

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
English as a Foreign Language
TROM ALEPH level
Mechina Spring 2021

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Please write to me **only** in English; e-mails written in Hebrew **will not be answered**.
If you have any questions, please contact me via WhatsApp. The email will be used only for handling assignments.

Description and Requirements

A. Purpose

The main purpose of this course is to strengthen the student's English level in four different domains: the students will learn writing, speaking, listening comprehension and reading comprehension skills. Improvements of these four aspects of communication will facilitate Trom B level students to advance to higher level academic texts, oral presentations, listening and writing skills. All four domains will be tested and integrated during the course. The lessons, tasks and quizzes will be held on Zoom, Moodle and any other on-line tools – synchronic or a-synchronic. Unseens and final exams are held on Campus Marcus.

B. Materials

1. Course reading materials will be posted on *Moodle* so students should check their *Moodle* on daily basis.
2. Students are required to join every Zoom meeting via a computer that has a working camera. It is paramount that the lecturer sees the students' faces for more effective learning.
3. Dictionary: Choose the format you are most comfortable with.

No Quicktionaries, no smart phone dictionaries, no smart watches, no laptops or tablets are allowed on exams.

Use of such tools in class is at the teacher's discretion.

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

C. Departmental (BGU) rules:

1. Being punctual and attending class regularly according to **university rules** for classes where full attendance is required.
2. Prepare the assigned texts **and materials before each meeting**.
3. Complete class and home assignments and handing them in on time when requested to do so.
4. **If a student cannot attend the midterm exam for one of the following reasons:**
 - a. Hospitalization
 - b. Reserve duty at time of exam
 - c. The wedding day of the student
 - d. Participation as a player in a university sports event at the time of the exam
 - e. Bed rest during pregnancy, adoption, birth
 - f. Religious holidays approved by the university
 - g. Mourning.**the grade of the final exam will become 60%. For such an arrangement the student will have to apply to Moran Weidman, email – Pre@bgu.ac.il with the relevant certificates.**

D. Grades:

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

- i. Seen exam: 20%
- ii. Final Exam: 40% (with minimum **passing grade of 56**)
- iii. Vocabulary quizzes - 10%
- iv. A final written assignment - 10 %
- v. A final listening comprehension assignment - 10 %
- vi. A final oral report - 10 %

CLASS GRADE = 60%, FINAL EXAM = 40%

Dates of exams: Seen exam

Moed Aleph

A student who wishes to take *Moed Bet* (whether that student failed, or did not take *Moed Alef*) has to register via the internet site

