

Close-up 2E FAQs

How many levels of Close-up are there?

Close-up is a 7 level course. Covering A1+ – C2.

What is the structure of a Close-up Student's Book?

There are 12 units, with a 2-page review after every 2 units.

Each unit follows the same structure:

- Unit Opener (1 page)
- Reading (2 page)
- Vocabulary (2 page) (3 in C2)
- Grammar (2 page) (3 in C2)
- Listening (1 page)
- Speaking (1 page)
- Vocabulary with Grammar (2 pages)
- Writing (2 pages)
- Video (1 page)

Number of hours?

Each lesson is 45-60 minutes each. The Student's Book is 90-120 per level

What is the methodology of Close-up?

Close-up takes a communicative approach to learning English with Exam tips and practice.

What is the approach to grammar?

- Close-up always teaches grammar in context. There are step-by-step grammar presentations that make the teaching clear and straightforward.
- Key grammar points can be revised in the review sections to enable students to consolidate their learning.
- Additional grammar explanations are found in the Grammar Reference section in the back of the Student Book.
- Further grammar practice can be found in the Workbook and Online Workbook and extra grammar activities will be added to the microsite soon
- The C2 level of Close-up has an additional Grammar page in the Student Book to give even more grammar practice

What is the approach to vocabulary?

The vocabulary is linked to the specifications of the exam and presented in a variety of task types.

Further vocabulary practice can be found in the Workbook and Online Workbook. Extra vocabulary will be added to the microsite soon.

Is there recycling of key vocabulary?

Yes, it is revised on the regular review pages with additional practice in the Workbook and Online Workbook. Key vocabulary is also intertwined throughout the unit, especially at higher levels.

How is reading taught?

- The reading lesson is featured on the first double page spread of each unit.
- Students are taught reading sub skills such as reading for gist and reading for specific information.
- Students are exposed to a range of reading text types including adverts, articles, emails.
- All the reading texts have been carefully aligned with the CEFR levels and are chosen to ignite the students' interest.
- Lengths of the reading tasks are aligned with what you would expect to see in the relevant exam

How is writing taught?

Both academic and creative writing genres are covered in Close-up. Every writing lesson starts with a 'Learning Focus' box that introduces 'learning to learn' tips so students can see what they need to do themselves outside of the classroom in order to progress.

How does Close-up use video?

There is 1 National Geographic video per unit. Each unit finishes with a video lesson that is linked to theme of the unit.

There are videos on a whole range of topics from all around the world, so it really is case of bringing the world to the classroom. The information is new, interesting and presented in a format that students can relate to.

The videos range between 2-5 minutes long depending on level and can be found on the Online Student Zone, on the IWB software and in the Student eBook as well as on discs bundled with the Teacher's Book.

What accompanying technology is there?

Online Workbook – hosted on myELT and provides additional workbook activities for further practice of grammar and vocabulary.

eBook DVD – Compatible with PC and MAC. Students can interact with the tasks in the units that are found in the SB as well as access the audio and video.

Online Student and Teacher Zone – all of the online resources can be found at <http://NGL.Cengage.com/closeup> The resources on the Teacher Zone are password protected.

IWB Software – available in 2 formats: downloadable and on disc.

A Close-up digital manual can be downloaded from [here](#)

What are the key features of the course?

- Exam practice
- Developing autonomous learners
- Critical Thinking