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American GET READY!

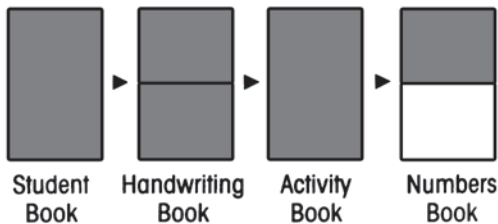


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Notes for the teacher

American Get Ready! aims to give students a feel for English and to establish a sound basis for later learning. Student Book 2 can be used alone or in conjunction with the Activity Book, Handwriting Book, and Numbers Book. A cassette has recordings of all the dialogues and songs in the Student Book. A cassette symbol () appears in the Student Book where an item has been recorded.

American Get Ready! is divided into 60 steps. A step consists of one page in the Student Book, one page in the Activity Book, and half a page in each of the Handwriting and Numbers Books. The sequence for a complete step is as follows:



Oral work

Most of the work based on Student Book 2 is oral. Only the words or letters printed in a color are for the student to read. The words in black are there to guide the teacher.

The pictures are designed to help the student, and the teacher should encourage the students to point to the pictures when saying rhymes or singing songs. Not all of the expressions shown in the Language Summary appear in the text of the Student Book, but the teacher should use them orally. The Picture Practice pages are designed to practice vocabulary and the expressions in the Language Summary. The Teacher's Book provides detailed notes on when to introduce them.

Reading

In *American Get Ready! 2*, students will consolidate their recognition of the small letters and extend their knowledge of whole words. They are also introduced to the capital alphabet and will read a few simple sentences. These first reading skills are developed in both the Student Book and the Activity Book.

The approach

The teacher should use choral and individual repetition, and question and answer routines. Whenever possible, the students should take the role of the teacher and ask the questions. Games, such as the one in Step 10, are particularly suited for this.

The songs are a very important element of *American Get Ready!* and teachers should regularly use songs from earlier in the course. While singing, students should point to the pictures or perform the suggested actions. These reinforce meaning as well as make learning more enjoyable. Don't expect students to understand every word in the songs.

Accuracy

Don't be too concerned about accuracy. *American Get Ready!* progresses slowly and students will gradually become aware of small differences and more able to imitate the teacher's model. Never try to explain language rules to very young learners.

First language

Most of the lesson should be in English, but do use the students' own language when it would be helpful. You might use it, for example, when explaining a game or the meaning of a song.

Language summary

	Functional areas	Expressions	Vocabulary
Steps 1–15	Review of Book 1 Location	Review of Book 1 <i>What is your name?</i> <i>Where is...?</i>	Review of Book 1 Capital letters <i>on/under</i> Numbers 11, 12
Steps 16–30	Location Ability	<i>I can...</i>	<i>in</i> Furniture Parts of the face Verbs of movement: <i>run, jump, hop, etc.</i>
Steps 31–45	Ability	<i>Co-Co can...</i>	Numbers 13–20 Farm animals Family
Steps 46–60	Preference Review	<i>Jack likes...</i> <i>I like...</i> Review	Clothes Food Review

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STEP 1

Look and say 



What is your name?
I am Jack.
How old are you?
I am five.



What is your name?
My name is Ann.
How old are you?
I am three.

Song 

What is your name?

How old are you?
What is your name?
I am six. I am Sue.
What is your name?
What is your name?
My name is Sue.



STEP 2

Game

What is number 6?



1 van



2 table



3 bike



4 balloon



5 desk



6 house



7 bed



8 shoe



9 dog



10 chair

STEP 3

Story

Bingo and the ball

1



This is Bingo.
Bingo has a little ball.

2



This is Ann.
Ann is sad. Listen.
Bingo has my ball.

3



Look. Ann has the ball.
Ann is happy.

4



Bingo is my friend.

STEP 4

Letters

a A b B

Song 

The name song

Ann is a name.
It has a big letter,
A big letter,
A big letter.
Ann is a name.
It has a big letter,
A big, big, big, big "A."

Ann



Bingo

Bingo is a name.
It has a big letter,
A big letter,
A big letter.
Bingo is a name.
It has a big letter,
A big, big, big, big "B."

STEP 5

Letters

c C

d D

e E

f F

g G

h H

i I

j J

Look and say



STEP 6

Picture practice



STEP 7

Read

a kite

a doll

a car

an elephant

a bear

a ball

a plane

a train



STEP 8

Song 

Read it, write it

d-o-l-l
What is this word?
d-o-l-l
It is *doll*.
Read it, write it.
What is this word?
Read it, write it.
It is *doll*.
d . . o . . l . . l . . doll!-



doll

bear



b-e-a-r
What is this word?
b-e-a-r
It is *bear*.
Read it, write it.
What is this word?
Read it, write it.
It is *bear*.
b . . e . . a . . r . . bear!

American GET READY!

American Get Ready! is a lively, two-level course for children who are learning English for the first time. It is based around songs and activities, carefully matched to the interests of young learners, and suitable for use with large or small classes.

American Get Ready! teaches students to say and understand a basic English vocabulary and a small number of useful expressions. It teaches numbers and the letters of the alphabet and introduces students to the early stages of reading and writing.

American Get Ready! is the ideal preparation for very young learners. It gives students that basic knowledge and feeling for English which is the foundation of successful learning.

The core of the course consists of the Student Books and the accompanying Cassettes. An Activity Book, Handwriting Book, and Numbers Book are also available. Each level has a Teacher's Book that provides detailed guidance on how to use the materials.

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