

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
English as a Foreign Language  
**Trom Basic**  
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## **Description and requirements –Trom Basic courses**

### **A. Purpose**

One of the central purposes of the course is to provide students with the basic skills necessary for the comprehension of texts in English.

Emphasis is placed on vocabulary building as well reading strategies for speedy recognition of the main ideas presented in a text. The course will focus on topics and texts relevant to the students' academic literacy both in the course book, "Making Connections 2" by Jo McEntire and Jessica Williams (Cambridge University Press, 2014) and in short authentic articles from professional journals which will be studied online.

### **B. Materials**

1. The online reading materials will be posted on Moodle so students should check regularly for instructions as well as for the homework.
2. The course book, "Making Connections 2" by Jo McEntire and Jessica Williams (Cambridge University Press, 2014) is available in the University Bookshop.

*Students are required to bring the book to every class.*

3. Dictionary: Choose the format you are most comfortable with.  
No smart phone dictionaries, **no laptops or tablets allowed in class or exams.**

**VERY IMPORTANT : Cell Phones must be switched off completely, not be on 'retet', throughout the lesson and they must be kept in your bag.**

4. QUICKTIONARIES are not allowed in any exams.

→ *Dictionaries may not be shared nor may they beep during exams.*

**C. Departmental (BGU) rules:**

1. Being punctual and attending class regularly
2. Bringing the assigned texts to class. **No running to copy during class time.**
3. Completing class and home assignments and handing them in on time when requested to do so.
4. Make up tests are designed for students who were absent from a test- **not for students who want to improve their grade. If you have an acceptable excuse for missing a test (sickness, miluim, exam in another department), you will be allowed to take a make up test if you bring the relevant *ishur*.**
5. Students who have an *ishur* for extra time or use of a computer should notify me at the beginning of semester.

**D. Grades:**

The following components are compulsory in order to pass the course (passing grade=56):

- i. 2 Unseen Exams: 20% each
- ii. Class Quizzes: 20%
- iii. A Final Exam: 40% (with minimum **passing grade of 56**)

**CLASS GRADE = 60%, FINAL EXAM = 40%**

