

chasing time  
**ENGLISH**  
Academy

Delivering original TV-style drama series and  
interactive materials for English language education

*“Entertaining and educational at the same  
time! Perfect for people who love a fun way  
of learning English.”*

## Watch and Learn

We provide English language learning through entertaining television and high-quality web-based study activities.

Users choose from a range of genres including drama, romance, comedy or thriller. Then, they complete activities to improve listening, vocabulary, grammar, reading or speaking skills.

## Why television

Users will see and hear English in different situations. The spoken English will be natural, but the action and practice activities will help learners understand and remember.

To learn a second language, students need a combination of quality input and meaningful practice. Our series combine dialogue that is graded for grammar and vocabulary but delivered with a natural speed and tone. Meaning is supported by preparation tasks and the visual and narrative context. Watching is followed by study activities focused on speaking skills, grammar, reading, writing and more.

## Target audience

Our television series and activities are designed for English learners, especially those living in or wanting to visit Australia or New Zealand. They are for adults and young adults seeking to enhance their communication skills, including workers, jobseekers, and students seeking more accuracy in their language use. Our levels are A2 (Elementary) to C1 (Advanced).

## How it works

Users follow a secure library link to the Chasing Time English learning platform, where they can choose any of the available series based on their language level or preferred television genre. Each series has four or six episodes, and the episodes are each four to six minutes long.

Prior to watching, core vocabulary from the episode is introduced and practiced. Users then watch the episode, with opportunities to pause, rewind and repeat. Each episode is followed by up to two hours of practice activities, designed by our team of PhD qualified applied linguists and learning specialists.

## Features

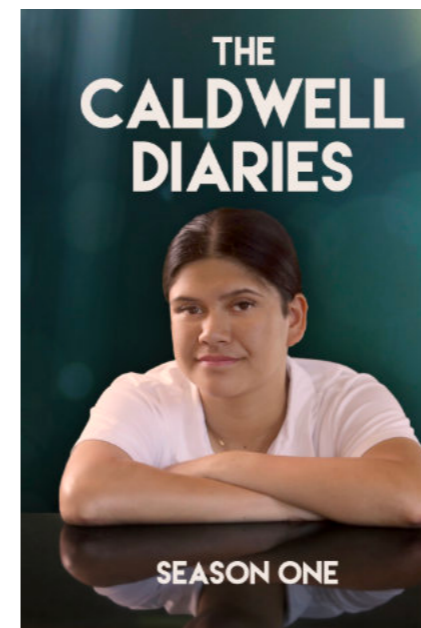
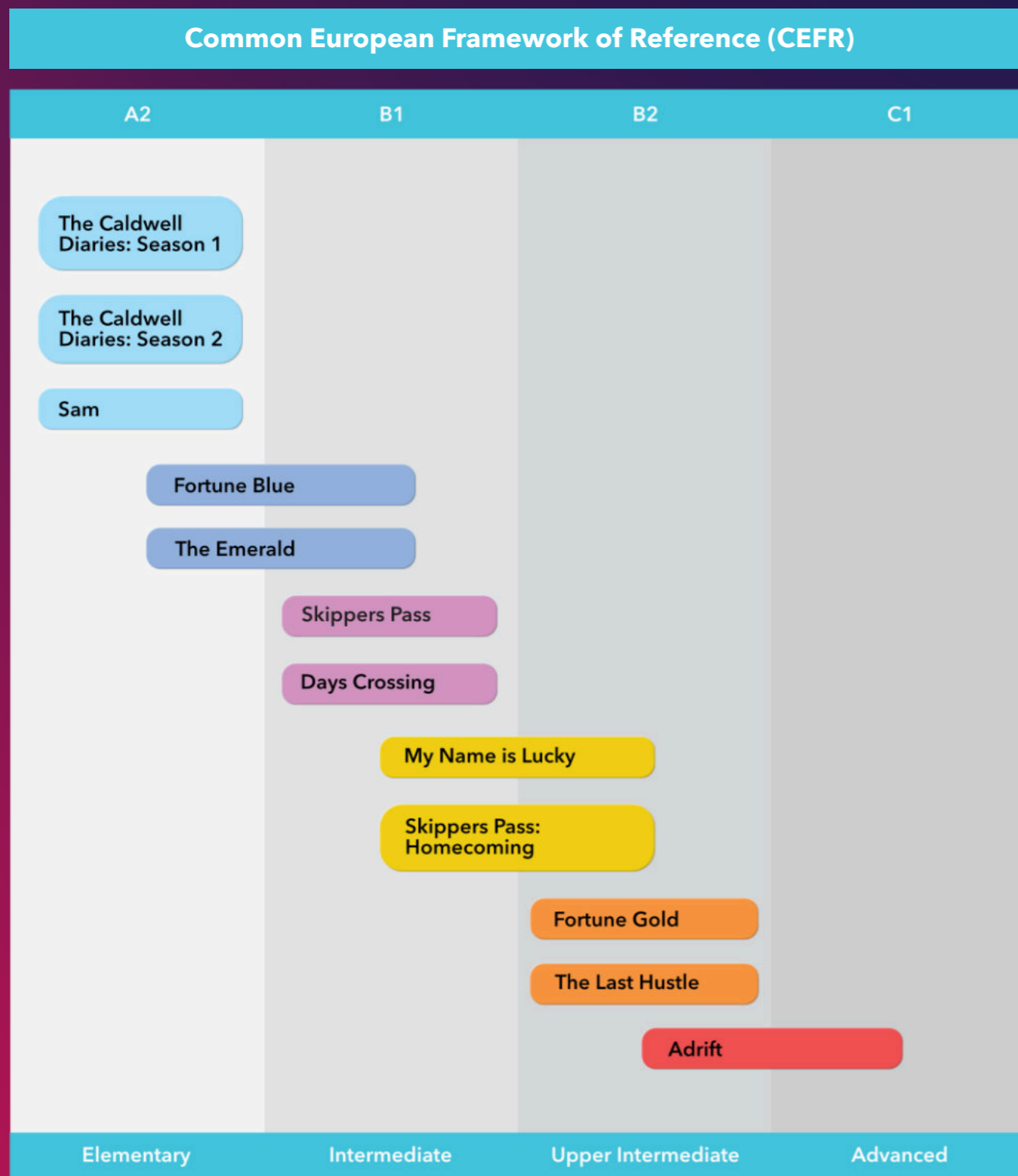
Our learners want to be successful in using English. They want to know what to say in different situations, how to make English-speaking friends, be confident applying for a job, and how to speak naturally.

This requires more than just grammar and vocabulary. A special focus of Chasing Time English is showing you *how to do things* with English: how to make offers, invitations, complaints, apologies, introductions, goodbyes, and much more.



## Series Map

Learning activities to support each drama series have been designed for use at the levels shown below on the Chasing Time English content map



### The Caldwell Diaries: Season 1

**High Elementary**

Maddie Day has big dreams of leaving her small hometown behind and travelling the world with her best friend. But a sudden and unexpected discovery leaves all of her plans in jeopardy.

**Episodes/modules:** 5

**Episode activities:**

Watching

Social interactions: responding to people, common expressions, understanding meaning

Language focus: past tenses, adjectives, irregular verbs, present perfect, gerunds

Reading

Listening

Writing and discussion

**Trailer:** <https://vimeo.com/779457843>



### The Caldwell Diaries: Season 2

**High Elementary**

After a heartbreaking goodbye, Maddie is finding life much more difficult to navigate than before. And with her best friend's cousin now in the picture, things just got a whole lot more complicated.

**Episodes/modules:** 5

**Preview vocabulary**

Watching

Social interactions: responding to people, common expressions, understanding meaning

Language focus: modals (can/could/have to), prepositions of time, verb tenses (past/present/future)

Reading

Listening

Writing and discussion

**Trailer:** <https://vimeo.com/779457843>



### Sam

**High Elementary**

In a dangerous new world where no-one can be trusted, Meredith must undertake a risky journey to save her best friend, Sam.

**Episodes/modules:** 5

**Episode activities:**

Preview vocabulary

Watching

Social interactions: making conversation, polite complaints, being assertive

Language focus: verbs and adverbs, present tenses, adjectives, contractions, conjunctions

Reading

Listening

Writing and discussion

**Trailer:** <https://vimeo.com/760897354>



## Fortune Blue

### Pre-Intermediate

Private investigator Jimmy Fortune receives a call from former military colleague Daniel Tait who has arrived home to find his wife has mysteriously disappeared.

**Episodes/modules:** 6

#### Episode activities:

Preview vocabulary

Watching

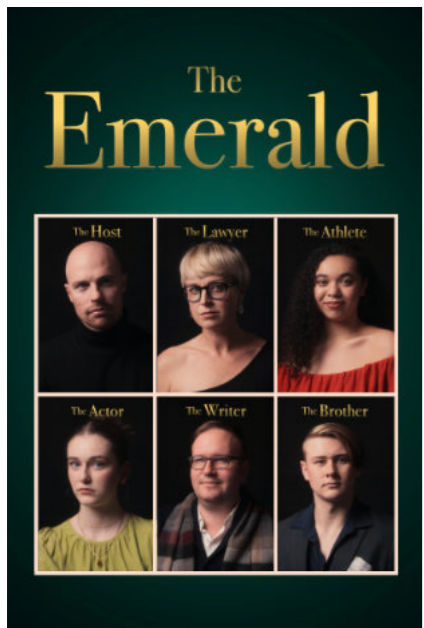
Social interactions: making requests, ordering food and drink, telephone calls, offering to help, introducing bad news, goodbyes and farewells

Language focus: Wh- questions, past tenses, imperatives, modals (should), present perfect, future forms

Reading

Writing and discussion

**Trailer:** <https://vimeo.com/597500476>



## The Emerald

### Pre-Intermediate

Wealthy entrepreneur Steven Green hosts an exclusive party at his lakeside home, expecting an enchanting and fun-filled afternoon. But when a valuable piece of jewellery disappears, suddenly all of the guests become prime suspects.

**Episodes/modules:** 5

#### Episode activities:

Preview vocabulary

Watching

Social interactions: responding appropriately, everyday expressions, meaning in context

Language focus: present forms, spelling, imperatives, past forms, questions

Reading

Listening

Writing and discussion

**Trailer:** <https://vimeo.com/778656830>



## Skippers Pass

### Intermediate

While hiking on the Skippers Pass trail, Emma Oakley meets a mysterious young woman, Sophie, who invites her to a hidden and unknown swimming hole.

**Episodes/modules:** 4

#### Episode activities:

Preview vocabulary

Watching

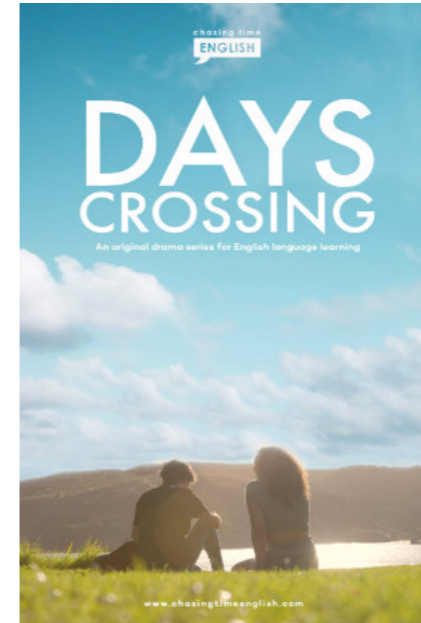
Language focus: adverbs, present perfect, modals of speculation, spoken English

Reading

Listening

Writing and discussion

**Trailer:** <https://vimeo.com/330622170>



## Days Crossing

### Intermediate

In the small coastal town of Days Crossing, local courier Tommy Ballard finds himself falling head-over-heels for a local musician during the lazy days of a New Zealand summer.

**Episodes/modules:** 4

#### Episode activities:

Preview vocabulary

Watching

Social interactions: service encounters, requests, topic initiation, recommendations, goodbyes and farewells, giving explanations, announcements, sequences

Reading

Writing and discussion

**Trailer:** <https://vimeo.com/461302233>



## My Name is Lucky

### Intermediate Plus

With her journey as an international student at risk after a series of setbacks, Lucky is faced with a life-defining decision to either stay in New Zealand, or return home.

**Episodes/modules:** 4

#### Episode activities:

Preview vocabulary

Watching

Social interactions: asking for permission, apologising, invitations, time expressions

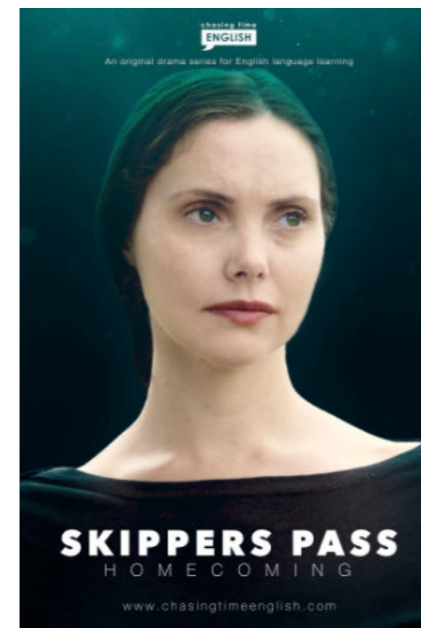
Language focus: questions, 1<sup>st</sup> conditional, future forms, short answers, prepositions, time expressions, clauses

Reading

Listening

Writing and discussion

**Trailer:** <https://vimeo.com/521176966>



## Skippers Pass: Homecoming

### Intermediate Plus

On returning home to settle her father's estate, Emma Oakley is pulled back into the mysterious and tragic cold case of Sophie Stevens. Learners will love the dramatic conclusion to our popular Skippers Pass series.

**Episodes/modules:** 4

#### Episode activities:

Preview vocabulary

Watching

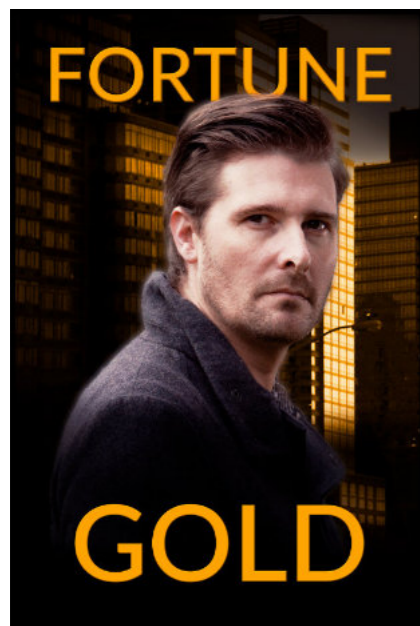
Social interactions: turn-taking, phone calls, negotiating, paying bills, taking leave

Reading

Listening

Writing and discussion

**Trailer:** <https://vimeo.com/685266158>



## Fortune Gold

### Upper Intermediate

Private investigator Jimmy Fortune receives a call from former military colleague Daniel Tait who has arrived home to find his wife has mysteriously disappeared.

**Episodes/modules:** 6

#### Episode activities:

Preview vocabulary

Watching

Social interactions: requests, service encounters, phone calls, offering to help, dealing with unwelcome questions, goodbyes

Language focus: modals (deduction/speculation), past perfect, reported speech, wish, relative clauses, future forms

Reading

Listening

Writing and discussion

**Trailer:** <https://vimeo.com/597500476>



## The Last Hustle

### Upper Intermediate

With his DVD rental store struggling to generate revenue, his sister unable to lock down a stable job, and a talented daughter with dreams of studying abroad, widowed father Terry Hustle is faced with the biggest challenge of his life.

**Episodes/modules:** 4

#### Episode activities:

Preview vocabulary

Watching

Phonology for listening

Learning focus: adaptations, sequels, superheroes, genres

Reading

Listening

Writing and discussion

**Trailer:** <https://vimeo.com/598004061>



## Adrift

### Upper Intermediate Plus

Will Carver wakes up in a strange room handcuffed to the table. Who has brought him here and what do they want from him?

**Episodes/modules:** 4

#### Episode activities:

Preview vocabulary

Watching

Social interactions: adjacency pairs, responding to invitations, pre-expansions, turn-taking

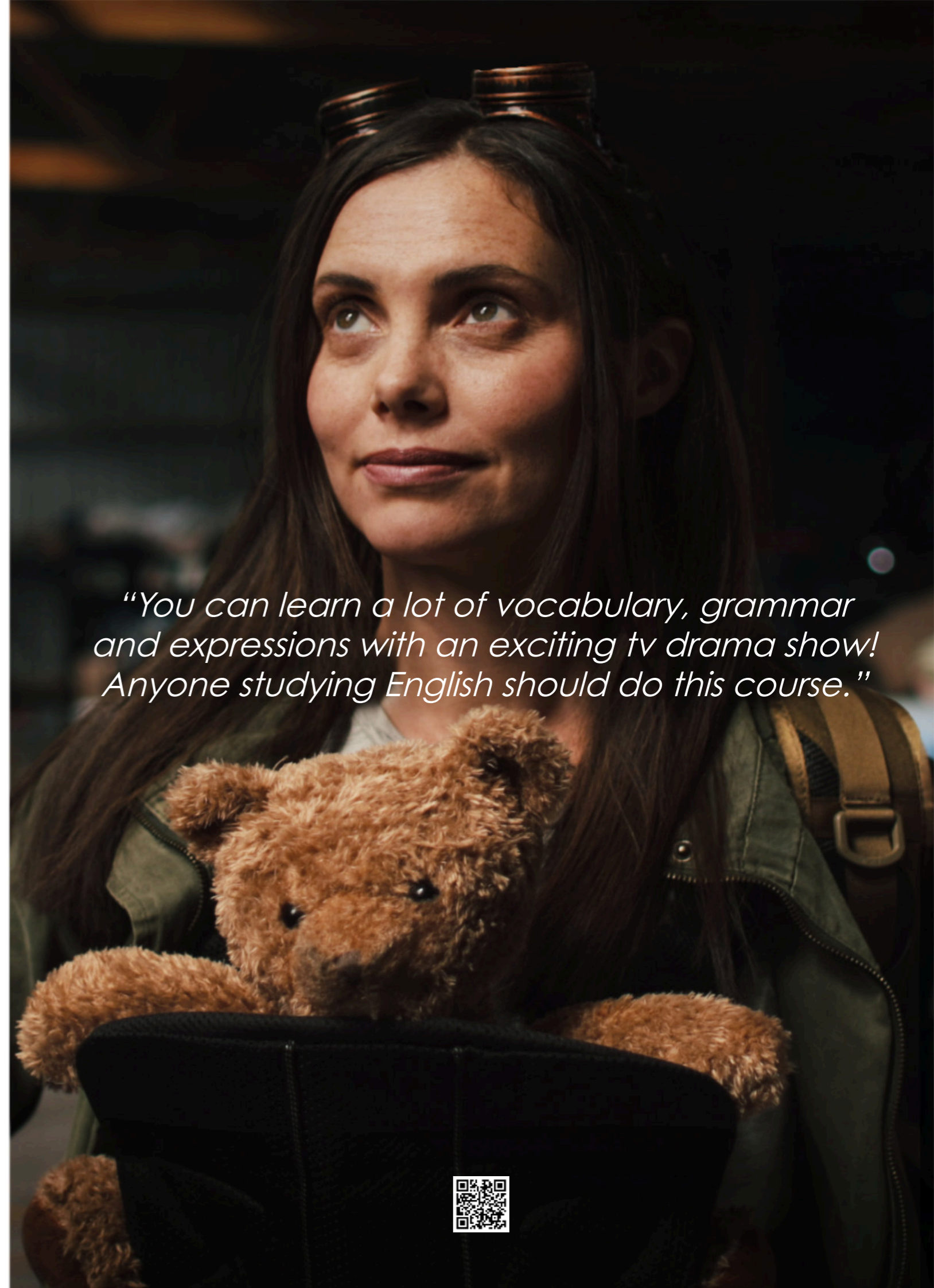
Language focus: verbs with prepositions, conditionals (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>), collocations, phrasal verbs

Reading

Listening

Writing and discussion

**Trailer:** <https://vimeo.com/276681295>



*“You can learn a lot of vocabulary, grammar and expressions with an exciting tv drama show! Anyone studying English should do this course.”*

