

SS 2 FIRST TERM 2026/27 ENGLISH LANGUAGE NOTES

Scheme of Work

WEEK 1 GENERAL TOPIC:

Period 1: SPEECH: Vowels /ɔ/ and /ɔ:/

Period 2: STRUCTURE: Noun Phrases and Functions

Period 3: SUMMARY: Rules of Summary

Period 4: CONTINUOUS WRITING: Paragraphing and Topic Sentences

Period 5: REGISTER: The Human Internal Body System

WEEK 2 GENERAL TOPIC:

Period 1: SPEECH: Vowels /I/ and /I:/

Period 2: STRUCTURE: Pronouns; Types and Functions

Period 3: COMPREHENSION: Guidelines to Answering Comprehension Questions

Period 4: CONTINUOUS WRITING: Techniques of Writing

Period 5: REGISTER: Health

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Period 2: STRUCTURE: Nominalization

Period 3: COMPREHENSION: Reading for Critical Evaluation

Period 4: CONTINUOUS WRITING: Techniques of Writing

Period 5: REGISTER: Transportation

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Period 1: SPEECH : Vowels /a:/ and /æ/

Period 2: STRUCTURE: Determiners

Period 3: COMPREHENSION: Reading for Implied Meaning

Period 4: CONTINUOUS WRITING: Informal Letter

Period 5: REGISTER: Commerce and Industry

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Period 4: CONTINUOUS WRITING: Expository Essay

Period 5: REGISTER: Politics

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Period 4: CONTINUOUS WRITING: Speeches for Specific Purposes

Period 5: REGISTER: Computer

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Period 2: STRUCTURE: Adjectival Clause and Functions

Period 3: COMPREHENSION: Reading for Answering Questions

Period 4: CONTINUOUS WRITING: Descriptive Essay

Period 5: REGISTER: Commonly Misspelt Words

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Period 1: SPEECH: The Vowels /ɜ:/ and /ə/

Period 2: STRUCTURE: Adverbial Phrases and Functions

Period 3: COMPREHENSION: Reading for Answering Questions

Period 4: CONTINUOUS WRITING: Argumentative Essay

Period 5: REGISTER: Agriculture

Farming

WEEK 9 GENERAL TOPIC:

Period 1: SPEECH: Diphthongs

Period 2: STRUCTURE: Adverbial Clause and Functions

Period 3: COMPREHENSION: Reading for Answering Questions

Period 4: CONTINUOUS WRITING: Formal Letter

Period 5: SUMMARY: Summarizing in a Given Number of Sentences

WEEK 10 GENERAL TOPIC:

Period 1:

Period 2:

Period 3: Revision

Period 4:

Period 5:

WEEK 11 GENERAL TOPIC:

Period 1:

Period 2:

Period 3: Examination

Period 4:

Period 5:

WEEK 12 GENERAL TOPIC:

Period 1:

Period 2:

Period 3: Examination

Period 4:

Period 5:

WEEK 13 GENERAL TOPIC:

Period 1:

Period 2:

Period 3: Closure

Period 4:

Period 5:

SS 2 English Language

Vowels |ɒ| & |ɔ:|

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|ɒ| : In the production of this sound, the jaws are wide open and the lips are rounded. The sound is realized from the following:

o - God, mock, holiday, lorry, gong, shore, flock, etc.

a - was, watch, quality, yacht, want, swallow, etc.

ou - cough, trough, etc.

au - because, sausage, laurel

e - entourage, entrepreneur, enmasse

ow - knowledge, acknowledge

|ɔ:| : This is a long vowel. The tongue is raised higher in its articulation than in the short |ɒ|. The lips are also rounded. The following are used to realize the sounds.

or - horse, chord, touch, corps, lord, sword

aw - raw, lawn, paw, awful, pawn, straw, dawn

ough - bought, sought, fought, thought

au/augh - caught, cause, pause, daughter, etc

QUESTION

Write four examples of each sound.

Noun Phrases And Functions

A noun phrase is a phrase that functions as a noun in a sentence or a group of words that consists of a noun and its modifiers.

How To Identify a Noun Phrase

It is a group of words with a finite verb.

Noun is usually the headword.

It answers the question WHAT? Or WHO?

It performs the functions of a noun in the sentence.

It can be replaced by a noun or a pronoun.

Functions Of a Noun Phrase

As the subject of the verb.

As the object of the verb

As the object compliment.

As the subject complement.

As the object/complement of the preposition. 6. As an apposition.

QUESTION

Write four sentences showing noun phrases.

The Rules Of Summary Writing

Rules of Summary Writing

Summary writing is an advanced form of comprehension. It is stating in a few words what has been said in too many words. It is the reduction of a piece of writing still maintaining the writer's original idea.

QUESTION

Write three rules in summary writing.

Paragraphing And Topic Sentence

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What is a paragraph?

A paragraph is a short section of writing focused on the main idea.

What is paragraphing?

This is the act of breaking writing into sections called paragraphs. Paragraphing is a very essential step of every writing process as it helps writers to express themselves logically and sequentially. A paragraph may consist of four to five sentences which must be related to the main idea.

What is a topic sentence?

This is a sentence that opens a paragraph to introduce the main point of that paragraph.

QUESTION

Define paragraphing and topic sentences.

Human Internal Body System And Functions

The Human Internal Body System

These are the organs inside the body that are responsible for the activities going on in the human body.

QUESTION

Write 10 words associated with human internal organs.

Vowels |i| & |I:|

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Pit

Peat

Bit

Beat

Sick

Seek

Sit

QUESTION

Give two examples of each sound.

Pronouns: Types And Functions

Pronouns

A pronoun is a word that replaces a noun or a noun phrase to avoid unnecessary Repetition.

Types

Personal pronoun which refers to a definite person or thing. Eg: I, You, She, It, etc

Possessive pronoun which shows ownership. Eg: his, mine, theirs, ours, his.

Interrogative pronoun which asks questions. Eg: where, whom

Reciprocal pronoun is used to indicate a two-way relationship. Eg: one another & each Other.

Relative pronoun is used to introduce a relative clause. Eg: who, which, whom, whose,

Etc

Evaluation

Give five sentences with pronouns. Guidelines To Answering Comprehension Questions

Guidelines to Answering Comprehension Passages

Read the passage as fast as possible.

Get involved with the paragraphs to understand it.

Identify the unfamiliar words and their contextual meaning.

Limit your answer only to the information provided in the passage

Avoid including materials not found in the passage i.e. extraneous materials.

EVALUATION

Write five sentences showing pronouns.

Techniques Of Writing

Techniques of Writing

These refer to those tools necessary for a well written essay. They include:

Good handwriting

Indentation of paragraphs

Outlining

Good command of the language

Judicious use of figurative expressions

Appropriate use of transitional markers

Correct use of spellings

Skillful use of capital letters

Sophisticated use of punctuation marks.

Health

Health

Health can be defined as the condition of a person's body or mind. It can also be seen as the state of being physically and mentally healthy.

EVALUATION

Write ten words associated with health.

Vowels | U: | & | ʊ |

| u: | & | ʊ |

Luke

Look

Fool

Full

Pool

Pull

EVALUATION

Write two words that have each of the sounds.

Nominalization

Nominalization

This is the formation of nouns from other parts of speech with the aid of a suffix. The parts of speech that are changed in to nouns are usually verbs and adjectives.

A suffix is an item added at the end of a root word to change its meaning or form.

Examples of Suffixes

- ness

- er

- ing

- ery

- ize

Forming Nouns From Verbs

Forming Nouns From Adjectives

Drive + er = Driver

Kind + ness = Kindness

Beg + er = Begger

EVALUATION

Nominalize the following: Stubborn, fool, happy, tall.

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Transportation

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Transportation is the movement of people, goods and services from one location to another either by road, rail, sea or air.

EVALUATION

Write five words associated with transport.

Vowels |A:| & |Æ|

|a:| & |æ|

Bart

Bat

Bath

Bat

March

Match

EVALUATION

Write two words that have each of the sounds.

Determiners

Determiners

These are words which come at the beginning of a noun phrase. They tell us whether the noun phrase is specific or general.

EVALUATION

Write five sentences with determiners.

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Informal Letter

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This is a letter you write to someone who is within the same age bracket with you or to your relatives.

Features

The writer's address

The date

The salutation

The body - i. Introduction ii. Main Body iii. Conclusion

The complimentary close.

5Th: Commerce & Industry

Commerce & Industry

Commerce is the buying and selling of goods and services (especially between countries).

Industry refers to the production of goods from raw materials especially in factories.

EVALUATION

Write five words associated with Commerce and Industry.

Consonant Clusters

Consonant Clusters

A consonant cluster occurs when two or more consonants follow one another without any vowel interrupting them. A cluster can occur at the beginning, middle or end of a word.

It has the formula: (C 0-3) V (C 0-4); (CCC) V (CCCC).

Clusters at the Beginning

New /nju/; Few /fju:/; Cute /kju:t/; Cross /kros/.

Clusters in the Middle

Exam /igzaem/; Excuse /ikskju:s/; Cluster /klasta/; Exempt /igzempt/.

Clusters at the End

Tempts /tempt/; Lands /laendz/; Scripts /skripts/; Texts /teksts/.

Modifiers

Modifiers

These are words or phrases added to allow other words or phrases to give a clearer picture of the words or phrases. They are usually adjectives, adjectival phrases and clauses, and adverbs, adverbial phrases and clauses.

Examples:

The hunter entered the forbidden virgin forest.

Emeka showed Uka true love.

There was a deafening applause for the superstar pop musician.

Yusuf served us rotten, putrid, frozen chicken.

My step-mother served stone-cold soup which we did not touch.

He reluctantly surrendered his keys.

EVALUATION

Write five sentences with modifiers.

Summarizing In A Given Number Of Sentences

Summary Writing

This is a reduction of a piece of writing to a required number of sentences.

Summary Writing Skills

Identify the theme.

Identify the key ideas/main points.

Identify the supporting details.

Assign titles/headings to the passage.

Ability to detect props, phrases and transitional markers.

Expository Essay

Expository Essay

Expository simply means detailed explanation. Hence, an expository essay is a piece of writing that requires a detailed explanation of a given topic.

Examples: Economic Recession in Nigeria; Insecurity in Nigeria and Its Implication on the Economy; The Future of the Nigerian Youth; Dangers of Abortion.

Politics

Politics

Politics is the activities involved in getting and using power in public life and being able to influence discussions that affect a society or a country.

EVALUATION

Write five words associate with politics.

Word Stress

Word Stress

This is the extra force given to the syllable in a word.

Some Rules of Stress

A

Monosyllabic words are not usually stressed when pronounced in isolation.

Words of two syllables usually have stress on the first syllable.

When a two-syllable word begin with a prefix, the second syllable receives the stress.

In a polysyllabic word, stress the last but one syllable when the word ends in -ion,

-icl, -ics, -ian, etc.

Stress the third to the last syllable of a word that ends in -ance, -cy, -ity, -ate, -ial, -tude, etc

Adjectival Phrases & Functions

Adjectives & Adjectival Phrases

An adjective is a word that qualifies a noun or a pronoun. Eg. Fat, big, red, black, etc.

Adjectival phrase is a group of words that performs an adjectival role.

Eg. In the kitchen

At the bus station.

Across the road.

Adjectival Phrases & Functions

- The man in red suit is my father. (It qualifies the noun, 'man')
- The woman without head-tie is bereaved. (It qualifies the noun, 'woman')
- The girl sleeping on the bare floor is insane. (It qualifies the noun, 'girl')

EVALUATION

Use five adjectival phrases to make sentences.

Reading For Word Substitution

Reading for Word Substitution

This is a list of words or expressions given to students to give other English words or expressions. It does not require definition. It may be a word or a phrase which must express the meaning of the word or the phrase as it is used in the passage.

Do not give more than one answer.

Rules of Substitution

A singular noun or verb requires a singular substitute.

Eg. The car gets here at 7:00 am. (arrives)

Computer

Computer

A computer is an electronic device that accepts the input of data, processing of data storage of data and output of data into an information,

EVALUATION: Write ten words associated with computer.

Emphatic Stress

Emphatic Stress

In speech, we do not expend the same amount of strength (force) in all the words in a sentence. Relate great energy on only those words which the speaker wishes to attach great prominence while the other words are weakly attainable.

Also, when a particular contrast is intended, to bring out the contrast clearly, the word which indicates its stressed while the stress on the other word is generally reduced.

Examples:

I left the book **ON** the table. (not under)

Peter **AND** Paul worked. (insisting the both)

We **MUST** honour the invitation. (whether we like it or not)

I **BOUGHT** the book. (I didn't steal it)

Okey bought a **NEW** car. (not an old car)

Adjectival Clauses & Functions

Adjectival Clauses

An adjectival clause is a group of words that plays an adjectival role. It is introduced by a relative pronoun which, who, whose, whom, that, etc and it answers the question Which?

Examples

The woman who came here yesterday is my aunt.

The magazine that I lent you is very interesting.

The man whom you saw now is a debtor.

EVALUATION

Use five adjectival clauses to make sentences.

Reading And Answering Summary Questions

Summary

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In four sentences, one for each, summarize the factors that have prompted the rapid increase in world population.

5Th: Commonly Misspelt Words

Commonly Misspelt Words

Words with Double Letters

Accommodation; Assimilation; Difficult; Accordance; Difference;

Occurrence; Association; Stopped; Access; Clapped; Assess; Willingness

EVALUATION

Write ten commonly misspelt words.

Vowels |3:| And |ð|

|3:| and |ð|

|3:|

|ð|

Girl

Ego

Birth

Vila

Stir

Woman

Term

EVALUATION

Write three examples of words with the sounds taught.

Adverbial Phrase & Functions

Adverbial Phrase

An adverbial phrase is a phrase that functions as an adverb in a sentence. It modifies the verb in the subordinate clause.

Examples;

The book is on the table.

It modifies the verb, 'is'.

He came after dinner.

It modifies the verb, 'came'.

Though insane, he still reads the Bible.

It modifies the verb, 'reads'

EVALUATION

Write four adverbial phrases and use them to make sentences.

Reading For Main Points

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The Jilted Lover

- The main theme/topic sentence in this passage is the jilted lover
- From the passage, it is deduced that the man was a mad man, he killed people and was in police custody.
- Ekenma was his former girl friend but he never married her.
- He then came to fight Teacher Ezeagu that married Ekenma.

Agriculture/Farming

Agriculture

Agriculture is the cultivation of land and rearing of animals to produce food for men and raw materials for industry.

EVALUATION

Write ten words associated with Agriculture.

Diphthongs /əʊ/ And /ʊə/

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The spelling symbols for the diphthong /əʊ/ include :

“o” – so, no, hole, gross, etc

“oe” – woe, toe, hoe, etc

“oa” – load, boat, coat, goat, etc.

“ou” – soul, dough, though, etc.

“ow” – sow, grow, etc.

“ew” – sew, etc.

“ot” – depot.

EVALUATION

Write one word that has each of the diphthongs.

2: Adverbial Clauses And Functions

Adverbial Clauses and Functions

An adverbial clause is a clause that modifies a verb in the main clause. It answers the questions Why? When? Where? How? To what extent? and under what condition the action of the verb was performed.

An adverbial clause occasionally modifies adjectives and adverbs.

EVALUATION

Write one example of each type of adverbial clause.

Reading For Answering Questions

Reading for Main Points

Udufe the Rubber Thief (New Concept English, page 104-105)

- i) It was laid to catch Rukeme in the act of stealing latex.
 - ii) Rukeme stealing latex
 - i) The grey hairs of his head
 - ii) His penis
 - iii) His long-deceased grandfather
 - iv) The cunt of his own mother
 - v) A curse not to live till the next day
 - i) Yes
 - ii) The people asked the labourer to produce concrete evidence
- Defending a case in court.

Formal Letter

Formal Letter

What is a formal letter?

A formal letter is a letter written to people who occupy an official position. When you write a letter to the principal or headmaster of a school, the editor of newspaper, the commissioner for or minister of education, the secretary of a scholarship board etc. You are writing a formal letter. A formal letter is also known as an official or business letter. A formal letter does not allow the use of contractions, abbreviations, colloquial languages, exchange of pleasantries etc. The language of a formal letter is strictly formal.

Features

Formats of a Formal Letter

Writer's address and date

The receiver's address

Salutation e.g. Dear Sir

Madam

Heading

Title

Introduction

Body

Conclusion

Complementary close e.g. Yours faithfully,

Writer's signature

Writer's full name

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EVALUATION

Summarise the passage on Unit 4 of New Oxford English.