

AL-FARABI KAZAKH NATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
International Relations Department  
Chair of Diplomatic Translation  
**Translation business in the field of international and legal relations**  
**“Foreign Language”**  
2021-2022 academic year fall semester

**Seminar 1**

**Module I. Practical English**

**Seminar 1: Eating in ... and out. Study helpline**

**Goals of the seminar**

1. Introduce the topic
2. Explain grammar structure *present simple and continuous*
3. Familiarize with *action and non-action verbs*
4. Introduce aspects of speech perception, comprehension and production

**Aspects of the seminar**

1. Understand specific information without support on a wide range of general and academic topics including discussion of new topics
2. Read long texts quickly to understand the content
3. Use different vocabulary according to a topic and genre

**Assignment form**

Online webinar via Microsoft Teams

**Task 1.** Ask students to look at the expression Study helpline and the photo strip. Elicit a definition of helpline (a telephone line, email or Internet forum where people can access information and support). Ask students to provide examples of helplines they know. Elicit what they think the unit is going to be about (information about going to university and guidelines on studying).

**Task 2.** Speaking: Divide the class into pairs to look at the subjects in the box and say how many they know. Encourage students to look up any words they are not sure about in their dictionaries, or they can look up the words in the Macmillan Online Dictionary.

(If time: use the Extra Activity, TB, page 29).

**Task 3.** In pairs, students think of other university subjects. Encourage students to race against each other by setting a three-minute time limit. Ask the pair with the longest list to write their answers on the board. Remind students that we write language subjects with a

capital letter.

**Task 4.** In pairs, students discuss which subjects in exercises 1a and 1b interest them and say why. Elicit feedback in open class.

### **Extra reading**

1. Student's Book, English file 4<sup>th</sup> edition Intermediate, Oxford University
2. Student's Book, Workbook, Extra materials – Digital Gateway B2, Macmillan Education
3. [www.bbc.com](http://www.bbc.com)