, in spite of	
More, fewer	
Presenting using graphs	
Sounds and spelling	
Use dictionaries and thesauruses to	
extend and develop vocabulary	
spelling and pronunciation.	

Links to other subjects: climate change, wildlife, biodiversity in geography and biology

Assessment criteria: Can describe climate change and its effects, describe changes in numbers of wildlife species, plan, write and evaluate texts on wildlife protection, containing paragraphs.

Materials: pictures, photographs, graphs...

S5 English	Unit 3: Traditional family life			No of periods: 15	
Key Unit Competence: To use language in the context of traditional family life.					
- y y	Learning objectives		Content	Learning activities	
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values			
Identify when to use, connectors of time. List the vocabulary of extended family, birth, death, wedding customs and gender roles.	Describe family relationships in speech and writing. Describe a family ceremony in speech and writing. Read texts about traditional family customs, about a wedding or about traditional and modern gender roles in the household. Listen to texts about traditional family customs, about a wedding or about traditional family customs, about a wedding or about traditional and modern gender roles in the household. Write about gender roles in one's family.	Appreciate the importance of the role of the family in our lives, culture and heritage.	Language use Describing one's extended family My grandfather is my mother's father. I like my aunt, because she encourages me. We have close links with our cousins. Our grandparents support us. Does your family belong to a clan? Do you like your grandfather? Describing a family tree My cousin got married when she was 19. My grandmother married a boy from the same village. Describing traditional birth customs Eight days after a child is born, the naming ceremony takes place. The family prepares food and drinks. Describing death customs The men prepare the grave and the burial takes place within two days of the death. Everyone is expected to join in. Then the traditional priests say special prayers. Describing a traditional wedding The groom finds out about the family of his future bride. After that the groom takes a cow to the bride's	-Discuss in groups about extended families and define termsDiscuss in groups about people they like in their extended family and whyDraw a family tree -Discuss with a partner about your family treeWrite about a family tree and describe some of the relationshipsRead texts about traditional family customsDiscuss in groups about a ceremony, e.g. a birth or deathInvite someone into class to talk about their weddingListen to someone	

			family.	describing their
			Talking about modern weddings	wedding.
			A man and a woman get engaged. They	-Discuss in groups a
			can have a civil or religious wedding.	wedding.
			Recounting a wedding	
			My brother got married to in	-Write an account of a
			Talking about work distribution in	wedding, paying
			the family(gender roles)	attention to time
			Men used to clear the land. Women	connectors.
			used to stay at home doing household	-Read texts about
			chores. Now women and men share	traditional and
			household roles.	modern gender roles
			Vocabulary	in the family,
			Extended family: mother-in-law,	focussing on used to.
			cousin, niece, etc	-Discuss in groups
			Birth: born, naming, baby, etc	about gender roles in
			Death: grave, burial, prayers, etc	their family.
			Wedding: groom, bride, dowry, etc	-Write about gender
			Gender roles: clean, fetch water,	roles in one's family.
			plant, earn, etc	
			Language structure	
			Used to	
			Connectors of time	
			Sounds and spelling	
			Use dictionaries and thesauruses to	
			extend and develop vocabulary	
			spelling and pronunciation.	
Links to other subje	octor woodding hirth doath go	nder roles extended	family in Congral Studios and Citizonship	

Links to other subjects: wedding, birth, death, gender roles, extended family in General Studies and Citizenship

Assessment criteria: Can describe family relationships, describe a family ceremony in speech and writing, write about gender roles in one's family.

Materials: drawing paper and pencils, family tree, pictures, photographs...

S5 English	Unit 4: Fractions and percentages			No of periods: 15		
Key Unit Competence: To use language in the context of fractions and percentages						
	Learning objectives		Content	Learning activities		
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values				
Identify when to use of maths phrases. State the vocabulary of fractions, percentages, economy.	Do calculations on fractions and percentages, write in numbers and talk through the working orally. Read calculations, or texts on the Rwandan economy. Listen to calculations, or texts on the Rwandan economy. Plan, write and evaluate texts on the Rwandan economy, containing paragraphs, numbering and headings.	Appreciate the role of mathematics and science in our daily lives.	Language use Calculating with fractions Three quarters, two fifths. 3 over 4, 2 over 5. The top number is called the numerator. The highest common factor of 21 and 28 is 7. The decimal 0.75 is equivalent to the fraction three quarters. Calculating with percentages 3 percent means 3 in a hundred. You can write 20% as 20 over 100 or 0.2. 15% is 15 divided by 100. To find 15% of a number, multiply the number by 15 divided by 100. Work out 20% of 125. Describing the Rwandan economy 9 out of 10 people in Rwanda work in agriculture. 90% of people in Rwanda work in agriculture. 94% of people in Rwanda live in rural areas. Around 6000 people work in the fishing industry. Coltan was worth 41.5million dollars of exports in 2001. What percentage of people work in industry?	Read texts on the Rwandan economy, focussing on percentages. Discuss in groups and do calculations on percentages. Complete sentences on fractions by gapfilling. Discuss in groups about the Rwandan economy, paying attention to percentages. Write sentences on the economy, focussing on percentages.		

What fraction of Rwanda's exports economy, including does tea account for? paragraphs, numbering and **Vocabulary** headings, paying Fractions: quarter, fifth, denominator, attention to decimal, etc percentages. **Percentages:** percent, divide, multiply, Write and evaluate the etc Economy: worth, account for, export, text. import, industry etc Language structure Maths terms/phrases: out of, equivalent to, account for, even/odd numbers, set, sides, figures... Paragraphs, numbering and headings. Sounds and spelling Use dictionaries and thesauruses to extend and develop vocabulary spelling and pronunciation.

Links to other subjects: economy, fractions, percentages in Mathematics

Assessment criteria: Can do calculations on fractions and percentages, write in numbers and talk through the working orally, read calculations, plan, write and evaluate texts on the Rwandan economy, containing paragraphs, numbering and headings.

Materials: graphs, calculations...

S5 English	Unit 5: Discoveries and	No of periods: 14				
Key Unit Competence : To use language in the context of discoveries and inventions.						
	Learning objectives		Content	Learning activities		
Knowledge	Skills	Attitudes and		_		
and		values				
understanding						
Identify when	Describe famous	Appreciate how	Language use	Read texts about		
to use the	discoveries and	African	Recounting a famous discovery	important discoveries		
future perfect	inventions, showing	scientists and	In 1796 Edward Jenner discovered	and inventions.		
tense, the third	impact, in speech and	inventors have	vaccination. He injected the son of his			
conditional,	writing.	contributed to	gardener with cow pox.	Discuss in groups		
phrases for		the world of	Describing a famous invention	about famous		
cause, textual	Speculate about what	science and our	Orville and Wilbur Wright invented the	inventions and		
organisation.	would have happened	daily lives.	aeroplane. They were the first to make	discoveries.		
	in the absence of		a successful human flight with a craft			
List the	discoveries and	Value the	that was powered by an engine and	Read about some		
vocabulary of	inventions, in speech	importance of	was heavier than air.	famous African		
discoveries and	and writing.	critical thinking,	Describing a famous scientist	inventors and		
inventions.		creativity and	Alexander Fleming was born in	scientists, focussing		
	Speculate about future	innovation and	Scotland in 1881. In 1928 he	on language of cause.		
	discoveries and	problem	discovered the world's first antibiotic			
	inventions, in speech	solving.	penicillin.	Write about		
	and writing.		Describing African scientists	inventions and		
			Professor Gebisa Ejeta discovered the	discoveries, paying		
	Read / listen texts		relationship between sorghum and a	attention to the		
	about a discovery or		parasite. This means that sorghum is	language of cause, e.g.		
	invention, or about		more resistant to the parasite. In Togo,	impact on, lead to, etc		
	African scientists, or		Afate Gnikou built a 3-D printer out of			
	about what would		computer waste. The invention could	Research famous		
	have happened in the		lead to better use of waste. Professor	African scientists.		
	absence of discoveries		Tebello Nyokong in South Africa	They present basic		
	and inventions, or		invented a laser treatment for cancer.	information about		
	about future		This could have an impact on cancer	their scientist orally in		

discoveries and inventions.

Plan, write and evaluate texts about a discovery or invention and the impact it has had, showing signals of textual organisation, e.g. paragraphs, numbering, headings, and bullets. deaths.

Speculating about the future

If Alexander hadn't have discovered antibiotics, many people would have died.

Predicting discoveries and inventions in the future

In 30 years time we will have cured cancer. In 100 years we will have built a city on the moon. In 30 years we will have invented robots which.

Vocabulary

Discoveries and inventions: invent, discover, discovery, etc

Language structure

Future perfect tense
Third conditional
Phrases for cause: lead to, have an
impact on, mean
Textual organisation: paragraphs,
numbering, headings, bullet points.

Sounds and spelling

Use dictionaries and thesauruses to extend and develop vocabulary spelling and pronunciation.

class.

Write sentences speculating about what would have happened without specific discoveries and inventions, paying attention to the third conditional.

Read texts about possible discoveries and inventions in the future, focusing on the future perfect and containing some signals of textual organisation, e.g. paragraphs, numbering, headings, and bullets.

Write about possible discoveries and inventions in the future, paying attention to the future perfect.

Plan texts about a discovery or invention and the impact it has had, highlighting some

signals of textual organisation, e.g. paragraphing, numbering, headings, bullets.

Write and evaluate texts discovery or invention and the impact it has had, paying attention to signals of textual organisation, e.g. paragraphs, numbering, headings, and bullets.

Links to other subjects: Famous scientists in History

Assessment criteria: Can describe famous discoveries and inventions, showing impact, speculate about what would have happened in the absence of discoveries and inventions, speculate about future discoveries and inventions, plan, write and evaluate texts about a discovery or invention and the impact it has had, showing signals of textual organisation, e.g. paragraphs, numbering, headings, bullets.

Materials: photographs, pictures...

S5 English	Unit 6: Natural and indu	strial processes		No of periods: 14		
Key Unit Compete	Key Unit Competence: To use language in the context of natural and industrial processes.					
Learning objectives		Content	Learning activities			
Knowledge	Skills	Attitudes and				
and		values				
understanding						
Recognize when	Describe a natural,	Respect natural	Language use	-Read texts about a		
to use the	biological,	and industrial	Describing a natural process	process, with a diagram,		
passive voice,	environmental,	processes role in	The Sun heats water in oceans and seas.	focussing on connectors		
connectors of	industrial or mining	Rwanda's	Water evaporates as water vapour into	of time or cause and		
time and	process.	economic	the <u>air</u> . Rising air currents take the vapour	effect.		
cause/effect.		development.	up into the atmosphere where cooler	-Discuss in groups a		
	Read texts describing a		temperatures cause it to condense into	diagram and describe		
List the	natural, biological,		clouds.	the process, paying		
vocabulary of	environmental,		Describing a biological process	attention to connectors		
processes,	industrial or mining		Photosynthesis is the process by which	of time or cause and		
cause/effect	process.		plants make energy. The sun, water,	effect.		
phrases.			nutrients from soil and carbon dioxide are	-Match a sequence of		
	Listen to texts describing		all absorbed by the plant. This enables the	pictures with a sequence		
	a natural, biological,		plant to use these to make glucose.	of sentences, describing		
	environmental,		Glucose is the food for the plant.	a process.		
	industrial or mining		Describing an environmental process	-Write a sequence of		
	process.		Acid rain reacts with metals and rocks	sentences describing a		
			such as limestone. Buildings and statues	process, with a diagram,		
	Plan, write and evaluate		are damaged as a result. Acid rain	paying attention to		
	texts describing a		damages the waxy layer on the leaves of	connectors of time or		
	process, paying attention		trees and makes it more difficult for trees	cause and effect.		
	to paragraphs, headings		to absorb the minerals they need for	-Make notes while		
	and numbering.		healthy growth. They may die as a result.	listening or reading,		
			Describing an industrial process	under headings. Use the		
			A tall column is fitted above the mixture,	notes to write a		
			with several condensers coming off at	summary of the text.		
			different heights. The column is hot at the	-Plan texts describing a		

bottom and cool at the top. Substances process, paying with high boiling points condense at the attention to connectors bottom and substances with low boiling of time or cause and points condense at the top. effect, and to Describing a mining process paragraphs, headings Cassiterite deposits are brought to the and numbering surface. The ore is cleaned. Then it is Write and evaluate the dried. Describing greenhouse effect text Greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide trap heat in the atmosphere. As a consequence, the temperature of the atmosphere rises. When we burn fossil fuels we make greenhouse gases. **Vocabulary Vocabulary of processes** Cause/effect phrases: leads to, as a result, causes to, enable to, etc Language structure Passive voice Connectors of cause/effect: consequently, as a consequence, etc Connectors of time: then, subsequently, finally, etc Summary Sounds and spellings Use dictionaries and thesauruses to extend and develop vocabulary spelling and pronunciation.

Links to other subjects: natural processes, industrial processes in Geography,

Assessment criteria: Can describe a natural, biological, environmental, industrial or mining process, plan, write and evaluate texts describing a process, paying attention to paragraphs, headings and numbering.

Materials: diagrams, pictures, photographs...

S5 English	Unit 7: Globalisation and			No of periods: 15		
Key Unit Compet	Key Unit Competence: To use language in the context of globalisation and global citizenship					
Learning objectives		Content	Learning activities			
Knowledge	Skills	Attitudes and				
and		values				
understanding						
Recognize	Describe class family	Appreciate the	Language use	Discuss in groups		
when to use the	connections with and	contribution of	Talking about making global	family connections		
present perfect	visits to a foreign	all cultures to	connections	with and visits to		
tense and the	country in speech and	the creation of a	People migrate to other countries.	other countries.		
present perfect	writing.	common global	People use the internet. How do you			
passive voice.		society	make global connections?	Conduct a survey of		
	Describe Rwanda's		Do you speak foreign languages?	family connections		
State the	international trade and			with and visits to		
vocabulary of	sources of income in		Describing international trade	another country and		
multinational	speech and writing.		Rwanda exports pyrethrum to	present the results in		
companies and			Germany. Rwanda imports machinery	a table.		
trade and	Read texts about		from France.			
multinational	Rwanda's			Write about the class's		
organisations.	international trade,		Describing international	family connections		
	about Rwanda's		organisations	with and visits to		
	income or about an		Rwanda belongs to international	other countries.		
	interview with the CEO		organisations such as the UN. The			
	of a multinational		objective of the AU etc is to build an	Read texts about		
	company in Rwanda.		integrated prosperous and peaceful	Rwanda's		
			Africa. What is the objective of the	international trade,		
	Listen to texts about		Commonwealth?	with pie charts		
	Rwanda's			showing countries and		
	international trade,		Describing sources of income	goods.		
	about Rwanda's		Rwanda borrows money from banks.			
	income or about an		Rwanda receives foreign aid from	Discuss in groups		
	interview with the CEO		countries such as the USA.	about the pie charts.		
	of a multinational			Write about the pie		

company in Rwanda.
Plan, write and evaluate texts about a multinational company, with headings, paragraphs and numbering.

Multinational trade

In the past decades, the volume of world trade has grown. Tariffs on manufactured goods have been cut. Some countries such as those in Europe and Japan, have benefited. Other poor regions, such as Africa have been left behind.

Describing multinational companies

More and more goods are produced by global multinational companies with production plants around the world. This enables them to take advantage of cheaper labour. It also gives them better access to local markets.

Describing a multinational company in Rwanda

It is a multinational corporation operating in Rwanda. It employs 1000 people. It produces...

Vocabulary

Multinational companies and trade Multinational organisations

Language structure

Present perfect tense Present perfect passive voice

Sounds and spelling

Use dictionaries and thesauruses to

charts, using percentages and fractions.

Listen to someone talking about Rwanda's income, with a pie chart showing sources.

Discuss in groups about the pie chart.

Write about the pie chart, using percentages and fractions Practise skimming and scanning a texts about multinational companies and trade.

Read an interview with the CEO of a multinational company in Rwanda, describing the company's operations.

Discuss in groups a multinational company and its operations.

	extend and develop vocabulary	Plan texts about a			
	spelling and pronunciation.	multinational			
		company, with			
		headings, paragraphs			
		and numbering.			
		Write and evaluate the			
		text			
Links to other subjects: international trade, multinational companies in Entrepreneurship and Economics, global citizenship in General					
Studies					

Assessment criteria: Can describe class family connections with and visits to a foreign country, describe Rwanda's international trade and sources of income, plan, write and evaluate texts about a multinational company, with headings, paragraphs and numbering.

Materials: pie charts, pictures, photographs...

Key Unit Competence: To use lang Learning objec Knowledge and Skills understanding				
Learning object Knowledge and Skills				
<u> </u>			Content	Learning activities
unuerstanung		Attitudes and values		
Recognize when to use the future continuous present perfect continuous tenses, going to, might, may, could. List the vocabulary of living in another country, leisure activities about Rwan differences, emotions. Compare cu describe em speech and customs foreign country. Listen to textom of the total country. Listen to textom of the country. Listen to textom of the country. Listen to textom of the country.	rrent pssibilities, ture speech and ltures and otions in writing. r from tying in a stry, or lans, or dan customs in another tts about tying in a stry, or lans, or dan customs dan customs stry, or	Appreciate that customs and rituals are important: and help shape the community.	Language use Describing recent activities I've been living in London for a month now. I've been staying with our cousin. He's been exploring the city. Since last week I've been sharing a small flat in East London. Describing current activities I'm studying at Imperial College. Describing possibilities I might stay in London. I could study in York. I may rent a room at the university. Describing plans Next week I'm going to visit a friend in Scotland. Describing future activities I'll be climbing mountains in Scotland. She'll be having a drink with her friends. Comparing cultures The English always say 'sorry'. They queue up for buses. Describing cultures In Rwanda we always shake hands when we meet. Rwandans are rather tactful and restrained. Talking about emotions I miss you all. I sometimes feel lonely	-Read a letter from someone staying in a foreign country, focusing on the present perfect continuous and the present continuous tenseDiscuss in groups the letter, paying attention to the present perfect continuous tenseListen to someone saying what they might do while staying in a foreign city or country, focussing on may, might, couldRead a letter from someone describing plans focussing on going to and future activities focussing on the future continuousPlan a letter from someone staying in a foreign country or in Rwanda, to friends, including recent

the experience of living	without my family. I'm happy while	activities, current
in a new country.	exploring new places. I get depressed	activities, possibilities,
	when I don't know anyone. I'm curious to	plans and future
	find out about the country.	activities.
	·	-Write and evaluate the
	Vocabulary	letter paying attention
	Living in another country: study, stay,	to the present perfect
	rent, share, explore, etc	continuous and present
	Leisure activities: drink, climb, stay, etc	continuous tenses, may,
	Cultural differences: shake, tactful, queue,	might, could, going to
	etc	and the future
	Emotions: sad, depressed, happy, curious	continuous tense.
		-Read about Rwandan
	Language structure	customs and customs in
	Future continuous tense	another country.
	Present continuous tense	-Discuss in groups and
	Going to	compare Rwandan
	Might, may, could	customs and customs in
	Present perfect continuous tense	another country.
	Letters.	-Write comparing
		Rwandan customs and
	Sounds and spellings	customs in another
	Use dictionaries and thesauruses to extend	country.
	and develop vocabulary spelling and	-Listen to someone
	pronunciation.	talking about their
		feelings when living in a
		new place.
		Discuss in groups
		feelings when living in a
		new place.
		Write about feelings
		when in a new place.

Links to other subjects: foreign countries, customs in Geography and Citizenship

Assessment criteria: Can describe recent activities, current activities, possibilities, plans and future activities, compare cultures and describe emotions, write a letter describing the experience of living in a new country.

Materials: pictures, photographs...

5.4. English Syllabus for senior six

5.4.1. Key competences at the end of S6

- At the end of S6, the learner should be able to:
- Identify the majority of points and infer the meaning of a range of authentic texts and conversations spoken at or near to, native speaker speed,
- Participate in discussions relating to a variety of situations and topics, taking the initiative where appropriate
- Understand a range of authentic texts of some degree of complexity,
- Make connections and comparisons. Paraphrase to feedback essential points,
- Write extended texts on a range of topics using a wide range of language and a variety of styles and registers,
- Building on prior knowledge,
- Explore and analyse new vocabulary, expressions and language structures,
- Communicate complex and descriptive texts using varied vocabulary, language structures and knowledge of different writing genres.

5.4.2 Senior Six Units
Topic Area: Oral and written communication

S6 English	Unit 1: Rwanda and th	Unit 1: Rwanda and the region: geology.			
Key unit compete					
	Learning objectives		Content	Learning activities	
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values			
Recognize the use of the passive voice present simple. Identify whenclauses and where-clauses List the vocabulary of the location of Rwanda, its geological features, lake and rivers, volcanoes.	Describe maps Describe geological features and events. Read texts about maps of Rwanda, about geological features or about a geological event. Listen to a text about a map of Rwanda, about geological features or about a geological features or about a geological event.	Reading at home with your family promotes a reading culture and lifelong learning. Reading widely on topics enhances vocabulary and understanding of other subject areas.	Language use Describing maps Rwanda has large neighbours: Tanzania is large; Burundi is small. Some neighbouring countries have a coastline; others are landlocked. Uganda is to the north of Rwanda. If you travel south of Rwanda you reach Burundi. The distance from Bujumbura to Kigali is about 290 km. Rwanda is south of the equator. The line of latitude 2°S etc of the equator goes through Rwanda. The line of longitude 30°E etc goes through Rwanda. Where is Rwanda in terms of latitude and longitude? Which countries are to the south etc of Rwanda? Describing geological features Rwanda has volcanoes. Mountains and valleys are formed by faulting. When the land is pushed upwards it forms a	-Read text about the location of Rwanda on the map, focussing on compass points, latitude and longitudeDiscuss maps of Rwanda, paying attention to compass points, latitude and longitudeListen to / read texts about geological features and mountain formation, focussing on the passive voice, present simple and when-clauses -Discuss in groups diagrams of mountain formation, paying attention to the passive	
			block mountain. When pressure acts on the rock from each side, folding occurs. What happens when the land is pushed	voice, present simple and when-clausesListen to / read texts	

	upwards?	about rivers, with a
	Describing lakes and rivers	map, focussing on
	The river Nyabarongo first flows north,	when- and where-
	then south-east. Rivers form when	clauses.
	streams join together. Lakes form	-Write about rivers,
	where there is a depression. Crater	illustrating with a map.
	lakes form when a volcano erupts. How	-Listen to / read texts
	do lakes form?	about geological events,
	Describing a geological event	e.g. the eruption of
	When a volcano erupts, it releases	volcanoes, focussing on
	ash/lava. When the rock is forced	when-clauses and the
	upward, a volcano is formed. What	present simple passive
	happens when a volcano erupts?	voice.
	Vocabulary	
	Location: landlocked country, latitude,	Sequence diagrams of a
	equator, etc	geological event Match
	Geological features: fault, valley, block,	the diagrams with
	fold, etc	sentences. Discuss
	Lake and rivers: lake, crater, form,	groups about the
	stream, etc	diagrams.
	Volcanoes: push, erupt, ask, release, etc	-Write about a
	Language structure	geological event, with
	The passive voice present simple	diagrams, paying
	When-clauses, where-clauses	attention to when-
	Sounds and spellings	clauses and the present
	Use dictionaries and thesauruses to	simple passive voice.
	extend and develop vocabulary spelling	
	and pronunciation.	
Links to other subjects: volcanoes goology man work in Coography		

Links to other subjects: volcanoes, geology, map work in Geography
Assessment criteria: Can describe maps, describe geological features and events, and write about a geological event.

Materials: map, diagrams, photographs, pictures ...

S6 English	Unit 2: Newspapers and r	Unit 2: Newspapers and reporting				
Key unit competend	 ce: To use language in the con	text of newspapers and	reporting.			
	Learning objectives	• •	Content	Learning activities		
Knowledge and	Skills	Attitudes and				
understanding		values				
Recognise the	Skim and scan a	Newspaper and	Language use	-Read articles from a		
use of the past	newspaper or	magazine are	Reading newspapers and magazines	newspaper or magazine		
perfect	magazine article for	useful sources of	Skim the article. Look at the headline.	reporting on an event.		
continuous	key information.	information.	Scan and find the information.	Practise skimming and		
tense and non-			Describing a scene	scanning the article.		
defining clauses.	Describe an event in	Reading	The manager had been taking money from	-Read / listen to a		
	the past and the	newspapers and	the company.	description of an event,		
State the	background to it and	magazine helps	A burglar had been trying to break into the	focussing on the		
vocabulary of	speculate on causes,	people stay	house.	background to the scene		
Newspapers and	events etc,	informed of	The lion had been eating an antelope.	and on the past perfect		
magazines.		current events.	The car had been emerging into the main	continuous.		
	Report speech in the		road when the accident took place.	-Discuss in groups events		
	past.		Reporting speech	in the past and the		
			The newspaper reported that the manager	background to it, paying		
	Listen to / read texts		had intended to take a large proportion of	attention to the past		
	from a newspaper or		the profits.	perfect continuous.		
	magazine reporting		The policeman said that the man had	-Write about an event in		
	past events speculating		broken a window and had been searching	the past and the		
	on causes, events etc		house for valuables.	background to it, paying		
			The ranger said that the lion had been	attention to the past		
	Write an article for a		disturbed and had run off.	perfect continuous.		
	local newspaper about		The witness said that the driver had been	-Read articles reporting		
	past events, describing		talking on his mobile phone and had not	what someone said about		
	the background.		seen the truck approaching.	an event, focussing on		
			Expressing probability on a past event	reporting the past simple		
			The manager must have thought no one	and continuous tenses.		
			knew what he was doing. He might have	Write sentences reporting		
			taken much more money if he had not been	speech in the past		
			caught.	Read dialogues		
			The burglar must have thought no one was	speculating on a past		

at home. He might have murdered someone event, focussing on might, if he had found them. *must have* The lion must have been frightened off. He -Compose texts using might have seen people approaching. might, must have The driver must have been distracted. He -Discuss in groups about might have survived if he had been looking an event in the past and at the traffic. speculate, paying Restrictive and non-restrictive clauses attention to *might, must* The manager, who had worked for the have -Write about an event in company for five years, was convicted of embezzlement. the past, reporting what The burglar, who was aged 23, was sent to someone said and speculating about the jail. The lion, which was familiar to the ranger, event, paying attention to was later seen at a water hole. might, must have The driver, who leaves a wife and two -Read articles containing children, was buried on Monday. non-defining clauses **Vocabulary** -Write texts paying Newspapers and magazines: article, attention to non-defining headline, skim, scan, etc clauses. Language structure -Write an article for a Past perfect continuous tense local newspaper about a Modal verbs: might have, must have past event, describing the Non-defining clauses background, reporting Sounds and spelling speech and speculating Use dictionaries and thesauruses to extend about the event. and develop vocabulary spelling and

Links to other subjects: reporting, newspapers, magazines in French, Kinyarwanda and Kiswahili

Assessment criteria: Can skim and scan a newspaper or magazine article, describe an event in the past and the background to it and speculate on causes, events etc, report speech in the past, write an article for a local newspaper about a past event, describing the background, reporting speech and speculating about the event.

pronunciation.

Materials: newspapers, magazines...

Topic Area: Oral and written communication

S6 English	Unit 3: Cultural diversity			No of periods: 14
Key unit competence: To use language in the context of cultural diversity.				
Learning objectives			Content	Learning activities
Knowledge	Skills	Attitudes and		
and		values		
understanding				
Recognize the	Describe local and	Appreciate and	Language use	Discuss in groups about
use of <i>can</i> ,	foreign customs.	respect cultural	Describing being in a new country	people who have
ought to, cause		diversity that	I have been in the USA since the 1980s. I	migrated.
and effect	Describe the causes	other people live	came from Mexico. We came across the	
language,	of migration.	other lives.	border illegally.	Read a text about the
because				experiences of a
clauses.	Read texts about the		Comparing cultures	migrant.
	experiences of		In France, people kiss each other when	
State the	migrants, comparing		they meet. In the UK, people like	Read / listen to
vocabulary of	local and foreign		gardening. Rwandans appreciate a	dialogues comparing
immigration,	cultures and		sense of humour.	local and foreign
cultures and	customs, the causes			cultures and customs.
customs,	of migration or		Describing customs	
migration	cultural diversity.		People sometimes have special food.	Discuss in groups about
stories, causes			People sometimes have different	local and foreign
of migration,	Listen to / read texts		languages. They sometimes tell special	customs.
cultural	about the		legends. People sometimes behave	
diversity.	experiences of		towards each other in special ways.	Write about local
	migrants, comparing		They sometimes have special rules	customs.
	local and foreign		about marriage. Does your family have	
	cultures and		special music? Does your family tell	Read texts about
	customs, the causes		special stories?	immigration.
	of migration or			
	cultural diversity.		Describing traditional Rwandan	Read texts about the
			culture	causes of migration and
	Plan, write and		In Rwanda we often eat sorghum. We	make notes focussing
	evaluate a short		drink sorghum beer. Owning cattle is a	on cause and effect

essay on the need for	symbo
tolerance, paying	close to
attention to structure	often c
and paragraphs.	the firs
	days af
	when t
	healers
	Repor
	Chanta
	She lef
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	Pennsy
	journal
	family
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symbol of status. Families often live close to their extended family. Women often carry children on their backs for the first year. Children are named eight days after birth. Rwandans shake hands when they meet someone. Traditional healers are common

Reporting a migration story

Chantal immigrated to the USA in 2009. She left because she wanted to study. She studied at the University of Pennsylvania. She got a job as a journalist. She sends money back to her family in Rwanda. She may come back to Rwanda sometime. When did Chantal emigrate?

Describing the causes of migration

Push factors cause people to migrate. People migrate to find work. People migrate to escape poverty. People migrate because they want a better life. Why do people migrate?

Discussing cultural diversity

Community groups can have different traditions. Community groups can share the same beliefs. They can fight over cultural differences. They should celebrate diverse traditions. We should encourage tolerance.

Vocabulary

language and becauseclauses.

Discuss in groups about migration causes and relate them to migrants they know.

Write about migration causes and about migrants they know, paying attention to cause and effect language and because-clauses
Read a text about cultural diversity and the need for tolerance, focusing on should, ought to

Discuss in groups about tolerance, paying attention to *should*, *ought to*

Plan a text on the need for tolerance, paying attention to paragraphs and *should*, *ought to*

Write and evaluate the text, paying attention to structure and

Immigration: border, legal, immigrant,	paragraphs
etc	
Cultures and customs: humour, food,	Others read and
legend, dress, etc	evaluate the essay,
Migration stories: emigrate, study, job,	paying attention to
etc	structure and
Causes of migration: pull, poverty, job,	paragraphs.
escape, etc	
Cultural diversity: belief, tradition,	
celebrate, tolerance, etc	
Language structure	
Modal verbs: can, should, ought to	
Cause and effect language; because	
clauses	
Sounds and spelling	
Use dictionaries and thesauruses to	
extend and develop vocabulary spelling	
and pronunciation.	

Links to other subjects: migration, immigration, cultural diversity, customs in General Studies and Communication Skills

Assessment criteria: Can describe local and foreign customs, describe the causes of migration, plan, write and evaluate a short essay on the need for tolerance, paying attention to structure and paragraphs.

Materials: pictures, photographs...

Topic Area: Oral and written communication

S6 English	Unit 4: Myself and my	ambitions		No of periods: 14
Key unit compete	ence: To use language in th	e context of myself an	d my ambitions.	
Learning objectives		Content	Learning activities	
Knowledge	Skills	Attitudes and		
and		values		
understanding				
Regignize the	Describe leisure time	Planning for the	Language use	Discuss in groups about
use of the first	activities, internet	future is	Describing hobbies and leisure time	leisure time activities
conditional,	use, reading habits,	important.	I like searching for information on the	and internet use.
have to, need to.	job ambitions and		internet. She plays sports with her	-Discuss in groups
	qualifications.	Accurate and	friends. What do you like doing in your	about reading habits.
Identify the		descriptive	spare time?	-Write about leisure
present perfect	Read texts about job	language is	Recounting activities	time activities, internet
tense in CV	ambitions, skills and	important when.	Last weekend we went to the library.	activities and reading
format.	qualifications,		He helped his father in the fields. What	habits.
			did you do on Sunday?	-Read extracts from a
List the	Read / listen to texts		Describing internet activity	simplified work of
vocabulary of	about job ambitions		I use the internet at an internet cafe.	literature.
personal	and qualifications,		She uses the internet at a friend's house.	-Listen to people
qualities,	about the qualities of		They send emails. Do you search the	talking about job
qualifications,	an employee, a CV, a		web?	ambitions and
job titles.	reply to a job ad.		Describing reading habits	qualifications.
			I read magazines about cars. She reads	-Discuss in groups job
	Write a curriculum		stories from literature. What do you	ambitions, paying
	vitae.		read?	attention to want to,
			Talking about what you want in	would like to and about
	Read a job		professional life	qualifications, paying
	advertisement and		I would like to have a well-paid job. She	attention to if-
	write a reply.		would like to work in farming. I would	sentences.
			like to get qualifications in medicine.	-Write about job
			What kind of job do you want?	ambitions, paying
				attention to want to,
			Talking about what you need to	would like to and about

	achieve	qualifications, paying
	If I want to get a well-paid job, I will	attention to if-
	have to get qualifications. If I want to	sentences
	get a qualification in IT, I will need to	Listen to / read texts
	study it at university. If she wants to go	about the qualities of an
	to university, she will need to pass her	employee
	examinations. What will you have to do	
	if you want to go to a technical college?	Invite employers into
	Talking about a good worker	class to discuss about
	A good worker is a hard-	what s/he looks for in
	workingperson. Responsible workers	an employee
	care for their job and for other workers.	
	Experienced workers have done the job	Read a CV and discuss
	for some time. Committed workers do a	its format and language
	job properly. What is a good worker?	
	Writing a CV	Discuss in groups about
	I have good maths skills. I have	writing a CV, focussing
	completed secondary education. I have	on appropriate
	qualifications in IT. I have specialised in	language
	engineering. I have a degree in law.	
	Talking about qualities	Make notes for a CV
	I am disciplined. She is hard-working. I	under headings
	need to be more creative. What are his	
	best qualities?	Write a CV, focussing
	Job advertisements	on appropriate
	We are looking for an experienced	language.
	editor. Qualified lawyer required.	
	Should be committed, hard-working.	Others read the CV and
	-Vocabulary	evaluate them by
	Hobbies and internet use: search,	reference to format,
	internet, sports, library	language etc
	Reading habits: literature, story,	-Analyse job
	magazine, etc	advertisements and
	magazine, etc	aaver discillents and

creative, etc Qualifications cediploma, bachelo Job titles: journal lawyer, actor, etc Language struct First conditional Modal verbs: have Present perfect ted CV format Sounds and spel Use dictionaries a	about a job ad and plan what to say in response, paying attention to headings and appropriate language. Inse Iting Indition to headings and appropriate language. Indition to headings and appropriate language. Iting Indition to headings and appropriate language appropriate language appropriate language. Indition to structure, headings and appropriate language. Indition to headings and approp
	-Others read the responses and choose
	the best candidate.

Links to other subjects: jobs, qualifications, CV, personal qualities in Entrepreneurship

Assessment criteria: Can describe job ambitions and qualifications, write a curriculum vitae, read a job advertisement and write a response.

Materials: job advertisements, pictures, photographs...

Topic Area: Oral and written communication

S6 English	Unit 5: Space travel			No of periods: 15
Key unit compete	ence: To use language in th	e context of space trav	rel.	
Learning objectives		Content	Learning activities	
Knowledge	Skills	Attitudes and		
and		values		
understanding				
Recognize the	Describe the history	Practise using	Language use	Read texts about space
use of <i>could</i> ,	of space travel, the	the language of	Describing the history of space travel	travel and make a
might, will have	solar system and the	maths and	Yuri Gagarin was the first human being	timeline of space travel
to, the past	international space	science, so that	to travel in space in 1961. John Glenn	milestones.
simple tense	station, in speech and	you can study	made the first US orbital flight in 1962.	
and the present	writing.	these subjects	China was the third nation to succeed in	Discuss about the
perfect		better in English.	space flight in 2003. Men first landed on	timeline, paying
continuous	Predict the future of		the moon in 1969. Who was the first	attention to the present
tense with	space travel in	Remember to	person to fly in space? When did men	perfect tense with since,
since, for, the	speech and writing.	expand your	first land on the moon?	for.
passive voice		vocabulary: in		
(present	Read texts about	every text find	Talking about the recent history of	Write about key events
perfect) with	space travel, the	three words	space travel	in space travel, paying
since, for.	solar system, the	which you think	Human beings have been travelling in	attention to the present
	international space	are useful and	space since 1961. People have been	perfect tense with since,
Identify the	station, or	use them in	living on the ISS for several years. Since	for.
vocabulary of	possibilities and	speech and	when have human beings been	
space travel,	future of space	writing	travelling in space?	Listen to / read texts
the solar	travel.	repeatedly over		about the solar system,
system, the	_	the next few	Describing the solar system	focussing on
international	Listen to texts about	days.	The solar system comprises the planets.	dimensions,
space station,	space travel, the		Mercury is composed of rock. The solar	percentages etc. And
the future of	solar system, the		system contains the asteroid belt. The	label the diagram.
space travel,	international space		planets orbit the sun. Venus is	
dimensions and	station, or		approximately miles from the sun.	Discuss in groups the
percentages.	possibilities and		The Sun contains 99.86% of the solar	diagram paying
	future of space		system's known mass. The Sun is	attention to

travel.

Plan, write and evaluate an essay about the possibilities and future of space travel.

composed of roughly 98% hydrogen and helium. The distance from Earth to the Sun is 150,000,000 km. How far is Venus from the sun? What is the sun made of?

Describing the dimensions of the international space station

The International Space Station is almost four times as large as the Russian space station Mir. It measures 357 feet end to end. It weighs almost one million pounds. It has a wingspan of 240 feet. It has a volume of 32,333 cubic feet. Solar panels supply 75 to 90 kilowatts of power for the ISS.

Describing the development of the international space station

The space station has been continuously inhabited for 15 years. Since 2000, the space station has been visited by 214 individuals. Since 2000, 57,361 orbits around the Earth have been made. How many orbits have been made?

Discussing possibilities of space travel

We could build a colony on Mars. We might grow food there. They could have powerful enough rockets. They might find drinking water. Could we find drinking water?

Predicting the future of space travel

percentages and dimensions.

Write a diagram of the solar system paying attention to percentages and dimensions.

Read a text about the International Space Station focussing on dimensions and the present perfect continuous passive and fill in a table.

Discuss in groups about the ISS, paying attention to dimensions and the present perfect continuous passive.

Make an oral presentation to the class about an aspect of the International Space Station, using a diagram.

Write about the International Space Station, paying attention to dimensions We will have to spend billions of dollars and the present perfect to go to Mars. They will have to grow continuous passive. food in greenhouses. What will they have to do? Listen to a text about **Vocabulary** the possibilities and **Space travel:** launch, astronaut, land, future of space travel, orbital, etc focussing on *might*, **Solar system:** Saturn, rock, orbit, could, will have to. composed of, etc Discuss in groups about **International space station:** measure. the possibilities and pounds, wingspan, supply, etc future of space travel, **Dimensions and percentages:** cubic paying attention to feet, kilowatt, pound, etc might, could, will have The future of space travel: billion, to. Plan a short essav greenhouse, rocket, colony, etc Language structure about the possibilities Modal verbs: could, might, will have to and future of space Past simple tense travel, focussing on Present perfect continuous tense with paragraphs and paying since, for attention to might, Passive voice (present perfect) with could, will have to. Write and evaluate the since, for Sounds and spellings essay. Use dictionaries and thesauruses to Read classmates' essays extend and develop vocabulary spelling and choose the best. and pronunciation..

Links to other subjects: space travel, international space station, the solar system in Geography

Assessment criteria: Can describe the history of space travel, the solar system and the international space station, predict the future of space travel, plan, write and evaluate an essay about the possibilities and future of space travel

Topic Area: Oral and written communication

S6 English	Unit 6: Money			No of periods: 15		
Key unit compete	Key unit competence: To use language in the context of money.					
	Learning objectives		Content	Learning activities		
Knowledge	Skills	Attitudes and				
and		values				
understanding						
Recognize the	Define types of	Hard work and	Language use	Read texts about		
use of could,	income in speech and	perseverance	Describing types of income	income.		
should have,	writing.	are required to	Earned income is defined as the salary			
the second and		earn a living.	you receive as an employee. Self	Define the key terms of		
third	Describe budgeting		employed income is the income you pay	income and write		
conditionals.	and debt in speech	Use financial	yourself in your own business. We	definitions.		
	and writing.	terms	define work income as the income you			
Identify the		confidently.	receive from your business. The income	Discuss in groups about		
vocabulary of	Read and summarise		you receive from investments is	income and tax within a		
income,	texts on money.		referred to as investment income. What	family learners know.		
budgeting and	_		is income?			
debt.	Read texts on			Write about income		
	income, budgeting,		Describing incomes	and tax within a family.		
	debt or government		She earnsper month. His average			
	debt.		income is per year. He pays % in tax.	Listen to someone		
	_		What do you pay in tax? What is his	talking about		
	Listen to texts on		average income?	budgeting.		
	income, budgeting,					
	debt or government		Describing tax	Invite someone to come		
	debt.		You pay tax on your income. Companies	and talk to the class		
			pay tax on profits. You pay income tax	about budgeting.		
	Speculate about what		at 10%. How much income tax does she			
	to do with a sum of		pay?	Look at figures for a		
	money.		Talking about budgeting	family budget. Discuss		
			Income includes wages, state benefits.	and write about them.		
			Expenses include housing,	Deadle de de d		
			housekeeping, electricity, water,	Read texts about		

telephone expenses. Debts are money someone in debt, how it you owe, for example, loans. arose and could have been avoided, focussing **Talking about savings** on could have, should She should have saved more money. have and the third She shouldn't have spent so much on conditional. rent. She could have been more careful with her money. He shouldn't have Discuss in groups borrowed so much someone who is in debt, paying attention Talking about avoiding debt to could have, should If she had saved more money, she have and the third wouldn't have been in debt. If he had conditional. spent less, he would have had more money in reserve. If she hadn't spent so Write about a real or much on rent, she would have saved imaginary person who more. If she had been more careful with is in debt, paying her money, she wouldn't have owed so attention to could have, much. If he hadn't borrowed so much. should have and the he wouldn't have been in debt. third conditional. Describing government debt and Read texts about annual government deficit. government debt, make Government debt is defined as notes under headings. the <u>debt</u> owed by a <u>central government</u>. Annual government deficit refers to the Write a brief summary difference between government of the text. earnings and expenditures in a single Discuss in groups about vear. what they would do with a sum of money, Talking about possibility paying attention to the If I had 500,000 RWF, I would buy... second conditional. What would you do if you had 50,000

	dollars?	Write sentences using
		the second conditional.
	Vocabulary	
	Income: self-employed, salary,	
	investment, employee, etc	
	Budgeting: wages, benefits, pension,	
	expenses, debt, etc	
	Debt: save, owe, borrow, deficit, etc	
	Defining: is referred to as, is defined as,	
	we define, refers to.	
	Y	
	Language structure	
	Modal verbs: could, should have	
	Second conditional	
	Third conditional.	
	Sounds and spellings	
	Use dictionaries and thesauruses to	
	extend and develop vocabulary spelling	
	and pronunciation.	
Links to other subjects: debt. income, tax, budget in Entrepreneursh	1	I

Links to other subjects: debt, income, tax, budget in Entrepreneurship and General

Assessment criteria: Can define types of income, describe budgeting and debt, Read and summarise texts on money, speculate about what to do with a sum of money.

Materials: tables, graphs, pictures, photographs

Topic Area: Oral and written communication

S6 English	nglish Unit 7: Development trends in Rwanda			No of periods: 14
Key unit competence: To use language in the context of development trends in Rwanda.				
Learning objectives		Content	Learning activities	
Knowledge	Skills	Attitudes and		
and		values		
understanding				
Recognize the	Describe economic	Is Rwanda	Language use	-Read texts about
use of the past	development, goals	developing at	Describing economic development	economic development,
simple tense,	and achievements in	the rate you	By mid-2014 mining in the rural areas	with diagrams, and
the present	speech and writing.	would want and	employed more than 33,000 persons.	make notes under
perfect tense		expect?	The economy grew from 4.7% in 2013	headings.
passive with	Read texts about		to 7.4% in early 2014. In 2014 the	-Summarise texts
since, for,	economic	Do you have a	annual income for miners was almost	about economic
aim/expect to.	development, goals,	responsibility	Rwf 200,000. The World bank forecast a	development
	or achievements.	for supporting	growth rate for Rwanda of 5.7% in	-Interpret a diagram in
Identify the		that	2014.	writing.
vocabulary of	Listen to texts about	development	Describing economic development	-Listen to texts about
economic	economic	forward? What	Since 2001 7,200 areas of marshland	economic or
development,	development, goals,	can you do?	have been rehabilitated. Nearly 30,000	agricultural
economic goals,	or achievements.		hectares of hillsides have been	development, focussing
economic			sustainably developed. Since 2010	on the present perfect
achievement.	Plan, write and		maize yields have improved from 1.6	passive, and make
	evaluate an short		tons per hectare to nearly 5 tons per	notes in a table.
	essay on economic		hectare.	-Discuss in groups
	goals and		Describing economic goals	about data on economic
	achievements, paying		The government expects poverty to be	or agricultural
	attention to		reduced by 30% by 2017. The	development, paying
	paragraphs and using		government expects to transform	attention to the present
	graphs and other		Rwanda from a low-income agriculture-	perfect passive.
	statistics.		based economy to a knowledge-based	-Write about economic
			service-orientated economy. The	or agricultural
			economic plan aims to increase gross	development, paying

domestic product per capita to \$1,000 attention to the present by 2018. The economic plan aims to perfect passive. reduce the poverty rate to below 30% -Read texts about by 2018. economic goals and **Describing economic achievements** achievements. Between 2001 and 2013 real GDP focussing on expects, growth averaged about 8% per annum. aims to, and make The poverty rate dropped from 59% in notes. 2001 to 45% in 2011. Inequality -Discuss in groups measured by the Gini coefficient economic goals and reduced from 0.52 in 2005 to 0.49 in achievements, paying 2011. attention to expects, **Vocabulary** aims to. Economic development: mining, -Plan a short essay on economy, grow, income, etc economic goals and **Economic goals:** poverty, low-income, achievements, paying knowledge, service, etc attention to expects, Economic achievement: growth, rate, aims to and to inequality, measure, etc paragraphs and using graphs and other Language structure Past simple tense statistics. Present perfect tense with since -Write and evaluate the Aim/expect to essay Sounds and spellings Use dictionaries and thesauruses to extend and develop vocabulary spelling and pronunciation

Links to other subjects: economic development, statistics in Geography and Economics

Assessment criteria: Can describe economic development, goals and achievements, plan, write and evaluate a short essay on economic goals and achievements, paying attention to paragraphs and using graphs and other statistics.

Materials: graphs, table, charts...

Topic Area: Oral and written communication

S6 English	Unit 8: Writing and ex	aminations		No of periods: 14
Key unit compete	ence: To use language in th	e context of writing ar	nd examinations.	
	Learning objectives		Content	Learning activities
Knowledge	Skills	Attitudes and		
and		values		
understanding				
Recognize the	Find information in	Get lots of	Language use	Practise skimming and
use of the	textbooks using table	practice in	Finding information in books	scanning texts.
language of	of contents, index.	answering	Skim the text and find out what it is	
examination		examination	about. Scan the text and find out what	Practise looking up
questions and	Find information in	questions.	happened in 2010. Look up the	information in tables of
answers,	texts using skimming		information in the index. Find the topic	contents, indexes.
features of key	and scanning.	Be familiar with	in the table of contents.	
language		a range of		Read an extract from a
functions.	Read an extract from	common ways of	Reading extracts from literature	work of literature.
	a work of literature.	writing things	A man with a great iron on his leg	
Identify the		about subjects,	seized me by the chin. "O! Don't cut my	Discuss how to plan an
vocabulary of	Understand	e.g. listing,	throat, sir," I pleaded in terror. "Don't	essay and to evaluate it.
topics, reading	examination	contrasting etc.	do it, sir."	
skills, essays,	questions and write	You will need		Read and discuss the
connectors,	examination	them in	Writing essays	meaning of
examination	answers.	examinations.	Plan your writing. Write notes under	examination questions.
questions.			headings. Write your text. Check your	
	Plan an essay using		work. Evaluate the text from the point	Practice writing simple
	notes.		of view of grammar, spelling, structure,	examination questions
			etc	and/or answers.
	Write an essay and			
	evaluate it from the		Recounting	Classmates read
	viewpoint of		World War II ended in 1945	answers and judge
	grammar,			which is best.
	punctuation,		Explaining	
	structure, spelling,		I think it's because it's warmer in July.	Read short texts
	etc		The reason is that plants need sunlight.	showing the key

Listen to short texts exemplifying common school language functions.

Read short texts exemplifying common school language functions.

Write short texts demonstrating the use of common school language functions.

Defining

A mammal is a vertebrate which has hair and feeds its young with milk.

Contrasting

Natural light is not man-made, but human beings make artificial light.

Listing

Firstly, poaching reduces the number of species. Secondly, increasing farmland reduces habitat.

Showing cause and effect

Deforestation leads to soil erosion.

Showing time sequence

First, the sun heats the sea. Secondly, water evaporates.

Understanding instructions in examinations

Fill in the blanks. Underline. Answer the question. Put the words in the correct order. Classify. Write an essay.

Responding to instructions in examinations

In paragraph 2 the writer says... The reason is...

There are three reasons; firstly... There are four types of... I think... The reporter said: "..."

features of a few common school language functions.

Practise writing short texts demonstrating a few common language. functions

Listen to a short text showing the key features of a common school language function

Plan writing using notes

Evaluate one's own and others' writing from the viewpoint of punctuation, grammar, structure, etc.

Vocabulary Reading: skim, scan, table of contents, index **Composition:** plan, compose, notes, check, evaluate, etc **Connectors:** firstly, for example, however, another reason is Examination questions: underline, classify, explain, define, etc Language structure Language of examination questions and answers Features of key language functions Sounds and spellings Use dictionaries and thesauruses to extend and develop vocabulary spelling and pronunciation.

Links to other subjects: examinations, using books, essays in French, Kiswahili and Kinyarwanda

Assessment criteria: Can find information in textbooks using table of contents, index, find information in texts using skimming and scanning, Read an extract from a work of literature, understand examination questions and write examination answers, plan an essay using notes, write an essay and evaluate it from the viewpoint of grammar, punctuation, structure, spelling, etc, write a short text demonstrating the use of a common school language function.

Materials: books, examination papers...

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7. AppendixENGLISH LANGUAGE CURRICULA (S1-S6) PHONEMIC INPUTS

Yea	Learning Objectives (skills)	Content	Learning Activities
r			
S1	Pronounce different letter sounds and letter blends and put stress where appropriate	Correspondence between letters and sounds; spelling and pronunciation of words containing vowels; English phonemic chart	The letter a /ei / is pronounced: • /æ/: map. cat, latter, tap, lack • /ei /: name, make, say, take, shake • /a:/ before r or st/ss: far, part, barn, past, pass, scar • /eə/: before re: tare, care, fare, mare • /e/: ate, says, said • /ə/: a, an, about, again, ago, alive, apply • /i/: village, passage, cabbage • /b /: what, want, watch, wash • /ɔ:/: saw, law, flaw, water
S2	Pronounce different letter sounds and letter blends and put stress where appropriate	Correspondence between letters and sounds; spelling and pronunciation of words containing vowels; English phonemic chart	The letter e /i:/ is pronounced: • /e/: let, get, pet, ten, when • /i:/: scene, complete, delete, compete • /3:/ before r: perceive, serve, perfect • / 1ə/ before re: here, mere, • /eə/ before re there NB: ee is pronounced /i:/: beef, teeth, geese, feet, meet, seed
S 3	Pronounce different letter sounds and letter blends and put	Correspondence between letters and	The letter i /aɪ / is pronounced: • /ɪ /: it, visit, pick, tin, pill, fill

	stress where appropriate	sounds; spelling and pronunciation of words containing vowels; English phonemic chart	 /aɪ /: fine, tie, mine, my, sigh /a:/:first, shirt, girl, bird, skirt /aɪə/: higher, fire, tired, tire
S4	Pronounce different letter sounds and letter blends and put stress where appropriate	Correspondence between letters and sounds; spelling and pronunciation of words containing vowels; English phonemic chart	The letter o /əu/ is pronounced: • /ɒ /: got, dog, on, wob • /əu/: so, alone, tone, gone • /ɔ:/ before r and re: port, short, worn, more, store • /w/: one, once NB: oo is pronounced: • /u/: cook, look, shook, took, book, good, wood, foot, wool, shoot • /ʌ/: blood, flood • /u:/: room, food, noon, moon
S5	Pronounce different letter sounds and letter blends and put stress where appropriate	Correspondence between letters and sounds; spelling and pronunciation of words containing vowels; English phonemic chart	 The letter u /ju:/ is pronounced: / Λ /: sun, dug, fun, luck /ju:/: tune, acute, tube, mule /u:/: blue, lunatic, June, lukewarm /υ/: put, bush, full, bull /3:/:church, hurt, burn, turn /juə/: cure, pure
\$6	Pronounce different letter sounds and letter blends and put stress where appropriate	Correspondence between letters and sounds; spelling and pronunciation of words containing semivowels and consonants; minimal pairs; syllable and stress pattern;	-The letter y /wai:/ is pronounced: • /j/: yell, young, yellow, yesterday NB: ew , eu are pronounced /ju:/: ewe, Europe, eunuch -The letter w /¹dʌ blju:/ is pronounced: • /w/: wide, win, wet, dwarf

English phonemic chart	
	- "ea" is pronounced:
	/i:/: eat, seal, heal, seat, meat
	/e/: heaven, bread, weapon,
	peasant
	/eɪ/: great, break
	/ɪə/: ear, near, fear, dear
	/eə/: bear, wear, tear
	/ɑ:/: heart
	/ɜ:/: learn, pearl
	-"ei" is pronounced:
	/i:/: receive;
	/aɪ/: height;
	/e/: heinous, deity;
	/eə/: heir;
	/e/: heifer
	-English Consonant Sounds

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	b	buy	
	d	die	
	g	guy	
	p	pie	
	t	tie	
	k	kite	
	w	why	
	j('y')	_	
	1	lie	
	r	rye	
	m	my	ram
	n	nigh	ran
	ŋ		rang
	f	fie	
	θ	thigh	
	s	sigh	
	ſ	shy	mission
	h	high	
	v	vie	
	ð	thy	
	z	Zion	mizzen
	3		vision
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	d3	jive	
	-Pronunciation of consonant		
	clusters: pr, pl, br, bl, tr, dr, kr, kl, ks,		
	kt, gr, gl, gz, fθ, ksθ, ②sl, sk, sm, sn,		
	sp, st, str, sw, tw		
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		words have	
	stress patterns (patterns of stressed		
	and unstr	essed syllabl	es):

	Oo: April, thirty, no coffee oo: July, midday, the defy, degree, agree Ooo: Saturday, this holiday, seventy ooo: September, the eleventh, committe ooo: afternoon, see one	chir teen , to day , e, e vent r tieth, yes terday, o mor row, ee,
	-minimal pairs /i:/ and /ɪ/	.,
	• eat /s:/ and /ɑ:/	it
	• first /ei/ and /e/	fast
	• paper / εə/ and /iə/	pepper
	• air /æ/ and /ɑ:/	ear
	• hat /e/ and /æ/	heart
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	/ ɔ:/ and / 3:/	
	• awl	earl

The Phonemic Chart

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English Phonemic Character Keyboard

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Notes on sounds and letters

The sounds of English

When writing English we use the **26 letters** of the alphabet. Spoken English has more than **26** sounds though. There are roughly **44 different sounds**. Therefore it's not very easy only to use the letters of the alphabet to show the pronunciation of English.

There is a system which uses a group of **symbols**. Some of these symbols look the same as letters and some are very different.

You can use these symbols to write out the pronunciation of words and in many dictionaries for English learners you will see the pronunciation written out.

To show that what is written are **sounds** and **not letters** the transcriptions are written between slashes, / /. For example, the pronunciation of the word 'pet' is written: /pet/.

In this example the sound symbols look exactly the same as the letters. You can only tell we are talking about pronunciation rather than spelling because of the / /. However, some words look very different when you see their pronunciation. / tist / is the word 'church'.

Sounds and letters

Vowel sounds are not the same as vowel letters. The word European begins with the vowel letter 'E' but the first sound is actually a consonant sound /j/. So, when speaking the word European will be preceded by the article 'a' and not 'an'.

Sounds and spelling

It's important to note that the spelling of a word is not always an accurate guide to how it is pronounced. Similarly the pronunciation of a word is not always helpful when working out how that word should be spelt.

There are 26 letters in the English alphabet but there are many more sounds in the English language. This means that the number of sounds in a word is not always the same as the number of letters.

For example, the word 'CAT' has three letters and three sounds but the word 'CATCH' has five letters but still only three sounds.

If we write these words using sound symbols, we can see exactly how many sounds they have.

CAT is written / kæt/ CATCH is written / kæt/

In 'CATCH' the three letters TCH are one sound represented by one symbol / ʧ/

Stress and syllable

Stress could be roughly described as the relative strength of a syllable. We can study stress from the point of view of production and of perception. The production of stress is generally believed to depend on the speaker using more muscular energy than is used for unstressed syllables.

A syllable is a very important unit. We can divide a word into one or more syllables. For example mum has one syllable, mother has two syllables and grandmother has three syllables. A syllable is a group of one or more sounds. The essential part of a syllable is a vowel sound (V). Some syllables are just one vowel sound. Fr example, these words have one syllable, and the syllable is just one vowel sound: eye or I /aɪ /, owe /əu/, ear / ɪə/. A syllable can have consonant sounds (C) before the V: go, my, know, weigh, after the V: if, egg, ice, eight or before and after the V: ten, nose, mouth, knife

SUBJECTS AND WEEKLY TIME ALOCATION FOR A'LEVEL

Subjects in Secondary 4-6	Number of periods per week (1 period = 40 min.)			
Core subjects	S4	S5	S6	
1. Mathematics	7	7	7	
2. Physics	7	7	7	
3. Computer Science	7	7	7	
4. Chemistry	7	7	7	
5. Biology	7	7	7	
6. Geography	7	7	7	
7. History	7	7	7	
8. Economics	7	7	7	
9. Literature in English	7	7	7	
10. Kinyarwanda major	7	7	7	
11. Kiswahili major	7	7	7	
12. French major	7	7	7	
13. Religion major	7	7	7	
14. Entrepreneurship	6	6	6	
15. General Studies and Communication	3	3	3	

16. Subsidiary Mathematics			3	3
Electives Subjects	17. English minor	4	4	4
Subjects	18. French minor	4	4	4
	4	4	4	
	20. Kiswahili minor	4	4	4
Co-curricular	Religious activities	2	2	2
Activities	Sports/Clubs	2	2	2
	Computer/library	2	2	2