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Dear, (your name)

This *Language Portfolio* is your property. It has been designed to help you improve your language learning. It will accompany you throughout your school life and will help you document your learning both inside and outside the classroom.

The *Language Portfolio* contains material which you can use and then keep as a record of your learning. In this portfolio you can also include any extra material given by your teacher, throughout the course. However, the final decision of what to include in the *Language Portfolio* is completely up to you.

In practice, *Language Portfolios* may include a project or other examples of written work, computer diskettes (with some work or drawings completed inside or outside the classroom), video cassettes (with your favourite story or performances of songs, school plays, etc), certificates, reports from your teachers, or even a collection of objects or pictures.

Here is a short explanation of each section in your *Language Portfolio*:

I. Language Passport

This is an updated report of your progress in English language learning. In this section you will include any evidence of your formal qualifications (certificates, diplomas), tests, progress report cards, self-assessment cards, etc.

II. Language Biography

This is an updated record of your personal language-learning history which helps you evaluate your learning aims and reflect on your language learning and inter-cultural experiences.

III. Dossier

This is a collection of your work which you have chosen in order to illustrate your language skills, experiences and achievements in the English language. In this section of your *Language Portfolio* there is some material you can use. You can also file any work you do inside or outside the classroom that you would like to keep as evidence of your work in English.

We hope you really enjoy doing these activities.

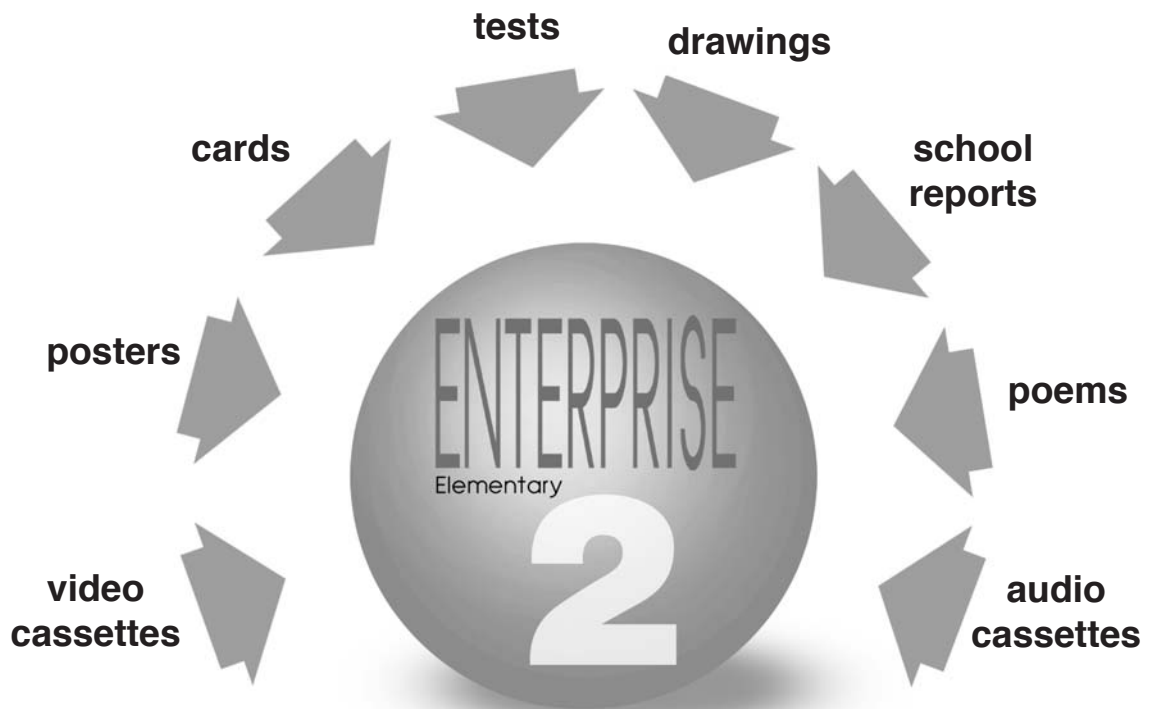
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How to organise your Language Portfolio

In your *Language Portfolio* you can include almost anything you have produced or collected that proves your progress in English. We suggest you keep your work in plastic envelopes so that it remains in good condition.

In practice, your *Language Portfolio* can be any shape or size according to the material you choose to store.

Your *Language Portfolio* can include any of the following:



Here you can record all your achievements in the English language. You can include certificates, diplomas, progress report cards, self-assessment forms, tests, etc. In general, you can include anything that is proof of your competence in English.

Every time you add something, record it on your Language Passport Chart.

MY LANGUAGE PASSPORT CHART
LEVEL CEF A2

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All About Me!

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Age: _____

Place of birth: _____

I am in my _____ year of English.

My English Teacher's name: _____

Read and put a tick (✓) or a cross (✗).

- Some members of my family speak English.
- Some members of my family are from an English-speaking country.
- I often read English books, magazines, etc.
- I often watch English TV programmes.
- I often listen to English songs.
- I have extra English lessons.
- There is someone at home who speaks to me in English.
- I have contact with people from English-speaking countries.
- I have visited/lived in the following English-speaking countries:

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How I Learn!

Think about the easiest ways for you to learn something new. Read the sentences below and choose. You can choose more than one.

1 I understand words/sentences better if I ...

- A listen to them on cassette/CD.
- B listen to my teacher saying them.
- C see them written down.
- D see, listen and do something with them.
- E other

2 I learn words/phrases better if I ...

- A listen to them on cassette/CD.
- B listen to my classmates saying them.
- C read them.
- D write them down.
- E repeat them.
- F act them out, sing them, etc.
- G come across them on a video/DVD, etc.
- H other

3 I can express myself best if I ...

- A already know all the words I need to use.
- B know some of the words I need to use.
- C use mime, objects and pictures to help me.
- D already have some life experience of the subject.
- E other

4 I learn best if I work ...

- A on my own. B in pairs. C in groups/teams. D other

II. LANGUAGE BIOGRAPHY

5 I am more eager to learn if ...

- A I know why I'm doing an activity.
- B I know an activity will help me.
- C I am rewarded.
- D an activity will help me to find out more about the things I like.
- E other

6 I understand grammar rules better if ...

- A they are explained to me in my mother tongue.
- B I compare them with the grammar rules of my mother tongue.
- C I explore a text and come up with the grammar rules myself.
- D other

My World of English!

Make a note of what you do in English.

The stories I know in English

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The songs I can sing in English

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The videos/DVDs I've watched in English

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Now I Can!

Here is what you will be able to do in English at this level. Every now and then, for instance once a month, you will need to check your progress in the English language. For this reason you should use a pencil so that you can change and/or add things as you go. You can use the following code:

Very Well: ✓✓✓	OK: ✓✓	Not Very Well: ✓
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Listening

I can ...

- understand and follow orders and instructions.
- understand phrases and expressions related to immediate needs.
- understand a simple dialogue about a topic I know.
- understand simple descriptions of people, places or activities.
- understand simple questions about me and my experiences.
- understand simple illustrated stories, fairy tales, etc.
- understand other people when they speak slowly and clearly.
- understand a simple video about a topic I know.
- identify the main point of TV news items, when accompanied by pictures.



Reading

I can ...

- choose words from a list to complete dialogues, texts, etc.
- understand simple illustrated stories, fairy tales, etc.
- understand and follow simple instructions.
- understand simple texts about other cultures.
- find specific information in simple adverts, brochures, menus, timetables.

- find information from a simple text about a topic I know.
- understand short, simple personal letters.
- understand everyday signs and notices in public places.



Speaking

I can ...

- give simple information about myself, my family, my living conditions, my school.
- give simple descriptions (e.g. directions, daily routine, free-time activities, etc).
- talk about what I can see in a picture.
- take part in a conversation about a topic I know.
- buy things.
- express my tastes and preferences.
- describe past activities and personal experiences.
- describe my future plans.



Writing

I can ...

- organise information into sentences or simple paragraphs.
- write short, simple sentences and paragraphs about topics I know.
- write short, basic descriptions of events and activities.
- write short, simple notes and messages related to everyday life.

Future Plans!

What would you like to do in the future to improve your English? How can you learn more about other people and other countries? Choose and write. You can also use your own ideas.

I WOULD LIKE TO ...

- read English stories, magazines, etc.
- watch English films, programmes, etc.
- listen to English songs.
- talk to English people.
- use the Internet.
- write to people from other countries.
- visit other countries.
- find information about other countries and cultures.

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In your *Language Portfolio*, you can include anything of your choosing to keep and show as evidence of your progress in the English language. Here are some activities you can do that can be included in your *Language Portfolio*, if you wish. Every time you do one of these activities, tick (✓) the relevant box.

Page	Title of the activity	It can be done at the end of Unit ...
19	THIS IS ME!	1 <input type="checkbox"/>
21	FREE TIME IN THE PAST	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
23	THE PERFECT SHOPPING CENTRE	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
25	IT'S AN ODD WORLD	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
27	NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
29	EATING HABITS	6 <input type="checkbox"/>
31	AN INTERESTING JOB	7 <input type="checkbox"/>
33	WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?	8 <input type="checkbox"/>
35	LEGEND HAS IT...	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
37	MY RULES	10 <input type="checkbox"/>
39	CLEAN UP	11 <input type="checkbox"/>
41	HOLIDAY CAMP	12 <input type="checkbox"/>
43	FESTIVAL TIME	13 <input type="checkbox"/>
45	A PET SURVEY	14 <input type="checkbox"/>
47	COMPUTER CLUB	15 <input type="checkbox"/>

