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ENGLISH AT WORK

Agriculture English: Curriculum Overview

MODULE	COMPETENCIES, GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY	SAMPLE ACTIVITIES
Technology Module	 Browse, type, log in and register in the Learning Management System (LMS) Navigate the LMS, virtual classroom online learning tools and resources Access and complete digital modules: click, drag, drop, sort, match, select, etc. Access video tutorials and the Help Desk 	 Log-in and navigation tutorial Practice using learning tools and features Send & respond to messages from instructor and Help Desk Complete registration materials
Module 1 Nice to Meet You! Focus: Types of farm operations and workplace safety	 Use formal/informal greetings and practice introductions, with proper intonation and pronunciation to improve conversational skills Use information questions ("wh-" questions, how much?) to improve team communication and problem solving Use new vocabulary to communicate about workplace safety in dialog and in writing: taking precautions in the heat, using safety gear, pesticide safety. Use new vocabulary to communicate about different types of farm operations: fields, orchards, vineyards, nurseries, dairies. Actions on the job and activities happening now. Explore mental health topics for farmworkers 	 Practice scenarios: introduction & greeting Fill in the blank activity: safety gear Visual recognition: "What are they doing?" Actions on the job Name the Equipment! game Listening comprehension Reading activity: Precautions – Staying Cool in the Heat Writing activities: co-worker introduction and how to reduce stress
Module 2 What's Your Job? Focus: Job duties and numbers at work	 Discuss job titles, duties and daily work routines in agriculture using subject pronouns and verbs common in the sector, in the present simple Spell names and objects in English Pronounce vowels (short and long) and consonants Number application at work: number pronunciation, transcribe numbers, read and talk about measurements: length and distance in various crops, weight, capacity, volume, temperature, money/cost. Tell time, days of the week and practice common time expressions used when talking about schedule, calendar and production plans. Communicate to problem solve and troubleshoot safety problems at work. 	 Discussion: What do you do at work? Student-to-Student interviews and written report/Subject Pronouns exercise Introductions: What's your job title? Visual recognition: verb "to be" What's the temperature? partner activity Numbers Bingo! Listening comprehension Sector-specific dialogs and role plays New Vocabulary Cloze
Module 3 Communication at Work Focus: Team communication, give and follow instructions at work	 Communicate effectively in the workplace: ask and answer questions using proper pronunciation, intonation and active listening skills; discuss different ways of communicating with team members, supervisors, upper management and customers Give instructions/commands in English (affirmative, polite, and negative); practice using various agriculture scenarios: arriving at work/clocking-in, performing tasks, following safety rules. Make requests/ ask for help using "can" in various farm contexts: fruit, cut flowers and dairy farms. Describe job actions and events that occurred in the past; practice pronunciation of regular past verbs. Use new vocabulary related to pruning safety in discussion or writing. Learn new sector specific vocabulary and commonly used verbs. 	 Class discussion: Close vs. Open Ended questions Partner: What did you do at work yesterday? Sentence construction group activity Giving instructions scenarios Active listening video and practice Visual recognition: workplace actions Workplace actions crossword activity Listening comprehension Writing: What Did You Do at Work Yesterday? Sector-specific dialogs and role plays
Module 4 I Did That Yesterday! Focus: Describing things, crops, people, location, jobs, processes and injuries at work.	 Describe objects and people using adjectives, make comparisons; practice using various fruit, vegetables, nuts and color, shape, firmness, etc. Describe the location of things on the farm using prepositions Read a map or floor plan and provide related information Learn and practice body parts; discuss and report injuries on the job. Formulate questions in the past using "did"; respond using short answers Use past time expressions to communicate about activities in the past Learn irregular verbs commonly used in the sector Use new vocabulary related to safely storing pesticides and other chemicals. Practice supervisor/employee communication by asking clarifying questions and using reported speech Discuss best practices for planting, irrigation, pest control, and harvesting. 	 Small group activity: Find the adjectives Label the body parts activity Preposition Fun: Where is? Where are? Reading Maps activity What did your supervisor say? Reading: Injuries at work Writing: Ask questions about the past Sequencing Activity Listening comprehension Sector-specific dialogs and role plays Know Your Workplace activity

Module 5

Safety at Work

Focus:

Personal hygiene and food safety, proper clothing and safety gear, tool and equipment safety, breaks and hydration, accident prevention and reporting

- Learn new vocabulary related to working the soil: plow, fertilize, weed, irrigate.
- Discuss various types of harvesting, manual, machine, etc
- Discuss worker health and personal hygiene, and wildlife problems in connection to food safety.
- Making and responding to requests using auxiliaries "can" and "could"
- Formulate formal and informal, positive and negative responses to requests
- Talk and ask questions about future plans using "will" and future time words/expressions
- Use contractions with "will" + subject pronouns in positive & negative sentences and formulate questions in the future.
- · Give and receive help using the future with "will"
- Read and understand pesticide/herbicide labels, directions for use, precautionary measures, first aid and storage and disposal information.
- Fill out a farm accident/incident report form to report an injury, harassment, etc
- Learn new vocabulary and discuss various aspects of safety at work: using proper clothing and safety gear, tool and equipment safety, asking questions and proper training, report safety violations or accidents.
- Discuss personal hygiene and wildlife problems in connection to food safety.
- Farm machinery and equipment vocabulary and discuss safety checks.
- Following best practices and safety standards in the sector
- · Review safe handling procedures for toxic materials, reporting a chemical spill.

Module 6

Have You Been Hurt?

Focus: Workplace Safety & **Providing First** Aid

- · Discuss and describe safety issues in the workplace, prevention of health hazards
- Describe how to respond to accidents and administer first aid care to injuries
- Learn new vocabulary about body parts and injuries
- Learn first aid vocabulary
- Learn vocabulary related to severe weather conditions and natural disasters" floods, mudslides, tornadoes, earthquakes, drought, wildfires, staying safe during these events and reporting an emergency; understand weather reports
- · Driving safety and reading road signs.
- · Deliveries and following instructions.
- · Talk about experiences at work, practice asking questions about past experiences/actions
- Express possession using possessive adjectives and possessive pronouns; distinguish these two parts of speech
- Talk about past and present experiences, using present perfect tense

Module 7

IN PROGRESS

Focus: Review

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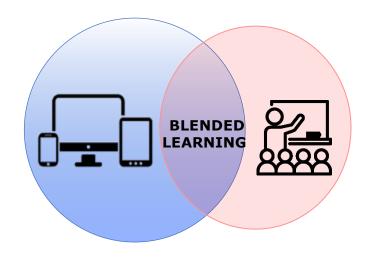
- Full course review; focus on new vocabulary with emphasis on listening and pronunciation
- Ask guestions about preferences
- Asking and giving numeric information
- Practice supervisor/employee communication and asking clarifying questions in various agriculture contexts: vegetable fields, orchards, dairy farms, nurseries, etc.
- · Identify good and bad communication
- Review all grammar including: Verb "to be", subjects, verbs in present continuous, past simple, present perfect, future tense, comparisons, adjectives, adverb questions, open and closed-ended questions, possessive adjectives and pronouns
- · Practice active listening and meaningful interaction with supervisors, upper management, landowners, customers.

- Partner work: asking for help with a task
- Team competition: name the type of farm
- Class Survey: What Will You Do at Work
- Role Play: Giving and Receiving Help Scenarios
- Reading and Discussion: Farmworker Responsibilities
- Writing: Write about your responsibilities at
- Reading a Pesticide Label
- Role Play: Equipment Safety Training
- Video activity: Worker Health and Hygiene
- Listening comprehension: Pesticide Safety
- Group discussion: How We practice Good Hygiene at Work
- Sector specific dialogs and role plays
- Procedures for safe handling of chemicals
- Class discussion: What have they done?
- Know your body parts! activity
- Visual recognition: first aid kit components
- Video activity: safety meeting
- · First Aid: Vocabulary in context
- Role Play: Safety Do's and Don'ts
- Team activity: should we call 911?
- Group activity: Identifying possessive pronouns
- Listening comprehension
- Reading activity: The Flood and Fall
- Writing activity: accident report
- Visual recognition: follow the road signs and delivery instructions.
- · Sector specific dialogs and role plays
- Scrambled sentences
- IN PROGRESS

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Agriculture English: Instruction Model

BLENDED LEARNING MODEL



- ✓ Agriculture sector specific lingo, communication, and grammar - introduced in the classroom (in-person or remote), reinforced online.
- ✓ Live instruction & online learning are highly interactive and emphasize use of English in real-life work scenarios.
- ✓ Increased trainee participation thanks to tablet/smartphone accessible learning.
- ✓ Trainees boost confidence, increase ability in English and build technology skills needed to better perform their jobs and advance to higher-level positions.

SAMPLE ONLINE MODULE



Online modules include diverse games & activities to reinforce job specific vocabulary, grammar and communication competencies taught in class.

Examples include:



Listening activities



Videos



Fill-in-the-blanks/cloze exercises



Vocabulary sorting



True or False?



Word search

