

# Contents Preview

# CROWN

LEVEL: **PRE-INTERMEDIATE**


 CEF: **A2**

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## Pages 2 & 3: What's happening?

### News

Four specially-selected news stories from around the UK and U.S – with cultural information and activities and CROWN quick picks – ideas for your students

 **Cultural input:** Pets, technology, culture

## Pages 4 & 5: The CROWN Story

### Textbooks or iPads?

Some schools in the U.S are starting to use iPads in class instead of textbooks. Is this a good idea?

 **Language focus:** Comparatives, adjectives

 **Cultural input:** U.S school life, technology


 **Online activities:**

 **CD:**  Track 2: Listen to our report from a London school about iPads.

## Pages 6 & 7: Sport

### I've Swum the Thames!

Last year, comedian David Walliams swam the length of the River Thames to raise money for charity. CROWN looks back at this huge challenge.

 **Language focus:** past simple / present perfect + *ever*

 **Online activities:**

 **CD:**  Track 3: Listen to our CROWN reporter Jake by the River Thames.

## Page 8: Snoop

### Lunch Box

CROWN looks inside 12-year-old Mohammed's lunch box and asks him about what's inside. PLUS! Lots of facts about how British children eat.

 **Online activities:**

 **Online extra:**

 **Video:**  What do CROWN editors eat?

## Page 9: Real Life

### "I've never cut my hair!"

Aimee Chase is eleven years old. Until now, she's NEVER cut her hair! CROWN talks to her about her first ever haircut and raising money for charity.

 **Language focus:** Present perfect / superlatives

## Pages 10 & 11: Stars

### Mila Kunis: from Ukraine to USA

Actress Mila Kunis moved to the U.S when she was seven years old. She couldn't speak a word of English and suffered from culture shock. How did she cope?


 **Language focus:** Comparatives / Culture

 **Cultural input:** U.S / Ukraine

 **Online activities:**

 **Online extra:**

## Page 12: Crown Online

 What's happening on our website? CROWN finds out!

## Page 13: Film

### Josh Hutcherson: the next big star?

We count down ten facts about *The Hunger Games* star Josh Hutcherson. Plus a very special *Hunger Games* competition!

 **Language focus:** Present perfect

## Pages 14 & 15: Facebook History

### If Charles Dickens was on Facebook

A summary of the life of one of Britain's best known authors – through Facebook!

 **Language focus:** Present perfect

 **Cultural input:** Charles Dickens' 200th birthday!

 **CD:**  Track 4: Charles Dickens.

## Page 16: Happy Birthday

### Sydney Harbour Bridge

It's the historic landmark's 80th birthday! CROWN looks at the bridge then and now.

 **Language focus:** Superlatives