

UPPER BEGINNER “Can Do” List

Speaking

1.Meeting People

- Upper Beginner students can ask questions to find out about someone else using “*Do you like..?*” and “*...what about you?*” ; say something nice about someone’s clothing using “*I like your (clothing) ,where did you get it?*” and talk about jobs by asking someone “*do you have to ...?*” or answering using “*I have to.*” or “*I don’t have to ...*”

2. Food

- Upper Beginner students can talk about food and diets, describe a favorite restaurant, and explain why they like something using “*...because it is...*”

3. Asking Permission, Giving Suggestions, Refusals and Obligations

- Upper Beginner students can ask permission using “*Can I ...?*” and “*May I ...?*”; give and receiving directions, and say where something is.
- Upper Beginner students can make suggestions using “*You should...*” and “*Why don’t we...*”
- Upper Beginner students can refuse an invitation using “*Not right now thanks*” or “*I’m afraid I can’t*”
- Upper Beginner students can talk about obligations using “*I have to...*” or “*I don’t have to...*”

4. Making Comparisons

- Upper Beginner students can compare things using “*as ___ as*”, “*not as ___ as*”, “*more _____ than...*” and “*_____er than*”

Vocabulary

An Upper Beginner student develops vocabulary in the areas of:

- buying and selling (*customer etc*)
- clothing (*sweater, shirt etc*).
- dieting and food (*sweet, sour, sharp, bland, salty, salads, vegetables*)
- sport (*football, ball, goal, field, stadium, violent, baseball, cycling, tennis*)
- directions (*left, right, straight ahead, in front of ,behind, opposite*)e
- family relationships (*brother sister, aunt, uncle, grandfather etc.*)

Grammar

An Upper Beginner student becomes familiar with aspects of grammar including:

- Upper Beginner students can ask “Yes/No” questions, “Wh.” questions, and tag questions using the Present Simple tense.

Past Simple

- Upper Beginner students can use the Past Simple form of regular verbs and irregular verbs (*slept ,ate, went*)
- Upper Beginner students can ask questions using the Past Simple like “*Was she?*”and “*Were you ...?*”

Modals

- Upper Beginner students can use the modals “*can*”, “*have to*” and “*may*”.

Adjectives

- Upper Beginner students can use superlative adjectives (*best, worst etc.*) and comparative structures for expressing equality

Nouns

- Upper Beginner students can use count and non-count nouns and quantifiers