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Thanks to the inter-institutional cooperation agreement between ESPOCH and the Labor Insertion Department of the Federation of the Blind of Ecuador (DIL FENCE), signed on January 28th , 2013, several people with visual disabilities were trained in the area of English with the application of adapted manuals.

Therefore, we thank the ESPOCH authorities, the DIL FENCE leadership, and the Provincial Association of the Visually Impaired of Chimborazo (APRODVICH), for giving us all the facilities to crystallize the

aspirations of this important group by providing them with a manual that will facilitate their inclusion in the Foreign Language.

PRESENTATION

The process of the English language with blind students at APRODVICH Association is a very important factor in the educational process under which focuses on equity rights without discrimination, under which possess the ability to act in any field is social labor, commercial, political, economic partner inside and outside the country.

For a better understanding of the contents of English is essential to guide them to meaningful learning through communicative strategies, in an attempt to reach also career opportunities, and also to improve their integration into society with a new vision, by guiding them in the process of learning the English Language in a real inclusion, projected to lead and develop the basic knowledge of English involving their intellectual and cognitive abilities through listening and speaking skills. For proper applicability of the manual with communicative strategies called LGB Learning towards learning foreign language, teachers must be supported by teaching materials related to audiovisuals so they can listen and be able to capture new knowledge of basic English, which means that it must be supported by motivating practices whichwill enable them to grasp the vocabulary, quizzes and basic structures.

The main objective of the research is to improve the Speaking skill in blind students at APRODVICH association and it is also important to guide them to develop the listening skill as well, specifically since these two skills will enable them to achieve a good level of intellectual and cognitive ability in learning the English Language; to develop the educational interaction students should be aware that the teaching-learning process should be based on the proposal of the manual Luis Guadalupe Bravo Learning (LGB learning), under which is a learning environment that guides teachers through the implementation of communication strategies focusing on comprehension check and repetition, fundamental to guide students progressively towards the assimilation of new basic knowledge of English.

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UNIT III

WHAT IS RIOBAMBA LIKE?



Concept: Describe the city attractions and compare them to other from the country.

Characteristics: The students will learn to describe the city and talk about places to visit using modals.

Resources: Tactual Pictures, Computer, Recorder, Wh questions Board

Evaluation: The evaluation will be written, and spoken

ACTIVITY N° 1: Listen to a dialogue between Guillermo and Sonia.

Guillermo: Hi Sonia How are you?

Sonia: I'm great Thank you.

Guillermo: So, Sonia tell me, where are you from?

Sonia: I am from Riobamba

Guillermo: What is Riobamba Like?

Sonia: Riobamba is a small city in Ecuador. It is really nice, clean and Safe. I love to live there.

Guillermo: What can I do in Riobamba?

Sonia: Well, you can climb the Chimborazo. Is the highest Snow Mountain in The world.

Guillermo: Is it bigger than Everest?

Sonia: Yes, it is.

Guillermo: What else can I do?

Sonia: Well, I think that you should definitively visit Guano. It's a really nice place to visit, and try the famous "cholas" from Guano.

ACTIVITY N° 2: Answer the following questions related to the dialogue.

What does Sonia say about Riobamba?

What is there to see in Riobamba?

ACTIVITY N° 3: Discuss with your teacher. What is Riobamba like?

Riobamba is _____ Riobamba has _____

Size: Big, Small, large, Huge, Gigantic,

Weather Condition: hot, cold, warm, sunny, rainy, cloudy, and snowy

View: beautiful, ugly, clean, dirty

Price: cheap, expensive, and reasonable

Style: modern, ancient, new, old

People: friendly, nice, boring, rude,

Nightlife: boring, exciting, quiet, loud

ACTIVITY N° 4: Grammar

By using the comparative structures you can talk about differences about people, animals, places and items, but there are some rules you must follow.

Comparative	Superlative
Rule 1	
Simply add -er	Use THE and add -est
Examples:	Examples:
smart = smarter	smart = the smartest
young = younger	young = the youngest
fast = faster	fast = the fastest

Superlative

Rule 2:

CVC pattern,

double the consonant double the consonant

and add -er.

If the adjective has a If the adjective has a

CVC pattern,

and add est.

Examples:

wet = wetter

big = bigger

sad = sadder

Examples:

wet = the wettest

big = the biggest

sad = the saddest

Superlative

Rule 3:

Change the Y to I and Change the Y to I and

add -er add -est

Examples: Examples:

pretty = prettier pretty = the prettiest

happy = happier happy = the happiest

busy = busier busy= the busiest

Superlative

Rule 4: Adjectives oradverbs with two or more syllables

Use MORE Use the most

Examples: Examples:

famous = more famous = the most

famous famous

interesting = more interesting = the most

interesting interesting

carefully = more carefully = the most

carefully carefully`

Superlative

Rule 5: These are the irregular words.

good = better

good = the best

bad = worse

bad = the worst

far = farther (further)

far = the farthest (the

furthest)

well = better

well = the best

badly = worse

badly = the worst

little = less

little = the least

Subject + verb + comparative (adj) + than + Subject (object).

Luis is taller than Matthew.

A Lion runs faster than a dog.

Riobamba is more expensive than Ambato.

ACTIVITY N° 5: Complete the following _____

Example:

Use high: Chimborazo is____than Tungurahua

Use short: Camilo is____than Danilo

Use big: My house is____than yours.

Use pretty: Danna is____than Alysson.

Use good: Luis is the____student in class.

ACTIVITY N° 6: Write 10 examples then Read them to the rest of the class.

Comparative

Subject + verb + comparative (adj) + than + Subject (object).

Superlative

Subject + verb + comparative (adj) + than + Subject (object).

ACTIVITY N° 7: Conversation

Listen and practice

Mr Brown: Hi Angel, How are you?

Angel: I'm great Mr Brown.

Mr Brown: Are you ready for your Test?

Angel: Yes. I am ready.

Mr Brown: Ok. First question, What is the Smallest

City in the World?

Angel: mmmm, The Vatican is the smallest

city in the world.

Mr Brown: Which city is larger? Riobamba or

Ambato.

Angel: Riobamba is larger than Ambato.

Mr Brown: I afraid that is incorrect.

Ambato is larger than Riobamba.

Ok next question.

What is the highest Snow Mountain

Angel: mmmm that's easy.

Chimborazo snow mountain is the

highest in Ecuador

Mr Brown: Great Answer!.

I think you might like this last

question.

Ok an easy one.

Which is the best player of world

right now?

Angel: The best soccer player is Leonel

Messi.

Mr Brown: Yes that is correct.

ACTIVITY N° 8: Comprehension check:

How many questions are correct?

ACTIVITY N° 9: Repetition

Now take turns with your teacher and classmates reading the dialogue. Focus on new vocabulary.

ACTIVITY N° 10: Grammar

In order to make questions with comparative and superlatives you need the verb to be

In comparative you will need two options in the complement

Which city is larger? Riobamba or Ambato.

In superlative you don't need options.

What is the Smallest City in the World?

ACTIVITY N° 11: Grammar

Make your own questions using the grammar structure given:

Wh question (complement) + verb + Adj (comparative) + Option 1, Option 2

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Wh question + verb + the + adj (superlative) + complement
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ACTIVITY N° 12: Writing
Write about a place you have visited use: comparatives, superlatives

UNIT IV

What can I do in Riobamba?



Concept: Describe touristic places in the city

Characteristics: The students will learn to share their city with the world. But talking about its attractions using modal can and should.

Resources: Tactual Pictures, Computer, Recorder, Wh questions Board

Evaluation: The evaluation will be written, and spoken

ACTIVITY N° 1: Vocabulary

Give names of places of Ecuador with the Vocabulary.

View: mountain, valley, hill, forest, canyon, plateau, volcano

Water: ocean, sea, island, lake, river, waterfall, lagoon, beach, bay, coast

Places: city, town, village, parrish,

Dry: desert

Wet: rainforest, spring, swamp, wood,

Note: To make the plural of these nouns apply the same rules from the verbs (s or es)

Now complete the Example partner	es: then practice with a
Give a name of mountain	
Give a name of a valley	
Give a name of hill	
Give a name of a forest	
Give a name of a canyon	
Give a name of a plateau	
Give a name of a volcano	
Give a name of an ocean	
Give a name of a sea	
Give a name of an island	

Give a name of a lake	
Give a name of a river	
Give a name of a waterfall	
Give a name of a lagoon	
Give a name of a beach	
Give a name of a bay	
Give a name of a coast	
Give a name of a city	
Give a name of a town	
Give a name of a village	

Give a name of a parrish
Give a name of a desert
Give a name of a rainforest
Give a name of a spring
Give a name of a swamp
Give a name of a wood

ACTIVITY N° 2: Grammar, Modal verbs can and should

can / can't

ability

power

should / shouldn't

advice

To make a sentence you need:

subject+ can or should + verb+ complement

You can visit the Chimborazo snow mountain. You should go to Ecological Park.

2.1 Complete the exercises

A: I _____ decide where to go this summer.

	You go to Galapagos. It is really nice. You see the big turtles. They are really autiful.
A:	Mom! Look I drive my bicycle.
	be careful now, youslow down a little You fall down.
2.2 Now make your own examples: affirmative and negative. Use the Structure given. Subject+ can or should + verb+ complement	
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ACTIVITY N° 3: Questions

First: Start by analyzing the sentence: Is it using can or should.

We can visit the Galapagos Islands.
We should visit the Galapagos Islands.

Second: In order to make a question you need to change the can and should to the beginning of the sentence. Then answer it.

Can we visit the Galapagos Islands? Yes, we can No, we can't

Should we visit the Galapagos Islands? Yes, we should No, we shouldn't

Third: In order to make a question with WH, just add the Wh question in front of the modal.

Where can I go?
Wh question + can + subject + verb?

Where should I go?
Wh question + should + subject + verb?

3.1 Complete the exercises by using: can, can't, should, shouldn't

A: _____ I rent a car in Galapagos.

B: Yes, you _____ but I think you _____ definitely use a taxi. It is cheaper.

A: I don't know where to go this summer. What do you recommend?
B: Well you go to USA. You visit New York City and the Statue of Liberty.
A: What I see from the Statue of Liberty?
B: Well you see all of New York.
A: Ok sounds great. It seems like I am going to New York city.
B: and you miss to go to the Bronx Zoo. It's amazing. I am planning to go to Bogota next month. When do you think I go.

A: Where I eat the Famous Hornado from Riobamba.
B: You should go to the Merced. I am going to Mexico. What should I see there? You visit the Palace of Fine Arts.
3.2 Now practice with a partner. Take turns.

ACTIVITY N° 4: What can I do there?

Conversation: listen and practice



Luzkarime: Riobamba is a really nice and

beautiful city.

Luis: Tell me about it!

I am Riobambeño.

Hove my city.

There are a lot of things you can do.

Luzkarime: So tell me What can I do?

Luis: well you can visit "La Merced" they

serve the best Hornado in the city.

Luzkarime: You can also go to Ecological Park. it

is really beautiful, you can enjoy

nature and spend a good time with

your family.

Luzkarime: What else should I do?

Luis: You should definitively visit Guano,

and try its famous Cholas.

Luzkarime: Great thanks!

Sound like a lot of fun.

Luis: it is, you are welcome

ACTIVITY N° 4.1: Read and Practice

ACTIVITY N° 4.2:

Comprehension check: Answer the following questions.

Where is Luis from?

What is Riobamba Like?

What can I visit in Riobamba?

What park should I visit?

What can you do in Ecological Park?

What is Ecological Park like?

What can I try in Guano?

ACTIVITY N° 4.3:

Repetition

Now take turns with your teacher and classmates reading the dialogue. Focus on new vocabulary.

ACTIVITY N° 5: Questions
Make questions for the following answers
? In Riobamba you can visit the Chimborazo
? Yes, Hornado is a traditional food from Riobamba
You Hive in Richards
Yes, I live in Riobamba

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The best time of the year to visit Riobo	amba is in
? Yes, you should definitely try Hornado.	
? You should stay at Metro Hotel.	
? Riobamba is a beautiful city.	

UNIT V

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



Concept: Mainly used to express the idea that something is happening at the moment of speaking

Characteristics: The students will learn to describe activities that are happening at the moment.

Resources: Tactual Pictures, Computer, Recorder, Wh questions Board

Evaluation: The evaluation will be written, and spoken

ACTIVITY N° 1: Vocabulary

ACTIVITY N° 1.1 What is the teacher doing? Singing, talking, typing, jumping

ACTIVITY N° 1.2 Listen to the teacher give some sentences, complete in the gaps with the missing word.

You are going to use: writing, cooking, raining, playing, reading, laughing, working, watching, painting, teaching, wearing, swimming

My father is	right r	now.	
Juan is lunch.	_ soccer.	My wife is	
My son is	_ a book.		

Danna is a poem.				
My brother is out loud.				
It is cats and dogs.				
Leo is the wall. Pedro is in the lake.				
The teacher is a white jacket.				
I am English.				
I am TV.				
ACTIVITY N° 1.3 Imagine someone in your family now, what do you think they are doing?				
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ACTIVITY N° 2: Conversation

Listen and practice



A: Hi darling?

B: Hi sweety?

A: What the the kids doing?

B: Well, Lenny is watching
Tv in her room.
I am cleaning the house.

A: What about Danna?

B: She is taking a shower.

A: and What are you cooking? It smells good.

B: I am cooking some spaghetti.

ACTIVITY N° 3: Grammar

In order to make sentences using present progressive you will need the verb to be + a verb in (ing)

I am working He is working They are working

I am not working He is not working They are not working. There are some rules to be followed to change verbs into progressive these are:

Rule 1: Add ing to most of the verbs

Verb	Verb (ing)
work	working
play	playing
watch	watching

Rule 2: Verbs ending in e Change e for ing

Verb	Verb (ing)
delete	deleting
compete	competing

Rule 3: Verbs ending in ie change ie for y and add ing

Verb	Verb (ing)
Die	dying
Lie	lying

Rule 4: Verbs ending in CVC Double the last consonant

Verb	Verb (ing)
Run	running
Stop	stopping

Rule 5. Verbs ending in CVC

They don't change because the stress is in the first vowel

Verb	Verb (ing)
Happen	happening
Open	opening

ACTIVITY N° 4: Complete the following statements

Listen to your teacher and fill in the blanks with the verbs given, then practice reading them.

Eating, going, wearing, watching, cutting, running, cooking, doing, holding,

Subject + tobe + verb (ing) + complement

Juan is	pizza.	Marco i	S		a
marathon. I am _	to c	class.			
lamt\ now. lam		-	m is _		
Angel and Jose hands. Liz is		•	cup	on	their

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ACTIVITY N° 5: Make your own examples and read

ACTIVITY N° 6: Grammar

them to your classmates.

In order to make a question using present progressive, lets first focus on the sentence.

I am speaking slow.

You are working hard.

He is working at the ESPOCH.

In order to make a question move the verb to be to the beginning of the sentence then add the question mark.

Am I speaking slow?
Yes, you are / No you aren't

Are you working hard? Yes, I am / No, I am not

Is he working at the Espoch? Yes, she is / No, she isn't

In order to make an interrogative question, you need a wh question before the verb to be.

Wh question + tobe + subject + verb (ing) + complement?

What are you doing? I am_____

Where is he going? He is_____

Why are you studying? Because I am_____

ACTIVITY N° 7: Complete the following examples working, studying, coming, doing, talking
What company are you for?
What university are theyin?
Who are you to?
What time are your friends?
What homework are you now?

7.1. Make your own question, and share with the classroom.

Wh question + tobe + subject + verb (ing) + complement

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ACTIVITY N° 8: Conversation.



Luis: Hi my friend how are you today?

Danna: I am fine and you?

Luis: me too. Tell me. What are you doing?

Danna: I am watching Tv? And eating snacks, and you?

Luis: I am listening to music

Danna: What are you listening to?

Luis: I am listening to Romeo Santos.

Danna: Great! What else are you doing?

Luis: I am helping my brother with his homework.

Danna: Is he doing Math?

Luis: No, He is doing English Homework. I wanted to go out with my brother, but is raining very hard.

Danna: Here is not raining yet. Ok so I let you, Good luck helping your brother with his homework.

Luis: I know, is going to be a long night.

ACTIVITY N° 9: Comprehension Check What is Danna doing? Who is Luis Listening to? Is his brother doing math? What is Danna eating? Who is Luis helping? Is it raining? What is Luis doing? What is his brother doing? **ACTIVITY N° 10: Writing** Make a phone conversation using present progressive

UNIT VI

WHAT DID YOU DO ON SATURDAY?



Concept: To describe events in the past.

Characteristics: The students will learn to describe events that took place in the past.

Resources: Tactual Pictures, Computer, Recorder, Wh questions Board

Evaluation: The evaluation will be written, and spoken

ACTIVITY N° 1: Vocabulary

Listen to the teacher talk about what he did on Saturday, cross out the verbs that you hear.

Yesterday I went____

Went() built() began() caught ate() visited arrived()

Played drank() danced forgot() swam()

heard()

Made() got() paid() spoke()

tood() slept() wore()

saw() bought won() told()

understood()

ran() walked()

ACTIVITY N° 1.1: Identify the Regular and Irregular verbs
Regular verbs: are those verbs that have ed at the end.
Irregular verbs: are those that have another form in
the past.

ACTIVITY N° 2: Grammar

Rule 1. To make sentences in past simple you need the following structure

Subject + verb (past simple) + Complement

I playe dsoccer yesterday.

He played soccer yesterday.

We played soccer yesterday.

Note: In past simple you don't need to add s or es.

Rule 2: To make a negative statement you need didn't + verb in present

Subject + didn't + verb (present) + Complement

I didn't play soccer yesterday.

He didn't play soccer yesterday.

We didn't play soccer yesterday.

ACTIVITY N° 2.1: Make your own examples. Share them with your partner.

Subject + verb (past simple) + Complement

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Last year I (go) to Baños. It (be) fantastic.	
I (visit) lots of interesting places. I (go) with my friends.	
In the morning we (walk) to the church In the evening we (visit) the zoo.	•

The weather (is) _____ great.

It didn't (rain) _____ all day.

I (have) _____ a great time in Baños.

ACTIVITY N° 3: Complete the exercises

ACTIVITY N° 4: Conversation

Listen, read and practice

Alysson: What did you do yesterday?

Danna: I went to Baños

Alysson: Who did you go with?

Danna: I went with my parents

Alysson: How many days did you stay there?

Danna: We stood there 2 days.

Alysson: Did you go to the waterfall?

Danna: Yes, I did. It was beautiful.

Alysson: Was it sunny?

Danna: yes, It was sunny all day long.

Alysson: Did you try the Cañas?

Danna: yes, they were delicious.

Alysson: So you had a lot of fun.

Danna: A lot of fun.

ACTIVITY N° 5: Questions

Rule 1: Do and Does become Did in past to make questions.

But with Did the verbs goes in present.

Did + subject + verb + complement

I went to Quito

Did I go to Quito? Yes, you did No, you didn't

You went to Quito

Did you go to Quito? Yes, you did No, you didn't

He went to Quito

Did he go to Quito? Yes, you did No, you didn't

We went to Quito

Did we go to Quito? Yes, you did No, you didn't

Rule 2: In order to make an information question just add a WH question in the front.

Wh question + did + subject + verb (present) + Complement

Where did you live?
I lived in Riobamba

What time did you wake up? I woke up at 6:20 am

Note: The question has the verb in present but the answer has the verb in past.

Rule 3: the verb to be in present am, is, are while in past is only was and were

I am late

I was late

He is late

He was late

They are late

They were late.

Rule 4. To make a question with "be" in past change the verb to be to the front.

I was late.

Was I late?

Yes, you were

No you weren't

You were late.

Were you late?

Yes, I was

No, I wasn't

He was late.

Was he late? Yes, you were No, you weren't

They were late.

Were they late? Yes, he was No, he wasn't

ACTIVITY N° 6: Practice the Conversation

Victor: Hi John how are you?

John: I am great how about you?

Victor: I am fine. I heard that you speak English very well. Where did you learn?

John: I learned English at the Unach. I studied there for about 4 years. My classes were great.

Victor: Who was your English Teacher.

John: My teacher was Mr. Bravo. He is a great teacher.

John: Was he your teacher from 1st to 6th level?

Victor: yes, he was.

John: Did you use any book?

Victor: No, we didn't. He had his own method.

Victor: Did he teach you everything you know?

John: yes, he did. Like I said, he is a great teacher.

ACTIVITY N° 6.1. Practice the reading with a partner

ACTIVITY N° 6.2. Comprehension check: Answer the following questions.

Where did John Study?
How many years did he study?
How were his classes like?

Who was his English teacher?
Was his teacher Mr. Brown?
Did he use a textbook to study?

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This book emphasizes the development of a Second Language in blind students through the use of communicative strategies. It also provides the opportunity to practice basic language structures in a daily basis.

This book contains three units. Each unit has a short conversation, vocabulary grammar rules, exercises, and a reading according to each topic in Braille.

Besides, students will have the opportunity to improve the language using all of the skills by practicing in class and at home in different types of contexts through individial and group activities.

Finally, the students will be engage in the learning process with the teachers guide.

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