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The Workplace Literacy Curriculum for Food and Beverage was developed for English-as-a-Second-Language classes for workers in participating hotels in Arlington County, Virginia, through a national workplace literacy grant with the cooperation of the Arlington County Chamber of Commerce. It is based on an analysis of tasks and interactions at the worksite. Employees were observed on the job, supervisors were consulted, and existing resources were reviewed to determine the language and basic skills needed to perform job duties. Eleven curricular units were developed. It is possible to cover six to eight units within a 60-hour class. It is recommended that each class begin with Personal Identification and Work Schedule units, which provide a review of basic literacy skills: reading, writing, and numeracy. This document includes guides for lesson planning, evaluation, and task needs assessment. Additional information covers the following tasks: personal identification; read work schedule; provide initial service; provide supplies to co-worker; follow instruction/describe job; report work progress completion; report lateness/absence; give directions to places within the hotel and vicinity; report and prevent accidents/emergencies; report problems such as repair needs; and read paychecks. (Adjunct ERIC Clearinghouse on Literacy Education) (LB)

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# FOOD AND BEVERAGE INDUSTRY ESL WORKPLACE LITERACY CURRICULUM FOR HOTELS

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# **WORKPLACE LITERACY CURRICULUM**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Workplace Literacy Curriculum for Food and Beverage is based on an analysis of tasks and interactions at the worksite. Employees were observed on the job, supervisors were consulted and existing resources were reviewed to determine the language and basic skills needed to effectively and efficiently perform job duties. Eleven curricular units were developed. Since priorities may differ from site to site, supervisors, in consultation with the instructor, may be asked to order units according to the special needs at their sites. (A Task Needs Assessment Form is provided on pages 5 & 6.) A needs assessment should also be done with employees in the class to determine their goals which can be incorporated in instruction.

In a 60-hour class it is possible to cover 6-8 units. It is recommended that each class begin with Personal Identification and Work Schedule units which provide a review of basic literacy skills: reading, writing, and numeracy, which are the building blocks for improved workplace literacy skills.

## **Organization**

Each unit is based on a job task integral to carrying out the duties of the position. This task is also referred to as a competency. Each competency is then analyzed for language, knowledge, and other basic skills that are needed in order to perform the job task successfully.

The language pages present the job task (competency) as the unit title. This is then broken down into three levels of language proficiency for use with a multi-level class or in sequential courses. The vocabulary, basic skills, and culture points pertain to all levels of proficiency. It may be helpful to look at a unit of instruction while reviewing the definitions of terms below as used in this curriculum.

## **Definitions**

**SPL** --(Student Performance Level) The SPL describes a student's language ability at a given level in terms of listening, speaking, reading, writing and ability to communicate with a native speaker. These descriptions are available in a separate document: Student Performance Level Document, MELT Resource Package. Each learner's SPL is determined by a pre-test.

**Functions** --Functions are the focus of language practice. They are units of communication that identify the outcome or purpose of an utterance. They depend on the context of the communicative act.

**Language Sample** --The examples represent how those functions may be expressed. They exemplify the complexity of language expected at that particular SPL.

**Structures** --The structures noted identify the grammatical forms which are appropriate for the expression of the language function at that level. When no structure is listed, the example is to be viewed as an idiomatic expression and taught accordingly.

**Resources**--Texts and materials listed contain activities and exercises which teachers have found to be appropriate for the level and curriculum. These are suggested resources. Teachers should select from these or other materials based on the needs and abilities of their particular students.

**Vocabulary**--The terms listed represent the essential vocabulary for the unit. They are to be taught and practiced in context, not as a word list.

**Basic Skills**--These are the reading, writing, and numeracy skills necessary to perform the competency. They should be specifically taught to students who have not already mastered them and should be reviewed for those who have.

**Culture**--This information focuses attention on cultural points that help students understand workplace values and customs. When appropriate, the information can serve as springboards for classroom discussion on cross-cultural issues.

## USING THE CURRICULUM

### Lesson Planning

Before beginning a unit, look over the language and basic skills, resources, and cultural information and consider how they relate to the competency. Decide what functions may be combined to form communicative situations for instructional focus. Consider the emphasis you will place on each function and the order in which you will present them. (See the lesson plan form on page 7.)

1. **Introduction.** Select an activity to introduce the language in context. This may be a picture, listening exercise, short reading passage or dialogue, video presentation, or demonstration.
2. **Presentation.** Plan to discuss the situation by eliciting who, what, where, why (purpose: language function). Elicit the dialogue itself if possible. This information may have to be provided to students with a low level of proficiency.
3. **Practice.** Select the vocabulary, grammatical structures, and pronunciation points to be practiced in depth. Consult the suggested resources for appropriate practice exercises. Choose activities that move from structured practice (drills, for example) to communicative activities (role play, information gap, simulation).
4. **Evaluation.** Determine which activity (from step 3 ) will enable you to evaluate student performance of the language for the unit, or create a new activity for evaluation purposes. Achievement should be based on demonstrated performance in a job-role situation.
5. **Application.** Select application activities that give students an opportunity to personalize the language being taught and encourage them to use the language outside the class.

## Evaluation

Evaluation is an integral part of a workplace literacy class, providing data for the continuation of a workplace program that meets both the employees' learning goals and the employer's goal to enhance the company's daily operations. It provides feedback to:

- the learners on their progress
- the employers on success in meeting the company's aims
- the instructor on adjustments and changes that may need to take place in the instructional program to meet those goals.

In the classroom, evaluation of learner progress is:

- ongoing
- related to the curriculum
- based on demonstrated performance in job-role situations.

On the job, evaluation procedures (usually carried out by the supervisor) take note of changes in

- confidence
- performance
- productivity
- work habits
- improved use of English

**Evaluation Activity:** The classroom instructor's primary responsibility for evaluation is monitoring learner progress on what is being taught in the classroom. Although some kind of evaluation should take place in every class, this section is concerned with the formal (documented) evaluation of mastery of work goals, language skills, and basic skills. A distinct activity is used for evaluation. Both the learner and the instructor should be aware that this activity is providing an opportunity for the learner to demonstrate what has been learned. The information is then recorded on the REEP Workplace ESL Progress Report (see page 8 for sample). The Progress Report is an excellent tool for introducing the learners to what they will be studying. By reviewing all or parts of the form at the start of the class and between each unit, learners gain a sense of where they have been and where they are going.

The learners are evaluated on their ability to apply to the job skill task for the unit, the language functions, structures, and basic skills that have been taught. Consider the quality of performance, remembering that the learners may have previously completed their job tasks successfully, but now the emphasis is on mastery of the specific skills presented for practice in the classroom. Actual performance in an on-the-job situation is the ideal measure of competency. This is not always feasible due to time and worksite constraints. However, in the classroom, a simulation of such a situation can be set up.

Competencies requiring oral/aural use of language can be evaluated through role plays, cued responses, or demonstration. For example, "Reporting Lateness/Absence" could be evaluated in a role-play in which the learner being evaluated could pick a card describing a cause for absence and then use a telephone trainer to call the "office." The instructor or another learner could act as receptionist/supervisor. Competencies requiring reading, writing, or numeracy skills could be evaluated with paper and pencil tasks such as completing forms, taking a message, or finding information on a product label.

**Progress Reports:** After the evaluation activity is completed, record the learner's progress on the report form. This form lists the work goal (job task), language skills, and basic skills to be addressed in each unit. Learner progress is monitored for each of the skills covered in class. Once you have determined that sufficient time has been spent on practice and application activities, select a time and activity for evaluation. Note individual progress using the following scale:

- ✓ learner needs more practice; performs the work task, but makes errors in communication (e.g. structurally incorrect, listener has difficulty comprehending)
- + learner has mastered the skill; conveys ideas accurately or applies the language to the situation correctly (e.g. easily understood, grammatically correct)
- NC skill was not covered in class

Unit progress reports are shared with the learners at the completion of each unit. At least twice during the instructional period, usually midway and at the end, the information is shared on a formal basis with the employer as well. At that time, each learner is also to be rated globally on pronunciation, fluency, and grammar according to the following scale:

#### **PRONUNCIATION**

- 1--frequent mispronunciations, cannot be understood
- 2--some mispronunciations leading to confusion, understood if attentive
- 3--no serious mispronunciations, easily understood

#### **FLUENCY**

- 1--minimal response to or amount of communication
- 2--shows effort beyond minimum
- 3--elaborates response

#### **GRAMMAR**

- 1--very little control of structure taught, making comprehension difficult
- 2--control of simple structures, but makes errors which occasionally obscure meaning, can correct self.
- 3--controls most of the structures taught, but makes occasional errors that do not obscure meaning, corrects self.

A space is provided on the form for instructor's comments. The student's signature indicates that the learner has seen and understood the report.

**Other Assessments:** Learners may be asked to fill out self-evaluation forms or class evaluation forms. They are also given a post-test at the end of instruction to measure overall proficiency gains. Supervisors are asked to rate the class as a whole, as well as individual learners, in order to indicate the impact the instruction has had on the job. All of the data collected from these evaluations are considered not only in measuring the success of the current program but also in planning for the future.

## **Task Needs Assessment: Food and Beverage**

Below is a list of job skill tasks (competencies) and oral language skills (functions) necessary to carry out these tasks. These form the basis of the curriculum. In a 60-hour class, it is possible to cover 6-8 units.

The first two units listed should be covered the first few class sessions. They provide an opportunity to review basic literacy skills--reading, writing, and numeracy. The other units then need to be prioritized by the hotel contact person (general manager, supervisor, liaison), in consultation with the classroom teacher and students, to determine class content. This enables the curriculum to be tailored to meet the hotel's most pressing needs and the employees' goals.

**Unit #**

### **General ESL: Personal Identification**

**1**

- Identify self
- Ask/answer questions about self
- Request clarification

### **Read Work Schedules**

**2**

- Report information
- Ask/answer questions about day/time
- Request schedule change

### **Provide Initial Service**

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- Greet guests
- Introduce self
- Take leave
- Follow job instructions
- Ask/answer requests for information

### **Provide Supplies**

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- Identify supplies
- Make/answer a request
- Ask for clarification
- Apologize
- Make a suggestion
- Offer Assistance

### **Follow Instructions/Describe Job Tasks**

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- Identify equipment and supplies
- Follow instructions
- Request clarification
- Give sequence of tasks
- Give instructions

### **Report Work Completion**

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- Respond to requests for information
- Respond to praise
- Respond to criticism

Report Progress  
Report completion  
Give Explanations

### **Discuss Performance Evaluation**

Respond to praise  
Respond to criticism  
Identify ratings

### **Answer the Telephone**

Greet  
Identify self and department  
Ask/answer requests for information  
Clarify information  
Take a message

### **Report Lateness/Absence**

Identify self on telephone  
State problem/give reason  
Identify body parts/illnesses  
Make a request on telephone  
State intention

### **Give Directions to Places within the Hotel and Vicinity**

Respond to requests for information  
Provide information about location  
Apologize  
Give directions  
Make a suggestion

### **Report and Prevent Accidents and Emergencies**

Identify safety signs  
Report accidents  
Warn others  
Make a suggestion

### **Report Problems: Repairs Needed**

Identify problems  
Report problems  
Request clarification  
Request assistance

### **Read Paychecks**

Identify terms  
Ask/answer questions  
Ask for assistance  
Report problems

Other

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# **LESSON PLAN**

**Lesson Objectives:**

**Warm up/Review/Introduction**

**Presentation**

**Practice**

**Evaluation**

**Application**

# REEP Workplace ESL

## PROGRESS REPORT: FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Employee: _____	Teacher: _____	Hotel: _____
WORK GOALS/ LANGUAGE SKILLS	BASIC SKILLS	WORK GOALS/ LANGUAGE SKILLS
		BASIC SKILLS
<u>Personal identification</u>		
Identify self	Identify letters	Follow Instructions/Describe Job Tasks
Ask and answer simple questions	Write alphabet	Identify equipment and supplies
Ask for clarification	Write name	Follow instructions
	Complete simple form	Request clarification
		Give sequence of tasks
		Give instructions
<u>Read Work Schedule</u>		Report Work Completion
Identify days	Identify numbers 1-100	Answer simple questions
Identify dates	Write the days	Respond to praise
Tell time	Write the date	Respond to criticism
Ask and answer questions about schedule	Write the time	Report progress
Request schedule change	Complete leave request	Report completion
	Calculate hours worked	Give explanations
<u>Provide Initial Service</u>		Discuss Performance Evaluation
Greet guests	Write simple sentences	Respond to praise
Introduce self	Write simple questions	Respond to criticism
Take leave		Identify ratings
Follow job instructions		
Ask and answer simple questions		
Offer assistance		
<u>Provide Supplies</u>		Answer the Telephone
Identify supplies	Read names of supplies	Greet
Make and answer request	Match names with pictures	Identify self and department
Ask for clarification	Count supplies	Ask/answer requests for information
Offer assistance	Complete supply request form	Clarify information
Apologize		Take a message
Make a suggestion		

KEY: √ = still practicing + = can do well NC = not covered

**WORK GOALS/LANGUAGE SKILLS****BASIC SKILLS****Report Lateness/Absence**

- Identify self on telephone
- Identify health words
- Read appointment cards
- State problem
- Complete sick leave forms
- Give reason for problem
- Calculate hours of sick pay
- Identify body parts
- Complete leave request forms
- Identify ailments
- Make a request on the telephone
- State intention of return to work

Comments:

**Give Directions to Places**

- Answer requests for directions
- Identify signs in hotel
- Locate information on floor
- Identify location of hotel facilities
- plan or directory
- Interpret a ordinal numbers
- Give directions
- and fractions
- Make suggestions
- Read safety regulations

Comments:

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Report/Prevent Accidents/Emergencies**

- Identify safety signs
- Fill out accident report form
- Report accidents
- Fill out insurance claim form
- Warn others
- Dial security or emergency phone number
- Make suggestions
- Read safety regulations

Comments:

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Report Repairs Needed**

- Identify problems
- Read directions on machinery
- Report problems
- Fill out work orders
- Request clarification
- Fill out cleaning check list
- Request assistance

Comments:

Perfect attendance? \_\_\_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

1- Need Improvement  
2- Satisfactory  
3- Good**Complete Paychecks**

- Identify terms on stub
- Endorse check
- Report a problem
- Calculate pay
- Ask for assistance

**key:** ✓ = still practicing + = can do well NC = not covered

	1	2	3
Pronunciation			
Fluency			
Grammar			

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Pronunciation			
Fluency			
Grammar			

## **GUIDE TO ABBREVIATION OF RESOURCES**

AL	Anne Lomperis (Vocational ESL for Hotels)
ANS	A New Start
EAC	English for Adult Competency
EEL	English in Everyday Life, Book 1
ESL Act	ESL for Action
ETW	English that Works
FFX	Fairfax County Curriculum (Virginia) (English in the Workplace)
H/M Words	Hotel/Motel Words
LWS	Let's Work Safely
MIHY	May I Help You?
S/S	Side by Side
SE	Survival English
SUAP	Speaking Up at Work
WUSA	Working in the USA (video/workbooks)
YFJ	Your First Job

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### **Techniques**

**Information Gap** activities provide an opportunity for real communication to take place. Students work in pairs, but each partner has different information. Through interacting they must acquire the information they don't have. An example would be each having the same form of map with different places indicated. They must ask each other directions/locations in order to complete their own maps and then compare to see how well they have communicated.

**Information Grid** enables students to gather information through interviews inside or outside of the classroom. Students brainstorm the questions to ask in order to obtain the needed information. On a piece of paper (or prepared grid) they write across the top of the page the three or four specific questions they want to ask. Then they circulate around the room (or take the form on assignment) asking each other the questions and noting the name of the interviewee down the left side of the page and the response in the column under the appropriate question.

**Language Experience Approach (LEA)** this approach is a valuable technique for giving low-level learners practice in reading, self-expression and communication. Learners develop their own stories for practice, prompted by discussion of a starter topic such as a shared experience, recent event, or visual stimulus (picture, photograph). This may be done as a whole-class or small-group, or individual activity, (from Expressways Foundations Teacher's Guide, Prentice Hall, 1990).

**Problem Solving** develops critical thinking and decision-making skills as well as communicative competence. The class is presented with a problem (in paragraph, dialog or picture form) based on a real-life situation. Students then identify the problem, discuss possible solutions and their consequences, and come to consensus on a plan of action. Dividing the class in small groups for discussion and consensus building enhances maximum student participation.

**Total Physical Response (TPR)** this approach begins by placing primary importance on listening comprehension, emulating the early stages of mother tongue acquisition, and then moving to speaking, reading, and writing. Students demonstrate their comprehension by acting out commands issued by the teacher; teacher provides novel and often humorous variations of the commands. Activities are designed to be fun and to allow students to assume active learning roles. (from Q & A, Eight Approaches to Language Teaching, ERIC Clearing-house on Languages and Linguistics)

Games provide opportunities for natural use of language in a relaxed way

--**Bingo:** Copy a bingo grid for each student. Fill in the blanks with target vocabulary (numbers, letters, times, household objects, body parts, etc). The students may do this themselves by randomly copying from the board or pasting pictures. The teacher should call the first game. The student who wins the first game can then call out the second game and so on. Pennies may be used as markers.

--**Concentration:** Students match pairs of index cards by remembering their location. To set up play, lay the cards face down in rows and columns. The first student turns up two cards. When the cards match, the student removes them and takes another turn. If they don't, the cards are turned back over and the next person takes a turn. (For lower levels it helps to have each member of the pair a different color--eg words on white cards, pictures on blue.)

--**Twenty Questions:** Give one student a card with a word or phrase from the lesson on it. The other students ask questions requiring a Yes/No answer to guess what the word or phase is. If they have not guessed it after 20 questions, supply the answer.

## GENERAL ESL: Personal Identification

SPL	FUNCTIONS	LANGUAGE SAMPLE	STRUCTURES	RESOURCES
0,1,2	Identify self  Ask/Ans. questions (self)	What's your name? My (first/last) name is _____.  Are you married? Do you have children? What's your <u>address</u> ? Where are you from?  Request clarification	WH - questions  Yes/No questions  WH - questions	Activities: basic literacy role play interviews  Texts: Before Book I (many)  A New Start Survival Eng. I lesson 1
3	Identify self  Ask/Ans. questions (self)	Excuse me. Repeat that, please C-A-R-L-O-S		Text: EEL, SE, ETWI
4-5	Identify self  Ask/Ans. requests for info.	I'm your busboy. I'm a waiter.  How long have you lived in the US? How long have you worked at <u>(hotel)</u> ?  Request clarification	Present perfect  How do you spell that? How long?	Text: Side by Side I
	Request clarification	C as candy, etc. V as a Victor.	WH - questions	

**VOCABULARY:**

Personal Identification: name (first, last, middle), address, birthdate (age), SS #, sex, telephone # native country, marital status, dependents

Form words:

Forms:

Jobs:

circle, check, sign, print application, insurance claim, accident report, work order, leave request, W-2 dining room attendant, busboy, host, hostess, dishwasher, utility worker, cafeteria server, storeroom worker, chef, banquet waiter, manager, supervisor, cook's helper, salad maker, cashier, room service assignment

**BASIC SKILLS: Related to Personal Identification**

Read:

Recognize own name in print (check attendance sheet)

Identify all upper/lower case letters (match upper/lowercase, arrange letters of alphabet in sequence)  
Identify and demonstrate understanding of words frequently seen in work environment  
Supply missing words in sentence through use of context

Write:

If literacy level, trace and copy letters of the alphabet in sequence  
Write upper/lower case letters from memory  
Write first and last name in manuscript letters  
Write simple declarative sentences  
Write simple interrogative sentences

Numeracy:

Identify numbers 0 - 100 from memory  
Provide address, telephone number, age, birthdate, # of children

**CULTURE:**

First and last names -- importance of being consistent

## READ WORK SCHEDULE

SPL	FUNCTIONS	LANGUAGE SAMPLE	STRUCTURES	RESOURCES
0,1,2	Report info. (days)  Ask/Ans. questions (time)	Do you work on <u>Monday</u> ? Does he work on <u>Sunday</u> ? I work on _____, _____, and _____. I don't work on _____.  What time do you work? I work from <u>8</u> to <u>4:30</u> .	simple present Yes/No questions  Wh- questions	Realia: Work schedule calendars, clocks Activities: make group- schedule  Visuals: Worksight 12+20 Speaking Up at Work 33+34 Text: A New Start 13-14, 63-69 Survival English 56-58+
3	Report information (days)  Ask/Ans. questions (time)  Make requests	What's your schedule? I'm off _____ and _____ I worked 5 days last week. I didn't work yesterday.  What time do/did you punch in? What time is your break?  Can I have next _____ off? I have a doctor's appointment.	simple present simple past  simple present/past	Video: WUSA I scene WUSA III 26-27,31 Texts: Fairfax 73-74, Roy Bowers 29
4-5	Report information  Request schedule change	How long do you have for <u>lunch</u> ?  What shift do you work? I came in <u>an hour</u> <u>early</u> so I can leave at <u>4:00</u> .  Can I have next _____ off? Could you work for me this <u>Friday</u> ? I have to <u>go to the doctor</u> . If I work <u>Sunday</u> , can I have <u>Monday</u> off?	polite request  If clauses	Text: English That Works I 13+4 Your First Job Unit 4, Speaking Up at Work 11-14

**VOCABULARY:**

numbers: 0 - 100  
 days/dates: days of week, months  
 time words: from... to, at, on, o'clock, shifts, over time  
 verbs: punch in/out, sign in/out, change  
 leave: sick leave, vacation, holiday, leave request

**BASIC SKILLS:** Related to work schedule

**Read:** Locate information on work schedules

Tell time from analog/digital clocks

Identify days/dates in long and abbreviated forms

Supply missing word in a sentence through use of context

**Write:**

Write days of the week in long and abbreviated form

Write the date using correct punctuation

Write numbers 0 - 100 from memory

Write the time

Complete leave request forms

Write simple declarative and interrogative sentences

**Numeracy:**

Count and sequence numbers 0 - 100  
 Match a given number of hours worked

**CULTURE: Industry Practices**

Find out what the hotel's policies are for the following:

- |                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| punching in/out  | _____ |
| break time:      | _____ |
| lunch time:      | _____ |
| leave requests:  | _____ |
| schedule changes | _____ |

## PROVIDE INITIAL SERVICE

SPL	FUNCTIONS	LANGUAGE SAMPLE	STRUCTURES	RESOURCES
0,1,2	Greet  Introduce self	Good <u>morning</u> . Welcome to <u>(restaurant)</u> . How are you today? Fine, thank you.	polite expressions	Activities: role play  Texts: Fairfax 44-46, Voc. ESL Unit A:2
	Take leave	I'm your busboy. Your waiter will be here in a minute.		
	Follow job instructions	Good bye. Have a nice day.  * Handle the glasses by the stem. * Set up table 3. * Get more rolls for this table.		
3	Greet	Hope you enjoy your stay.	simple present: Be tag questions	
	Take leave	It's a beautiful day isn't It?  Have a nice <u>trip</u> . Please come again.		
4-5	Offer assistance	Is everything okay? Let me know if you need anything. May I help you? What can I get for you?	Video WUSA I pp 67-88, WUSA II pp 1-19.	Visual: ESL for Action 41
	Ask/Ans. requests for info.	*Can you turn down the air conditioning? *Can we sit by the window? I'll get the manager. Are you enjoying your breakfast?	Text: Voc. ESL Unit A: 2+4	
	Take leave	Hopre you enjoyed your meal.		

\*Respond only

**VOCABULARY:**

- Parts of the day: morning, afternoon, evening, night, today
- Reasons for staying in hotel: business, conference, pleasure, vacation
- Job instructions: bring, set up, bus, handle, use, order, get, come, tray, napkin, tablecloth, vase, matches, ashtray, table, chair, plant, flowers, glasses, pitcher, ice, wine glasses, buffet, party, booth, candle, candle holder, condiments, customer, guest
- Requests: cigarettes, window, air conditioning, heat, heater, salad bar, telephone, seat, check
- Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner, brunch, snack, meal
- Job titles: waiter, waitress, dining room attendant (DRA), host, hostess

**BASIC SKILLS: Related to Personal Identification**

Read: Recognize own name in print (check attendance sheet)

Identify all upper/lower case letters (match upper/lowercase, arrange letters of alphabet in sequence  
Identify and demonstrate understanding of words frequently seen in work environment (supply missing)  
missing words in sentence through use of context)

- Write: If at literacy level, trace and copy letters of the alphabet  
Write upper/lower case letters from memory  
Write first and last name in manuscript letters  
Write simple declarative sentences  
Write simple interrogative sentences

**CULTURE: Industry Rationale**

It personalizes the guest's experience at the restaurant to have the dining room attendant, waiter or waitress welcome the guest. This personalization encourages the guest to return and to recommend the restaurant to friends and associates.

Inquiring about guest's enjoyment of hotel stay shows the housekeeper's concern and interest and also encourages the guest to return and recommend it to friends and associates.<sup>1</sup>  
The dinner room attendant (DRA), waiter and waitress report to the host/hostess on duty.

All personnel in the restaurant are friendly and helpful to the clients. If a customer request is not the duty of the person asked, he/she will find someone else to help.

## PROVIDE SUPPLIES TO CO-WORKER

SPL	FUNCTIONS	LANGUAGE SAMPLE	STRUCTURES	RESOURCES
0,1,2	Identify supplies  Make and respond to requests  Request clarification	<p>Do you have any <u>rolls</u>? I need/want some <u>napkins</u>.             *I'd like an extra pitcher.            *Could I have some <u>bread</u>? Is this enough?             Here you are. Here you go.             I'm sorry. I don't understand. What? How many? A bread and butter plate? When do you need it?</p>	<p>singular/plural nouns some/any             quantity expressions some, more, extra             Wh-questions</p>	<p>Realia: things on cart Activities: TPR techniques. Silent Way requests Visuals: draw carts, match pictures/words, Fairfax 43,47,appendix             May I Help You 60,66,130 Let's Work Safely 60, Speaking Up at Work 129 Video: WUSA II p.81 Oxford Picture Dictionary</p>
3	Offer assistance  Respond to requests  Request clarification	<p>May (Can) I help you? see above Here they are. Here it is. Here is the <u>bread</u>. Here are the <u>matches</u>. When will you need more? A <u>sidetowel</u> or <u>rag</u>? Could you repeat that, please.</p>	<p>polite expressions singular/plural count/noncount nouns</p>	<p>Texts: Fairfax 53-55 Voc. ESL Unit A:3 Unit B:9             Restaurant Words by Jim Richey</p>
4-5	Offer assistance  Respond to requests  Apologize  Make a suggestion	<p>What can I do for you? How can I help you? Do you need anything else?             Here is/are the <u>rolls</u> you requested/asked for. Could you get me some extra <u>danish</u>? I wonder if you could give me some more <u>glasses</u>.             I'm sorry. I can't find them. I'm sorry. There aren't any in the storeroom. I'm sorry. I'll get some for you. I'm sorry. I'm too busy right now. Can I get them later? John is using that now. Could you wait until he's finished? I can't stop now. Could you ask someone else? You can find soap under the sink</p>	<p>Modal; can             polite requests             some/one</p>	<p>Texts: Voc. English Unit B:9+10 Speaking Up at Work 27-29             1 Ann Lamperis More Vocational ESL for Hotels, Lesson 12</p>

**VOCABULARY:**

Supplies for DRA: napkins, ashtrays, matches, wine glasses, water glasses, dinner plates, bread and butter plates, vase, flowers, tablecloth, chairs, place setting, tray, buspan, vacuum, broom, dust pan, mop, sidestand, china, flatware, silver ware, pitcher, cups, saucers, salt and pepper shakers, sidetowel, rag, underliners, cutlery, banquet rings (meta plate covers)

Food Items: bread, rolls, buns, butter, crumbs, beverage

Supplies for utility worker: broom, mop, dustpan, bucket, soap

Supplies for Prep Cook: knife, vegetable peeler, rag, pin (for food items see Oxford Picture Dictionary)

**BASIC SKILLS: Related to Providing Supplies**

- Read:** Read words related to work experiences  
Identify and demonstrate understanding of words that frequently appear in work environment  
Match words with objects or pictures  
Training materials about placement of supplies  
Read diagrams related to supply closet or packing cart, if applicable
- Write:** Complete supply request forms, if applicable  
Write simple declarative and interrogative sentences

Numeracy: Count supplies

**CULTURE: Industry Practices**

Peak time in a hotel is very hectic. Workers must cooperate for work to be done in a timely manner and to everyone's satisfaction.

## FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS/DESCRIBE JOB

SPL	FUNCTIONS	LANGUAGE SAMPLE	STRUCTURES	RESOURCES
0,1,2	Identify equipment and supplies	<p>There are 3 <u>types</u> of ovens. There's a <u>micro-wave</u> oven.</p> <p>The <u>steam</u> table is over there. The <u>spice</u> rack is <u>near the</u> steam kettle.</p> <p>I need a cutting board. Use the non-metallic pads for scouring.</p> <p>* Put <u>these</u> plates on the plate warmer. * Scour the pans with this kind of pad. * Wash hands before handling food. * No eating, drinking, or smoking at work stations.</p>	<p>There is/are contractions</p> <p>prepositions/location</p> <p>simple present</p> <p>prepositions/location</p> <p>this/these</p> <p>Wh-question words</p>	<p>Realia: furniture in room play furniture</p> <p>Activities: TPR technique draw pictures of room info gaps, role plays</p> <p>Visuals: sequence cards, Fairfax, English for adult Competency, Hotel/Motel Words, Survival Eng. 178+ A New Start 17,142,, Eng. Everyday Life I 39-47 Speak Up at Work 128+</p> <p>Texts: Fairfax 31-42 Survival English 39,201</p> <p>Video: WUSA 1 p36</p>
3	Request clarification	<p>Where? What? Please show me.</p> <p>When do you need it? How soon do you need it?</p>		
	Ask/Ans. questions (task)	<p>What does she do first? She arranges the lettuce on the plate and then the oranges.</p> <p>Always store raw food under cooked food.</p> <p>Toxic materials must be stored away from food.</p> <p>Disposable plastic gloves must be worn to handle food.</p>	<p>adverbials: first, next, etc.</p> <p>adverbials: under, away from.</p> <p>modals: must</p>	<p>Texts: Fairfax 81-83</p>
	Follow verbal/simple written instructions	<p>Like this? Is this okay?</p>		
4-5	<p>Give instructions to others</p> <p>Follow written instructions</p> <p>Request clarification</p>	<p>see above</p> <p>see above</p> <p>What should I do <u>first</u>? Could you tell me <u>again</u>? Can this wait until _____?</p>	<p>modals: could, should</p>	<p>Texts: Roy Bowers 49, Hotel/Motel Words 1-19, WUSA 1 p45</p> <p>Activities: write simple training manual</p> <p>Standards of hotel procedures from chef</p>

Responds only

v Instruction/Describe job

**VOCABULARY:**

DRA: tray jack, cleaning solution, dirty linen receptacle, liner, soaking tub , breakdown table, bus tubs, wooden salad bowls, glass salad bowls, sanitizer, damp, set up, clear, bus, handle, re-stock, vacuum, stack, meet, clean, decrumb, stock, pour reset, pick up, place, remove, twist, wipe, pass, check, spill, lift, refill, drip, splash, breakdown of dishes.

**Utility worker/  
Prep cook:**

reach-in, sink, quartz oven, drawers, microwave oven, stove, pizza oven, steam table, broiler, grill, plate warmer, bread shelves, floors, deep fat fryer, cold table, ice cream box, salad box, fish box, spice rack, convection oven, double oven, steam kettles, steamer, warmer, tilt fryer, meat grinder, bare hands, tongs, food thermometer, cracked, raw, cooked, safety station, mess, hairnet, equipment, dishwasher, hose, bread and butter (B&B), large oval platter, cutting board, wooden salad bowls, sanitizer, sweep, clean, wash, return, eat, drink, smoke, touch, cook, cool, reheat, label, prepare, refrigerate, discard, sanitize, separate, use, store, spray, breakdown.

**BASIC SKILLS:**

Read: Identify words related to work experiences and language

Read cleaning check sheets

Match words with supplies

Sight read labels on cleaners

Read room inspection checklist

Read training manuals, if applicable

Write: Write simple declarative/interrogative sentences  
Write simple instructions

Numeracy: Count number of supplies/towels (eg. checking supplies in/out)

Estimate time needed to complete a task

Identify 36-38 F on thermometer for refrigeration equipment, 0 F for freezer.

**CULTURE: Industry practices**

Find out the hotel policy about....

listening to radio/TV while working \_\_\_\_\_  
smoking (yes \_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_ when? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_)

using the telephones \_\_\_\_\_  
accepting tips (yes \_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_ reporting tips \_\_\_\_\_)

accepting gifts (yes \_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_ what kinds? \_\_\_\_\_)

**REPORT WORK PROGRESS / COMPLETION**

S.R.L.	FUNCTION	LANGUAGE SAMPLE	STRUCTURES	RESOURCES
0,1,2	Respond to requests for information	<p>Are you busy? Are you finished? Not yet. Almost.</p> <p>What kind of glass? The bread and butter plate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* You forgot to restock the salad bar.</li> <li>* You didn't clean the _____.</li> <li>* Where were you _____?</li> <li>I'm sorry. I forgot. I was restocking the condiments.</li> <li>* That's fine.</li> <li>* You did a good job. Thank you.</li> </ul>	<p>Yes/No questions simple past</p>	<p>Realia: work assignments Activities: role play</p> <p>Grammar Works Oxford Picture Dictionary Side by Side 1</p>
3	Respond to requests for information	<p>see above</p> <p>Did you slice the _____ yet? Is the oven clean? In a few minutes. I'll do that next. * Hurry up.</p>	<p>Yes/No questions past</p> <p>future</p>	
4-5	Respond to requests for information	<p>see above</p> <p>I'm sorry. I'll do it again. I'm sorry. I won't do it again. Now I understand. I won't do it again.</p>	<p>present perfect future</p>	
	Respond to criticism Give reasons/explanations	<p>see above</p> <p>I didn't do it because the manager asked me to restock the salad bar first. There was a problem with the dishwasher.</p>		<p>because clauses there was/were</p>

\*Respond only

**VOCABULARY:**

Progress: finished, done, not yet, almost, right away, in few minutes  
Time: later, tomorrow, first, second, third soon

**BASIC SKILLS:**

Read: Read performance evaluation  
Safety captain report and cleaning check list

Write: Write simple declarative/interrogative sentences

Numeracy: Demonstrate understanding of values on performance evaluation  
Estimate how long it will take to complete task

**CULTURE: Industry practices**

Find out the hotel policy about....

- dealing with floor supervisors, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_  
performance evaluations: (get checklist if available)  
what is evaluated \_\_\_\_\_  
evaluation criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
by whom \_\_\_\_\_  
how often \_\_\_\_\_  
warnings? \_\_\_\_\_  
orally \_\_\_\_\_  
written \_\_\_\_\_  
linked with pay.raises \_\_\_\_\_

## REPORT ABSENCE/LATENESS

SPL	FUNCTIONS	LANGUAGE SAMPLE	STRUCTURES	RESOURCES
0,1,2	Identify self State problem/give reason Identify body parts	This is <u>(name)</u> .  I can't work today. I have the flu. I will be late. I missed the bus.  My arm hurts.	simple present simple past simple present	Activities: use visuals and teletrainer to role play calls  Texts: A New Start 138 Fairfax 75-78 Survival Eng. I 84-90.
3	Identify self State problem/give reason	see above  I can't work because I have a terrible headache. I can't work today because my son is very sick. I will be 1/2 hour late because my car won't start.	because clauses	Videc: WUSA III 24,29+,33-35 Side by Side I 96-98 Survival Eng. I 106
4-5	Make request on telephone State problem/give reason State intention (time)	May I speak to _____ in Housekeeping, please. see above  I'll be back _____.	future	Text: WUSA III 41-42, ESL Action 74-75 Speaking Up at Work

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**VOCABULARY:**

Body parts: head, stomach, back, shoulder, arm, hand, fingers, leg, knee, ankle, foot, toe, etc.

Ailments: flu, headache, stomachache, toothache, hurt, pain, sore, broken, etc.

Telephone: May I speak to \_\_\_. This is \_\_\_. Please hold, etc.

**BASIC SKILLS:**

Read: Identify words related to health

Read appointment cards

Read hotel sick leave policy

Read pay stub to determine sick leave

Write: Write simple declarative/interrogative sentences

Complete sick leave form

Complete leave request form

Numeracy: Calculate number of hours of sick pay

**CULTURE: Industry practices**

Find out the hotel's policies about the following:

acceptable excuses for absence \_\_\_\_\_  
when doctor's note is required \_\_\_\_\_

when to call in lateness (i.e. how many hours before shift) \_\_\_\_\_

sick leave policy \_\_\_\_\_  
whom to call about absence/lateness \_\_\_\_\_

leave request form \_\_\_\_\_

## GIVE DIRECTIONS TO PLACES WITHIN THE HOTEL & VICINITY

SPL	FUNCTIONS	LANGUAGE SAMPLE	STRUCTURES	RESOURCES
0,1,2	Respond to requests for information  Provide information about location	* Excuse me. Where is the <u>bar</u> ?  Over there.  It's on the <u>first</u> floor, It's <u>down</u> the hall. It's <u>next</u> to the <u>ice machine</u> .	simple present  ordinal numbers prepositions:place	Realia: signs from hotel, floor plans, diagrams  Activities: draw floor plans, match pictures to signs, role play giving directions  Texts: Fairfax 18-27
3	Respond to requests for information.	How do I get to the pool?  Provide info. (location)	simple present  prepositions:place	Texts: Voc: ESL Unit C:12-15
		It's on the <u>1st</u> floor, next to the <u>piano bar</u> . Take the elevator to the <u>2nd</u> floor. It's on the <u>left</u> .		
	Apologize	I'm not sure. I'll ask my supervisor. I don't know. You can ask the <u>front desk</u> .		
4-5	Respond to requests for information  Give directions  Make suggestions	* Could you tell me where the <u>pool</u> is? * Do you know where I can <u>buy</u> a <u>postcard</u> ?  Go to the <u>lobby</u> . Turn left. Then... you'll see the <u>bar</u> on the <u>right</u> .  Try the <u>gift shop</u> . You can ask the <u>concierge</u> . There's a <u>restaurant</u> on <u>14th</u> floor. It's open <u>late</u> .	embedded questions  prepositions:place	Texts: English That Works I 98+ Survival Eng. I 121-125 May I Help You 41-43 Speak Up at Work 20-26 Side by Side I 144-145 Voc. English Unit C

### VOCABULARY:

Prepositions: in, on, next to, near, between, on the right/left, below  
Places: pool, restaurant, bar, post office, gift shop, newsstand, photocopier, beauty/barber shop, theater, metro/subway, shopping center/mall, etc.

### BASIC SKILLS: Related to Directions

Read: Identify signs in hotel (places)

Locate information on simplified/real floor plans, maps, and in hotel directories

Write: Write simple declarative/interrogative sentences

Numeracy: Interpret ordinal numbers and fractions 1/2 (as in 1/2 block)

### CULTURE:

Guests will often ask the DRA for directions to various locations in the hotel. Therefore housekeepers should know where these services and features are and be able to give clear instructions to these places.<sup>1</sup>

It is very helpful if the DRAs can give directions to other places within the vicinity of the hotel.<sup>2</sup>

It is helpful if DRAs can refer guest to other hotel services (eg. front desk or concierge) for assistance.<sup>3</sup>

DRAs should also be aware of the hours of operation for the various services in the hotel.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Anne Lomporis More. Vocational ESL for Hotels, lesson 6  
Ibid, lesson 7

<sup>3</sup>Ibid, lesson 7

<sup>4</sup> Ibid, lesson 7

## REPORT AND PREVENT ACCIDENTS/EMERGENCIES

SPL	FUNCTIONS	LANGUAGE SAMPLE	STRUCTURES	RESOURCES
0,1,2	Identify safety signs  Report accidents	Fire Exit. No Smoking. Danger. Warning Wet Floors  I <u>hurt my arm.</u> <u>I fell down.</u>	simple past	Realia: signs from hotel classroom signs  Activities: show sign and give warning, pantomime, match sign to safety hazards Visuals:  A New Start 139-140 Fairfax 92, You First Job, Unit 8 Let's Work Safety (many) WorkSight (many)
	Warn others	Stop! Be careful! Don't do that. Watch out!	imperative	
	Request clarification?	When? How? Why?	Wh-questions	
3	Explain safety signs.	You can't <u>smoke here.</u> You should use <u>gloves.</u> Never mix chemicals. Clean as you go.	modal	Text: Fairfax 92-94 Let's Work Safely 2-3,7,90,95
	Report accident	I <u>fell down</u> and cut my <u>head.</u> He <u>slipped</u> on the wet floor. This is <u>name</u> . There's a fire in the kitchen.	simple past	Marriott Hotels Resorts: Employee Right to Know Training Program
	Make a suggestion	You should <u>go to the nurse.</u> call <u>security</u> . Call kitchen.	modal: should	
	Warn others	Don't store food and chemicals together. Do not spray water near electrical outlets. Don't lift the tray that way. You could hurt yourself.	imperatives modal: could	
4-5	Make a suggestion  Report accident	You shouldn't <u>smoke here.</u> You should <u>wear gloves.</u>	modal: should shouldn't past continuous	Text: ESL Action 91+,108+,11 Let's Work Safely 100-108
	Warn others	I was <u>carrying the tray</u> when I <u>slipped.</u> When did it happen? How did it happen?  If you spray water near electrical outlets, you might get electrocuted. Mop up the water or someone might fall.	If clauses modal: might	

### VOCABULARY:

- Body parts: arm, leg, finger, head, etc.  
Verbs: fell, cut, broke, burned, twisted, spray, dispose,mix, evacuate, breathe, swallow  
Signs/Labels: No smoking, fire exit, warning, danger, caution, hazard, fire escape, fire extinguisher, poison, Safety Station, First Aid Station, Avoid contact with skin or eyes, safety rules, hazardous, chemicals, damage, well-ventilated, fire drill.

### BASIC SKILLS: Related to Preventing Accidents

Read: Identify common signs related to safety (eg.labels on cleaners, safety rules)

Read safety manual

Supply missing words in a sentence through use of context

Write:

Fill out accident report form

Fill out insurance claim forms

Write simple declarative/interrogative sentences

Numeracy: Dial security or emergency phone number in hotel

### CULTURE:

Ask the hotel about safety policies and accident procedures:

Reporting accidents: to whom

how

when

(severe/minor)

insurance

Find out specific problems that have occurred in the past and need to be addressed:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Any special safety rules?

clothing/uniform

about doing job

## REPORT PROBLEMS: repairs needed

SPL	FUNCTIONS	LANGUAGE SAMPLE	STRUCTURES	RESOURCES
0,1,2	Identify problems	The <u>sink</u> is <u>leaking</u> . The <u>dishwasher</u> is <u>broken</u> .	be + adjective	Visuals: Survival Eng. I 190-193 A New Start 115-116 Fairfax 64-65, 88-91
	Report problems	There's a problem with the microwave.	there is/are	
	Request clarification	Where? What's broken? How long has it been broken?		
3	Identify problems	The convection oven is too hot.  see above		Texts: Fairfax 80-91 Roy Bowers 51
	Report problems	The sink needs to be fixed.	need+to be+verb	
	Request clarification	Which oven is broken? What needs to be fixed?		
4-5	Identify problems	Which refrigerator is broken, the walk-in or the reach-in?		Texts: ESL for Action 49+
	Report problems	see above The <u>faucet</u> has been broken <u>for 3 days</u> .	present perfect for/since	
	Request Assistance	This is the kitchen. Can you send help from maintenance?	simple present	
	Request clarification	The freezer is not cold enough. It is only 30.  For how long?		

**VOCABULARY:**

Problems: broken, doesn't work, missing, leaking, dripping, stopped up, stained, torn, loose, burned, closed, stuck, etc.

Equipment: (review)

**BASIC SKILLS:** Related to Reporting Problems

Read: Read cleaning check list.

Read directions on machinery.

Supply missing word in a sentence through the use of context

**Write:**

Fill out work orders

Fill out cleaning check list

Write simple declarative/interrogative sentences

**Numeracy:** Write date (on work orders)**CULTURE:**

Find out the hotel policy about the following...

Reporting problems: to whom \_\_\_\_\_

how (orally or in writing) \_\_\_\_\_

what requires immediate attention \_\_\_\_\_

## READ PAYCHECKS

READ PAYCHECKS				
SPL	FUNCTIONS	LANGUAGE SAMPLE	STRUCTURES	RESOURCES
0,1,2	Identify terms (paycheck)  Ask/Answer questions	How much is your pay?  How much do you make an hour? \$ _____ per hour.	Wh- questions	Realia: simple/real checks  Texts: Fairfax 69-72
	Ask for assistance	I have a question about my pay. Please help me.		
3	Ask/Ans. questions (pay)	see above  How much is your gross pay? How much did they deduct for taxes?	simple past	Texts: Speaking Up at Work 50-56 ESL for Action 52-65
	Report a problem	I think there's a mistake. I worked overtime.		
4-5	Report problem	I think my check is too <u>low</u> . I think my check should be <u>more</u> ( <u>higher</u> ).  I don't understand why my check is <u>lower</u> this week.	too, very comparatives	Text: Your First Job: Unit 9 Eng. That Works I 151-159

**VOCABULARY:**

pay: regular, overtime, time and half, gross, net, YTD, totals, vested hours, invested hours

deductions: federal, state, FICA, insurance, meals, uniform

leave: vacation, holiday, sick

personnel: human resource director, director of personnel

**BASIC SKILLS:**

Read: Identify common terms on paychecks

Write: Endorse check

Write simple declarative/interrogative sentences

Numeracy: Calculate pay (hourly rate, number of hours worked, deductions)

**CULTURE:**

Find out the hotel's policies about the following:

starting rate \_\_\_\_\_

raises: how often \_\_\_\_\_

criteria \_\_\_\_\_

deductions: meals \_\_\_\_\_

uniforms \_\_\_\_\_

insurance \_\_\_\_\_

pay policy: docking pay \_\_\_\_\_

bonuses/incentives \_\_\_\_\_

overtime \_\_\_\_\_