The materials lead up to flexibility in the teaching and learning process.

The teachers collaborating can adjust the texts in the material according to their students’ level of competence in the foreign language.

There is a clear progression in the material.

The material can be used in various learning situations.

Parts of the material can be used in the introductory sessions to cross curricular topics.

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- find examples of good practice
- give fresh ideas
- find links to dictionaries, grammars etc. (English)

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