English A1 Reference Pages

Four supporting pages for the adult English A1 course: a one-page starter check (20 items from Units 1-3 with an answer key, so you know whether to begin at Unit 1) and three one-page references to keep next to any worksheet: numbers, time, dates and prices; the 20 irregular verbs with the -s, -ing and -ed spelling rules; signs, notices and how to open and close a message.

ENGLISH A1

Reference Pages

1. Starter check: where do I begin?
2. Reference A: Numbers, time, dates and prices
3. Reference B: Irregular verbs and spelling rules
4. Reference C: Signs, notices and messages

4 printable pages · starter check with answer key · 3 reference sheets

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ENGLISH A1 · STARTER CHECK

Name: _____ Date: _____

Starter check: where do I begin?

Focus: 20 items from Units 1-3: be, a/an, plurals, this/that, possessives, have got, question words, numbers, dates and words · Score: ____ / 20

BEFORE YOU START

Do the 20 items without help, then check your answers with the key at the bottom.

If you scored under 12, start at Unit 1. 12 or more: do Review test 1 next, then start at Unit 4.

1 Choose the correct word.

1. I _____ from Armenia. (am / is / are)
2. _____ she a nurse? Yes, she is. (Am / Is / Are)
3. They _____ at work today. (isn't / aren't / am not)
4. This is Lena. _____ husband is a doctor. (She / His / Her)
5. Is this _____ orange? (a / an / the)
6. _____ is my car over there. (This / That / These)
7. We've got two _____. (child / childs / children)
8. _____ you got a car? No, I haven't. (Have / Has / Do)
9. That's _____ bag. (Tom / Tom's / Toms)
10. _____ are you from? From Georgia. (What / Where / Who)

2 Choose the correct word for each sentence.

1. Thank you very much! You're _____. (fine / welcome / sorry)
2. What's this? It's a _____ for the door. (key / cup / pen)
3. Ali is from Turkey. He's _____. (Turkey / Turkish / Turkey's)
4. _____ is the first month of the year. (January / July / December)
5. My father's mother is my _____. (aunt / grandmother / daughter)
6. Her hair is long and _____. (tall / dark / young)

3 Match the questions and the answers.

1. How old are you?	a. On the third of May.
2. How do you spell your name?	b. I'm thirty-two.
3. When's your birthday?	c. Yes, I have. Her name's Ani.
4. Have you got a sister?	d. L-E-N-A.

ANSWER KEY

1 1 am, 2 Is, 3 aren't, 4 Her, 5 an, 6 That, 7 children, 8 Have, 9 Tom's, 10 Where **2** 1 welcome, 2 key, 3 Turkish, 4 January, 5 grandmother, 6 dark **3** 1 b, 2 d, 3 a, 4 c

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ENGLISH A1 · REFERENCE A Name: _____ Date: _____

Reference A: Numbers, time, dates and prices

Focus: numbers, ordinals, the time, days, months, dates, years and prices (Units 1, 2, 5 and 9)

Numbers and ordinals (Units 1, 2 and 9)

0-9	10-19	20-100	Ordinals
0 zero / oh	10 ten	20 twenty	1st first
1 one	11 eleven	21 twenty-one	2nd second
2 two	12 twelve	30 thirty	3rd third
3 three	13 thirteen	40 forty	4th fourth
4 four	14 fourteen	50 fifty	5th fifth
5 five	15 fifteen	60 sixty	9th ninth
6 six	16 sixteen	70 seventy	12th twelfth
7 seven	17 seventeen	80 eighty	20th twentieth
8 eight	18 eighteen	90 ninety	21st twenty-first
9 nine	19 nineteen	100 a hundred	30th thirtieth

TELLING THE TIME (UNIT 5)

7:00 seven **o'clock** · 7:05 five **past** seven · 7:15 quarter past seven · 7:30 **half past** seven
7:45 quarter **to** eight · 7:50 ten to eight · 12:00 twelve o'clock · 12:00 at night = midnight
a.m. = morning · p.m. = afternoon / evening · **What time is it?** It's half past eight.

DAYS, MONTHS, DATES AND YEARS (UNITS 2 AND 5)

Monday · Tuesday · Wednesday · Thursday · Friday · Saturday · Sunday (capital letters)
January · February · March · April · May · June · July
August · September · October · November · December
12 March = the twelfth of March · **on** 5th May · **on** Monday · **in** May · **in** 2024
at seven o'clock · **at** night · **at** the weekend · 1990 = nineteen ninety · 2008 = two thousand and eight

BIGGER NUMBERS AND PRICES (UNIT 9)

120 a hundred **and** twenty · 350 three hundred **and** fifty · 1,000 a thousand
£5.99 five pounds ninety-nine · $20.50 twenty dollars fifty · €3.20 three euros twenty
How much is this hat? It's £120. · **How much are** those shoes? They're $85.

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ENGLISH A1 · REFERENCE B

Name: _____ Date: _____

Reference B: Irregular verbs and spelling rules

Focus: the 20 A1 irregular verbs and was / were (Units 11-12); spelling of -s (Unit 5), -ing (Unit 9) and -ed (Unit 12)

The 20 A1 irregular verbs: past simple (Unit 12)

Verb	Past	Example	Verb	Past	Example
buy	bought	I bought a map.	leave	left	We left at six.
come	came	She came by bus.	make	made	He made dinner.
do	did	I did the shopping.	meet	met	I met my boss.
drink	drank	They drank tea.	read	read	He read a book.
eat	ate	We ate fish.	say	said	She said hello.
feel	felt	I felt tired.	see	saw	We saw a film.
get	got	He got a job.	sleep	slept	I slept well.
give	gave	She gave me a card.	take	took	We took photos.
go	went	I went to Tbilisi.	think	thought	I thought about it.
have	had	We had lunch.	write	wrote	He wrote an email.

PAST SIMPLE (UNITS 11 AND 12)

I **went** by train. · We **didn't go** by car. · **Did** you **go**? Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.
be: I / he / she / it **was** · you / we / they **were** · I wasn't ill. · Were you at home?

SPELLING: HE / SHE / IT IN THE PRESENT SIMPLE (UNIT 5)

work → **works** · live → **lives** · get up → **gets up** · have → **has** (irregular)
after ch / sh / s / x / o add -es: watches, finishes, goes, does
consonant + y → -ies: study → studies, try → tries (vowel + y: plays, buys)

SPELLING: THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS (UNIT 9)

work → **working** · buy → **buying** · verb + e: drop the e: make → making, live → living
one vowel + one consonant: double it: sit → sitting, stop → stopping · lie → lying

SPELLING: REGULAR VERBS IN THE PAST SIMPLE (UNIT 12)

play → **played** · visit → **visited** · verb + e: add -d: live → lived, dance → danced
consonant + y → -ied: study → studied, try → tried (vowel + y: played, stayed)
one vowel + one consonant: double it: stop → stopped, plan → planned

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ENGLISH A1 · REFERENCE C

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Reference C: Signs, notices and messages

Focus: common signs and notices (Unit 8); how to open and close an email, a message or a text (Units 7, 8, 9 and 11)

Signs and notices (Unit 8)

Sign	Meaning	Sign	Meaning
Push	Press to open.	Pull	Pull to open.
Open	You can come in.	Closed	It isn't open now.
Entrance / Way in	Go in here.	Exit / Way out	Go out here.
No smoking	Don't smoke here.	No parking	Don't park here.
Please wait here	Stop here and wait.	Out of order	It doesn't work.
Cash only	Pay in cash, not by card.	Sale	Prices are lower now.
Tickets	Buy your ticket here.	Information	Ask questions here.
Mind the step	There is a step here.	Keep left	Walk on the left.

OPENING A MESSAGE (UNITS 7, 8 AND 11)

Email: a short **Subject:** line · Polite: **Dear** Mr Brown, / **Dear** Ms Green, (a boss, a company)
Friendly: **Hi** Tom, / **Hello** Maria, · First line: Thank you for your message. · How are you?
I'm writing about the flat. · Sorry, I can't come on Monday. · Can I ask a question?

CLOSING A MESSAGE

Polite: **Best wishes,** / **Kind regards,** + your name on a new line
Friendly: **See you soon!** / **See you later!** / **Thanks,** Ani / **Love,** Sara
Before the end: Thank you for your help. · Thanks a lot! · See you on Saturday!

TEXT MESSAGES: SHORT AND FRIENDLY (UNIT 9)

Hi Tom! I'm at the station. · See you at 7. · OK, see you then! · Sorry, I'm late.

MODEL EMAIL

Subject: Meeting on Monday
Dear Ms Green,
Thank you for your email. I can come on Monday at ten. Can I bring my colleague?
Best wishes,
Lena

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