

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Lesson Title: Financial Literacy – Credit Cards

Level: ESOL High Beginning – Level 3

Class Length: 2.5 hrs.

Performance Objective

Students will:

- Identify, compare, and use methods for purchasing goods.
 - *Teacher Note: Write objectives on the board.*

Standards

Reading CCR 1 Level A: Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.

• **ELP Anchor 1**: Can construct meaning from oral presentations and literary and informational text through level-appropriate listening, reading, and viewing.

Writing CCR 8 Level A: With guidance and support, will recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer questions.

• **ELP Anchor 5**: Can research and evaluate and communicate findings to answer questions or solve problems.

Language CCR 1 Level A: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

• **ELP Anchor 10:** Can demonstrate command of the conventions of standards English to communicate in level-appropriate speech and writing.

Speaking and Listening CCR 3 Level A: Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood.

• **ELP Anchor 6:** Can analyze and critique the arguments of others orally and in writing.

FL DOE CF- Consumer Economics- 4.-2: Interpret credit card offers and applications.

FL DOE CF- Mathematics: Use decimal notation for fractions with denominators 10 or 100.

Enabling Skills	CASAS Listening Task Areas	CASAS Reading Task Areas
✓ Cooperative learning	🗆 1. Picture Prompts	🗆 1. Forms
skills	2. Comprehension Question	2. Table/Chart/Graph/Map
✓ Participates in class	□ 3. Predict next line of dialogue	3. Articles/Parag/Directions/Pictures
discussion and	4. Identify true statements based on	□ 4. Sign/Label/Ad/Product Label/Tag
group/pair activities	prompt	5. Measurement scales/Diagram
✓ Oral	Materials and Equipment	Language Skills
Fluency/Vocabulary	🛎 Computer	🛎 Reading 🛎 Writing 🛎 Listening
	🕱 Projector	🕱 Speaking
 Written Discourse 	Document Camera	
	Electronic Tablet	
Websites:		

Materials for Financial Literacy

https://www.otan.us/images/publicarchive/ArchivesDigitalFiles/ELCivics/Financial Lit/003370financial literacy esl.pdf (See pages 78-107)

https://www.englishpage.com/conditional/futureconditional.html

https://www.bing.com/images/search?q=picture+of+credit&qpvt=picture+of+credit&FORM=IGRE (Visuals)

Vocabulary Focus: debt, late fee, risk, advance, interest, balance, dangerous

Grammar Focus: Present real conditional, future real conditional

https://learningenglish.voanews.com/a/everyday-grammar-present-and-future-real-conditionals/3255156.html



Instructional Plan

Warm Up/Review

Brainstorming Activity: Explain to students what a brainstorming activity is. Share with students that when brainstorming, they should say the first thing that comes to mind with no explanation or judgements.

Draw a **T-Chart** on the board or on chart paper. Write the words "credit" and "cash" on the chart and ask students what is the first thing that comes to mind. Write their responses on the chart. Use the words that students have identified to introduce the topic.



Introduction

Describe to students how credit is used in the United States and explain the benefits of using cash and the benefits of using credit cards. Share an experience or an occasion when you used a credit card. Encourage students to share their experiences. Ask the following question:

What are credit cards useful for?

Write their responses on the board or on chart paper. Conduct a class survey. Write the following on the board or on chart paper and tally the responses:

Statement	Agree	Disagree
I often see TV ads for credit cards.		
It is easy to apply for new credit cards.		
Credit cards interest rates are very high.		

Process

Continue the lesson by presenting the information through the following gradual release model.

Presentation "I do"	Guided Practice "I do"	Communicative Practice "We do"	Evaluation "You Do"
Credit Card Reading Passage Use one of the following reading strategies: Choral reading is reading aloud in unison with a whole class or group of students. Listen-read-discuss strategy helps students comprehend text.	Grammar focus: Present real conditionals using "if clause" Use the reading passage to teach the "if clauses" Model Write on the board "If I apply for too many credit cards, I might not be able to pay them." • Show grammar video. • Ask students to write	 Flash Card Activity 10 minute activity Divide class in groups (3-5); give each group a flash card. Ask students to discuss the question presented on each card. Call on students to share their responses. 	 Reflect on the Learning Ask students to complete "Show what you know" activity.



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Before reading, students	two sentences using an
listen to a short lecture	"If" clause.
delivered by the teacher.	Call on students to
The students then read a	come up to the board
text selection about the	•
topic. After reading,	and write their
there is discussion or	sentences.
students engage in small	
group discussions about	Note: Walk around
the topic.	classroom to support and
	assist.
• After the reading,	
ask students to	Math – Word problem
answer questions	If my credit card balance is
individually.	-
,	\$300, and the interest rate
Call on class to share	is 13.99%, how much
their answers.	interest is charged in a
	month?

Application

Pair Activity: Students will practice applying for a credit card by completing a credit card application. Provide guidance and support.

Post Class Reflection: (complete after class) "Exit slip"

Use a KWL Chart.

What Do I Know	What Do I Want to Learn (what more you want to learn)	What Did I Learn	



HANDOUTS – MATERIALS

- (A) Credit Cards Lesson Plan Reading Passage
- (B) Flash Cards Activity
- (C) Financial Literacy Show what you know
- (D) Credit Card Application



Handout A

Credit Cards – Lesson Plan Reading Passage

- 1 Credit cards are an essential part of our lives. They make life easier and more convenient. They help us shop online and pay bills over the phone, as well as use in emergency situations. However, the use of credit cards can be **dangerous** if not use wisely. Some credit cards have very high interest rates which can lead to serious financial problems.
- 2 Credit cards are issue by different sources such as banks and retail stores. Banks advertise credit cards on TV, in newspapers, and on the Internet. They are always looking for new customers. The banks can charge an annual fee for using the credit card and they can also change the interest rate at any time. Banks also issue debit cards, which are not credit cards. Debit cards are directly connected to the cash available in your credit or savings account.
- 3 For those who paid off their card balances every month the debt is minimal. However, with interest rates of 18-23%, people can carry a large balance that often wounds up in a cycle of debt. In many cases, people have to use credit cards to borrow money to pay their bills. This makes the cycle of debt even worse.

Questions About the Reading

Choose the best answer.

- 1. What is the main idea?
 - (A) Credit cards might be convenient, but they can be a financial problem.
 - (B) The interest rates for credit cards are very high.
 - (C) Internet shopping makes it easy to buy things we need.
 - (D) People should only buy things they need.
- 2. The meaning of the word **dangerous** in paragraph 1 means:
 - (A) Using credit cards is fun.
 - (B) Using credit cards sometimes is fine.
 - (C) Using credit cards all the time is best.
 - (D) Using credit cards can be a financial problem.
- 3. Which if the following is true?
 - (A) Most credit cards users are in debt.
 - (B) Carrying a large credit card balance is better.
 - (C) The average credit card interest rate is 18-23%
 - (D) Banks do not advertise credit cards on TV.



Handout B

Flash Cards Activity

















Handout C

Financial Literacy – Credit Cards Show what you know

Is this a true statement? Explain

1. Some credit cards have annual fees.

2. When you are shopping for a credit card, try to find one with a high interest rate?

3. Interest rate on your credit card can change



Handout D

Credit Application

Telephone #:		
Apt./Suite #:		
te/Zip:	Email:	
Social Security Number: DO NOT WRITE HERE		O NOT WRITE HERE
Employment Ir	nformation	
Telephone #:		
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	Salary:	Hourly / Monthly
	Telephone #:	
Time in Position:		
	Salary:	Hourly / Monthly
Bank Infor	mation	
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