

TEACHER'S NOTES 2023–2024

Let's Start!

Language level and annual issues

LET'S START is an ideal magazine to learn English in a playful way. It is an excellent instrument for all teachers that would like to integrate their textbooks and curricular programs with fun language activities focused on topics of interest to young adults.

LET'S START is not only for teachers, but also for those who want to deepen and consolidate their English language knowledge.

Within the **Common European Framework**, LET'S START sits between an **A1** and **A2** level.

The magazine has five annual issues, each corresponding to a complete teaching unit that can be used individually and autonomously, without the help of a teacher. At the end of the five issues, students will have completed a basic level English language course.

LET'S START is ideal for:

- having complete, practical lessons, structured in an organic set of five units
- encouraging self-learning and selfassessment
- preparing for language certification
- stimulating students' interest and encouraging an interdisciplinary approach

Reports on pages 6 and 7

LET'S START ISSUE 1: Do I look weird? (animal vocabulary)

LET'S START ISSUE 2: A bit of art around the world (vocabulary related to artwork)
LET'S START ISSUE 3: Get...spatial! (astronomy vocabulary)

LET'S START ISSUE 4: Strange facts about trees and beyond... (nature, plants and flowers vocabulary) LET'S START ISSUE 5: Mysterious...mysteries (magic and the world of fantasy vocabulary)

Inside the magazine...

Every issue of LET'S START is a complete and independent **DIDACTIC UNIT**, structured in:

- a double-page spread of illustrated vocabulary on pages 4 and 5
- a report-style article on pages 6 and 7 related to the topic of the illustrated vocabulary
- two articles on culture and interesting places in the English-speaking world on pages 8-9, 12-13
- revision and self-assessment games (with answers) on page 14

and a lot more...

- a fun test on page 10 helps students memorize and reuse learned vocabulary and structure
- Me and my hobby on page 11 offers interesting insights from stories of young people and their unusual interests
- insights on famous people popular with today's youth: cinema, music, sport, art, fashion....
- ideas, games, tests and exercises to consolidate and deepen English language knowledge on every page
- free downloadable audio on elilanguagemagazines.com
- the teacher's notes are accompanied by a table with the basic grammar present in each issue of LET'S START
- extra grammar exercises for every issue and, on the last two pages, summary exercises for the memorization and revision of the structures covered in the five issues.

LET'S START OVERVIEW 2023 - 2024

MONTH	VOCABULARY	BASIC GRAMMAR	COMMUNICATIVE FUNCTIONS
ISSUE #1 September / October Illustrated Vocabulary •The animal kingdom Report •Do I look weird?	Animals: animal vocabulary; families and parts of the body, colors	 Present indicative Present indicative of the verbs: "have", "like", "look like" Demonstrative pronouns Indefinite adjectives 	 Introducing yourself Describing an animal Speaking about your pet Saying what you like and don't like to do Simple expressions
ISSUE #2 November / December Illustrated Vocabulary • At the art museum Report • A bit of art around the world	Art: vocabulary related to artwork	 "There is"/"there are" The Past Simple Descriptive adjectives Use of qualifying adjectives 	 Expressing your preferences Knowing how to describe your own skills and those of others Describing a piece of art Expressing your opinion on art
ISSUE #3 February Illustrated Vocabulary •Outer space Report •Get spatial!	Outer space: astronomy vocabulary	 Future simple Review of indefinite adjectives The superlative form Relative pronoun "that" 	 Expressing an opinion Talking about your dreams Talking about your passions Making observations Talking about when you were young
ISSUE #4 March / April Illustrated Vocabulary •The plant kingdom Report •Strange facts about trees and beyond	The plant kingdom: nature, plants and flowers	 Introduction to the Past Simple Negative form of verbs Review of the superlative form Expressions of time 	 Talking about what you do in your free time Describing nature: plants, flowers, places Saying what your favorite flower is
ISSUE #5 May / June Illustrated Vocabulary • A world of magic Report • Mysterious mysteries	The world of magic: magic and the world of fantasy	 Conjuntions "and" and "but" "Be about to + infinitive" Review of the Past simple Prepositions of place Use of time expressions Modal verb "can" 	 •Making a presentation •Expressing intentions •Asserting your ideas •Talking about volunteering •Talking about what you want to do after you finish school

Answers

ISSUE 1 - SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

- 1 fox.
- 2 1 a (epistle means "letter"), 2 b, 3 b (to raise awareness of this endangered animal), 4 b (together with the giraffe, the okapi is the only living specimen of the Giraffidae family), 5 a.
- 3 1 dog, 2 sheep, 3 horse, 4 cats, 5 fox, 6 sharks (*Hungry Sharks*), 7 clownfish, 8 insects, 9 macaw, 10 lion, 11 mammals.

ISSUE 2 – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

- 1-J-USA, 2-K-France, 3-E-Denmark, 4-B-Egypt,
 5-G-China, 6-L-Italy, 7-A-Spain, 8-D-Chile, 9-F-USA, 10
 I-Italy, 11-H-England, 12-C-Perù.
- 2 1 b, 2 c, 3 a.
- **3** 1 Abraham Lincoln, 2 guardian angels, 3 charging bull.

ISSUE 3 – FEBRUARY

A There isn't a washing machine on a spaceship.

B Planets have an odor. C The Milky Way is a
galaxy/our galaxy. D A 6 person crew produces
around 400 kg of dirty laundry. E There is gas
on the planets. F Sulfur smells like rotten eggs. G
Jupiter is the best-smelling planet. H Uranus and
Mars are smelly planets. I NASA studies odorresistant fabrics. J Outer space smells a bit like
grilled meat and something burnt.

K Maybe, one day we will be able to buy special
odor-resistant clothing. L There is sulfur in the
atmosphere of Uranus and Mars.

- 1 moon, 2 constellation, 3 solar system, 4 planet,
 UFO, 6 meteorite, 7 satellite, 8 sun, 9 rocket,
 10 Mars. Neptune.
- **3** 1-D, 2-F, 3-A, 4-E, 5-C, 6-B.

ISSUE 4 – MARCH/APRIL

- 1 PARTS OF A TREE: trunk, branch, root, seed, foliage, bud; PARTS OF A FLOWER: petal, seed, bud, root; TREES: oak, seaweed/algae, pine, linden; FLOWERS: orchid, sunflower, narcissus, daisy, rose, lily, tulip, violet, poppy.
- 2 Free answers.
- 3 1 A, 2 B, 3 B, 4 A.
- 4 Free answers.

ISSUE 5 – MAY/JUNE

1 F ("muggle" is a term from Harry Potter and means a normal person, without magical powers), 2 F (it is a magic school born from the imagination of writer J.K. Rowling, the author of Harry Potter), 3 T, 4 F, 5 T, 6 T (In the book Harry Potter it is played with flying brooms. However, there are real Muggle Quidditch teams, competitions and championships. It is played with normal brooms.), 7 F (it means "disappear like this word"), 8 F (it is the animal symbol of night and mystery)..



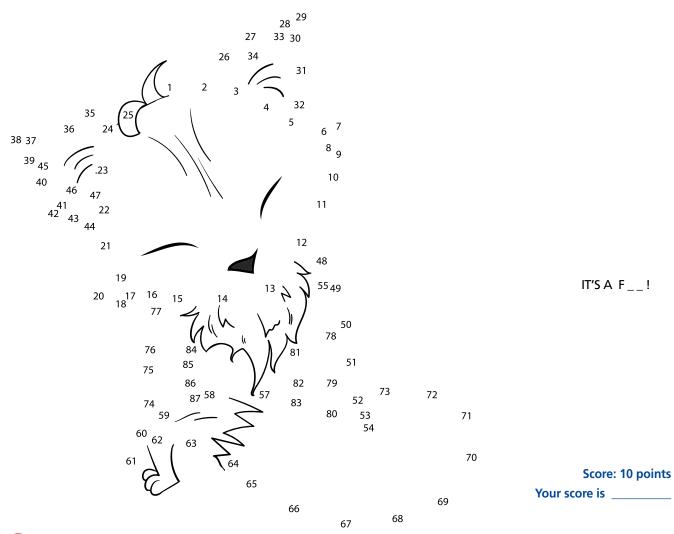
Extra Grammar Exercises

- 1 1 have, has, 2 looks like, 3 like, doesn't like, 4 look like, 5 is.
- 2 1 These, 2 That, 3 This, 4 That, 5 Those.
- 3 1 brought, wanted, 2 was, slept, 3 went, loved, 4 lived, moved, 5 lived, spoke, 6 was, wanted, 7 didn't think, 8 was, bought, 9 was, 10 saw, ran.
- 4 1 enormous, 2 fast, 3 purple, tiny, 4 tall, fresh, 5 three.
- 5 1 the best, 2 the most difficult, 3 the nicest, 4 the most beautiful, 5 the ugliest.
- 1 I've lost the cell phone that I bought a month ago.
 2 Sandra recommended a film that I didn't like at all.
 3 Mary chose a pizza from the menu that was really good!
 4 That man that is called Joseph is my swim

- coach. 5 The cat that always sleeps in that window is my grandmother's.
- 7 1 have, can't, 2 Don't tell, complain, 3 is, doesn't have, 4 understands, doesn't know, 5 like, don't like.
- 8 1 there is, 2 There are, 3 Is there, 4 There are, 5 There is.
- 9 1 Lucy is about to go on stage. 2 The flight to Frankfurt is about to leave. 3 Look at those black clouds! It's about to rain... 4 Stefanie is about to call you. 5 Look at that guy—he is about to fall off that chair!
- 10 1 This morning, 2 After, 3 The day after tomorrow,4 Yesterday, 5 Today.

Name and surname: Class:

Find out the animal! Connect the dots from 1 to 87. Count in English and find out what animal it is!



2 Read and choose the correct answer.

1 *Dracula* by Bram Stoker is an epistolary novel. It means that it is told:

a through an exchange of letters between the story's characters. **b** in the first person.

2 In Romanian, "Dracula" means:

a immortal. **b** devil.

3 Years ago, on Valentine's Day, some animals were the protagonists of a series of doodles (Google animations celebrating an event or character of the day). They were:
a elephants in love.
b pangolins in love.

4 The okapi is the only animal that is a "relative" of the:

a zebra. **b** giraffe.

5 October 4 is:

a World Animal Day. **b** World Reading Day.

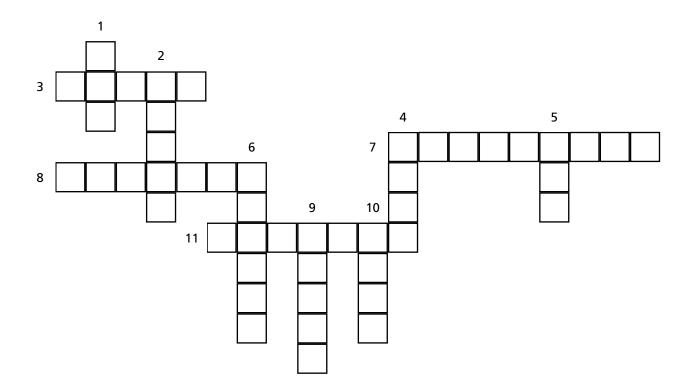
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Your score is

Name and surname: Class:

3 Cinematic...animals

How many of these famous animals do you know? Read the definitions and complete the crossword puzzle.

- 1 Belle is Sébastien's inseparable friend.
- 2 Shaun is one, the main character of Shaun the...
- 3 It is the "wild" Spirit...
- 4 They are "aristocrats" in this famous Walt Disney film.
- 5 Walt Disney's Robin Hood is one...
- 6 They are hungry fish in a famous videogame.
- 7 Nemo is one, the main character of the animated film *Finding Nemo*.
- 8 The main characters of A Bug's Life belong to this family.
- 9 Blu is one, the main character of Rio.
- 10 Simba is The...King.
- 11 The prehistoric animals of *Ice Age* belong to this family.



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Your score is _____

Total Score: 26 points
Your score is _____

LET'S START ISSUE 2 NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2023 • PHOTOCOPIABLE ACTIVITIES

Name and surname: Class: Class:

Postcards. Where can you find these works of art? Read and match.



Α	Santillana del Mar	Denmark
В	Giza	France

USA C Nazca D Easter Island Egypt Ε China Copenhagen

F **Mount Rushmore** Italy

Xi'an G Spain

Н Amesbury Chile

USA Pompei J **New York** Italy

Paris Κ **England**

> Florence Perù Score: 12 points Your score is _____

Name and surname: Class: Class:

- Match each verb to the correct artist!
 - 1 to paint a) photographer
 - 2 to sculpt b) painter
 - 3 to photograph/take a photo c) sculptor

Scor	e: 3 points
Your score is	

3 Lucky statues.

In the United States, there are some statues that bring good luck. Read the descriptions and match them to the correct image.

charging bull • Abraham Lincoln • guardian angels

1 This person was the 16th president of the United States. People say he was a very honest person. In Springfield, Illinois, there is his tomb with a bust of his head next to it. If you rub his big nose, he will bring you good luck!

He is _____!

- 2 These can be found at the Hoover Dam Visitors Center in Boulder City, Nevada. These figures have wings that double their height. Rub their toes for good luck!

 They are the ______!
- **3** It is located on Wall Street in downtown New York City. It is a symbol of finance—touch it for good luck and prosperity!









Score: 3 points
Your score is _____

Total Score: 18 points
Your score is

LET'S START ISSUE 3 FEBRUARY 2024 • PHOTOCOPIABLE ACTIVITIES

Name and surname: Class:





L There is no sulfur in the atmosphere of Uranus and Mars.

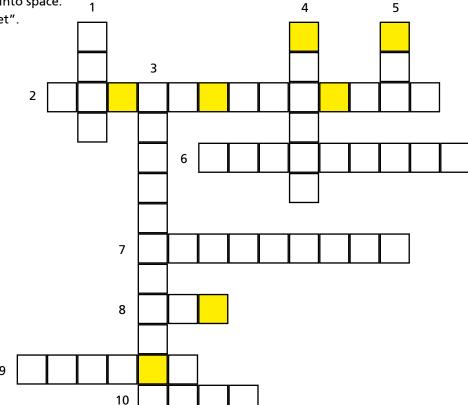
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LET'S START ISSUE 3 FEBRUARY 2024 • PHOTOCOPIABLE ACTIVITIES

Name and surname: Class:

Do you know outer space? Complete the crossword and find the name of a planet.

- 1 It can be new, crescent, full...
- 2 It is a lot of stars together.
- 3 Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Earth also belong to this "system".
- 4 A celestial body that revolves around a star.
- 5 It "flies" and is "not identifiable".
- 6 It is also called a "shooting star."
- 7 It revolves around a planet.
- 8 It is the star that gives us light and heat.
- 9 Astronauts use this to go into space. 10 It is called "the red planet".



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Score: 11 points Your score is ___

- The climb. Read and match.
 - 1 have
 - 2 follow
 - 3 climb
 - 4 find
 - **5** use
 - 6 have

- A the wall
- **B** quick reflexes
- **C** your hands and feet
- D agile hands and feet
- E a fast solution
- F a path

Score: 6 points Your score is _

Total score: 30 points Your score is _

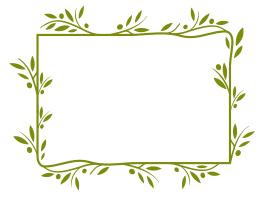
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Name and surname: Class:



Families. Put the words in the correct set!

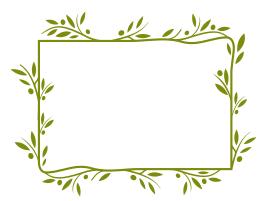
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PARTS OF A TREE



TREES



PARTS OF A FLOWER



FLOWERS

Score: 20 points

Your score is _____

LET'S START ISSUE 4 MARCH / APRIL 2024 • PHOTOCOPIABLE ACTIVITIES

Total score: 53 points
Your score is

LET'S START ISSUE 5 MAY / JUNE 2024 • PHOTOCOPIABLE ACTIVITIES

8 The owl is an animal symbol of day.

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wame and surname:	 Class:

Mysterious mysteries. Reread the report on pages 6 and 7 and answer true [T] or false [F].

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1	A "muggle" is a type of owl.		
2	Hogwarts is a real magic school.	Ш	
3	Abracadabra is a real magic word.		
1	An owl turns its head like we do.		
5	"Real" magic schools exist.		
5	Quidditch is played with brooms.		
7	Abracadabra means "magic"		

Score: 8 points
Your score is _____



2 The clumsy magician

Louis is a magician who is a bit clumsy. Today he can't find Balù, his white rabbit. Louis has also lost other important items for his magic show. Help him find Balù and all of the other items!





padlock drum mask witch hat balloon key magic lamp watch book of magic spells magic wand butterfly Balù (the white rabbit) hourglass bat candle flying broom magic potion black cat



Score: 18 poi	nts
Your score is	

Total score: 26 points Your score is _____

ADDITIONAL GRAMMAR EXERCISES

	valentina and Barbara (have) an orange cat and Paola (have) a turtle.
_	This book (look like) an agenda.
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3	David and Laura (like) swimming in the sea. However, Luke (not like)
	ithe is afraid of deep water!
	These flowers (look like) poppies—they are really pretty!
5	My father (be) 48 years old.
De	emonstrative pronouns. Circle the demonstrative pronouns.
1	These shoes are very comfortable.
2	That window faces the sea.
3	This is my friend, Susan.
4	That is Mount Everest.
5	Those are his bicycles!
Pa	st simple. Put the verbs in parentheses into the past simple form.
1	They (bring) me a pizza, but it wasn't what I (want)
	When I was younger I (be) afraid of the dark. I always (sleep) with the light on
3	When we (go) camping, we (love) getting up early and taking long walks.
4	She (live) in New York for 5 years before she (move) to California.
5	When we (live) in Germany my parents always (speak) to us in German.
6	When I (be) a child, I (want) to be a teacher.
7	We (not/think) we would see you here. What a great surprise!
8	When I (be) at the shopping center, I (buy) a new pair of shoes.
9	In 1929, the Chrysler Building in New York (be) the tallest building in the world.
10	They (see) a wild boar in the park last night and (run) home really quickly.
De	scriptive adjectives. Circle the descriptive adjective or adjectives in each sentence.
1	My friend's house is enormous.
2	Michael drives a fast car.
3	There are purple trousers in my tiny closet.
4	The tall trees give us fresh air.
_	Our teacher gave us three tests!
5	Our teacher gave us tillee tests:
Th	e superlative form. Put the adjectives into the superlative form to complete the sentences.
1	Martha is (good) in the class at playing the guitar.
2	These chemistry lessons are (difficult) lessons I have ever had!
3	Balù is one of (nice) bears in the history of cinema.
4	If you ask me, <i>Starry night</i> is one of (beautiful) paintings by Van Gogh.
	That is (ugly) sculpture I have ever seen

ADDITIONAL GRAMMAR EXERCISES

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2	Sandra recommended	a film. I didn't like the film	n at all!		
3	Mary chose a pizza fro	om the menu. The pizza wa	as really good!		
4	That man is called Joseph. Joseph is my swim coach.				
5	The cat always sleeps	in that window. It is my gra	andmother's cat.		
		rms of the verb. Put the ve	rbs in the sentences into either the	e positive or	
	gative form.	1 . 61			
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			ired! You always (complain)		
			talian she (not, have) g	_	
4 5		French, but (not, i this house? I (not, like)	know) how to speak it.	•	
"T	here is"/"There are". C	omplete the sentences wit	h the correct form.		
1	Tomorrow	_ a train strike—we will ha	ve to drive to work.		
2	a lot of p	aces that I like in this city.			
3	someone	who wants another piece	of chicken?		
4	not many	people that speak Chinese	e here.		
5	always th	e sun in your country!			
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"to	be about to" + infinit	ive. Change these sentence	es using the form "to be about to"	+ infinitive.	
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