

Introduction to Spin

Welcome to *Spin*, an exciting new three-level course which takes students on an adventure in English language learning as they discover the sights and sounds of National Geographic. *Spin* has been designed to take students from beginner to pre-intermediate level.

Course Components

Spin 1 Student's Book

The student's book is divided into an Introduction, twelve topic-based units, each containing a unit opener and three two-page lessons, and six reviews. The Introduction revises basic vocabulary and grammar from primary level and introduces the main characters, Kristie, Mikey and Adam, who appear in the cartoon story in the units. Each lesson of the twelve units begins with a reading text that approaches the topic of the unit from a slightly different angle. In Lesson 1 students listen to and read an episode of the cartoon story involving Kristie, Mikey and Adam's adventures with the magic globe. Lesson 2 teaches students about the world we live in through a non-fiction reading passage inspired by National Geographic, and Lesson 3 links the theme of the unit to students' reality through a variety of text types such as emails, dialogues, articles and so on.

Each unit of *Spin 1 Student's Book* also contains:

- topic-related vocabulary tasks that practise and build on vocabulary in the reading texts.
- clear and concise grammar presentations followed by one or two tasks that practise form and usage.
- topic-related listening and speaking tasks that allow students to practise vocabulary and grammar presented in the lesson.
- a *Sounds of English* section that provides pronunciation practice.
- an *Express yourself!* section that focuses on functional English to aid communication.
- a strong writing sub-skill syllabus that enables students to write well from the start.

Spin 1 Student's Book contains six reviews, one after every two units, which consolidate vocabulary and grammar taught within those units and end with a theme-related project.

There is also a wealth of material at the back of the student's book: six DVD worksheets to accompany the National Geographic video clips included on *Spin 1 Interactive Whiteboard (IWB)*; *Speaking Skills* and *Writing Skills* which provide an easy point of reference for students when communicating in English; *Words to Learn* lists with key vocabulary from each lesson and an irregular verbs list.

Spin 1 Workbook

The workbook accompanies *Spin 1 Student's Book*. Like the student's book, it is also divided into an Introduction, twelve units and six reviews. Lessons 1 and 2 of each unit consolidate vocabulary and grammar from the relevant lesson of the student's book. Lesson 3 also includes consolidation of the *Express yourself!* functional language and the writing sub skill found in the student's book lesson. In the reviews there is a non-fiction reading text inspired by National Geographic followed by vocabulary and grammar multiple-choice tasks. At the back of the workbook, there are six wordsearches for further practice of key vocabulary.

Students will be motivated by the full-colour pages, lively illustrations and captivating National Geographic photographs. The workbook's clear and simple format means that it can be used at home as well as in class.

Spin 1 Grammar

The grammar progression in *Spin 1 Grammar* follows that in the student's book. Each lesson begins with a photograph and caption providing a light-hearted example of the grammar presented in that lesson. This is followed by grammar theory and example sentences. *Remember!* boxes appear often and serve to remind students of things they should be aware of. The lesson then continues with a selection of graded tasks before finishing with a speaking task, which allows students to practise the grammar they have learnt in realistic situations.

There is a review after every two units of *Spin 1 Grammar*. Each review contains a variety of tasks designed to consolidate the grammar covered in the preceding two units. The review ends with a non-fiction Writing Project featuring National Geographic photography. Students then have the opportunity to do their own Writing Project. At the back of the grammar book, there is an irregular verbs list and a word list of key vocabulary used in the grammar book.

Spin 1 Grammar Answer Key and Test Booklet contains the answer key to all tasks in *Spin 1 Grammar* as well as six photocopiable tests, one for use after each review, and the answer key to the tests.

Spin 1 Teacher's Guide with Resource CD-ROM

Spin 1 Teacher's Guide provides objective boxes, clear lesson plans with detailed instructions and the answer key to all tasks from *Spin 1 Student's Book*. The recording script with justification for the answers to listening tasks underlined and the answer key to *Spin 1 Workbook* are also included.

A wealth of photocopiable material can be found on *Spin 1 Resource CD-ROM* that accompanies *Spin 1 Teacher's Guide*. There are extra tasks for early finishers, extra writing tasks, cartoon DVD worksheets for use with the animated episodes of the Lesson 1 cartoon story found on *Spin 1 IWB* as well as lyrics for six optional songs also found on *Spin 1 IWB*. *Spin 1 Resource CD-ROM* also includes photocopiable tests for use with the student's book. There are 12 unit tests, 6 progress tests, a mid-year test and an end-of-year test as well as the answer key to all tests. Finally there is a photocopiable Student Progress Chart where students' marks in the tests and comments about their progress can be recorded.

Spin 1 Class Audio CDs

Spin 1 Class Audio CDs contain the recordings of the cartoon story, the narration of the reading texts in Lesson 2s and Lesson 3s, all listening tasks and all *Sounds of English* pronunciation sections. Six optional songs, lyrics for which can be found in the *Resource CD-ROM* that accompanies *Spin 1 Teacher's Guide*, are also included. Professional actors are used in all recordings to ensure clarity and accurate intonation and pronunciation.

Spin 1 Posters

There are two posters that are designed to be used as board games in class. Students can play in pairs or in two teams. They move around the board answering questions about things they have learnt or using functional language from the student's book. The first student or team to finish is the winner. The first poster is for use after Units 1–6 and the second poster is for use after Units 7–12. Interactive versions of both posters are included on *Spin 1 IWB*.

Spin 1 Interactive Whiteboard Software with Content Creation Tool

Spin 1 IWB contains the student's book and the workbook. The majority of tasks are interactive and all audio material, National Geographic DVDs as well as the animated episodes of the cartoon story found in Lesson 1 of the student's book units are included. The answer key to all tasks is available at the touch of a button. *Spin 1 IWB* has been developed to be easy to use by both students and teachers alike.

In addition to the student's book and the workbook, *Spin 1 IWB* also contains the following extra material to use in class:

- interactive versions of the *Spin 1 Posters* that can be played in class.
- interactive extra activities: a vocabulary task; a grammar task and a quiz for every two units of the student's book.
- six optional songs, theme-related to the units of the student's book.

Spin 1 IWB also provides a content creation tool, which allows teachers to create their own interactive tasks for use with students in class.

Spin 1 IWB is compatible with any interactive whiteboard hardware.

Spin 1 Student's e-Book

Spin 1 Student's e-Book contains an interactive version of the student's book complete with all audio, narration of the reading passages, National Geographic DVDs as well as the animated episodes of the cartoon story found in Lesson 1 of the student's book units. Students can be encouraged to re-visit tasks from the student's book and listen to the episodes and reading passages as a way of reinforcing the classroom experience. The answers are not included.