

Feature analysis

Content

Tense Buster covers 33 language areas at five levels from Elementary to Advanced. Grammar areas covered:

Am, is, are (to be)	Simple present (El.)
Questions	Negatives
Countable nouns	Possessives
Articles (El.)	Have got (Intl. Eng.)
Some, any	Simple present (L. Int.)
Simple past	Present continuous
Present Perfect (L. Int.)	Comparisons
Prepositions	The passive (Int.)
Will and going to	Question tags
Equality	Relative clauses
Conditionals, I wish...	Past continuous
3 rd conditional	Adjectives and adverbs
Present Perfect (U. Int.)	Modals
The future	Reported speech
Phrasal verbs	Nouns
Past perfect	The passive (Adv.)
Articles (Adv.)	

In addition, Tense Buster helps learners with the following language areas: vocabulary, pronunciation, listening, reading, study skills. Visit www.ClarityEnglish.com for the full syllabus.

Ten key learning features

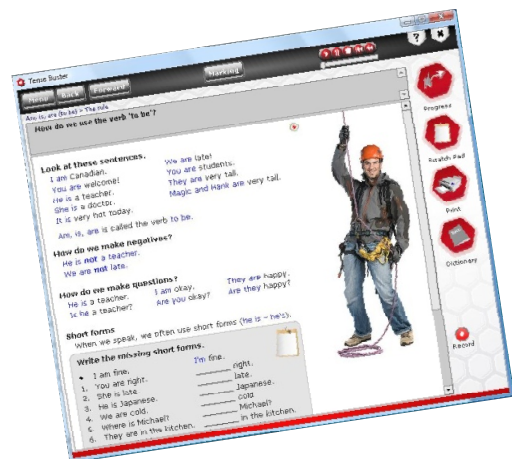
1. Structured, guided discovery approach; learners encouraged to form and test their own theories.
2. Explanatory feedback, enabling learners to understand why they have made a mistake.
3. Engaging and interesting contexts for learning, and a wide variety of activity types.
4. Comparative approach to grammar. Learners encouraged to look for patterns, contrast usage and compare with their own language.
5. Attractive, clear, easy-to-use interface.
6. Extensive audio, enabling learners to listen both to models and to correct answers.
7. Video-based pronunciation activities focusing on the phonological aspects of grammar: stress, intonation, elision, assimilation and so on.
8. A Recorder enabling learners to record their voices and compare to a model.
9. A learner development strand helping learners to improve their study skills.
10. A Progress function allowing learners to analyse their strengths and weaknesses and plan their learning.

Test features

Each unit in Tense Buster includes a randomized test drawn from 50 questions based on the grammar area covered in that unit. Additionally, learners can generate random tests from multiple grammar areas in a level. The Tense Buster question bank includes 1,650 items.

Progress features

The Tense Buster Progress function generates reports on completed activities with score, time, duration; average scores compared with all learners; relative performance in different units (effort and outcome). Teachers using Results Manager can generate and print reports for individual learners and groups of learners.



Integrated programs

Tense Buster (optionally) integrates with Author Plus, which enables teachers to add, delete, reorder and amend activities, and with Results Manager (see *Progress features* above).

Dialect versions

1. International English.
2. North American English.

Technical

Network versions require Windows 2000/XP/Vista
Online versions can be hosted by Clarity, or by the customer on Windows or Linux servers.