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Touchstone Level 4 Contents and learning outcomes

	Learning outcomes	Language			
		Grammar	Vocabulary	Pronunciation	
Unit 1 Interesting lives pages 1–10	Ask questions to get to know someone Tell interesting stories about my life Highlight key moments in a story Highlight important information in a story Understand a conversation about an accident Understand a podcast about an athlete's life story Read about a person who overcame an obstacle Write an anecdote about facing a challenge	Simple and continuous verbs (review) Verb complements: verb + -ing or to + verb Extra practice	Verbs followed by verb + -ing or to + verb	Speaking naturally Reductions of auxiliary verbs and the pronoun you in questions Sounds right Word stress	
Unit 2 Personal tastes pages 11–20	Talk about my tastes in clothes and fashion Compare how people look different over time Describe patterns, materials, and styles of clothing Show Lunderstand by summarizing what people say Use Now to introduce follow-up questions Understand people discussing food, music, and movies Understand people discussing trends Read an article about how to develop a personal style Write interview questions and answers	Comparisons with (not) as as Negative questions Extra practice	Colors, patterns, materials, and styles of clothing	Speaking naturally Linking words with the same consonant sound Sounds right Are the sounds the same or different?	
Unit 3 World cultures pages 21–30	Talk about my country's cultural traditions Talk about manners, customs, and appropriate behavior in my country Use expressions like to be honest to sound more direct Use of course to show I understand or agree Understand a conversation about living away from home Understand people explaining proverbs Read an article about proverbs Write an article about a favorite proverb	The simple present passive Verb + ing and to + verb Position of not Extra practice Inits 1–3 pages 31–	Cultural items, icons, and events Manners, customs, and culturally appropriate Dehavior Control Con	Speaking naturally Silent syllables in which unstressed vowels are not pronounced Sounds right Matching vowel sounds	
	Checkpoin	Units 1-3 pages 31-	32		
Unit 4 Socializing pages 33-42	Talk about going out and socializing Talk about things I am supposed to of the I I Inink will happen, or plans that changed Check my understanding with "statement questions" Use so in different ways Understand people discussing their evening plans Understand someone talk about his social style Read an article about introverts and extroverts Write an article about my social style	be supposed to; was / were going to Inseparable phrasal verbs Extra practice	Expressions with get	Speaking naturally Intonation of sentences when you are sure vs. when you are checking Sounds right Pronunciation of get before vowels and consonants	
Unit 5 Law and order pages 43–52	Talk about what the legal age should be Discuss rules, regulations, crime, and punishment Use expressions to organize what I say Show someone has a valid argument Understand a conversation about a crime Understand a class debate about changing the law Read an article about privacy issues with smartphones Write a comment responding to a web article	The passive of modal verbs get passive vs. be passive catch + person + verb • -ing Extra practice	Rules and regulations Crimes and offenses, the people who commit them, and punishments	Speaking naturally Saying conversational expressions Sounds right Which sound in each group is different?	
Unit 6 Strange events pages 53–62	Talk about coincidences and superstitions Order events in the past and say why things happened Show things I have in common Repeat ideas in other words to be clear Use just to make what I say softer or stronger Understand someone talking about a coincidence Understand conversations about superstitions Read an article about identical twins Write about a family story	The past perfect Responses with so and neither Extro practice	Strange events Superstitions from around the world	Speaking naturally Stressing new information Sounds right Vowels with consonant sounds /y/ and /w/	

Interaction		Ski	lls		Self study
Conversation strategies	Listening	Reading	Writing	Free talk	Vocabulary notebook
Use the present tense to highlight key moments in a story Use this and these to highlight important people, things, and events in a story	A lucky escape Listen for details in a story, and retell it with a partner Facing a challenge Listen to a true story and answer questions	Blind Chef Christine Ha Crowned "MasterChef" • A news story about a woman who lost her vision and how she won a prize as a TV chef	Facing a challenge Write a story about a time in your life when you faced a challenge Format for writing an anecdote or a story	An interview with Pair work: Complete interesting questions to ask a classmate; then interview each other and note your partner's answers	Write down the verb forms that can follow new verbs, and use them in sentences
Show understanding by summarizing things people say Use now to introduce a follow-up question on a different aspect of a topic	Broad tostes Listen for details and answer questions; then listen and choose the best responses Keeping up with trends Listen to four people talk about trends, identify the topics they discuss, and answer questions	How to develop your personal style An article about developing a personal style	Write questions to interview a partner on his or her personal style; write answers to your partner's questions Punctuation review: comma, dash, and exclamation mark	What's popular? Group work: Discuss questions about current popular tastes and how tastes have changed	Blue suede shoes Find and label pictures that illustrate new words The street of the
Use expressions like in fact to sound more direct when you speak Use of course to give information that is not surprising, or to show you understand or agree	Away from home Listen to a woman talk about being away from home, and choose true statements Favorite proverbs Listen to people talk about proverbs: number and match them with English equivalents	Proverbs: The wisdom that binds us together • An article about the study of proverbs	Explain o proverb Write an article about your favorite properb and how it relates to your solutions for the proverbs about proverbs or Sayings	Traditions • Pair work: Ask yes-no questions to guess traditional cultural items	Travel etiquette Find examples of new words and expressions you have learned in magazines, in newspapers, and on the Internet
		Checkpoint Units	1-3 pages 31-32		
Check your understanding by using statement questions Use so to start or close a topic, to check your understanding, to pause, or to let someone draw a conclusion	Coing out Listen to a couple discussing their evening plans Extrovert or introvert? Take a quiz; then listen to a woman describe her social style, and answer the quiz as she would	Examining the "Extrovert Ideal" • A magazine article about a book on introverts living in an extroverted society	Extrovert or introvert? Write an article about your own social style as an extrovert, an introvert, or a little of both Uses of as	Pass on the message Class activity: Play a game where you pass a message to a classmate through another classmate, and then tell the class about the message you received	Get this! • Expressions with get in context
Organize your views with expressions like First (of all) Use That's a good point to show someone has a valid argument	We got robbed! Listen to a conversation; answer questions and check true sentences Different points of view Listen to a debate, answer questions, and respond to different views	Is your smartphone too smart for your own good? • An article about online invasions of privacy	Posting a comment on a web article Write a comment responding to the online article about privacy issues Use because, since, and as to give reasons	Do you agree? • Pair work: Discuss controversial topics	It's a crime! • Write down new words word charts that group related ideas together topic
Repeat your ideas in another way to make your meaning clear Use just to make your meaning stronger or softer	It's o small world! Listen to a story, and answer questions Lucky or not? Listen to people talk about superstitions; decide if things are lucky or unlucky; write down the superstitions	Separated at birth, then happily reunited • An article about the true story of twins who found each other after growing up in different adoptive families	Amozing family stories Write a true story from your own family history Prepositional time clauses	What do you believe in? Group work: Discuss unusual beliefs and strange events in your life	Keep your fingers crossed Use word webs to group new sayings or superstitions by topic

	SAME TO SERVICE STATES	Language			
	Learning outcomes	Grammar	Vocabulary	Pronunciation	
Unit 7 Problem solving pages 65-74	Talk about things you have other people do for you Talk about things that need to be fixed Use short sentences in informal conversations Use expressions like Uh-ah when something goes wrong Understand a conversation about planning an event Understand people talk about things they need to fix Read an article about problem-solving skills Write a proposal presenting a solution to a problem	Causative get and have need + passive infinitive and need + verb + ·ing Extra practice	Errands Household problems	Speaking naturally Short question and statement intonation Sounds right Categorizing vowel sounds	
Unit 8 Behavior pages 75–84	Talk hypothetically about reactions and behavior Describe emotions and personal qualities Speculate about the past Share experiences Use like in informal conversations Understand people sharing experiences Understand a conversation about rude behavior Read an article on making apologies Write a note of apology	Past modals would have, should have, could have Past modals for speculation Extra practice	Emotions and personal qualities Expressions describing behavior	Speaking naturally Reduction of have in past modals Sounds right Are the sounds the same of different?	
Unit 9 Material world pages 85–94	Talk about possessions and materialism Discuss money management Report things that people said and asked Report the content of conversations Quote other people or sources of information Understand an interview about possessions Understand people say what they couldn't live without Read a blog about decluttering Write a survey article about possessions	• Reported speech • Reported questions Extra practice	Expressions to describe ownership and possession Money	Speaking naturally Intonation of finished and unfinished ideas Sounds right Silent letters	
	Checkpoin	nits 7-9 pages 95-	96		
Unit 10 Fame pages 97–106	Talk hypothetically about the past using cities Talk about celebrities and being famo Use tag questions to give views or check information Use tag questions to soften advice Answer difficult questions Understand someone giving advice Read an article about child stars Write a profile of a successful person	Use if clauses with the past perfect form of the verb to talk hypothetically about the past Tag questions Extra practice	Expressions to describe becoming famous, being famous, and losing fame	Speaking naturally Intonation of tag questions Sounds right Weak syllables	
Unit 11 Trends pages 107–116	Talk about social changes Talk about environmental problems Link ideas with expressions like although, because of, in order to, and instead Refer back to points made earlier in the conversation Use formal vague expressions Understand a discussion about workplace trends Read an article about success via the Internet Write a post for a website about technology	Passive of present continuous and present perfect Linking ideas Extra practice	Expressions to describe change Environmental problems	Speaking naturally Reducing auxiliary verbs Sounds right Which sound in each group is different?	
Unit 12 Careers pages 117–126	Talk about career planning and job prospects Highlight important information Talk about my future career plans Use expressions to introduce what I say Say I don't know if to involve others Understand a conversation with a personal trainer Understand a discussion about a job advertisement Read an article about preparing for a job interview Write a cover letter for a job application	What clauses and long noun phrases as subjects The future continuous and future perfect Extra practice	Expressions to describe a job search Areas of work, professions, and jobs	Speaking naturally Stressing I and you Sounds right Categorizing vowel sounds	

Interaction		Sk	ills		Self study
Conversation strategies	Listening	Reading	Writing	Free talk	Vocabulary notebook
Speak informally in "shorter sentences" Use expressions like "Uh-oh! and Oops! when something goes wrong	Wedding on o budget Listen to people plan a wedding: check what they agree on and what they'll do themselves Fix it! Match conversations with pictures; then check which problems were solved	Developing your problem-solving skills • An article about an interesting problem-solving technique	A good solution Write a proposal presenting a solution to a problem at work Format for presenting a problem and its solution	Who gets help with something? • Class activity: Ask and answer questions to find out who gets help	Damaged goods • Find out if new words have different forms that can express the same idea, and use them in sentences
Use expressions such as That reminds me (of) to share experiences Use like informally in conversation	Similor experiences Listen to two people share experiences, and number the incidents in order, then answer questions Good and bod apologies Listen to conversations; match the people to the apologies; then decide if they were effective	Apologies: The key to maintaining friendship • An article about the importance of apologizing and suggesting ways to do so	A note of apology Write an email apologizing for something Expressions for writing a note of apology	How did you react? Group work: Tell a story about an incident, and listen and respond to classmates' stories	People watching Learn new vocabulary by making a connection with something or someone you know, and write true sentences
Report the content of conversations you have had Quote other people or other sources of information	Who's materialistic? Listen to someone answer questions, and take notes; then report his answers i couldn't live without Listen to four people talk about things they couldn't live without, and complete a chart; then listen and write responses to opinions	This Stuff's Gotto Go! A blog post about a woman who declutters her home There Child Stars Who	I couldn't live without Write an article about your classmates and things they feel they couldn't live without. Use a feed rang verbs and was reed speech and was reed speech.	Material things Pair work: Ask and answer questions about material things	Get rich! When you learn a new word, notice its collocations – the words that are used with it
	(csponses to opinions	Speckpoint Units	7-9 pages 95-96		
Use tag questions to soften advice and give encouragement Answer difficult questions with expressions like It's hard to say	Eisten to a conversation and answer questions Success is Listen to four conversations about success, and complete a chart	Three Child Stars Who Beat the Odds • A magazine article about actors who have managed to avoid "Child Star Syndrome"	Write a paragraph about someone you know who has achieved success, and explain why that person became successful Topic and supporting sentences in a paragraph	Quotations • Group work: Define success	Do your best! • Learn new idioms by writing example sentences that explain or clarify meaning
 Refer back to points made earlier in a conversation Use more formal vague expressions like and so forth and etc. 	Trends in the workplace Listen to conversations about trends, and identify advantages and disadvantages Trends in technology Listen to four people talk about trends, and write notes on their views	The Internet – The new pathway to success? • An article about the recent trend of using the Internet to become successful	Trends in technology Write a comment on a web article about trends in technology Expressions for describing trends	What's trending? Group work: Discuss trends	Try to explain it! Write definitions in your own words to help you learn the meaning of new words and expressions
Introduce what you say with expressions like The best part was (that) Use I don't know if to introduce a statement and involve the other person in the topic	An interesting job Listen to a personal trainer talk about her job; write notes A fabulous opportunity! Complete a job ad, and listen to check and answer questions	Ace that Interview! An article about how to answer the most common questions in job interviews	A fabulous opportunity! Write a cover letter in response to an ad format for writing a cover letter for a job application	The best person for the job Group work: Interview the members of your group for a job	From occountant to zoologist When you learn a new word, learn other words with the same root as well as common collocations to expand your vocabulary quickly