

# Construction site safety

VOCABULARY

LEVEL  
Intermediate

NUMBER  
EN\_BE\_2541V

LANGUAGE  
English

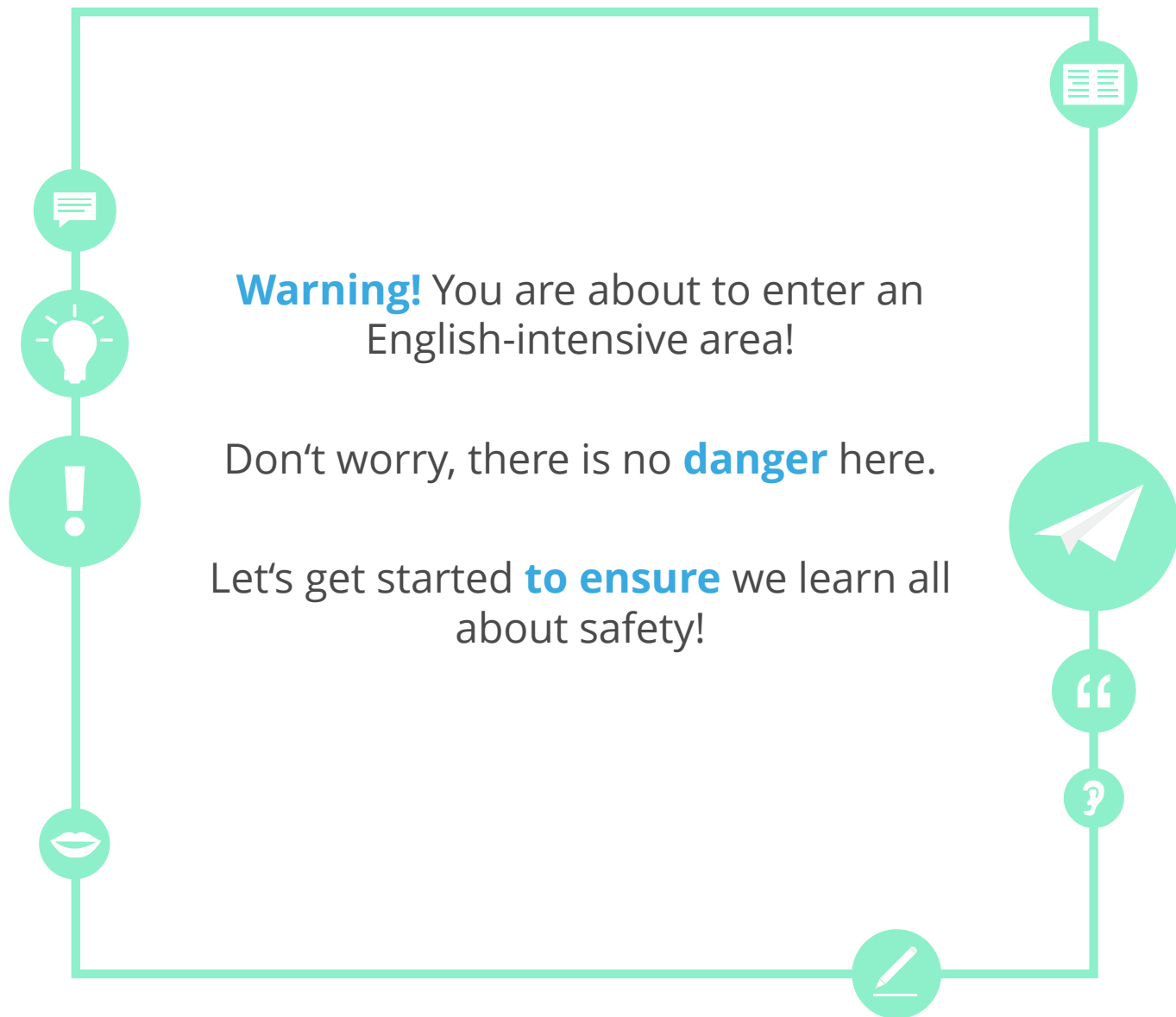




## Goals

- Can use vocabulary relating to a construction site and ways to talk about safety.
- Can correctly use verbs associated with giving rules and instructions.







## Preview

In this lesson, you will learn vocabulary related to **construction sites** and **safety instructions**.



We must **ensure** everyone is wearing **helmets**.



## Vocabulary review slide

helmet

safety glasses

boots

ear protectors

goggles

high-visibility  
jackets

vest

gloves



construction site



These men are working on a **construction site**.

## scaffolding



The building is covered in **scaffolding**.





## New words

digger

The **digger** cleared the trees for the new development.



crane

The **cranes** stand over the construction site.



ladder

Be careful when you climb the **ladder**.







## New words

**bulldozer**

The **bulldozer** filled in the hole with sand.



**dumper truck**

Load the stone in the back of the **dumper truck**.



**pneumatic drill**

I wear ear protection when using a **pneumatic drill**.



**wheelbarrow**

Ted has a **wheelbarrow** in the garden shed.





## Match the pictures

1. crane

2. dumper truck

3. bulldozer

4. digger

5. pneumatic drill

6. wheelbarrow

7. ladder

8. scaffolding

A



C



E



G



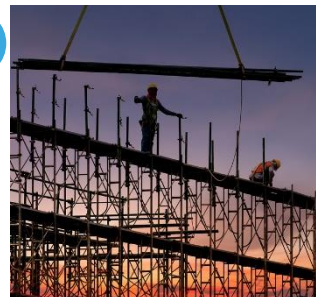
B



D



F



H





## Categorise

Divide the following vocabulary as either *vehicles* or *tools* used on a construction site.

crane

wheelbarrow

ladder

bulldozer

pneumatic drill

dumper truck

digger

scaffolding

Vehicles

---

---

---

Tools

---

---

---



## Describe the pictures

**Look at Mark in the picture below. What is he doing? What are they building? What tools are being used? Use your imagination to create a story.**



**danger**

**warning!**

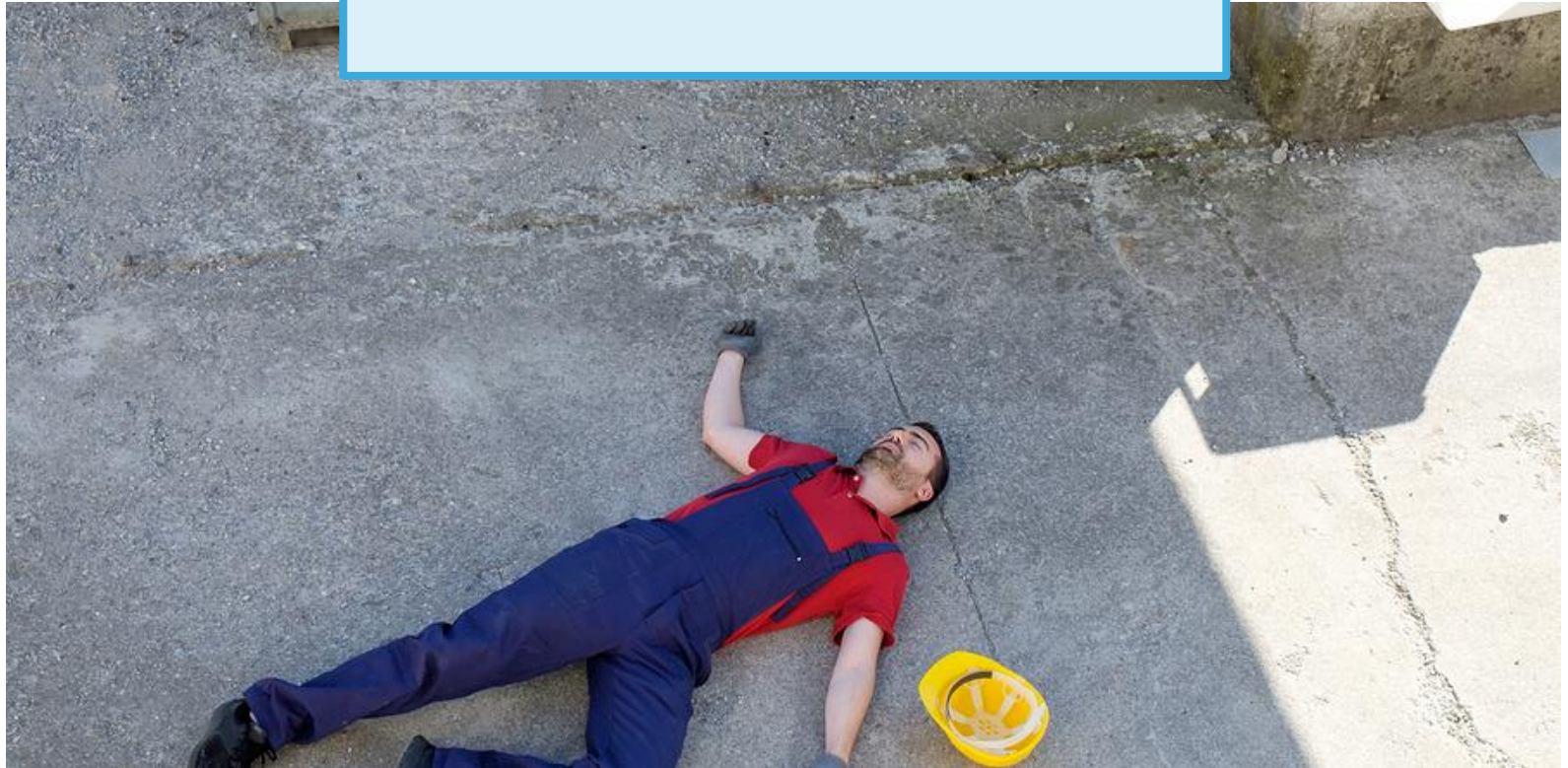
A **danger** is something with the ability to harm or cause injury.  
A **warning** is given to notify or inform someone about the existence of danger.



Do you know the **dangers** of a construction site?  
A **warning** sign tells me it is unsafe.



risk of



There is a high **risk of** injury working on a construction site.

to take care of

to be careful



Use ear protection to **take care of** your hearing.  
It is important to **be careful** while working with a pneumatic drill.





## New words

to look out for

It is important **to look out for** dangers in the backyard.



to ensure

We wear protective clothing **to ensure** there aren't any accidents.





## Sentence examples



Try **to take care of** your eyes and take a break.

**Danger!** There is a **risk of** death if you mix water and electricity.



We should try **to look out for** fire hazards in the office.



## Sentence examples



In my job I must **be careful of** dangerous currents.

We want **to ensure** a safe workplace for our staff.



**Warning!** Smoking is harmful to your health.



## Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps using the words in the box.

1. You must \_\_\_\_\_ when walking on the scaffolding.
2. We wear ear protection to \_\_\_\_\_ our ears.
3. I always \_\_\_\_\_ vehicles that are driving around the construction site.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ of death!
5. My boss told me there is a \_\_\_\_\_ injury with this drill.
6. Please \_\_\_\_\_ you wear your helmet at all times.
7. This site has lots of \_\_\_\_\_ signs.

take care of

be careful

ensure

look out for

risk of

warning

danger



## Answer the questions

Discuss the questions below as a group.



1

What are the biggest dangers on a construction site?



2

What must you ensure you always wear on a construction site?



3

What can happen if someone is not careful on a construction site?



## Role play

**You are a construction site manager and are explaining the site rules to a new worker. Be sure to explain the health and safety rules and what he or she must do to stay safe.**

You must ensure  
you always...

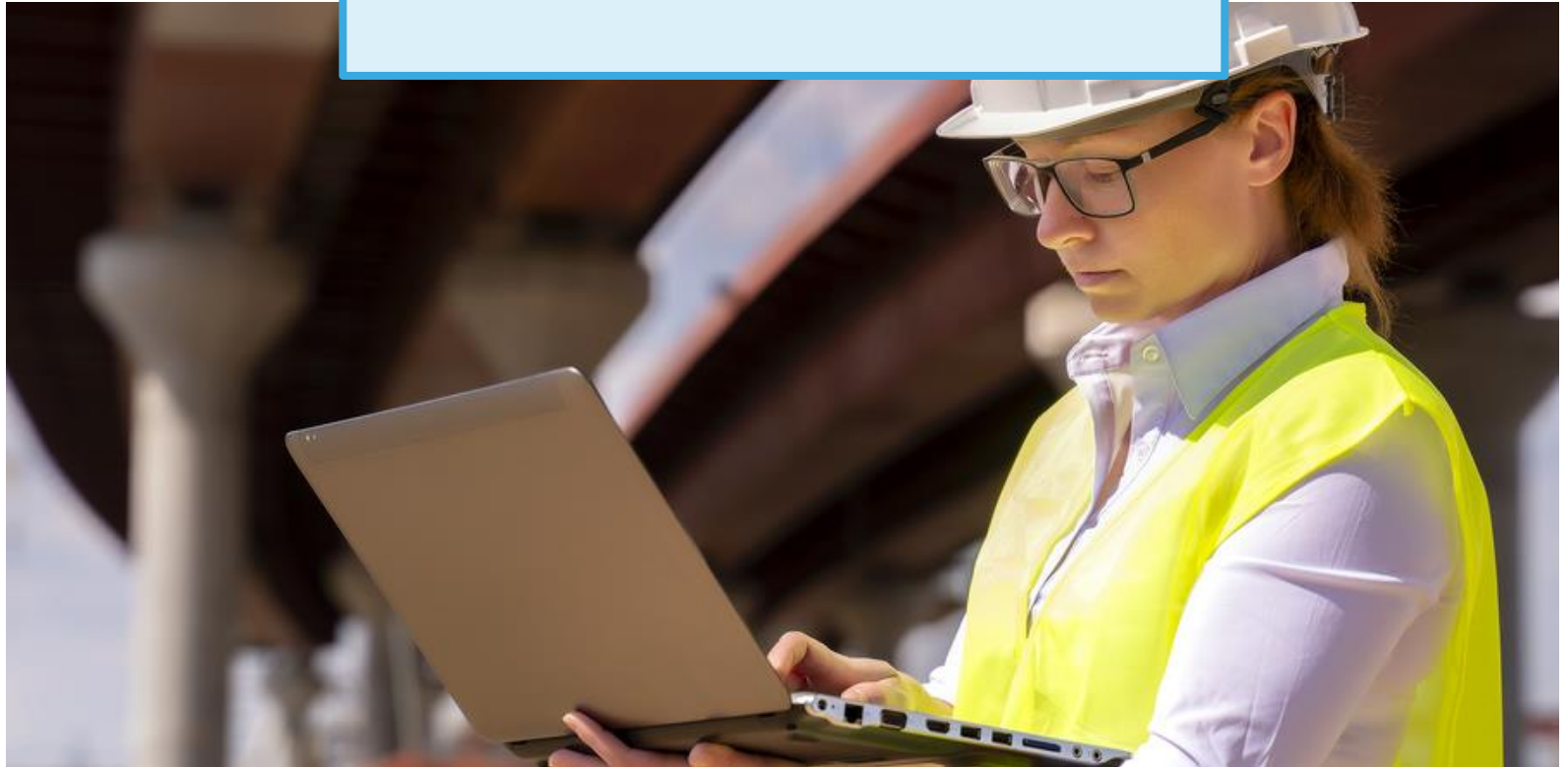


Ok, certainly! What  
about clothing?

**Student A:**  
**You are the construction site  
manager**

**Student B:**  
**You are the new worker**

required



We are all **required** to wear high-visibility jackets on site.



to protect

If we **protect** something, we keep it **safe from injury** or **damage**.



Sunglasses **protect** my eyes from the sun.

to prevent

If we **prevent** something, we take steps to stop it from happening.



Put on safety glasses **to prevent** damage to your eyes.



## Sentence examples



Please wear ear protectors **to prevent** ear pain.

A helmet is **required** past this point.



Wear gloves **to protect** your hands from injury.



## Read the text

Adam went to work at the construction site. He was feeling tired and forgot to put on his helmet and high-visibility jacket. His first job was to take the tools up to the workers on the scaffolding. He took a ladder, but didn't see the warning sign saying it was broken.

As he was climbing the ladder, he realised he wasn't wearing his gloves. On the next step of the ladder he lost his footing, and the foothold broke underneath him. As he fell to the ground he tried to catch the next step. His hand was injured because he wasn't wearing gloves. He hit the ground hard and hurt his back.





## Multiple choice

1. Adam went to work at the \_\_\_\_\_ site.

- a. containment      b. cinema      c. dig      d. construction

2. His first job was to take the tools up to the workers on the \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. wheelbarrow      b. scaffolding      c. crane      d. dumper truck

3. He didn't see the \_\_\_\_\_ sign saying it was broken

- a. warning      b. dangers      c. stop      d. give way

4. He realised he wasn't wearing his \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. glasses      b. gloves      c. shoes      d. uniform



## Writing activity

**Respond to the questions below by writing full sentences.**

What dangers were there at the construction site?

What did Adam not do to ensure he stayed safe?

How could accidents like this be prevented in the future?



## Game

- Choose one of the pictures below.
- Tell a story about how the accident happened.
- Ensure you also explain how the accident can be prevented in the future!







## Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





## Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.  
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over  
the most difficult slides again



## Answer key

### Exercise 1, p.10

1. E
2. D
3. G
4. C
5. H
6. B
7. A
8. F

### Exercise 2, p.11

Vehicles: Crane, bulldozer, dumper truck, digger

Tools: Wheelbarrow, ladder, pneumatic drills, scaffolding



## Answer key

### Exercise 4, p.27

1. D
2. B
3. A
4. B

- ### Exercise 3, p.19
1. be careful
  2. take care of
  3. look out for
  4. danger
  5. risk of
  6. ensure
  7. Warning





## Multiple choice

1. I use a helmet to protect my ...

a. hands

b. head

c. feet

d. body

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ truck can carry a very heavy load.

a. dumper

b. crane

c. digger

d. bulldozer

3. Safety glasses protect my \_\_\_\_\_ from harm.

a. head

b. ears

c. eyes

d. mouth

4. A \_\_\_\_\_ jacket ensures I am visible in a dangerous place.

a. high-visibility

b. winter

c. leather

d. cotton



## Homework writing activity

**Write about how the following items can help to protect you in the workplace.**

ear protectors

gloves

safety glasses

high-visibility  
jackets

boots

helmets



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---





## Homework answer key

Multiple choice activity, 1. b, 2. a, 3. c, 4. a.



## About this material

Find out more at  
[www.lingoda.com](http://www.lingoda.com)



This material is provided by

**lingoda**

### **lingoda** Who are we?



Why learn English online?



What kinds of English classes do we offer?



Who are our English teachers?



How do our English certificates work?



We also have a language blog!