

Interactive English – Volume 1 is a resource for teaching English as a second language (ESL) and literacy skills. It features seven stories about a couple of lively characters, Max and Lucy, told through video, audio, and text.

An Accident Waiting to Happen

Lucy and Max go for a bicycle ride in a park and Max has an accident.

Apartment Hunting

Max and Lucy answer a newspaper ad and find a new apartment.

At the Bank

Max opens a chequing account at the bank.

Doctor! Doctor!

Max has a bad cold and goes to see a doctor.

Exchanges

Lucy exchanges a sweater at a department store.

Help Wanted

Lucy applies for a job at a daycare centre.

Speed

While driving to work, Max and Lucy get a speeding ticket.

Interactive English – Volume 1 is available free of charge to ESL providers and libraries within Alberta, either online or in a CD format.

To register for online access
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A Reading and Listening Resource
for ESL and Literacy Learners

Recommended for learners at CLB levels 2, 3, and 4.

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Interactive English – Volume 1 is a collection of seven stories about Max and Lucy, a married couple who find adventure in everyday life.

The stories are designed to develop reading, listening, vocabulary, and cultural literacy skills for ESL and literacy students from diverse cultural backgrounds. This skill development is supported by interactive texts and activities. Supplementary options include classroom-ready, printable worksheets.

Interactive English – Volume 1 supports development of reading and listening skills measured at reading levels 2, 3, and 4 of the Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB). This resource imbeds language instruction in real-life scenarios, such as finding a job or visiting a doctor. It supports the development of functional literacy skills in a Canadian cultural context. This resource is designed for ESL and literacy learners with varying levels of computer and language skills.

A video tutorial clearly demonstrates easy-to-follow instructions.

This is a valuable resource for classroom teachers, community tutors and self-starting language learners with access to a computer.



Watch What Happened
View a video of Max and Lucy's adventures. The video stories are four to seven minutes in length.



Vocabulary
Practise using selected words in context.



Listening
Listen and read as four former ESL learners respond to each story by relating some aspect to their own lives.

Read About It
Next read and hear the story with imbedded definitions for selected vocabulary and interactive activities that check comprehension.



Writing
Explore opinions and personal experiences related to the topic.



Group Work
Respond to each story through writing, role-playing, or discussions.



Teacher Resource
Choose from supplementary post-reading activities in printable PDF format and additional ideas for use in classroom or tutorial settings.

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Minimum system requirements:

Windows

- 256 MB RAM
- Intel Pentium 4 2.0 GHz
- Windows 2000
- 1024x768 display
- CD Drive

Mac

- 512 MB SDRAM
- Power PC G4 1.25 GHz
- OSX 10.3.9
- 1024x768 display
- CD Drive