

# Languages in UK Education

Teaching languages using  
*Rosetta Stone Foundations for Schools*

# Content

The intention of this document is to highlight how [Rosetta Stone solutions for Schools](#) can support teachers in delivering the MFL curriculum and to provide much needed support for EAL learners.

This document highlights:

- Challenges in [MFL](#) subjects
- [Content](#) of *Rosetta Stone Foundations for Schools*
- [Grammar](#) concepts taught
- [Progression](#), measurement and teacher support
- Supporting [EAL](#) students



# Challenges in MFL subjects

# The MFL Crisis- Languages in Danger



## England:

- 2004- language made optional post 14
- 2011- 43% of the cohort took a foreign languages GCSE (down from 78% in 2001)
- English Baccalaureate- requires a “good pass” in a language- attracts high achieving students only

## Northern Ireland:

- 2007 languages made optional post 14
- 2007-11 numbers taking French, German and Spanish dropped 19%

## Wales:

- Languages post 14 have never been compulsory, and dropping further in recent years

## Scotland:

- 2001 languages reduced to ‘entitlement only’
- 2009 ‘Curriculum for Excellence’ put modern languages back on the table, but only compulsory for certain courses

# Motivating students to learn

## Why students **DON'T** love languages

- Seen as a difficult option
- Don't understand the importance
- Not enough GCSE options
- Dislike memorising grammar
- 'Everyone speaks English'
- Not supported at home
- Lack of engaging resources
- Shy of speaking in front of their peers



## Why students **SHOULD** love languages

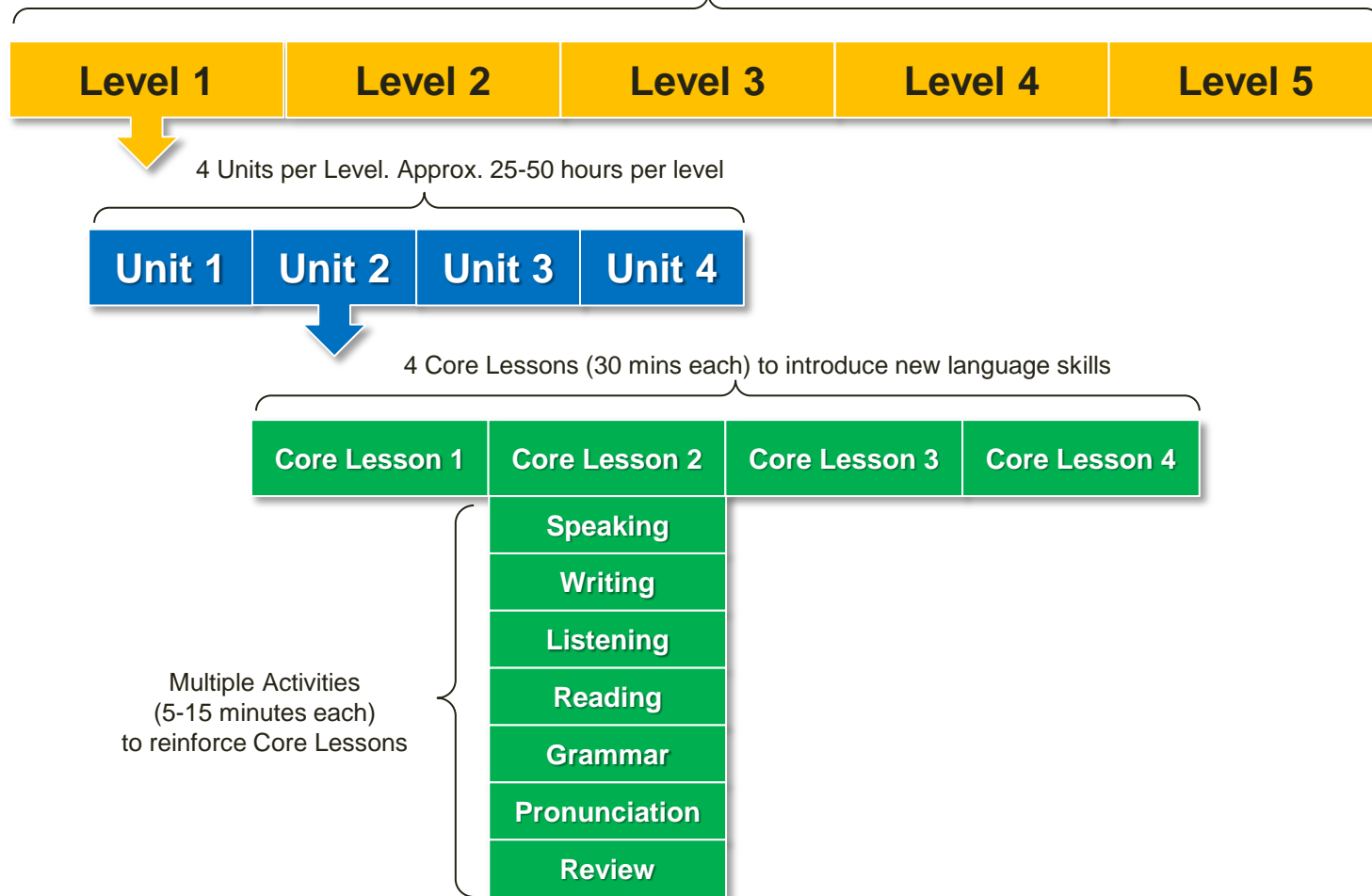
- Fun potential
- Make CV stand out from the crowd
- Earn 8-20% more in their future job
- Improve travel experiences
- Can get creative- games, music, tv
- Become more articulate in their own language
- Improve communication skills



# Content of *Rosetta Stone Foundations*

# Structure

Up to 5 levels per language. Approx. 150-250 hours to complete 5 levels



# Assessment- the aims of a languages GCSE

“Through studying a GCSE in a modern language, students should develop their **ability and desire to communicate confidently** and coherently with native speakers in speech and writing.”

“The study of a modern language at GCSE should also **broaden students’ horizons** and **encourage them to step beyond familiar cultural boundaries** and develop new ways of seeing the world”



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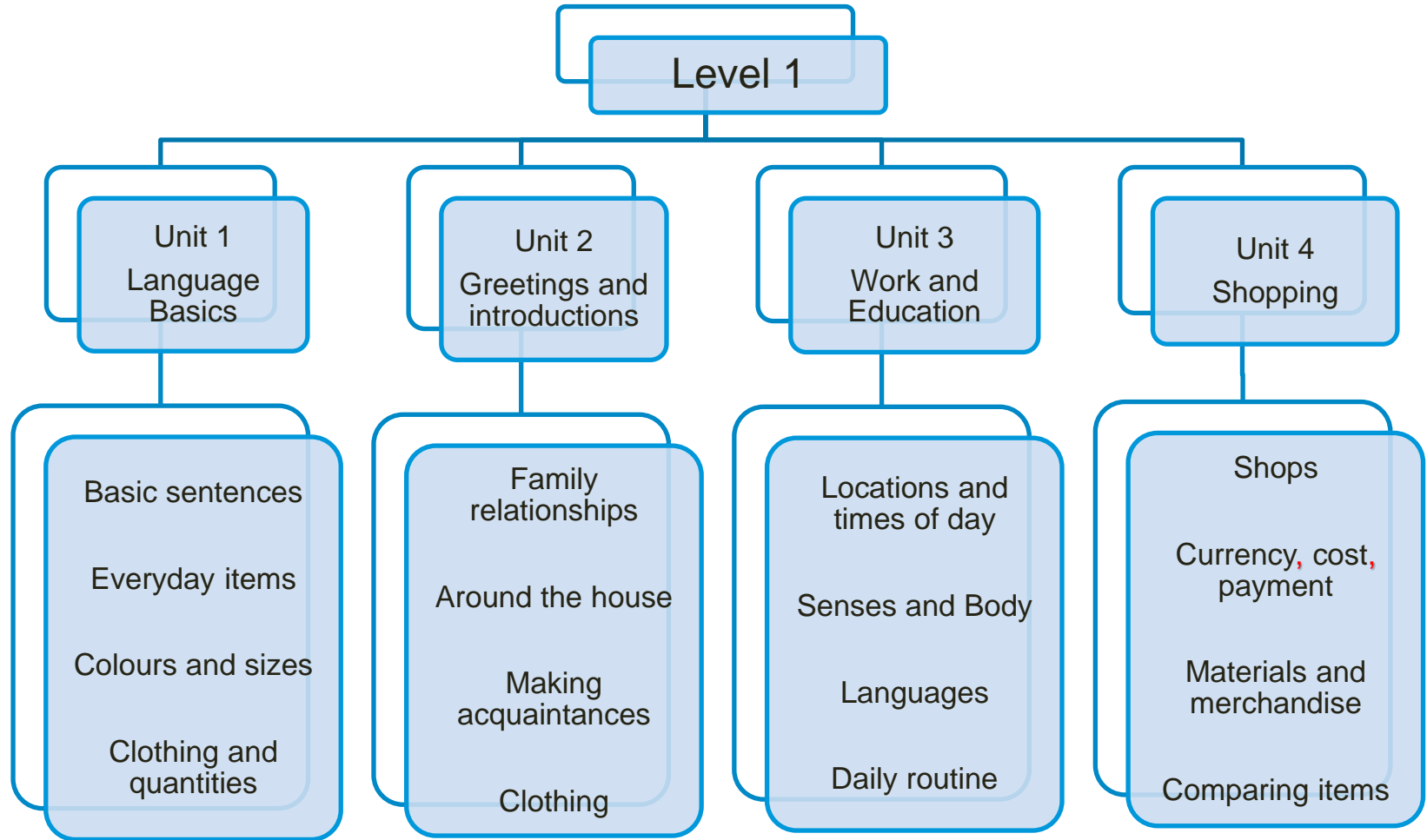
# OCR, Edexcel, AQA and IGCSE- Key topics for language students

- Personal information
- Family and Friends/ Personal Relationships
- Health and Lifestyle
- Shopping
- Leisure and Free time
- Holidays and Tourism/ Travel and Transport
- Media/ TV/ Films and music
- Home and local area
- Weather
- Environment
- Work and Education

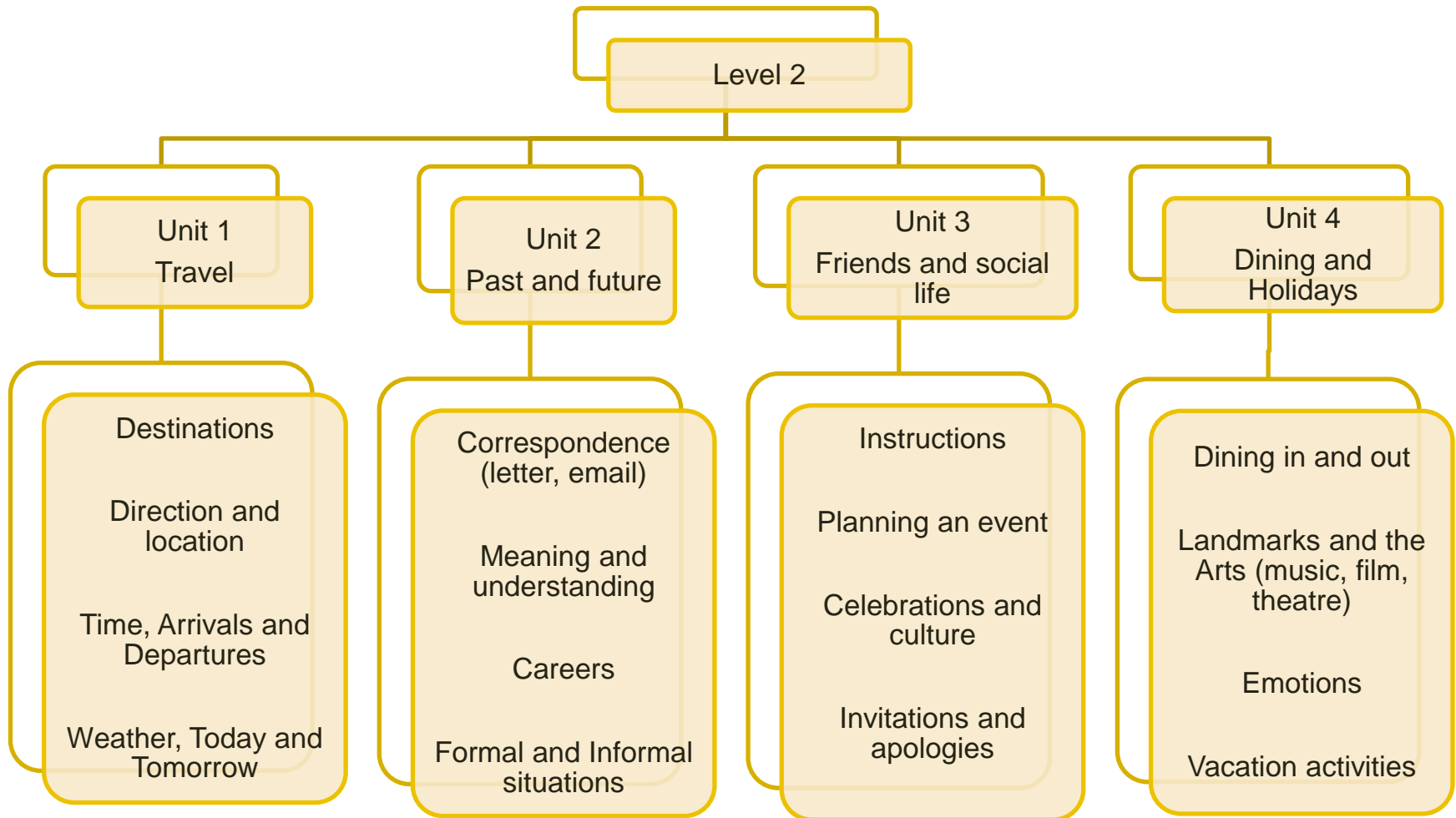
*Rosetta Stone Foundations covers all of these topics*



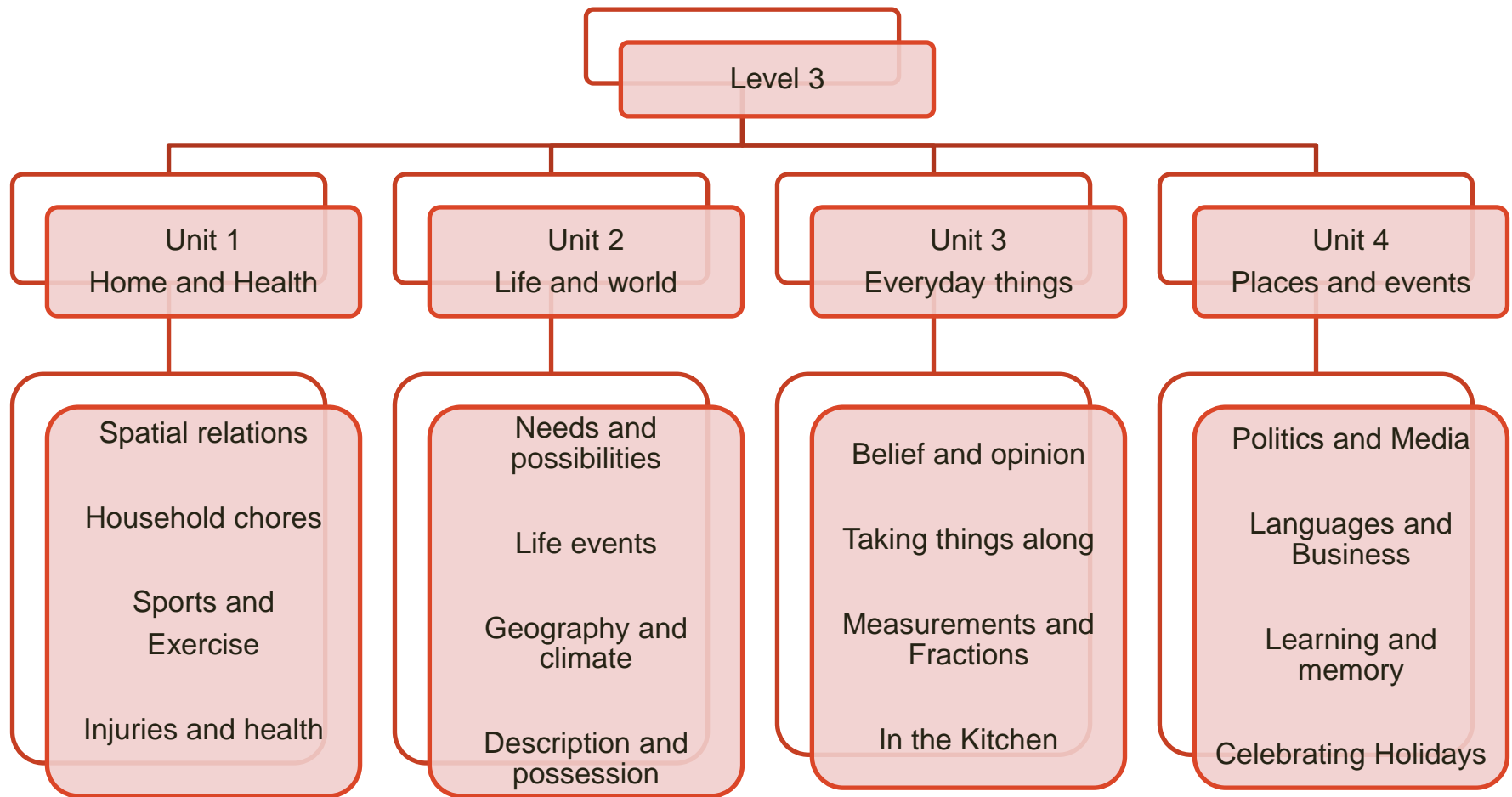
# Language learning - level 1



# Language learning - level 2



# Language learning – level 3



# Language learning – level 4

## Level 4

### Unit 1 Tourism and Recreation

Cultural Tourism  
Outdoor Recreation  
At an art museum  
Fine dining

### Unit 2 Professions and Hobbies

Jobs and hobbies  
Office communication  
Exploration and research  
Sending and receiving

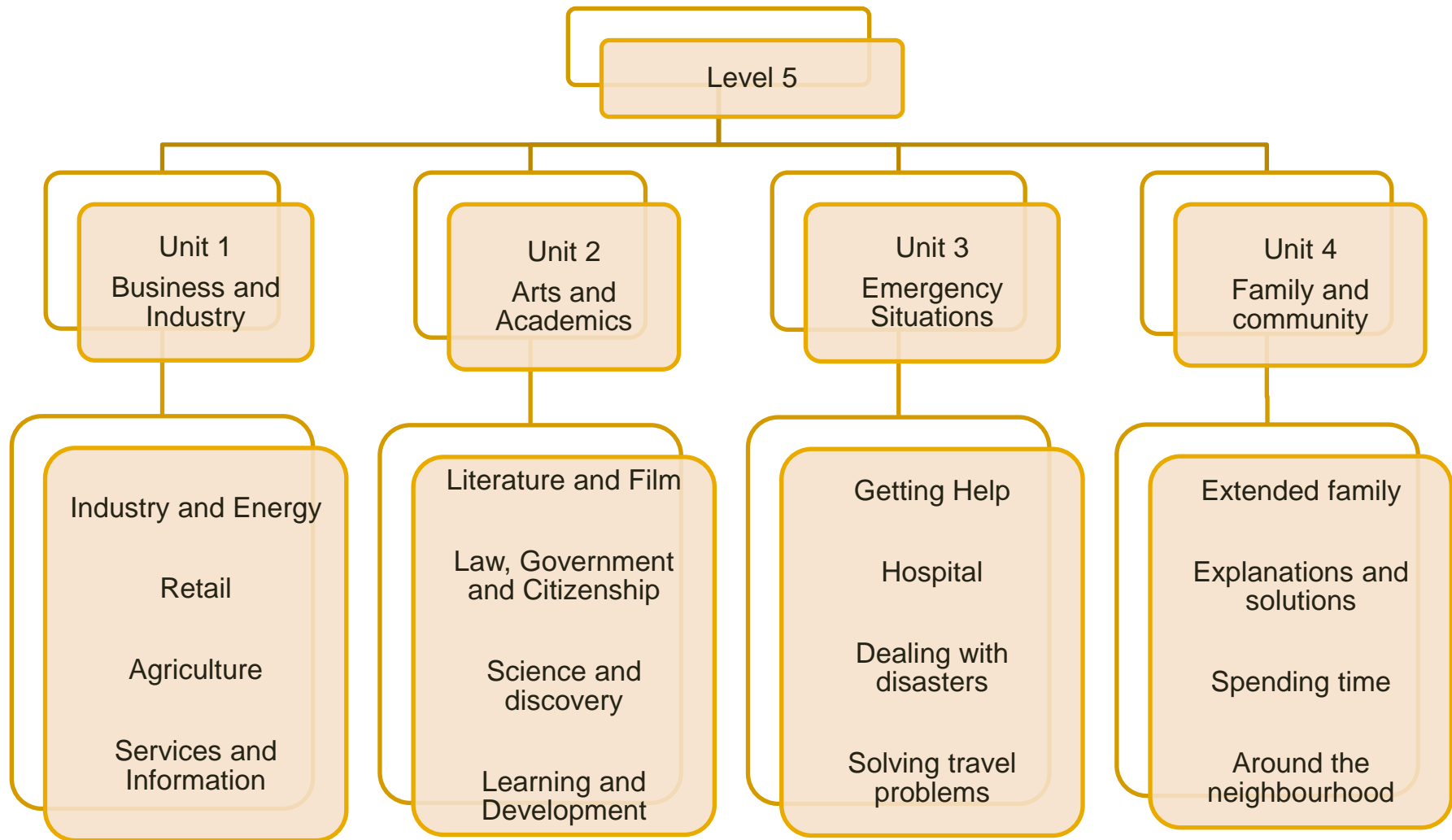
### Unit 3 At Home and Around Town

Moving House  
Household repairs  
Children and play  
Cars and Driving

### Unit 4 Style and Personal Wellness

Clothing care  
Getting ready  
Health and healing  
Groceries and cooking

# Language learning - level 5

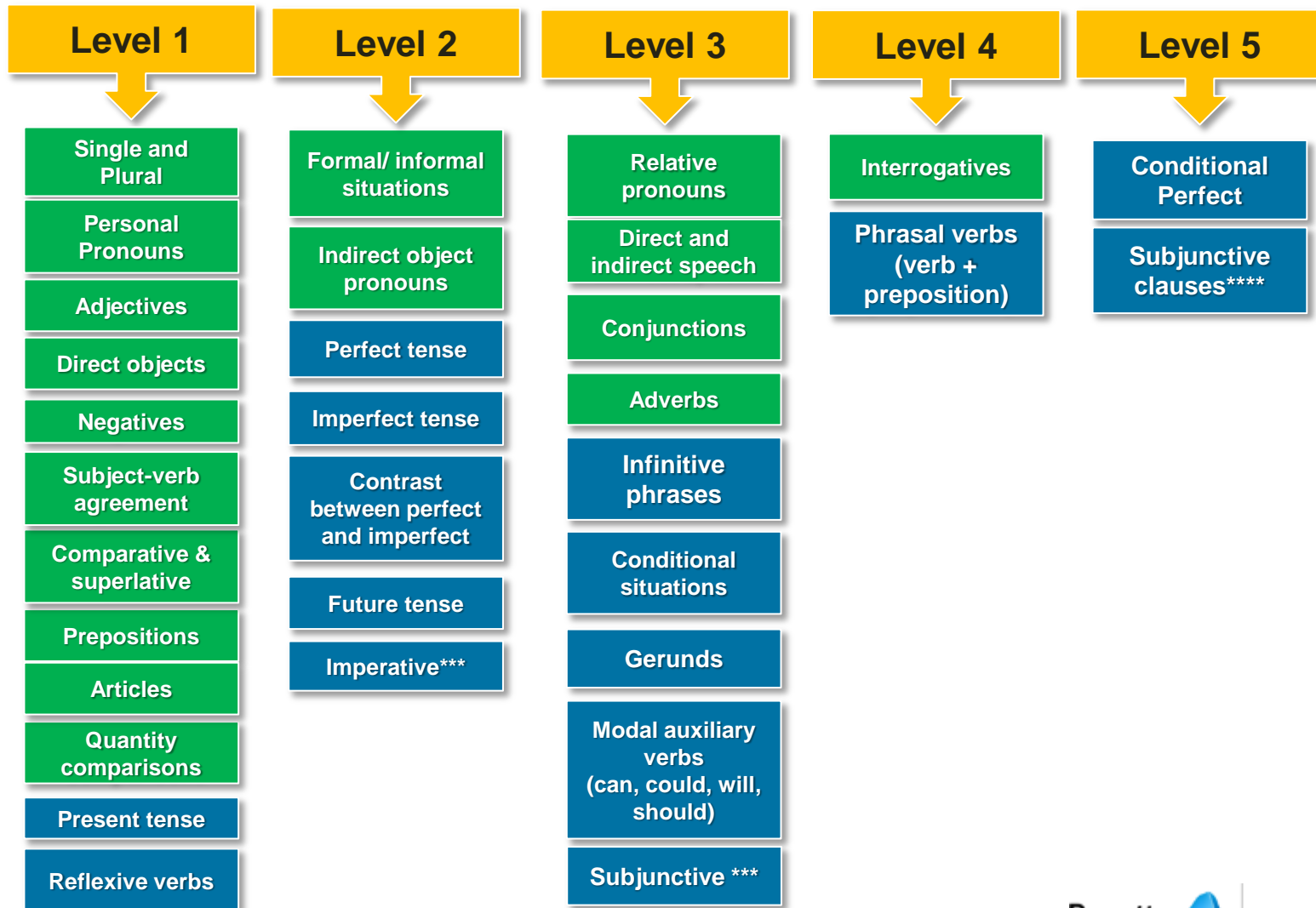




# Grammar concepts taught in *Rosetta Stone Foundations*



# Grammar concepts





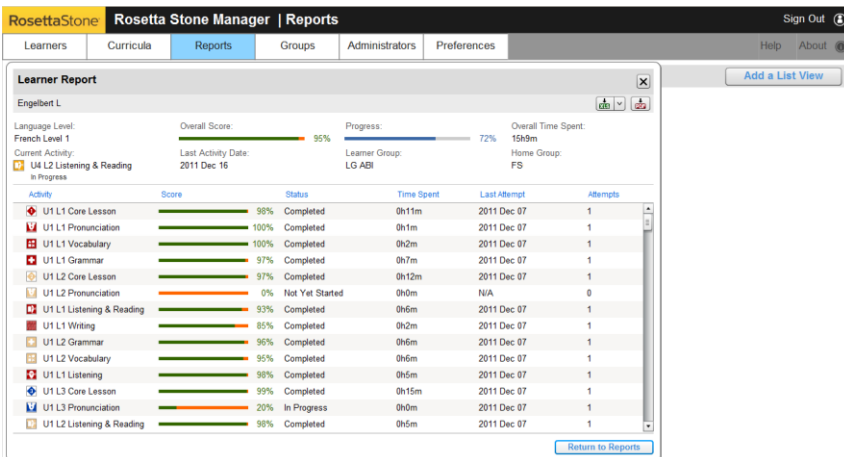


# Progression and measurement

# How long will it take students to complete a language in *Rosetta Stone Foundations*?

- It should take approximately **30-40 hours** to complete one level on Rosetta Stone
- Students should aim to complete **one level of the programme per academic year**
- This can be achieved by completing **1 hour in the programme (or 3 times 20 minutes) each week** (based on an average 36 week year), in class time or for homework
- Students get a chance to improve their speaking and listening skills by practicing on their own, and teachers can focus class activities on specific exam skills and preparation

# Drive and measure student attainment



- **Administrator Tools** enable teachers to monitor and demonstrate student progression
- Encourage students to use innovative **mobile learning apps** on tablets and smartphones (BYOD programmes)
- Students love to compete: post top performers in classroom
- Enter into prize draw: most usage, highest proficiency
- Award certificates

LAST NAME	Total
Jaskiewicz	2.8
Boateng	2.8
Uzyczak	2.8
Lockhart	2.7
Rawle	2.7
Sheikh	2.7
Baverstock	2.7
Brady-Sandling	2.7
Azzopardi	2.7
Nolan	2.6
Jackson	2.6
Sharkey	2.6
Bernal-Ortiz	2.5
Goncalves Pereira	2
D'Ham	1.9
Montilva-Aranda	1.9
Doohan	1.8
Benjamin	1.8
Baumgarten	1.8
Annot	1.8
Barreteau	1.8



# Teacher guides and workbooks

## Classroom Curriculum



## Rosetta Stone Curriculum

### 1.1 Core Lesson

- 01 Hello.  
Hello.
- 02 a girl  
a boy  
a boy  
a girl
- 03 The girl is eating.  
The girl is drinking.  
The boy is eating.  
The boy is drinking.
- 04 a girl  
a boy
- 05 The girl is drinking.  
The boy is drinking.  
The girl is eating.  
The boy is eating.
- 06 a woman  
a man  
a woman  
a man

### Rosetta Stone® Version 3 Level 1 – Course Contents

#### Unit 1: Language Basics

Lesson	Core Concepts	Grammar and Usage
Basic Sentences	People and common activities Third person pronouns and auxiliary Define and identify articles Singular, plural and gendered nouns Subject-verb agreement	Farming staples Greetings and farewells
Everyday Items	Common foods Animals Everyday items Direct objects Negation Direct mixed-gendered "they" Question words: "what" Yes/no questions	Present progressive Negation
Colors and Sizes	Adjectives Colors and sizes Professions First and second person pronouns Nouns	Personal pronouns Adjectives
Clothing and Quantities	Numbers 1-6 Many household object and clothing words Question words: "who" and "how many"	Direct objects Quantity comparisons
Milestone	Each unit concludes with a Milestone, an interactive capstone activity that lets the learner practice key and apply new language knowledge in real-life situations.	

#### Unit 2: Greeting and Introductions

Lesson	Core Concepts	Grammar and Usage
Family Relationships	Family relationships Possessive pronouns Numbers 7-12 People's ages Question words	Compound subjects Family relationships
Around the House	Household words Rooms in the house Common appliances Prepositions Family relationships	Hours Articles Prepositions Syllables
Making Acquaintances	Talk about self Identifying your country of origin Names of several cities and countries Words for city landmarks Question words	Personal pronouns Time and address
Clothing	Colors Articles of clothing Adjectives to describe self Greetings Describe physical status	Descriptive Pronoun-adjectives
Milestone	Each unit concludes with a Milestone, an interactive capstone activity that lets the learner practice key and apply new language knowledge in real-life situations.	

Content may vary slightly by language.

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### Unit 1, Lesson 1, Worksheet 4

Section 1. Complete the crossword puzzle based on each picture and sentence. Follow the example.

#### ACROSS



1) It's difficult to climb this.



4) The two girls are talking to \_\_\_\_\_.



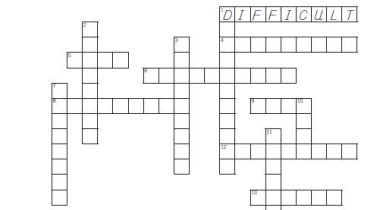
5) It's \_\_\_\_\_ to do this.



6) The girl \_\_\_\_\_ the fence.



12) It's difficult to dance like \_\_\_\_\_.



#### DOWN



1) My cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ the bed.



2) Would you like a salad? No, thank you, \_\_\_\_\_.



3) I \_\_\_\_\_ the bed.



7) The woman is \_\_\_\_\_ the ladder.



10) The man is jumping \_\_\_\_\_ the wall.



11) She \_\_\_\_\_ the towel.

Rosetta Stone® Workbook - English (American) Level 3





# Support EAL students

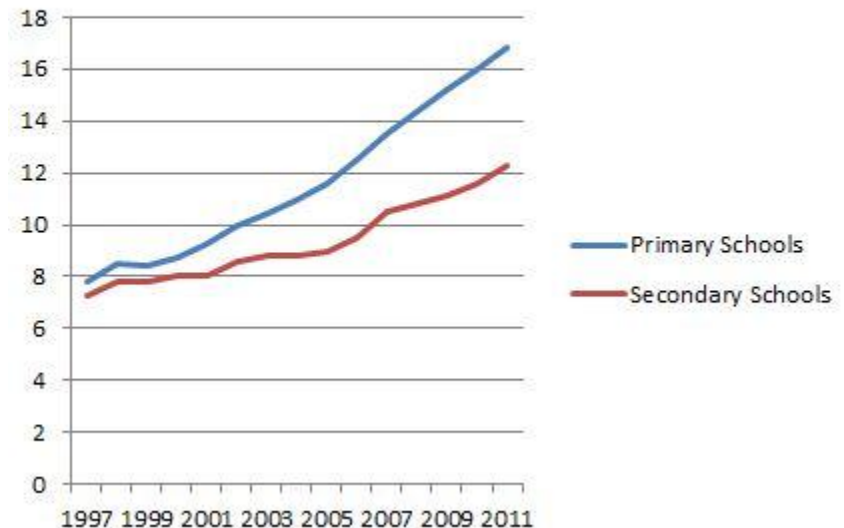


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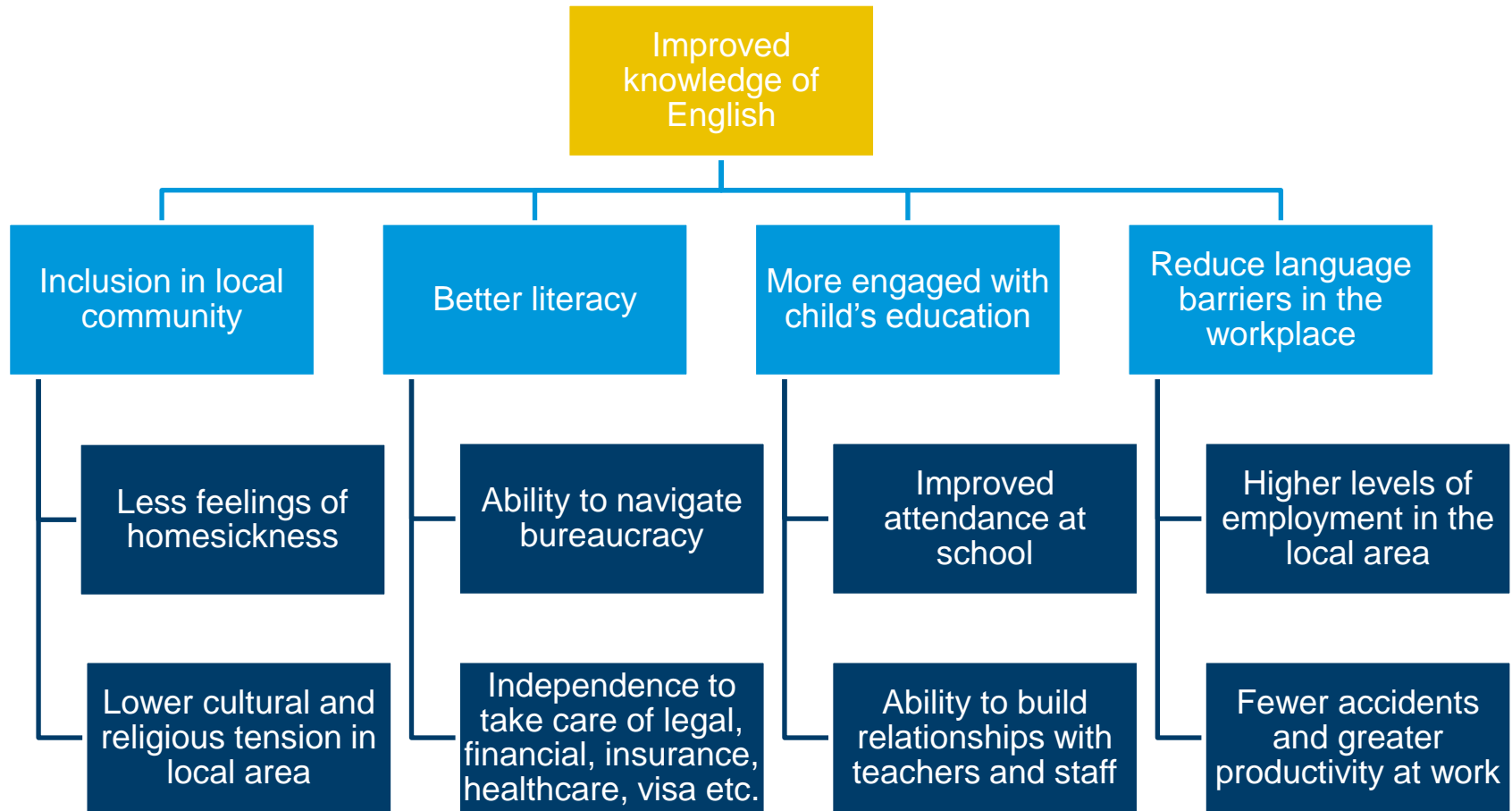
# EAL in schools today

- According to the Department of Education, almost **one-in-five** pupils in primary education speak another language in the home
- Nearly **1.1m children** in the UK do not have English as their mother tongue
- This number has increased by 54,000 in the last 12 months, and around 228,000 since 2008
- In all, almost three in ten primary school children are in this category in the current academic year
- This number reaches almost a one in four in secondary education

**Pupils whose first language is other than English (%)**



# Supporting EAL- families and wider community





# Case study: EAL at Belle Vue Girls school

**EAL learners** at Belle Vue Girls school were able **to join mainstream curriculum twice as fast** than those who spent less time in the programme.

[Click here](#) to read the case study



Download the case study



*"We use Rosetta Stone to support our teaching of ALL languages, because the students love the feeling of independence the programme offers. Immersion means that students with a low level of English can access the learning equally as well as those who speak English fluently. It is all about learning the new language."*

— Tess Wilkins,  
Assistant Headteacher,  
Belle Vue Girls  
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