

Developing Academic Writing Skills

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***Developing Academic Writing Skills* includes:**

- Instructor's instructions for each unit
 - Complete texts and scripts
 - Learner worksheets
 - Master SLIDES
 - Activity cards
 - CD of all task materials in electronic (Adobe PDF) format
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INTRODUCTION

The Purpose of This Curriculum

- ◆ *To learn English*
- ◆ *To respond in writing to the book of Acts*
- ◆ *To learn to write in various academic conventions*

Who This Curriculum Is For

- ◆ adults learners
- ◆ intermediate learners (Canadian Language Benchmarks 5-6)
- ◆ ESL or EFL settings — Because the Bible represents a historical setting and is couched in historical Hebrew culture, this curriculum is suitable for either ESL (English as a Second Language) or EFL (English as a Foreign Language) teaching.

How This Curriculum Is Organized

- ◆ *Text-based* — Each unit is built around selected texts from the book of Acts, The Holy Bible, New International Version® NIV®, Copyright©1973, 1978, 1984.
- ◆ *Task-based* — Meaning is at the core of language, and each task has the students using language in a meaningful way.
- ◆ *Function-based* — Each unit also develops the learners language for every day living. The language learned in class is applicable for use outside the classroom.

On-Task Time

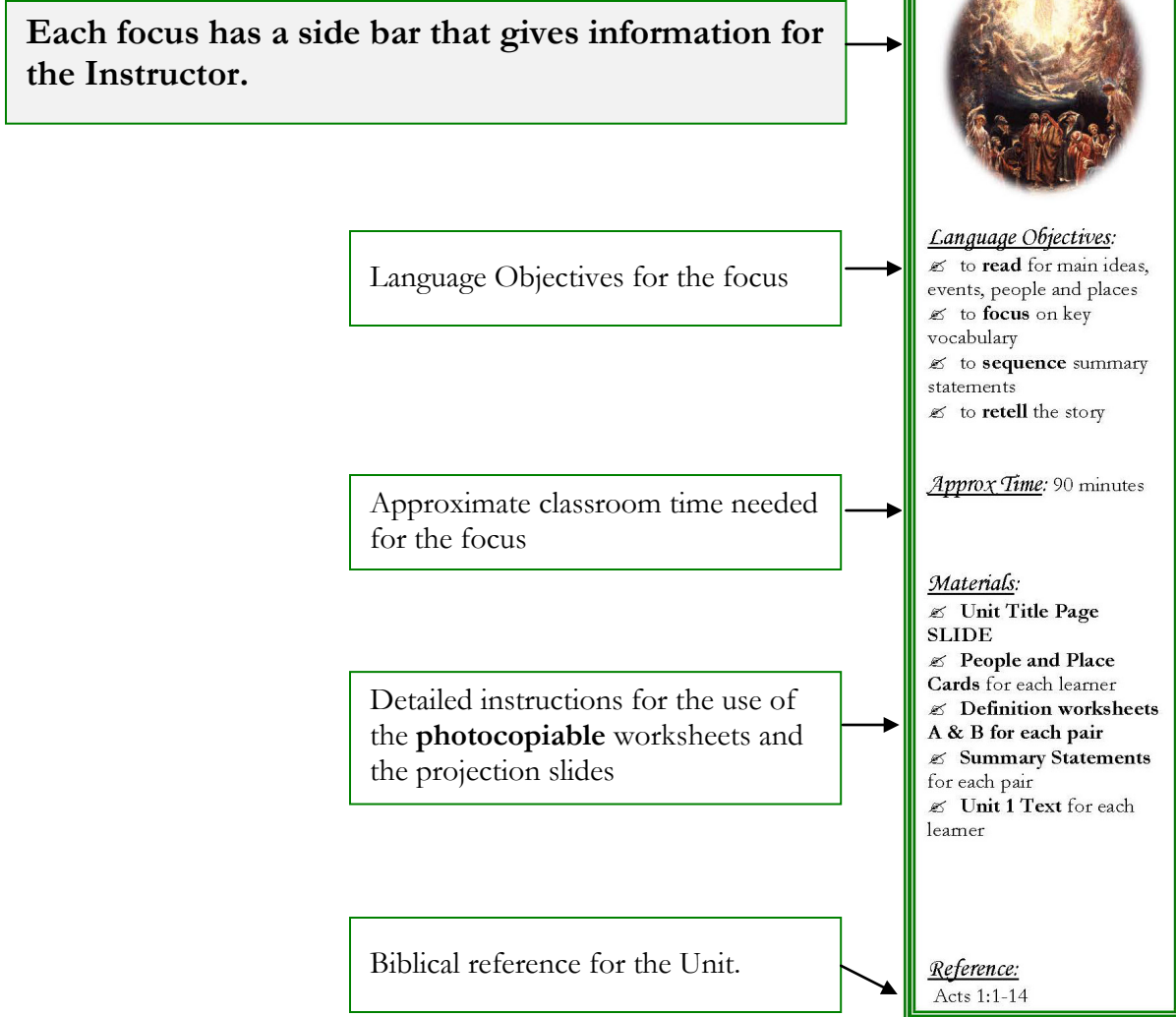
- ◆ the whole curriculum provides approximately 50-55 hours
- ◆ each unit takes approximately 4.5 hours of on-task class time
- ◆ each task varies according to the purpose and task type

USER GUIDE

- This curriculum contains twelve units of study with three foci each.
- Each unit covers a section of text from the book of Acts from the English Bible.
- The first focus of each unit guides the learners through a reading, vocabulary and understanding of a section of Acts
- The second focus leads the learners into reflection and interactions with various themes from the text through discussion
- The process of academic writing is the third focus.
- **The unit is most effective when the foci are done sequentially.**

Focus Instructions:

Each focus is presented with clear step-by-step instructions for the Instructor.



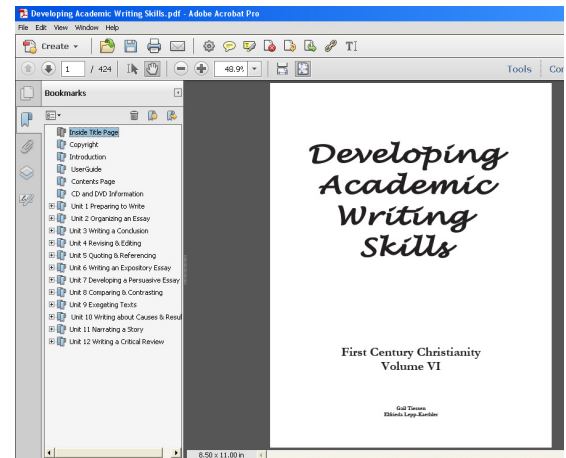
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- Place your cursor (☞) on the **Bookmark panel** (on the left side of the screen) and *click* **Unit 1 Preparing to Write**, to go to the **Unit 1 Title Page** or on the **Bookmark Panel**, place the cursor (⤴) on the plus sign (+) and *click* which will drop down a list of additional bookmarks.
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