Lesson 5 — Writing a Profile

Writing a profile (Unit 1)
Laser A2 SB p. 12 (Writing a profile: Bandhu sahifasi, bo‘limlarni moslashtirish, Language Lab — qisqartmalar, Present Simple / Present Continuous, undov belgisi) — asosiy; Solutions Elementary SB p. 18 (Writing: A personal profile — Key phrases va Writing Strategy 1) — qo‘shimcha

Class	Grade 8
Lesson type	Skills
Aim	By the end of the lesson students can write a personal profile with four headings (About me, My family, My interests, At the moment), name all six parts of the model page, and use short forms with both present tenses correctly.
Materials	Vocabulary sheet (32 items), matching worksheet (Groups A and B), slides, flashcards with audio (sozlar.com/vocab); Laser A2 p. 12, Solutions Elementary p. 18
New items	32 words and phrases

Learning outcomes

• name the six parts of a profile and say what information goes in each

• choose present simple for general situations and present continuous for right now

• use short forms and an exclamation mark in informal writing

Stage by stage (45 minutes)

Min	Stage	Teacher	Students
3	**Lead-in**	Show Bandhu's profile on the slide. Ask: where do you see pages like this? What are the six headings?	Answer; read the six headings aloud.
10	**Presentation (4 blocks)**	Present A writing a profile (6), B about me and my family (12), C my interests (9), D what my friends are doing now (5). Drill each block and check with quick questions.	Repeat, write the Uzbek meaning, find each word in Bandhu's profile on the slide.
4	**Language Lab**	Four rules from p. 12: short forms, present simple, present continuous, exclamation mark. Ask students to underline an example of each in the profile.	Underline four examples and read them out.
5	**Match the parts (recycle 1)**	Laser p. 12 ex. 2: match the six parts with the six statements; check as a class.	Match, then say which part of their own profile will be the longest.
5	**Gap fill (recycle 2)**	Twelve sentences on the sheet: choose the word or the right tense. Monitor and correct in pairs.	Work alone, then compare and justify the tense they chose.
5	**Plan your profile (recycle 3)**	Students write the four headings and two notes under each. Monitor for present simple / continuous mistakes.	Write the plan — notes only, not full sentences.
5	**Speaking (pairs)**	In pairs, students read each other's plan and ask two questions about it; then say three sentences about what their family is doing now.	Ask, answer, and correct one tense mistake in the partner's plan.
5	**Matching activity**	Hand out the matching worksheet; Group A and Group B, then swap tables.	Match the halves, read the sentences aloud, give the Uzbek meaning.
3	**Feedback and homework**	Correct two tense mistakes on the board, set the writing homework, show the flashcard link.	Correct the sentences, write down the homework.

If you are running late (skip in this order)

Bu bosqichlar darsning maqsadiga ta'sir qilmaydi — vaqt yetmasa, shu tartibda tashlab keting.

1. «Memory check» slaydi — og'zaki qiling, ekranga chiqarmang (~3 daq.).
2. «Writing a profile — four steps» slaydi — namunani og'zaki ayting (~3 daq.).
3. Talaffuz slaydi — uy vazifasiga bering, fleshkartada audio bor (~3 daq.).
4. Practice (gap fill) 7-12-bandlar — uyga bering (~3 daq.).

Questions to ask

• Where do you usually see a profile like Bandhu's?

• Which tense do we use for 'I play the violin' and which for 'I'm learning the guitar'?

• Give three short forms you can use in a profile.

• Why does Bandhu use an exclamation mark after 'very funny'?

• Which heading would you add to your own page?

Anticipated problems and solutions

• Students write 'I am play the violin' — mixing the two tenses. Put the two columns on the board: PLAY (always) / AM PLAYING (now).

• Short forms are written wrongly: 'Im', 'shes'. Show that the apostrophe replaces the missing letter.

• Students copy Bandhu's facts instead of writing their own. Ask for two true details before they start writing.

Fast finishers / weaker students

Fast finishers write the whole profile in class and add a 'My photos' caption for each picture; weaker students complete a skeleton profile where only the underlined words are missing.

Homework

• Write your own profile (80-100 words) with four headings: About me, My family, My interests, At the moment.

• Learn the 32 words (sections A-D) with the flashcards: sozlar.com/vocab/cards/?set=grade8-lesson5

• Laser A2 Workbook p. 9, exercises 1-2.

Reading text — Welcome to my page!

Welcome to my page! My name's Kamron. I live in Fergana. This is my **profile** for our school **website** — every part has **a heading**, because that is how **informal** writing works on the internet.

My family: my mum's **called** Nilufar. She's a doctor at the city hospital. My dad is a driver, not a **pilot** — but my uncle is a pilot, and that is much more interesting! I've got two sisters; they're **twins** and they are nine. We've also got **a kitten** called Oq: he is black and white and very funny!

My **interests**: I **play the violin** in **the school orchestra** and I also **play the piano**. **At the moment**, I'm learning to **play the guitar**. I love **playing chess** with my grandfather, my favourite **school subjects** are biology and English, and I'm **interested in** languages too. I **listen to music** when I do my homework and I watch DVDs with my friends at the weekend.

My best friends: **right now** Jasur is watching TV, Aziza is online and Bekzod is **having lunch**. And me? Right now I am **playing basketball** — well, almost: I'm writing this first!

Reading questions — answer key

1. The first part, about me: "I live in Fergana."; 2. His uncle — not his father.; 3. To play the guitar.; 4. Present continuous — they are doing it right now.

Word list (quick reference)

a profile — profil (shaxsiy sahifa)
a paragraph — xatboshi
be called — ismi … bo‘lmoq, …deb atalmoq
a pilot — uchuvchi
an ambition — orzu, hayotiy maqsad
friendly — do‘stona, samimiy
an interest — qiziqish
the school orchestra — maktab orkestri
play chess — shaxmat o‘ynamoq
listen to music — musiqa tinglamoq
at the moment — ayni paytda, hozir

a website — veb-sayt
informal — norasmiy
twins — egizaklar
a vet — veterinar (hayvonlar shifokori)
creative — ijodkor
honest — rostgo‘y, halol
be interested in — …ga qiziqmoq
play the piano — pianino chalmoq
backgammon — nard (o‘yin)
have lunch — tushlik qilmoq
right now — hozirning o‘zida

a heading — sarlavha (bo‘lim nomi)
an exclamation mark — undov belgisi
a kitten — mushukcha
a stepsister — o‘gay opa-singil
hard-working — mehnatkash
polite — odobli, xushmuomala
play the violin — skripka chalmoq
play the guitar — gitara chalmoq
a school subject — maktab fani
play basketball — basketbol o‘ynamoq