

# Introduction

Welcome to Longman English *Edge* (Second Edition)! The six coursebooks in this exciting new series build on the theme- and task-based approach of the First Edition. They continue to be based on the learning targets and objectives for Key Stage 3 outlined in the latest curriculum guides for English Language Education.

The new books retain popular features from the First Edition and include a number of important brand-new ones, such as a strong skills focus, to better prepare you for the challenges of the Senior Secondary English Language curriculum.

Let's look at your learning journey in each of the four units of this book:



## Opening and Warm-up

- review your learning with a summary of the unit's target vocabulary, language, and skills
- complete fun activities to spark creative thinking

## Reading

- read two engaging texts that feature authentic use of the target vocabulary and language items
- look out for the **Grammar in text** feature, which shows grammar in use, in context
- reflect on the **Values corner** questions to hone your positive values and attitudes

**SDL**

Audio  
Animated Text

### Grammar in text

We can compare people and things using **comparative and superlative adjectives**.

*Being a volunteer is **more rewarding than** ...*

*The **greenest** action ...*

Can you find other examples in the text? Underline them.

### Values corner

#### Care for the environment

How can people be encouraged to be more careful about recycling?

## Comprehension

- learn the **Reading skill** to develop a key reading skill
- complete a variety of comprehension questions to help you understand the text and practise your comprehension skills
- look out for questions marked with the Reading skill icon to apply the target reading skill



**SDL**

Online practice

## Word Families

- learn more words and understand more about parts of speech, suffixes, prefixes and word roots of English

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Online practice

## Vocabulary

- learn useful vocabulary from at least two key lexical groups related to the unit theme
- practise the new words and phrases in a variety of exercises



Online practice  
e-Dictation

## Language

- learn language items from clear and user-friendly explanations, and abundant examples that show their uses in context
- complete focused and meaningful practice exercises
- check your progress in the Language Roundup section



Online practice  
Grammar video

## Listening / Integrated Listening

- learn the **Listening skill** to develop a key listening skill
- listen to the audio track and complete the bite-sized listening practice
- look out for questions marked with the Listening skill icon to apply the target listening skill



Online practice

## Speaking

- learn the **Speaking skill** to develop a key speaking skill
- complete an authentic speaking task to practise the target speaking skill



Online practice  
Audio

## Task

- use the simple 5-step approach to complete a fun and meaningful writing task
- complete the **G.A.P.S.** activity to build awareness of the genre, audience, purpose and style of your writing
- learn the **Writing skill** to develop a specific writing skill



Online practice

## Vocabulary Bank

- review target lexical groups and other useful vocabulary you have learnt in the unit all in one handy list



Audio



Self-assessment

