

UNIT 1: WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY!

LESSON 1: INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO THE CLASSROOM

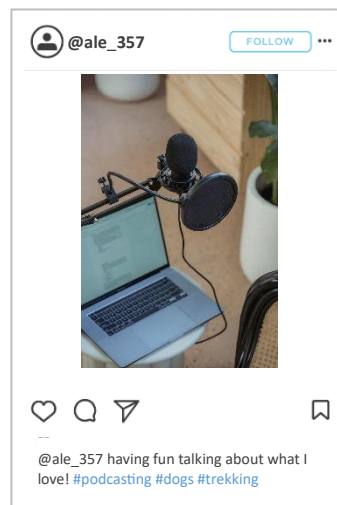
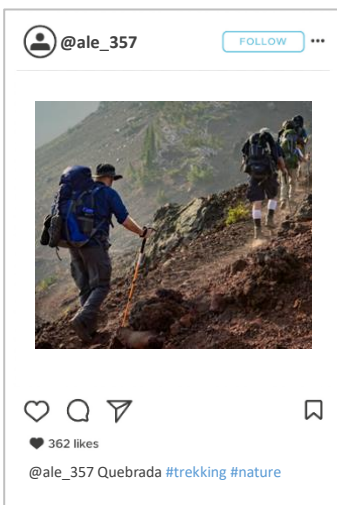
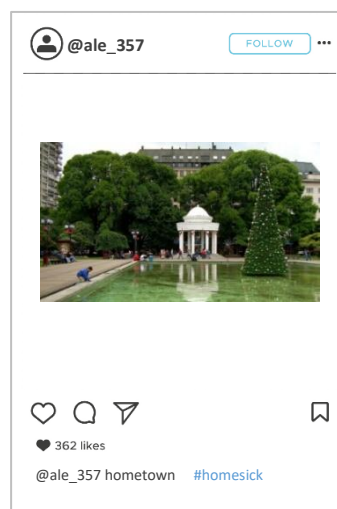
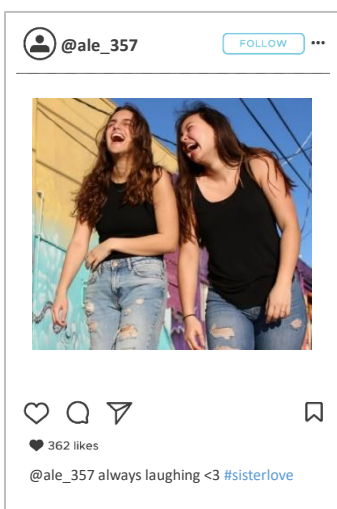
Lesson aims:

- Listen for details about personal information
- Recognize different types of texts
- Describe people's everyday lives, using simple phrases and sentences
- Write a short bio

Listening 1

1. *Before listening. Look at the pictures which are connected to Alejandro. In pairs talk about Alejandro from what you can see in the pictures.*

- In this picture
- This is Alejandro's
- Alejandro likes
- He



2. Listen to Alejandro talking about the pictures. Were your ideas correct?

3. Listen again and answer these questions.



**GRAMMAR
SUPPLEMENT:
THE SIMPLE PAST**

a) Where is Alejandro from?

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b) How many brothers and sisters does he have?

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c) Where did he meet his friends?

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d) What did he do during the summer?

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e) What does he like doing in his free time?

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Speaking

1. Modify the questions from the previous activity. Then ask your partner the questions. You are welcome to show pictures if you want and have them on your phone.

Reading

1. Before reading. When was the last time you received or sent...

- a WhatsApp / text message?
- an informal email?
- a formal email?

Who was it to? What was it about?

2. Read the following texts and answer the questions.

- a) What is the purpose of each text?
- b) What type of text (text message or email) is each one?
- c) Who do you think wrote each text?

Hi Juan, Alejandro got accepted to the university!! He really enjoyed working with you this summer. So, we'd like to invite you to a going away party we're having for him on Saturday 15 Feb. Let me know if you can come. Regards,	I got accepted!!!! I'm gonna have a going away party Sat 9pm 	Dear Alejandro Saavedra, I am delighted to inform you that you have been accepted in our undergraduate program in the Communication and Image Faculty of the University of Chile. Please visit the website to review the next steps to complete your enrollment. Welcome to the university! We know that this is a big decision, so please contact our staff if you have any questions or concerns. Sincerely,
TEXT 1	TEXT 2	TEXT 3

3. Answer the following questions about the texts:

a) What did we learn about Alejandro?

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b) Which text is ...

- formal?
- semi-formal?
- informal?

c) How do you know which one is formal, semi-formal, or informal? Give examples.

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Listening 2

1. Today Alejandro is attending an orientation week activity for first year students from all faculties. Listen to him talking to the other students and fill in the table.

Name	Where from?	Major	Reason chose major
Alejandro			

Writing

1. For online classes it is common to introduce yourself in a forum. Below is Alejandro's online bio. Fill in the space with information about Alejandro.

Submitted by Alejandro M. on Wed, 01/03/2024 - 09:45	My name is I'm from I'm going to study I am interested in this topic because In my free time I like to
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Final Lesson Task

1. Write a few sentences introducing yourself and post it in the **forum in U-Cursos**. Include:
 - your name
 - where you are from / where you live
 - your major
 - free time

Exit Ticket

Can you do these things?

☐	I can understand details about personal information.
☐	I can recognize different types of texts e.g. text messages and emails.
☐	I can describe details about people's lives.
☐	I can write a short biography about myself.

My Top 5 Words from this lesson:

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Homework: Self-study

[90 minutes per week]



1. **GRAMMAR SUPPLEMENT: The Simple Past**
2. **Extra practice** (online): Online course introductions

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/skills/writing/a1-writing/online-course-introductions>

Transcripts

LISTENING 1 - TRANSCRIPT

My name is Alejandro Mondrian. I'm a new student at this university. It's my first year. I'm originally from Osorno in the South of Chile.

I think my family is typical in some ways, and in other ways it's different. I live with my mom and two sisters. I don't have any brothers, and my parents are divorced. My father lives in Iquique. I usually visit him there once a year.

Besides my family, I have some good friends. I met some friends in my neighborhood and some at school. My friends and I have similar interests. We like animals, specifically dogs a lot. I help at a home for abandoned dogs. I really love helping them. Those dogs are so nice.

I also like trekking, especially in the region near Osorno, where there are some great places to explore. In the summer, when I visited my dad in Iquique, I went trekking in the desert looking for petroglyphs. There are a lot of them in the Pampa del Tamarugal. I think they are really fascinating, and visiting these petroglyphs is a hobby for me now.

In my free time, I like to work on my podcast. I have a podcast that focuses on my two interests: dogs and trekking.

LISTENING 2 - TRANSCRIPT

Alejandro: Hi, I'm Alejandro. I'm from Osorno. What's your name?

Danitza: Hi, I'm Danitza and I'm from Santiago, La Florida actually. I've lived here all my life. What's your name?

Jorge: I'm Jorge and I live in Melipilla.

Alejandro: So, Jorge, you don't live in Santiago?

Jorge: No, I don't, but I'm going to try to rent a room near campus starting next week. What about you?

Alejandro: My aunt and uncle live in San Bernardo so I'm going to live with them.

Jorge: I see. Danitza, what's your major?

Danitza: I'm in the Arts faculty studying sound engineering. How about you?

Jorge: I'm going to start with the Bachillerato program. I knew I wanted to study at university, but I just couldn't decide which program I was most interested in.

Alejandro: I thought about doing that, but then I decided to go with journalism. What about you Danitza? Why did you decide on sound engineering?

Danitza: I love music. I've been playing guitar since I was a kid and I've even learned to play piano and flute. During high school I was in a band and we started writing songs and recording. So, studying sound engineering is a logical step.

Jorge: Wow! Can I find your music on YouTube?

Danitza: Yeah, I'll send you a WhatsApp with a link to my channel. What about you Alejandro, why did you decide to study journalism?

Alejandro: Well, in my house we always have the radio on. So, even when I was young I was surrounded by news. In high school I once had to do a podcast for a group assignment and it was so much fun that we continued creating episodes.