

10 B2 CHUNKS YOU'LL ACTUALLY USE

Practise the chunks from the video and make them part of your active English.

THE 10 CHUNKS

1. I tend to + base verb

I tend to check my phone as soon as I wake up.

2. When it comes to + noun / -ing

When it comes to cooking, I'm quite creative.

3. I'm not used to + noun / -ing

I'm not used to working at night.

4. I'd rather + base verb

I'd rather stay at home tonight.

5. It's worth + noun / -ing

That film is definitely worth seeing.

6. There's no point in + -ing

There's no point in worrying about it now.

7. The thing is + clause

I'd love to come. The thing is, I have to work.

8. No matter + what / where / who / when / how

No matter how tired I am, I always read before bed.

9. I have a hard time + -ing

I have a hard time remembering people's names.

10. It turns out (that) + clause

I thought the shop was closed, but it turns out it was open.

EXERCISE 1 — CHOOSE THE RIGHT CHUNK

Complete each sentence with a chunk from the box. Use each chunk once.

I tend to • when it comes to • I'm not used to • I'd rather • it's worth • there's no point in • the thing is • no matter • I have a hard time • it turns out

1. _____ worrying about things you can't change.

2. _____ how busy I am, I always try to find time for my family.

3. _____ working from home than commuting every day.
 4. _____ remembering people's names when I first meet them.
 5. _____ spend too much money when I'm on holiday.
 6. _____ learning languages, consistency is more important than studying for hours once a week.
 7. I thought the restaurant would be expensive, but _____ it was actually quite reasonable.
 8. I'd love to join you. _____, I've already made plans for tonight.
 9. If you're visiting the city, _____ going to the old town.
 10. I've only recently started working nights, so _____ sleeping during the day.
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EXERCISE 2 — BUILD THE SENTENCE

Put the words in the correct order to make natural sentences.

1. **tend / I / to / things / overthink**

1. **comes / travelling / when / to / it / plan / everything / I**

1. **used / getting / early / I'm / up / not / to**

1. **rather / tonight / stay / I'd / home / at**

1. **worth / definitely / trying / it's**

1. **point / arguing / no / about / there's / in / it**

1. **thing / don't / the / enough / is / time / I / have**

1. **tired / matter / I / how / am / no / I / for / go / walk / a**

1. **time / concentrating / hard / have / I / a / noise / there's / when**

1. turns / we / out / same / the / know / people / it

EXERCISE 3 — COMPLETE THE IDEA

Complete each sentence naturally. More than one answer is possible.

1. I tend to ____ when I'm tired.
 2. When it comes to ____, I'm quite good at it.
 3. I'm not used to ____ yet.
 4. I'd rather ____ **than** ____.
 5. If you visit my town or city, it's worth ____.
 6. There's no point in ____.
 7. I'd love to, but the thing is, ____.
 8. No matter how ____, **I always** ____.
 9. I have a hard time ____.
 10. I thought ____, **but it turns out** ____.
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EXERCISE 4 — MAKE IT PERSONAL

Now forget about "correct example sentences".

Use the chunks to talk about **your actual life**.

YOUR HABITS

I tend to...

Write about something you often do:

YOUR STRENGTHS OR WEAKNESSES

When it comes to...

What are you particularly good or bad at?

SOMETHING YOU'RE STILL ADAPTING TO

I'm not used to...

Think about your work, routine, environment or lifestyle:

YOUR PREFERENCE

I'd rather...

Choose between two things you often have to decide between:

YOUR RECOMMENDATION

It's worth...

Recommend a place, film, book, activity or experience:

SOMETHING THAT ISN'T WORTH THE EFFORT

There's no point in...

EXPLAIN YOURSELF

The thing is...

Imagine you have to refuse an invitation or explain a decision:

SOMETHING THAT NEVER CHANGES

No matter...

Think about something you always do, whatever the circumstances:

SOMETHING YOU FIND DIFFICULT

I have a hard time...

AN UNEXPECTED DISCOVERY

It turns out...

Think of something that wasn't what you expected:

EXERCISE 5 — SAY IT WITHOUT TRANSLATING

Read each situation. Give an immediate answer using the chunk in brackets.

Don't write first. Say your answer aloud.

1. Someone asks what you normally do when you feel stressed.
(I tend to...)
 2. Someone asks whether you're good at managing money.
(When it comes to...)
 3. You've recently started getting up at 6 a.m. and it still feels difficult.
(I'm not used to...)
 4. Your friend suggests going to a crowded restaurant, but you prefer eating somewhere quiet.
(I'd rather...)
 5. A friend is visiting your area and asks you for a recommendation.
(It's worth...)
 6. Your friend keeps worrying about something they can't change.
(There's no point in...)
 7. Someone invites you out, but you have an important meeting early tomorrow morning.
(The thing is...)
 8. You always check your messages before bed, even when you're exhausted.
(No matter how...)
 9. Someone asks what you find difficult about learning English.
(I have a hard time...)
 10. You thought something was going to be difficult, but you discovered it was actually quite easy.
(It turns out...)
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FINAL CHALLENGE — MAKE THE CHUNKS YOURS

Choose **five chunks** from this worksheet.

For each one:

1. Write one sentence that is true for you.
2. Say it aloud three times.
3. Change one part of the sentence and say it again.

For example:

I tend to stay up late at weekends.

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I tend to eat more when I'm stressed.

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I tend to listen to podcasts when I'm driving.

You're not trying to memorise one complete sentence.

You're practising the **chunk** so that you can combine it with different ideas when you speak.

MY FIVE CHUNKS

1. ____

My sentence:

Another version:

2. ____

My sentence:

Another version:

3. ____

My sentence:

Another version:

4. _____

My sentence:

Another version:

5. _____

My sentence:

Another version:

REMEMBER

Don't just recognise the chunk. Retrieve it. Personalise it. Use it.