LIST OF GRAMMATICAL POINTS LEVEL: A2

	GRAMMAR	EXAMPLES
1	Verb BE: am/is/are	☐ I'm cold. Can you close the window, please? ☐ I'm 32 years old. My sister is 29. ☐ Steve is ill. He's in bed. ☐ My brother is afraid of dogs. ☐ It's ten o'clock. You're late again. ☐ Ann and I are good friends. ☐ Your keys are on the table.
		☐ I'm tired, but I'm not hungry. ☐ Tom isn't interested in politics. He's interested in music. ☐ Jane isn't a teacher. She's a student. ☐ Those people aren't English. They're Australian. ☐ It's sunny today, but it isn't warm.
2	Verb BE: questions and negatives; Short answers	☐ 'Am I late?' 'No, you're on time.' ☐ 'Is your mother at home?' 'No, she's out.' ☐ 'Are your parents at home?' 'No, they're out.' ☐ 'Is it cold in your room?' 'Yes, a little.' ☐ Your shoes are nice. Are they new?
		 □ Where is your mother? Is she at home? □ 'Where are you from?' 'Canada.' □ 'What colour is your car?' 'It's red.' □ 'How old is Joe?' 'He's 24.' □ How are your parents? Are they well? □ These postcards are nice. How much are they? □ This hotel isn't very good. Why is it so expensive?
3	Possessive adjectives: my, your, his, her, our, their	I → my wc → our you → your he → his shc → her they → their I like my house. We like our house. You like your house. He likes his house. She likes her house. They like their house.

5	Subject Pronouns Object Pronouns	subject I I know Tom. we We know Tom. you You know Tom. he He knows Tom. she She knows Tom. they They know Tom. I don't want this book. You can have it. I don't want these books. You can have them. Diane never drinks milk. She doesn't like it. I never go to parties. I don't like them.
6	Present Simple: Positive, Negative, Question	☐ I like big cities. ☐ Your English is good. You speak very well. ☐ Tim works very hard. He starts at 7.30 and finishes at 8 o'clock ☐ The earth goes round the sun. ☐ We do a lot of different things in our free time. ☐ It costs a lot of money to build a hospital.
		always/never/often/usually/sometimes + present simple Sue always gets to work early. (not Sue gets always) I never eat breakfast. (not I eat never) We often go away at weekends. Mark usually plays football on Sundays. I sometimes walk to work, but not very often.
		☐ I drink coffee, but I don't drink tea. ☐ Sue drinks tea, but she doesn't drink coffee. ☐ You don't work very hard. ☐ We don't watch television very often. ☐ The weather is usually nice. It doesn't rain very often. ☐ Gary and Nicole don't know many people.
		☐ 'Do you play tennis?' 'No, I don't.' ☐ 'Do your parents speak English?' 'Yes, they do.' ☐ 'Does Gary work hard?' 'Yes, he does.' ☐ 'Does your sister live in London.' 'No, she doesn't.'
7	There is There are	 □ There's a big tree in the garden. □ There's nothing on TV tonight. □ A: Have you got any money? B: Yes, there's some in my bag. □ A: Excuse me, is there a hotel near here? B: Yes, there is. / No, there isn't. □ We can't go skiing. There isn't any snow.

8		 □ There are some big trees in the garden. □ There are a lot of accidents on this road. □ A: Are there any restaurants near here? □ B: Yes, there are. / No, there aren't. □ This restaurant is very quiet. There aren't many people here. □ How many players are there in a football team? □ There are 11 players in a football team.
9	How many? How much?	We use much + uncountable noun (much food / much money etc.); Did you buy much food? We haven't got much luggage. How much money do you want? A: Have you got any money? B: I've got some, but not much.
		We use many + plural noun (many books / many people etc.): Did you buy many books? We don't know many people. How many photos did you take? A: Did you take any photos? B: I took some, but not many.
10	Some and any	Use some in positive sentences: I'm going to buy some clothes. There's some ice in the fridge. We made some mistakes.
		Use any in negative sentences: I'm not going to buy any clothes. There isn't any milk in the fridge. We didn't make any mistakes.
		We normally use some (not any) when we offer things (Would you like?): A: Would you like some coffee? B: Yes, please. or when we ask for things (Can I have? etc.): A: Can I have some soup, please? B: Yes. Help yourself. A: Can you lend me some money? B: Sure. How much do you need?

11	Past tense of BE: was / were	am/is (present) → was (past): ☐ I am tired. (now) ☐ Where is Kate? (now) ☐ The weather is good today.
		are (present) → were (past): ☐ You are late. (now) ☐ They aren't here. (now)
		I was tired last night. Where was Kate yesterday? The weather was good last week.
		You were late yesterday. They weren't here last Sunday.
		 □ Last year Rachel was 22, so she is 23 now. □ When I was a child, I was afraid of dogs. □ We were hungry after the journey, but we weren't tired. □ The hotel was comfortable, but it wasn't expensive.
		 □ Was the weather nice when you were on holiday? □ Your shoes are nice. Were they expensive? □ Why were you late this morning?
		☐ 'Were you late?' 'No, I wasn't.' ☐ 'Was Ted at work yesterday?' 'Yes, he was.' ☐ 'Were Sue and Steve at the party?' 'No, they weren't.'
12	Can / can't Could – couldn't	☐ I can play the piano. My brother can play the piano too. ☐ Sarah can speak Italian, but she can't speak Spanish. ☐ 'Can you swim?' 'Yes, but I'm not a very good swimmer.' ☐ 'Can you change twenty pounds?' 'I'm sorry, I can't.' ☐ I'm having a party next week, but Paul and Rachel can't come.
		 □ When I was young, I could run very fast. □ Before Maria came to Britain, she couldn't understand much English. Now she can understand everything. □ I was tired last night, but I couldn't sleep. □ I had a party last week, but Paul and Rachel couldn't come.

13	Present Continuous	□ I'm working. I'm not watching TV. □ Maria is reading a newspaper. □ She isn't eating. (or She's not eating.) □ The phone is ringing. □ We're having dinner. □ You're not listening to me. (or You aren't listening) □ The children are doing their homework.
		 □ 'Are you feeling OK?' 'Yes, I'm fine, thanks.' □ 'Is it raining?' 'Yes, take an umbrella.' □ Why are you wearing a coat? It's not cold. □ 'What's Paul doing?' 'He's reading the newspaper.' □ 'What are the children doing?' 'They're watching television.' □ Look, there's Emily! Where's she going? □ Who are you waiting for? Are you waiting for Sue?
14	Present Continuous vs. Present simple	☐ Please be quiet. I'm working. (not I work) ☐ Tom is having a shower at the moment. (not Tom has) ☐ Take an umbrella with you. It's raining. ☐ You can turn off the television. I'm not watching it. ☐ Why are you under the table? What are you doing?
15	Past Simple: Regular verbs, irregular verbs;	The past simple is often -ed (regular verbs). For example: work → worked dance → danced clean → cleaned stay → stayed start → started need → needed □ I clean my teeth every morning. This morning I cleaned my teeth. □ Terry worked in a bank from 1996 to 2003. □ Yesterday it rained all morning. It stopped at lunchtime.
		☐ I usually get up early, but this morning I got up at 9 o'clock. ☐ We did a lot of work yesterday. ☐ Caroline went to the cinema three times last week. ☐ James came into the room, took off his coat and sat down.

		begin → began break broke bring brought build built buy bought catch caught come came do did drink drank eat ate fall → fell find found fly flew forget forgot get got give gave had hear heard know knew
		☐ I played tennis yesterday, but I didn't win. ☐ 'Did you do the shopping?' 'No, I didn't have time.' ☐ We went to the cinema, but we didn't enjoy the film.
16	Time expressions	
17	Prepositions	☐ Jane isn't at work this week. She's on holiday. ☐ We watched the news on television. ☐ We listened to the news on the radio. ☐ I spoke to Rachel on the phone last night. ☐ The house is on fire! Call the fire brigade. ☐ 'Was the train late?' 'No, it was on time.'
		☐ Are you afraid of dogs?
		Why are you angry with me? W
		Are you angry about last night? happened last night)
		□ Lisa is very different from (or to)
		 □ I'm fed up with my job. I want different. (= I've had enough of n □ The room was full of people. □ Are you good at maths? □ I'm not interested in sport.
18	Countable and Uncountable	singular (= one) → plural (= two or more)
	nouns	a flower → some flowers a train → two trains
		one week → a few weeks
		a nice place → some nice places
		this student → these students

		water air rice salt plastic money
		a/an + singular countable nouns (car/apple/shoe et ☐ I need a new car. ☐ Would you like an apple? some + plural countable nouns (cars/apples/shoes ☐ I need some new shoes. ☐ Would you like some apples? some + uncountable nouns (water/money/music ☐ I need some water. ☐ Would you like some cheese?
19	Comparatives and Superlatives	(or Would you like a piece of cheese?) □ Rome is old, but Athens is older. (not more old) □ Is it cheaper to go by car or by train? (not more ch □ Helen wants a bigger car. □ This coat is OK, but I think the other one is nicer. □ Don't take the bus. It's easier to take a taxi. (not in
		☐ The weather wasn't very good yesterday, but it's better today. ☐ 'Do you feel better today?' 'No, I feel worse .' ☐ Which is worse – a headache or a toothache?
		☐ Athens is older than Rome. ☐ Are oranges more expensive than bananas? ☐ It's easier to take a taxi than to take the bus. ☐ 'How are you today?' 'Not bad. Better than yesterday.' ☐ The restaurant is more crowded than usual.
		☐ What is the longest river in the world? ☐ Money is important, but it isn't the most important thing in life. ☐ Excuse me, where is the nearest bank?
20	Adverbs and Adjectives	Laura has got brown eyes. There's a very old bridge in this village. Do you like Italian food? I don't speak any foreign languages. There are some beautiful yellow flowers in the garden.
		 □ The weather is nice today. □ These flowers are very beautiful. □ Are you cold? Shall I close the window? □ I'm hungry. Can I have something to eat? □ The film wasn't very good. It was boring. □ Please be quiet. I'm reading.

	□ The train stopped suddenly. □ I opened the door slowly. □ Please listen carefully. □ I understand you perfectly.
	adjective □ Sue is very quiet. □ Be careful! □ It was a bad game. □ I felt nervous.
	adverb ☐ Sue speaks very quietly. ☐ Listen carefully! (not list ☐ Our team played badly. ☐ I waited nervously.