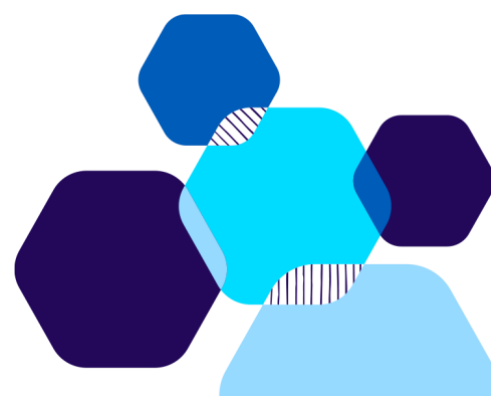


Glossary

Understanding resources

Term	Definition
Advantages of coursebooks	Coursebooks are a popular and useful teaching and learning resource for many valid reasons. Coursebooks provide structure and a sense of progression. They are well written, save hours of preparation and are based on tried and tested methodologies.
Disadvantages of coursebooks	It should be acknowledged that coursebooks have limitations, for example, the material in them may not fit your learners' needs or interests. They may favour the practise of one skill over another and their format may become repetitive over time.
Realia	Objects from real life used in the classroom to aid students' understanding.
Supplementary material	Supplementary material should be carefully selected to appeal to your learners and fit the syllabus of the course. The materials should be fun, motivational and interesting so that they can be used again in future courses.
Teaching aids	Anything that helps the process of teaching and learning take place. These include boards, wall charts and technological resources. Other teaching aids may take the form of realia, puppets, and clips from television or radio. Do not forget the most valuable teaching aid of all, of course – the teacher!



References and further reading

Understanding resources

The following links and resources explore the areas discussed in this module in more detail:

Gangwer, T (2009) Visual Impact, Visual Teaching: Using images to strengthen learning.

Corwin. Ur, P (1992) Five-Minute Activities: a resource book of short activities. Cambridge University Press.

Wright, A, Betteridge, D and Buckby, M (2006) Games for Language Learning. Cambridge University Press.

www.teachingenglish.org.uk/activities – a wide range of activities that can be used to supplement coursebooks in classes.

www.teachingenglish.org.uk/image-bank – a collection of resources that use images and audio recordings to promote learning.

