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# 1A Mood food



## 1 VOCABULARY food and cooking

a Take the quiz in pairs.

### FOOD QUIZ

Can you think of...?

**ONE** red fruit, **ONE** yellow fruit, **ONE** green fruit  
**TWO** kinds of food that some people are allergic to  
**THREE** kinds of food that come from milk  
**FOUR** vegetables that you can put in a salad  
**FIVE** containers that you can buy food in  
**SIX** things that people sometimes have for breakfast

b ➤ p.152 Vocabulary Bank Food and cooking.

c 1 4))) Listen to these common adjectives to describe food. Do you know what they mean? Then say one kind of food that we often use with each adjective.

canned fresh frozen low-fat raw spicy take-out









## 3 LISTENING & SPEAKING

### FOOD & EATING

- 1 Is there any food or drink that you couldn't live without? How often do you eat / drink it?
- 2 Do you ever have
  - a ready-made food?
  - b take-out food? What kind?
- 3 What's your favorite
  - a fruit?
  - b vegetable?
 Are there any that you really don't like?
- 4 When you eat out do you usually order meat, fish, or vegetarian?
- 5 What food do you usually eat
  - a when you're feeling a little down?
  - b before playing sports or exercising?
  - c before you have an exam or some important work to do?

## 2 PRONUNCIATION vowel sounds

a Look at the eight sound pictures. What are the words and sounds?

1 	squid chicken spicy grilled	5 	sausage roast chocolate box
2 	beef steamed beans breakfast	6 	pork fork boiled pour
3 	grapes salmon lamb cabbage	7 	cook sugar pudding food
4 	margarine carton jar warm	8 	spoon zucchini fruit duck

b Look at the words in each list. Cross out the word that *doesn't* have the sound in the sound picture.

c 1 5))) Listen and check.

d ➤ p.166 Sound Bank. Look at the typical spellings of the sounds in a.

a 1 6))) Listen to five people talking. Each person is answering one of the questions in Food & Eating above. Match each speaker with a question.

- |   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 Speaker A | <input type="checkbox"/> Speaker D |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speaker B              | <input type="checkbox"/> Speaker E |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speaker C              |                                    |

b Listen again and make notes about their answers. Compare with a partner.

c Ask and answer the questions with a partner. What do you have in common?





## 4 READING

- a Are the foods in the list **carbohydrates** or **proteins**? With a partner, think of four more kinds of food for each category.

cake chicken pasta salmon

- b With a partner, answer the questions below with either **carbohydrates** or **proteins**.

What kind of food do you think it is better to eat...?

- for lunch if you have an important exam or meeting
- for breakfast
- for your evening meal
- if you are feeling stressed

- c Look at the title of the article. What do you think it means? Read the article once to find out, and to check your answers to **b**.

- d Read the article again. Then with a partner, say in your own words why the following people are mentioned. Give as much information as you can.

- 1 Dr. Paul Clayton
- 2 people on diets
- 3 schoolchildren
- 4 Paul and Terry
- 5 Swiss researchers

- e Find adjectives in the article for the verbs and nouns in the list. What's the difference between the two adjectives made from *stress*?

stress (*noun*) (x2) relax (*verb*) wake (*verb*)  
sleep (*verb*) power (*noun*) benefit (*noun*)

- f Ask and answer the questions with a partner.

- 1 What time of day do you usually eat protein and carbohydrates? How do they make you feel?
- 2 How often do you eat chocolate? Does it make you feel happier?
- 3 After reading the article, is there anything you would change about your eating habits?



We live in a stressful world, and daily life can sometimes make us feel tired, stressed, or depressed. Some people go to the doctor for help, others try alternative therapies, but the place to find a cure could be somewhere completely different: in the kitchen.

**Dr. Paul Clayton**, a food expert from Middlesex University, says "The brain is affected by what you eat and drink, just like every other part of your body. Certain types of food contain substances that affect how you think and feel."

For example, food that is high in carbohydrates can make us feel more relaxed. It also makes us feel happy. Research has shown that people on diets often begin to feel a little depressed after two weeks because they are eating fewer carbohydrates.

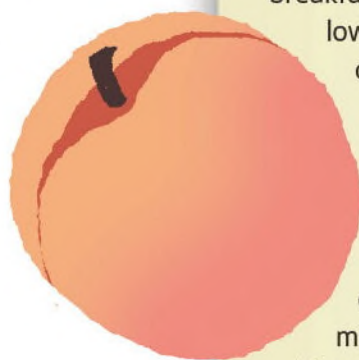
On the other hand, food that is rich in protein makes us feel awake and focused. Research has shown that schoolchildren who eat a high-protein breakfast often do better at school than children whose breakfast is lower in protein. Also, eating the right kind of meal at lunchtime can make a difference if you have an exam in the afternoon or a business meeting where you need to make some quick decisions. In an experiment for a TV show, two chess players, both former champions, had different meals before playing each other. Paul had a plate of prosciutto and salad (full of protein from the red meat), and his opponent Terry had pasta with a creamy sauce (full of carbohydrates). In the chess match Terry felt sleepy and took much longer than Paul to make decisions about what moves to make. The experiment was repeated several times with the same result.

Another powerful mood food could become a replacement for some medications doctors prescribe for stress. In a study, Swiss researchers discovered that eating one dark chocolate candy bar (about 1.4 ounces) had beneficial effects on highly stressed people. Not only did eating the dark chocolate help reduce stress, it was also shown to improve mood and reduce high blood pressure.

Why does chocolate make people less stressed? First, it causes the body to reduce the level of the stress hormone cortisol. Second, it reduces the "fight or flight" hormone—a hormone that makes people want to start a fight or run away when they are very stressed. In addition, it contains other compounds that lower blood pressure and improve your mood. These three things, along with its delicious taste, make chocolate a powerful mood changer.

### Mood food – what the experts say

- Blueberries and cocoa can raise concentration levels for up to five hours.
- Food that is high in protein helps your brain to work more efficiently.
- For relaxation and to sleep better, eat carbohydrates.
- Dark green vegetables (e.g., cabbage and spinach) and oily fish (e.g., salmon) eaten regularly can help to fight depression.





## 5 LISTENING & SPEAKING

- a Ask and answer the questions with a partner.

### RESTAURANTS

- 1 How often do you eat out?
- 2 What's your favorite...?
  - a kind of food (Chinese, Italian, etc.)
  - b restaurant dish
- 3 How important are these things to you in a restaurant? Number them 1–4 (1 = the most important).
  - ☐ the food
  - ☐ the service
  - ☐ the atmosphere
  - ☐ the price
- 4 Have you ever tried English food? What did you think of it?

- b 1 7))) Read the text about Steve Anderson. Then listen to **Part 1** of an interview with him, and number the photos in the order he mentions them.
- c Listen again. Why does he mention each thing?
- d 1 8))) Now listen to **Part 2** and answer the questions.
- 1 What does he say is the best and worst thing about running a restaurant?
  - 2 What's the main difference between British and Spanish customers?
  - 3 What kinds of customers does he find difficult?
  - 4 How does he think eating habits in Spain are changing?
- e What about you? Answer the questions with a partner.
- 1 What was your favorite food when you were a child?
  - 2 Is there anything that you like / don't like cooking?
  - 3 In your country, when people eat out would they usually tell the chef what they really think about the food?
  - 4 Do you know anyone who is a "difficult customer" in restaurants?

A



**STEVE ANDERSON** has always had a passion for food. He was first taught to cook by his mother, who is half Burmese. After studying physics in college, he got a summer job helping with a cooking course in Italy, where he met several famous chefs. One of them, Alastair Little, later hired him as a trainee chef. Two years later, he moved to Valencia in Spain and opened a restaurant, *Seu Xerea*, now one of the most popular restaurants in town.







B



C



D



E



F

## 6 GRAMMAR

simple present and continuous, action and nonaction verbs

- a 1 9)) Listen again to some of the things Steve said. Circle the form of the verb he uses.
- 1 This week for example, *I cook* / *I'm cooking* nearly every day. We *usually close* / *are usually closing* on Sundays and Mondays, but this Monday is a public holiday.
  - 2 The British always *say* / *are saying* that everything is lovely.
  - 3 Actually, I think *I prefer* / *I am preferring* that honesty, because it helps us to know what people like.
  - 4 Unfortunately, I think *they get* / *they're getting* worse. People *eat* / *are eating* more unhealthily.
- b With a partner, say why you think he has chosen each form.
- c ➤ p.132 Grammar Bank 1A. Learn more about the simple present and the present continuous, and practice them.
- d Make questions to ask your partner with the simple present or continuous. Ask for more information.

### On a typical day

- What / usually have for breakfast?
- / drink soda? How many glasses / drink a day?
- Where / usually have lunch?
- What / usually have for lunch during the week?
- / ever cook? What / make?
- / prefer eating at home or eating out?

### Right now / nowadays

- / need to buy any food today?
- / want anything to eat right now? What?
- / take vitamins or food supplements right now?
- / try to cut down on anything right now?
- / the diet in your country / get better or worse?

## 7 SPEAKING

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- 1 Men are better cooks than women.
- 2 Both boys and girls should learn to cook at school.
- 3 Cheap restaurants usually serve bad food.
- 4 On a night out with friends, where and what you eat isn't important.
- 5 Not all fast food is unhealthy.
- 6 Every country thinks that their cuisine is the best in the world.

- a 1 13)) Listen to two people discussing sentence 1. Who do you agree with more, the man or the woman? Why?
- b 1 14)) Listen to the phrases in the **Useful language** box. Copy the intonation.

### Useful language: Giving your opinion (1)

- |                |                       |                  |
|----------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| I agree.       | I'm not sure.         | For example,...  |
| I don't agree. | (I think) it depends. | In my opinion... |

- c In small groups, say what you think about sentences 2–6. Try to use the **Useful language** phrases.



Are you seeing your grandparents this weekend?

No, I'm going to stay home. I'll probably see them next weekend.

# 1B Family life

## 1 VOCABULARY & SPEAKING

### family

- Look at some photos showing family members. What's happening in each one? What do you think the relationship is between the people?
- With a partner, explain the difference between each pair.
  - a father and a parent
  - a mother and a stepmother
  - a brother and a brother-in-law
  - a grandfather and a great-grandfather
  - a nephew and a niece
  - a child and an only child
  - your immediate family and your extended family
- Read *Changing—for the better* and try to guess what the missing percentages are. Choose from the list.
 

11%	43%	60%	67%	75%
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- 1 15**) Listen and check. Do any of the statistics surprise you? Which ones do you think would be very different if the survey was taken in your country?
- Work in small groups. Say what you think and give reasons.

### Do you think that...?

- families should have a meal together every day
- children should leave home as soon as they can afford to
- parents and their teenaged children should spend a lot of time together
- parents should be friends with their children on social networking sites, e.g., Twitter
- elderly parents should live with their children when they are too old to live alone

### Useful language:

#### Giving your opinion (2)

We often use *should* + verb to say what we think is the right thing or a good thing (to do), e.g.,

*I think families **should have** dinner together every day because...*

*I don't think parents **should be** friends with their children on Twitter because...*



## Changing – for the better?

**F**amily life is changing in the US, but not in the way we might think. The results of several different US surveys expected to find that family relationships were suffering because of the decline in traditional family structures.

However, some of the results were very surprising...

32%

of young adults under 25 and

10%

of adults 30-34 still live at home with their parents.

<sup>1</sup>43%

of families eat together every day.

33%

say they have the TV on during dinner.

50%

think a new baby in the family brings more happiness.





## 2 GRAMMAR future forms

- a 1 16)) Listen to three dialogues between different family members. Who is talking to who (e.g., brother to sister)? What are they talking about?
- b Listen again and match two sentences with each dialogue (1–3).
- |  |   |
|--|---|
| A <input type="checkbox"/> I'll make you a cup of tea.         | D <input type="checkbox"/> I'm staying overnight there.   |
| B <input type="checkbox"/> You'll drive too fast.              | E <input type="checkbox"/> I'll drive really slowly.      |
| C <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not going to go to college yet. | F <input type="checkbox"/> It's going to be cold tonight. |
- c With a partner, decide which sentence (A–F) is...
- |  |                                       |                                   |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> a plan or intention | <input type="checkbox"/> a prediction | <input type="checkbox"/> an offer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> an arrangement      | <input type="checkbox"/> a promise    |                                   |
- d ➤ p.133 Grammar Bank 1B. Learn more about future forms, and practice them.

## 3 PRONUNCIATION sentence stress



### Sentence stress

An important aspect of speaking English is stressing the words in a sentence that carry the information, and not stressing the other ones. This will help you to communicate better and to speak with good rhythm.

- a 1 21)) Listen to the rhythm in these three dialogues.

- 1 A Are you **coming home** for **dinner** tonight?  
B **No**. I'm **going out** with my **friends**.
- 2 A **What** are you **going** to **do** in the **summer**?  
B We're **going** to **rent** a **house** with my **sister** and her **husband**.
- 3 A Do you **think** they'll **have children** soon?  
B I **don't think** so. **Not** for a **few years** anyway.

- b Practice them with a partner. Copy the rhythm.
- c Ask and answer the questions below. Give as much information as possible.

### ARE YOU...?

- having dinner with your family tonight
- or is anyone in your family getting married soon
- doing something with a family member this week
- visiting a relative this weekend

### ARE YOU GOING TO...?

- have a new nephew or niece soon
- have a big family get-together soon
- go on vacation with your family this year
- buy a present for a member of your family this month

### DO YOU THINK...?

- the number of people getting divorced will go up or down in the future
- the birthrate will go up or down in your country
- anyone in your family will live to be 90 or more
- you will move away from (or back to) the area where your family lives

## 4 1 22)) SONG Our House 🎵

49%

of adults are happy and enjoy their lives without a lot of stress.

2

of adults are not happy and have a lot of stress or worry in their lives.

3

of teens feel close to their family.

4

of teens want to spend more time with their parents.

5

of parents stay connected with their children on social networks.

40%

of parents worry about what their kids post on social networks.

17%

of elderly women live with a relative such as a daughter, daughter-in-law, or grandchild.



## 5 READING

- a Which do you think has more advantages, being an only child, or having brothers and sisters? Why?
- b Work in pairs. **A** read *The Younger Brother*, **B** read *The Only Child*.
- c Tell your partner about 1 and 2 below. Whose childhood sounds happier?
- 1 other family members who are mentioned
  - 2 how the writer's experience as a child affects him / her now
- d Look at the **highlighted** words in the two texts. Try to figure out their meaning from the context. Then match them with definitions 1–12.
- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ *adj* ill
  - 2 \_\_\_\_\_ *it's* no surprise that
  - 3 \_\_\_\_\_ *noun* competition between two people
  - 4 \_\_\_\_\_ *noun* the time when you were a child
  - 5 \_\_\_\_\_ *noun* a meeting of people, e.g., family
  - 6 \_\_\_\_\_ *noun* people who are fully grown
  - 7 \_\_\_\_\_ *adj* knowing about or being conscious of something
  - 8 \_\_\_\_\_ *noun* a school where children can live during the year
  - 9 \_\_\_\_\_ *verb* think that somebody or something is important
  - 10 \_\_\_\_\_ *verb* divided something between two or more people
  - 11 \_\_\_\_\_ *verb* try to hurt somebody else
  - 12 \_\_\_\_\_ *noun* a group of friends

### **G** each other

When brothers and sisters get older they value **each other** more.

Use **each other** to talk about an action between two people or groups of people, e.g., *I don't get along very well with my father. We don't understand **each other**.*

- e Talk to a partner. Do you have brothers and sisters, or are you an only child? Do you feel positive or negative about it?

## Younger brother or only child?

HOW WAS IT FOR YOU?

### THE YOUNGER BROTHER NOVELIST TIM LOTT

**Rivalry** between brothers is normal, but there was a special reason for the tension between us. I was very ill when I was born, and spent three months in the hospital with my mother. My brother did not see her at all during that time because he went to stay with an aunt. When our mother returned home, it was with a **sick** newborn baby who took all the attention. **No wonder** he hated me (although if you ask Jeff, he will say that he didn't – we remember things differently).

My brother and I were completely different. We **shared** the same bedroom, but he was neat, and I was really messy. He was responsible; I was rebellious. He was sensible; I was emotional. I don't have any positive memories of our **childhood** together, though there must have been good moments. Jeff says we used to play "Cowboys and Indians," but I only remember him trying to suffocate me under the bedcovers.

My relationship with Jeff has influenced my attitude toward my own four daughters. If the girls **fight**, I always think that the younger child is innocent. But the good news about brothers and sisters is that when they get older, they **value** each other more. Jeff is now one of my best friends, and I like and admire him greatly. For better or for worse, we share a whole history. It is the longest relationship in my life.

*Adapted from The Times*



### THE ONLY CHILD JOURNALIST SARAH LEE

I went to **boarding school** when I was seven, and the hardest thing I found was making friends. Because I was an only child, I just didn't know how to do it. The thing is that when you're an only child, you spend a lot of your time with **adults**, and you're often the only child in **a gathering** of adults. Your parents go on living more or less the way they have always lived, only now you are there, too.

I found being an only child interesting because it gave me a view of the world of adults that children in a big family might not get. And I know it has, at least partly, made me the kind of person I am – I never like being one of a group, for example. If I have to be in a group, I will always try to go off and do something on my own, or be with just one other person – I'm not comfortable with being one of **a gang**.

My parents are divorced now and my mother lives in the US and my father in the UK. I feel very responsible for them – I feel responsible for their happiness. I'm the closest relative in the world to each of them, and I am very **aware of** that.

*Adapted from The Guardian*





## 6 VOCABULARY

adjectives of personality

- a Without looking back at *The Younger Brother* text, can you remember who was *neat*, *responsible*, and *sensible* and who was *messy*, *rebellious*, and *emotional*? Do you know what the adjectives mean? Would you use any of them to describe yourself?
- b ➤ p.153 Vocabulary Bank Personality.
- c Write down the first three adjectives of personality that come into your head. Don't show them to your partner. Now go to ➤ Communication Personality p.108.

## 7 PRONUNCIATION

word stress, adjective endings

- a (1 26)) Underline the stressed syllable in these multisyllable adjectives. Listen and check.

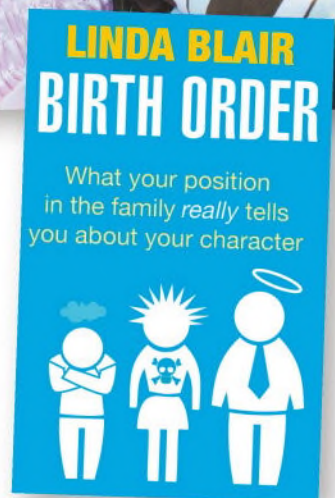
- 1 jea|lous an|xious am|bi|tious  
ge|ne|rous re|bell|ious
- 2 so|cia|ble re|li|a|ble
- 3 re|spon|si|ble sen|si|ble
- 4 com|pe|ti|tive tal|ka|tive  
a|ggre|ssive sen|si|tive
- 5 un|friend|ly in|se|cure  
im|pa|tient i|mma|ture

- b Listen again and answer the questions.

- 1 Is **-ous** pronounced /aus/ or /əs/?
- 2 Is **-able** pronounced /əbl/ or /eɪbl/?
- 3 Is **-ible** pronounced /əbl/ or /ɪbl/?
- 4 Is **-ive** pronounced /əv/ or /ɪv/?
- 5 Are **-ous** / **-able** / **-ible** / **-ive** stressed?
- 6 Are **un-** / **in-** / **im-** stressed?



## 8 LISTENING & SPEAKING



- a What's your position in the family? Are you the oldest child, a middle child, the youngest child, or an only child?
- b (1 27)) Look at the cover of Linda Blair's book. Now listen to a journalist talking about it on a radio program. Complete the chart by writing four more adjectives of personality in each column.

Oldest children	Middle children	Youngest children	Only children
sensible	relaxed	outgoing	self-confident

- c Compare with a partner. Then listen to the four sections one by one. Check your answers. What reasons or examples does the journalist give?
- d Look at the completed chart above. In pairs, say...

...if you think it is true for **you** – and if not, why not?

...if you think it is true for **other people** you know (your brothers and sisters, friends, etc.)

## 9 WRITING

- p.113 Writing A description of a person. Write a description of a friend you know well.



# Practical English Meeting the parents

## 1 VIDEO INTRODUCTION

- a Look at the photos. Describe Jenny and Rob.



- b 1 28)) Watch or listen to Jenny and Rob talking. Fill in the blanks.

Jenny Zielinski and Rob Walker work for a <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ called *New York24seven*. She's American, and he's <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Rob came to New York a few <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ ago. He had met Jenny when she went to <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on a work trip. They got along very well, and he was offered a job for a month in <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Later he was offered a <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ job. Jenny helped Rob <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ an apartment, and they are enjoying life in the US, although Rob misses his friends and <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

**American and British English**  
*apartment* = American English  
*flat* = British English

## 2 VIDEO REACTING TO WHAT PEOPLE SAY

- a 1 29)) Watch or listen to Jenny introducing Rob to her parents. What bad news does Rob have for Jenny? What good news does Jenny have for her parents?

**American and British English**  
*mom* = American English  
*mum* = British English

- b Watch or listen again and mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false). Correct the **F** sentences.
- 1 Rob left the chocolates at the office.
  - 2 Rob's desk is usually very neat.
  - 3 It's the second time that Rob has met Jenny's parents.
  - 4 Sally has prepared a big dinner.
  - 5 Jenny's new job is managing director.
  - 6 Jenny is going to be Rob's manager.





c 1 30)) Look at some extracts from the conversation. Can you remember any of the missing words? Watch or listen and check.

- 1 Jenny Don't forget the chocolates.  
Rob OK. Oh, \_\_\_\_\_!  
Jenny I don't \_\_\_\_\_ it. Don't tell me you forgot them?  
Rob I think they're still on my desk.  
Jenny \_\_\_\_\_ kidding.
- 2 Jenny Mom, I'm really sorry – we bought you some chocolates, but we left them at the office.  
Sally What a \_\_\_\_\_ mind.
- 3 Jenny But I also have some good news.  
Sally \_\_\_\_\_? What's that?
- 4 Sally So you've got a promotion? \_\_\_\_\_  
fantastic!  
Harry That's great \_\_\_\_\_!
- 5 Sally Let's go and have dinner.  
Jenny What a \_\_\_\_\_ idea!

d 1 31)) Watch or listen and repeat the phrases in the chart below. Copy the rhythm and intonation.

#### REACTING TO WHAT PEOPLE SAY

##### What you say when you hear...

something surprising	You're kidding. I don't believe it.
something interesting	Really?
some good news	How fantastic! That's great news! What a great idea!
some bad news	Oh, no! What a pity. Never mind.



#### How + adjective, What + noun

We often use *How* + adjective or *What* + noun to respond to what people say.

*How interesting! How awful! How amazing!*

*What a pity! What a good idea! What terrible news!*

e Practice the dialogues in c with a partner.

f ► **Communication** *How awful! How fantastic! A p.104 B p.109.*

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## HARRY FINDS OUT MORE ABOUT ROB



a 1 32)) Watch or listen to the after-dinner conversation. Does the evening end well or badly?

b Watch or listen again and answer the questions.

- 1 What school did Jenny go to?
- 2 Is Harry impressed by Rob's job? Why (not)?
- 3 What does Harry like doing in his free time?
- 4 Who are most of the photos in the dining room of?
- 5 Who are Miles Davis, John Coltrane, and Wynton Marsalis?
- 6 What surprises Harry about Rob?

c Look at the **Social English phrases**. Can you remember any of the missing words?

#### Social English phrases

Harry How do you \_\_\_\_\_ your career?

Rob Not \_\_\_\_\_. I'm more of a writer.

Rob Oh, you know, interviews, reviews, \_\_\_\_\_ like that...

Rob I \_\_\_\_\_, I like photography.

Harry That's \_\_\_\_\_ most of them are of Jenny.

Harry How \_\_\_\_\_!

Rob Well, he's a really nice \_\_\_\_\_.

Harry Go \_\_\_\_\_, son!

d 1 33)) Watch or listen and complete the phrases.

e Watch or listen again and repeat the phrases. How do you say them in your language?



#### Can you...?

- ☐ react to good news, bad news, unexpected news, and interesting news
- ☐ introduce yourself and other people
- ☐ use phrases that give you time to think, e.g., *you know, I mean*, etc.



# 2A Spend or save?

## 1 VOCABULARY money

a 1 34)) Listen to a song about money. Fill in the blanks with phrases A–G.

- A a material world
- B comes with a fee
- C foot the bill
- D for free
- E paper or plastic
- F shopping sprees
- G with money

b Listen again and read the lyrics. Which phrase (A–G) means...?

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ rich
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ cash or credit cards
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ you have to pay for it
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ pay the bill
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ that you don't have to pay for
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ buying a lot of things at one time
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ a consumer society

c What do you think the song is saying? Do you think it is...?

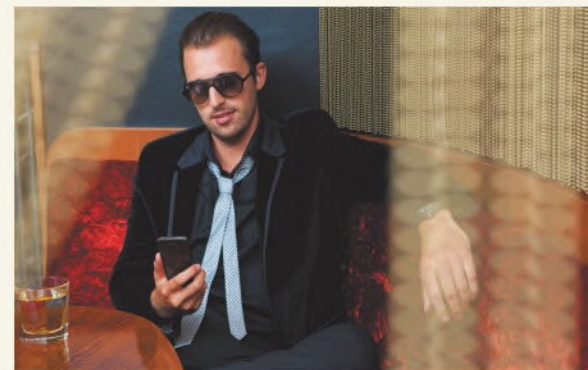
- very cynical
- sad, but sometimes true
- offensive to women (and men)

d ➤ p.154 Vocabulary Bank Money.



## Girls & Boys

Educated, I \_\_\_\_\_  
He's well-dressed  
Not funny  
And not much to say in  
Most conversations  
But he'll \_\_\_\_\_ in  
All situations  
'Cause he pays for everything



Girls don't like boys, girls like cars and money  
Boys will laugh at girls when they're not funny

3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Don't matter  
She'll have it  
Vacations  
And 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
These are a few  
Of her favorite things  
She'll get what she wants  
If she's willing to please  
His type of girl  
Always 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
Hey, now, there's nothing 6 \_\_\_\_\_



Girls don't like boys, girls like cars and money  
Boys will laugh at girls when they're not funny  
And these girls like these boys like these boys like these girls  
The girls with the bodies like boys with Ferraris  
Girls don't like boys, girls like cars and money




All of these boys, yeah get all of these girls  
Losing their souls in 7 \_\_\_\_\_



## 2 PRONUNCIATION the letter o

- a Can you remember which word rhymes with *money* in the song *Girls & Boys*?
- b Look at some more words with the letter *o*. Put them in the correct column.

clothes dollar done honest loan money go  
nothing owe shopping some sold won

- c 1 38))) Listen and check.
- d Look at some words with the letters *or*. How is *or* usually pronounced when it's stressed? Which two are different?

afford order worth organized mortgage store work

- e 1 39))) Listen and check.
- f Practice saying these sentences.  
Let's go shopping for clothes.  
Can I borrow some money?  
He won a million dollars.  
They can't afford to pay the mortgage.  
I work in a store.  
I've done nothing wrong.

## 3 READING & SPEAKING

- a Read the questionnaire and choose your answers.
- b Compare your answers with a partner. Say why.
- c ► **Communication** *Spender or saver?* p.108. Find out if you are a spender or a saver.

## 4 LISTENING

- a 1 40))) Listen to six people answering the question *Are you a spender or a saver?* How many are savers?
- b Listen again and match speakers 1–6 with A–F. Who...?
- A ☐ always has money in the bank  
B ☐ often ends up with no money  
C ☐ thinks he / she is careful with money, but not cheap  
D ☐ enjoys spending money on his / her hobby  
E ☐ can save money if he / she needs to  
F ☐ prefers to live now than worry about the future

## ARE YOU A SPENDER OR A SAVER?

1 You go shopping and you see something very expensive that you really want, but can't afford. You...

- a buy it with your credit card. You can worry about the bill next month.  
b already have some money in the bank and plan to save for a couple of weeks and then buy the thing you want.  
c borrow the money and agree to pay back a small amount every week.

2 You get \$100 for your birthday. You...

- a spend some of it and save some.  
b go straight to a shopping mall and spend it all.  
c put all of it in your bank account until you know what you want to spend it on.

3 Do you always know how much money you have, how much money you have spent, and on what?

- a Yes. I'm very organized and know exactly what I have and what I've spent.  
b No. I have no idea. When I have money, I usually just spend it.  
c I usually have a rough idea about what I spend my money on.

4 You borrowed some money from a friend, but you don't think that you'll be able to pay it back by the time you promised to. You...

- a don't worry about it. Hopefully your friend will forget about it, too!  
b figure out how much money you have and how much you owe. You speak to your friend and explain the situation and offer to pay the money back in small installments.  
c talk to your friend and promise that you'll pay him / her back, but it might take a little longer than you first thought.

5 You have a friend who often borrows money from you and never pays you back. He / She wants to borrow \$50. You...

- a lend him / her the money. You can afford it, and it doesn't matter if you don't get it back.  
b say no; he / she owes you too much already.  
c lend the money, but explain that it is the last time, until he / she has paid back this loan.



## 5 GRAMMAR present perfect and simple past

- a Read the conversation. What are they arguing about?
- b 1 41)) Read the conversation again, and put the verbs in the present perfect or the simple past. Then listen and check.



David I <sup>1</sup>haven't seen (see) those shoes before. Are they new?

Kate Yes. I <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (just buy) them. Do you like them?

D They're OK. How much <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (cost)?

K Oh, not much. They <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (be) a bargain. Under \$100.

D You mean \$99.99. That isn't cheap for a pair of shoes. Anyway, we can't afford to buy new clothes right now.

K Why not?

D <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (see) this?

K No. What is it?

D The phone bill. It <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (come) this morning. And we <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not pay) the electricity bill yet.

K Well, what about the iPad you <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (buy) last week?

D What about it?

K You <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not need) a new one. The old one <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (work) just fine.

D But I <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (need) the new model.

K Well, I <sup>12</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (need) some new shoes.

- c Do we use the present perfect (PP) or simple past (SP)...?
- 1 for a completed action in the past \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 for recent actions when we don't ask / say exactly when \_\_\_\_\_
- d ► p.134 Grammar Bank 2A. Learn more about the present perfect and simple past, and practice them.

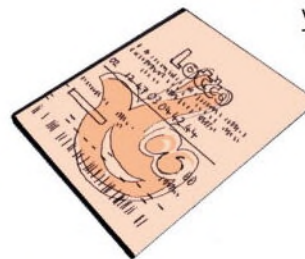
- e In pairs, interview each other with the questions. Ask for more information.

## HAVE YOU EVER...?

- bought or sold something on eBay or a similar site
- lost a credit card or your wallet
- saved for something for a long time



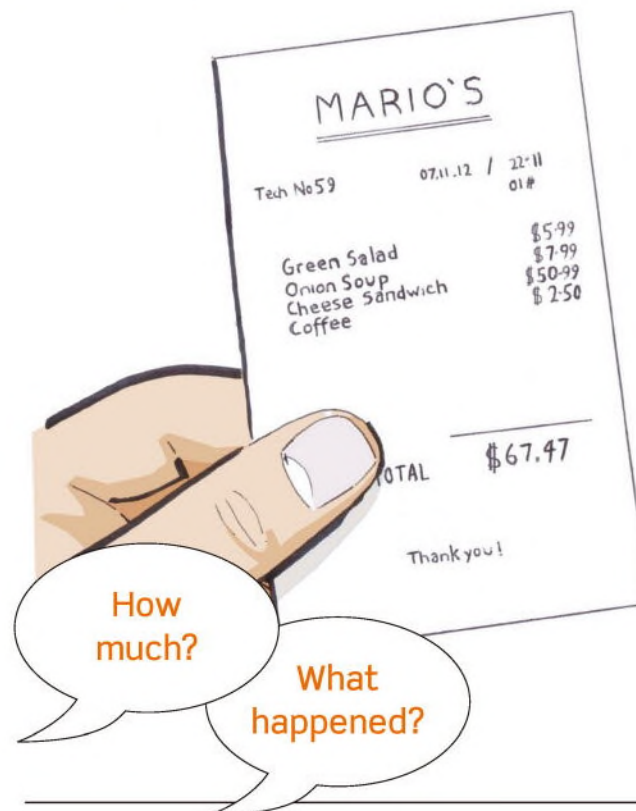
- wasted money on something you've never used



- won any money (e.g., in a lottery)
- lent money to someone who didn't pay you back

- bought something online and then discovered that it was a scam

- been charged too much in a restaurant



Have you ever bought or sold something on eBay? Yes, I sold my old computer.

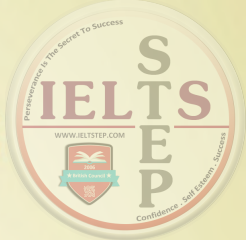
Who did you sell it to? How much did you sell it for?



## 6 READING & SPEAKING

- a In pairs, answer the questions. Give as much information as you can.
- 1 Think of two people you know personally or have heard of who are very rich. Did they...?
    - a earn their money (how?)
    - b inherit their money (who from?)
    - c win it (how?)
  - 2 If they earned their money, was it because...?
    - a they were very lucky
    - b they worked very hard
    - c they had a special talent
- b Now read an interview with a billionaire. How did he become so rich? Why is his success surprising? What does he do to help homeless people?
- c Now read the interview again and number the events in the order in which they happened.
- A ☐ He was homeless again.  
B ☐ He delivered newspapers.  
C ☐ An investor didn't give him the money he had promised him.  
D ☐ He sold encyclopedias from door-to-door.  
E ☐ He left his wife.  
F ☐ He was homeless.  
G ☒ I He sold Christmas cards from door-to-door.  
H ☐ He started a hair product company with \$700.  
I ☐ He was able to pay his bills on time.
- d What do you think you can learn from John's story?
- e Look at the **highlighted** words and phrases related to money and business. With a partner, try to figure out the meanings from context.
- f Complete the questions with one of the **highlighted** words and phrases. Then ask and answer the questions with a partner.
- 1 What **brand** of hair product do you use? How long have you used it?
  - 2 Do you know anybody who sells encyclopedias or other products \_\_\_\_\_? What does he / she sell? Does he / she enjoy his / her job?
  - 3 If you needed a \_\_\_\_\_ to lend you money to start a business, who would you ask? Why?
  - 4 Have you ever experienced \_\_\_\_\_ from a boss, a teacher, etc.? How did you feel?
  - 5 Do you know anybody who has tried to succeed in a difficult career (like acting), but who hasn't \_\_\_\_\_ yet? Is he / she still trying, or has he / she given up?

## FROM THE STREETS TO SUCCESS!



John DeJoria, an American **billionaire** businessman, owns several companies, including John Paul Mitchell Systems, a successful **brand** of hair products. However, DeJoria was not always **wealthy**. He was the second son of immigrant parents and grew up in a very poor area of Los Angeles, California. Before forming his hair product company with only \$700, he was a street gang member for some of his youth, he then worked at **low-paying** jobs including encyclopedia **salesman**, janitor, and insurance salesman, and he was homeless twice. DeJoria's **selfmade** rise is an inspiring story.

### As a child, you were fairly **entrepreneurial**, weren't you?

My first job, at 9 years old, was selling Christmas cards door-to-door. At 10 years old, my brother and I had **paper routes**. We got up at 4 o'clock a.m., folded the papers, and delivered them, and then got ready for school.

### As you got older, you continued to work. Is that right?

The job that was one of the most influential experiences you can imagine was **door-to-door** selling encyclopedias. Doors literally slam in your face—maybe 30, 40 doors before the first **customer** will actually talk to you and let you in.

### You've been homeless, haven't you?

Twice. Once, when I was about 22 years old. The other time was when I started John Paul Mitchell Systems in 1980. I wasn't getting along with my wife at the time. So I had left and had given her all the money. We had a **backer** for John Paul Mitchell Systems **putting in a half-million dollars**. That money was supposed to arrive that day. I never got a penny. So I just slept in my car. And I slept in my car for the first two weeks when I started the company. So we started with humble beginnings.

### Do memories of the streets motivate you?

It sure makes you very appreciative of what you have in your life. Those who are homeless—like people with kids who are homeless—I really have a heart for. So I participate in a lot of charitable organizations that take the homeless off the streets.

### What are the biggest problems you've faced in business?

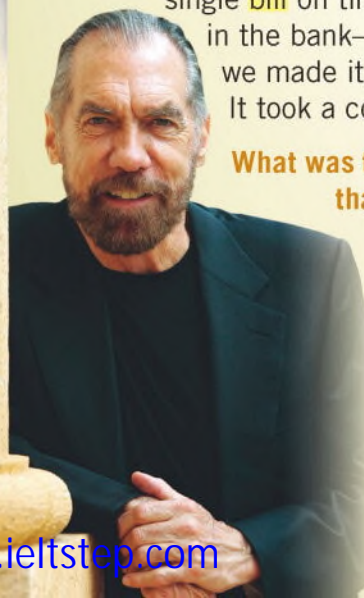
The biggest problem is **rejection**. Any business you start, be ready for it. The difference between successful people and unsuccessful people is that the successful people do all the things the unsuccessful people don't want to do. When 10 doors are slammed in your face, go to door number 11, with a smile.

### When did you know you had made it?

I was in business two years, and we were able to pay every single **bill** on time. We had a couple of thousand dollars in the bank—\$4,000, to be exact. And we said, "Man we made it; it's all downhill now." It was really hard. It took a couple years.

### What was the first thing you bought yourself at that point?

I went to a restaurant. This is the first time I said I'm going to order off the left side of the menu, not the right side. The right side is where the prices are. Carne asada, guacamole, whatever I wanted. I didn't even look at the prices. That, to me, was a pretty big deal.





# 2B Changing lives



## 1 LISTENING

- a** Look at the photos. Where do you think they were taken? What can you see in each photo?
- b** (1 45))) You are going to listen to an interview with Jane, talking about a trip she took in 2008. Listen to **Part 1**. Where did she go? What did she decide to do after the trip?
- c** Listen again. What does Jane say about:
- her normal job
  - the vacation to Uganda
  - what happened when the lorry broke down
  - the condition of the school
  - the children
  - what the headmaster asked her for

### Glossary

**holiday** *BritE* for vacation

**lorry** *BritE* for truck

**headmaster** *BritE* for principal

- d** (1 46))) Now listen to **Part 2**. Correct the wrong information in these sentences.

- Jane's son chose the name *Adelante África*, which means "Go forward, Africa" in Spanish.
- The new school opened in 2012.
- Today the school has 75 children.
- Adelante África* has also been trying to improve the children's English.
- They are building a home for the teachers.
- Two of Jane's children have been helping in Uganda.
- Jane says the school has changed children's lives because it has given them an education.
- Jane thinks that she gives more than she gets.
- The website has a video Jane's daughter took of her teaching the children.

- e** Compare your answers with a partner. Then listen again to check.
- f** Do you know anybody like Jane who does a lot of work for a charity? What do they do?



## 2 GRAMMAR present perfect + *for* / *since*, present perfect continuous

a Match the questions and answers.

- How long has Jane been a writer? \_\_\_\_
- How long has *Adelante África* had a website? \_\_\_\_
- How long has she been working for *Adelante África*? \_\_\_\_

- A Since 2008.  
B For about 22 years.  
C For four years.



b Answer with a partner.

- Are the three questions and answers in **a** about...?
  - a period of time in the past
  - a period of time from the past until now
  - a period of time in the present
- What's the difference in form between the first two questions and question 3?

c ➤ **p.135 Grammar Bank 2B.** Learn more about the present perfect with *for* / *since* and the present perfect continuous, and practice them.

## 3 PRONUNCIATION sentence stress

a (1 49)) Listen once and try to write down the stressed words in the large pink rectangles.

- How long \_\_\_\_\_ learning French ?
- \_\_\_\_\_ .
- \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- \_\_\_\_\_ .
- \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- \_\_\_\_\_ .

b Look at the stressed words and try to remember what the unstressed words are. Then listen again to check and write them in.

c Listen again and repeat the sentences. Copy the rhythm.

d (1 50)) Listen and make questions.

))) It's snowing. ( How long has it been snowing?

## 4 SPEAKING

a Look at the circles, and write something in as many as you can.

- Circle 1:** Illustration of a woman. Prompt: "A friend you know very well"
- Circle 2:** Illustration of a laptop with social media icons. Prompt: "A social networking site you use regularly"
- Circle 3:** Illustration of a basketball hoop. Prompt: "A sport you play regularly (or a kind of exercise you do regularly)"
- Circle 4:** Illustration of a motorcycle. Prompt: "The car / motorcycle / bike you have"
- Circle 5:** Illustration of a house. Prompt: "The place where you live"
- Circle 6:** Illustration of a plate of food. Prompt: "A cafe or restaurant you often go to"
- Circle 7:** Illustration of a mobile phone. Prompt: "A gadget you have that is very important to you"
- Circle 8:** Illustration of a membership card. Prompt: "An organization, club, gym, etc. you are a member of"
- Circle 9:** Illustration of a trumpet. Prompt: "Something you are learning (to do)"

b Compare circles with a partner. Ask your partner at least three questions about the things he or she has written. One question must be *How long have you...?*

How long have you been using Twitter? ( For about a year.

Do you write things on it or do you just read other people's tweets?

Why did you buy a Nissan Juke?

Because it's small, and it's very "green."

How long have you had it?



## 5 READING & LISTENING

a In your country, are there charity events to raise money for a good cause? Have you ever taken part in one? What did you do? How much money did you raise?

b You're going to read an article about Helen Skelton, who agreed to kayak down the Amazon for charity. Read the introduction and answer the questions.

- 1 What did Helen do last year for charity?
- 2 What is she hoping to do this year?
- 3 What is dangerous about the trip?
- 4 What experience does she have?

c Before you read the texts of Helen's first three phone calls, imagine what kinds of problems you think she had on her trip. Then read and check. Were you right?

d **1 51**) Read **Phone calls 1–3** again and fill in the blanks with the correct word. Then listen and check.

- |               |               |             |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1 a in front  | b behind      | c back      |
| 2 a freezing  | b hot         | c boiling   |
| 3 a exhausted | b angry       | c lost      |
| 4 a down      | b up          | c over      |
| 5 a long      | b wide        | c short     |
| 6 a ice cream | b coffee      | c chocolate |
| 7 a sleep     | b paddle      | c rest      |
| 8 a boring    | b interesting | c worrying  |
| 9 a being     | b feel        | c feeling   |
| 10 a sick     | b well        | c hard      |

e **1 52**) Now listen to the rest of Helen's trip down the Amazon. Did she manage to finish?

f Listen again. Then answer the questions.

### Phone call 4

- 1 Why hasn't she had any music for three days?
- 2 What does she do to pass the time?
- 3 Why didn't she celebrate reaching the halfway point?

### Phone call 5

- 4 What have been driving her crazy this week?
- 5 What wildlife has she seen?
- 6 Why is she starting to feel a little sad?

### The 6:00 news

- 7 How many miles did she do altogether?
- 8 How long did the trip take?
- 9 What did Helen miss?
- 10 What is the first thing she is going to do when she gets home?

g Tell your partner about an adventure sport you've done or an exciting experience you've had. Was it a positive experience? Why (not)? How did you feel?

## TV host's Amazon

Helen Skelton hopes to become the first woman to kayak down the Amazon River.

Helen Skelton is a 26-year-old TV host of *Blue Peter*, a show for young people. She has never been afraid of a challenge. Last year, she became the second woman to complete the 78-mile Ultra Marathon in Namibia, running the three consecutive marathons in 23 hours and 50 minutes. But when *Blue Peter* decided to do something to raise money for the charity Sports Relief (which sponsors projects around the world), Skelton said that she wanted an even bigger challenge. So they suggested that she kayak 1,998 miles down the Amazon from Nauta in Peru to Almeirim in Brazil.

This is a very risky trip. There are no roads and no towns, only rainforest and the river (which is sometimes more than 24 miles wide and infested with crocodiles). If she gets sick, it will take around 11 hours to fly her to a hospital.



### Phone call 1

“Everything went wrong. I only managed half a day on Wednesday, the first day, and on Thursday we started late, so I'm already <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. I've been suffering from the heat. It's absolutely <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, and the humidity is 100% at lunchtime. I went the wrong way, and I had to paddle against the current. I was <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_! They asked me, 'Do you want to give <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?' but I said, 'No!' Because I've also been having a wonderful time! There are pink dolphins – pink, not gray – that come close to the boat. I think that if I can do 62 miles a day, then I can make it.”





# challenge



Helen has only been kayaking once before in her life, so she has been training four hours a day. Last week, she arrived at the Amazon in Peru. After two days of kayaking, she made the first of her phone calls.



## Phone call 2

“I’ve been on the Amazon for a week now, and I’ve been paddling for six out of the seven days. The river is incredibly <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, and it’s very hard to paddle in a straight line. The water is so brown that I can’t see my paddle once it goes under the surface. It looks like melted <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. I start at 5:30 in the morning, and I <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ for at least 10 hours, from 5:30 a.m. until dark, with only a short break for lunch. My hands have been giving me problems – I have big blisters. I now have them bandaged in white tape.

I’m usually on the water for at least 10 hours; it’s <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ at times, and exciting at others. I listen to music on my iPod. I’ve been listening to *Don’t Stop Me Now* by Queen to inspire me! ”

## Phone call 3

“I haven’t been <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ very well this week. The problem is heat exhaustion. They say it’s because I haven’t been drinking enough water. I’ve been traveling 62 miles a day, which is my target. But yesterday after 52 miles, I was feeling <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, and my head was aching, and I had to stop and rest. ”

## 6 VOCABULARY & PRONUNCIATION

### strong adjectives



#### Strong adjectives

Some adjectives have a strong meaning, e.g.,

*I had to paddle against the current. I was **exhausted**! (= very tired)*

*I’ve had a **fantastic** time! (= very good)*

With strong adjectives you can use *absolutely* or *really*, but NOT *very*.

*I’ve been suffering from the heat. It’s **absolutely boiling**. NOT *very-boiling*.*

#### a Complete the sentences with a regular adjective.

- 1 A Was Lisa’s father **angry** about the car?  
B Yes, he was **furious**!
- 2 A Is Oliver’s apartment \_\_\_\_\_?  
B Yes, it’s really **tiny** – just a bedroom and a living room.
- 3 A Are you \_\_\_\_\_ of flying?  
B Yes, I’m **terrified**! I never fly anywhere.
- 4 A Was the food \_\_\_\_\_?  
B Yes, it was **delicious**.
- 5 A Are you very \_\_\_\_\_?  
B I’m **starving**! I haven’t eaten all day.
- 6 A Is your parents’ house \_\_\_\_\_?  
B It’s **enormous**. It has seven bedrooms.
- 7 A Was it \_\_\_\_\_ in Moscow?  
B It was **freezing**! Minus 20 degrees.
- 8 A Was Jack’s kitchen \_\_\_\_\_?  
B It was **filthy**. It took us three hours to clean it.
- 9 A Are your parents \_\_\_\_\_ about the wedding?  
B They’re **excited**. In fact, they want to pay for everything!
- 10 A Was the movie \_\_\_\_\_?  
B It was **hilarious**. We laughed all the way through.
- 11 A Are you \_\_\_\_\_ you locked the door?  
B I’m **positive**. I remember turning the key.
- 12 A Were you \_\_\_\_\_ to hear that Ted is getting married?  
B I was absolutely **amazed**! I never thought it would happen.

#### b 153)) Listen and check. How are the strong adjectives pronounced? Practice the dialogues in pairs.

#### c ► Communication Are you hungry? A p.104 B p.109.

#### d Ask and answer with a partner. Ask for more information.

- 1 Have you ever been swimming in a place where the water was absolutely freezing?
- 2 Is there anything that makes you furious about car drivers or bike riders in your country?
- 3 Are there any animals or insects that you’re terrified of?
- 4 What’s the most delicious meal you’ve had recently?
- 5 Is there a comedian or a comedy series on TV in your country that you think is absolutely hilarious?

## 7 WRITING

► p.114 Writing An informal email. Write an informal email to thank somebody you have been staying with and to tell him or her what you have been doing recently.



# 1&2 Review and Check



## GRAMMAR

Circle a, b, or c.

- 1 My sister \_\_\_\_\_ fish or seafood.  
a doesn't like   b don't like   c doesn't likes
- 2 I have a quick breakfast because \_\_\_\_\_ in a hurry.  
a I usually   b I usually am   c I'm usually
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ TV when I'm having a meal.  
a never watch   b don't never watch   c am never watching
- 4 I usually drink a lot of diet soda, but right now \_\_\_\_\_ to cut down.  
a I try   b I'm trying   c I'm triing
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ any brothers or sisters?  
a Are you having   b Are you have   c Do you have
- 6 What \_\_\_\_\_ when you graduate from school?  
a you are going to do   b are you going do   c are you going to do
- 7 I can't see you this evening because \_\_\_\_\_ some friends.  
a I'm meeting   b I meet   c I'll meet
- 8 **A** Would you like something to drink?  
**B** Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ some orange juice, please.  
a I have   b I'm having   c I'll have
- 9 **A** I can't open this jar.  
**B** \_\_\_\_\_ help you.  
a I'll   b I'm   c I'd
- 10 That's a pretty dress. Where \_\_\_\_\_ it?  
a have you bought   b did you buy   c did you bought
- 11 \_\_\_\_\_ good at saving money.  
a I've never been   b I haven't never been   c I've never
- 12 I got \$50 for my birthday, but I \_\_\_\_\_.  
a didn't spend it yet   b haven't spent it yet   c yet I haven't spent it
- 13 I've had this computer \_\_\_\_\_.  
a for about three years   b since about three years   c for about three years ago
- 14 **A** How long \_\_\_\_\_ in Paris?  
**B** Since last March.  
a is he living   b has he living   c has he been living
- 15 \_\_\_\_\_ the same gym for five years.  
a I'm going to   b I've been going to   c I go to

## VOCABULARY

a Circle the word that is different.

- |             |          |         |         |
|-------------|----------|---------|---------|
| 1 shrimp    | mussels  | duck    | squid   |
| 2 lamb      | crab     | beef    | pork    |
| 3 cherry    | pear     | peach   | beet    |
| 4 raspberry | cucumber | pepper  | cabbage |
| 5 fried     | baked    | chicken | roast   |

b Write the opposite adjective.

- |           |       |               |       |
|-----------|-------|---------------|-------|
| 1 honest  | _____ | 4 hardworking | _____ |
| 2 cheap   | _____ | 5 quiet       | _____ |
| 3 selfish | _____ |               |       |

c Write verbs for the definitions.

- 1 to spend money on something that is not necessary \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 to receive money from somebody who has died \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 to get money by working \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 to get money from somebody that you will pay back \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 to keep money so that you can use it later \_\_\_\_\_

d Write the strong adjectives.



- |          |       |         |       |         |       |
|----------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| 1 tired  | _____ | 3 cold  | _____ | 5 angry | _____ |
| 2 hungry | _____ | 4 dirty | _____ |         |       |

e Complete the phrasal verbs.

- 1 Let's eat \_\_\_\_\_ tonight. I don't feel like cooking.
- 2 I'm allergic to milk, so I have to cut \_\_\_\_\_ dairy products from my diet.
- 3 We live \_\_\_\_\_ my salary. My wife is unemployed.
- 4 I'll lend you the money if you promise to pay me \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 I took \$200 \_\_\_\_\_ of my bank account.

## PRONUNCIATION

a Circle the word with a different sound.

- |   |        |          |          |           |
|---|--------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1  | peach  | steak    | beef     | steamed   |
| 2  | money  | shop     | positive | honest    |
| 3  | roast  | sociable | owe      | account   |
| 4  | filthy | bill     | tiny     | chicken   |
| 5  | afford | pork     | worth    | organized |

b Underline the stressed syllable.

- |           |               |              |
|-----------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 sal mon | 3 i mma ture  | 5 sen si ble |
| 2 in vest | 4 de li cious |              |



## CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THIS TEXT?

- a Read the article once. When did Bill Morgan's luck change?

### When bad luck becomes good luck!

**You've had a lot of bad luck in the past—a bad accident and some frightening health problems. Does that keep you from doing things in the future that involve luck, like buying a lottery ticket?**

Anyone who has bought a ticket for the \$500-million US Powerball jackpot can only dream of having as much luck as Australian truck driver Bill Morgan. In case you've never heard of Bill Morgan, his story actually begins with some very bad luck. First, he was almost crushed to death by a truck accident at work. The accident did not kill him, but it did leave Bill with a heart condition. When he was given medication for the heart condition, Bill had an allergic reaction that caused a powerful heart attack, which left him clinically dead for 14 minutes. After being revived by doctors, Morgan slipped into a coma for 12 days. During this time, his family was advised to unplug his life support system not once, but twice. Bill's luck began to change when he unexpectedly woke up from the coma without any permanent damage. Bill's bad luck was ending and his heartwarming story was just beginning.

After getting better, the 37-year-old Morgan found a new, higher-paying job, and asked his long-time girlfriend, Lisa Wells, to marry him. Lisa said yes. A week later, Morgan bought a scratch-off lottery ticket at his local newsstand. Bill scratched the ticket off and realized he had just won a brand new car! A local TV news station was so amazed by Bill's story that they sent a crew to do a human interest story on Bill and his lucky streak. The news crew thought it would be fun to re-create Bill's buying and scratching off the ticket right on camera. No one could have predicted what happened next. The ticket Bill bought for the re-enactment ended up being a \$250,000 winner! And the best part is, it all happened on live TV (almost causing another heart attack).

- b Read the article again. Mark the sentences **T** (true), **F** (false), or **DS** (doesn't say).
- Bill had a dream about winning the lottery.
  - Bill's heart condition was caused by the accident.
  - Bill was in a coma for 14 days.
  - Bill's new job was in an office.
  - The news crew bought Bill's lottery ticket for the re-enactment.
  - Winning \$250,000 did not cause Bill to have another heart attack.
- c Choose five new words or phrases from the article. Check their meaning and pronunciation, and try to learn them.



## CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THESE PEOPLE?

- 1 54))) On the street Watch or listen to five people and answer the questions.



Max



Andrew



Samantha



Zenobia



Skylar

- Max says he \_\_\_\_\_.
  - often made brownies for his sister in the past
  - doesn't mind sharing his brownies with friends who are also feeling down
  - hasn't eaten brownies in a long time
- Andrew likes Asian restaurants because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - he doesn't like cooking
  - it's cheaper than eating at home
  - he can't cook that type of food at home
- Samantha and her brother \_\_\_\_\_.
  - talk to each other a lot
  - don't like each other at all
  - don't like each other as much after spending a lot of time together
- Zenobia buys a bag \_\_\_\_\_.
  - if it's cheaper than usual
  - every three months
  - if she needs a new one
- Skylar took part in a charity event \_\_\_\_\_.
  - when she was 15
  - for people who are sick with cancer
  - that raised money for captains

## CAN YOU SAY THIS IN ENGLISH?

Do the tasks with a partner. Check (✓) the box if you can do them.

### Can you...?

- ☐ describe your diet and the typical diet in your country, and say how it is changing
- ☐ agree or disagree with the following statement, and say why: *Our favorite food is usually something we liked when we were children.*
- ☐ describe members of your family, saying what they look like and what they are like
- ☐ describe some of your plans and predictions for the future (e.g., your education, your family life)
- ☐ ask and answer the following questions:
  - Have you ever won any money? How much did you win? What did you do with it?
  - How long have you been learning English? Where did you first start learning?



Short movies **Goodwill Industries**  
Watch and enjoy the movie.



Online Practice



# 3A Race across Miami




## 1 VOCABULARY & SPEAKING

transportation

- a In pairs, can you think of four different forms of public transportation in towns and cities in your country?
- b ➤ p.155 **Vocabulary Bank** *Transportation*.

## 2 PRONUNCIATION /ʃ/, /dʒ/, and /tʃ/

- a (2 4)) Look at the pictures. What are the words and sounds? Listen and repeat.

- b Write three words from the list in each column.
- |           |        |         |         |           |
|-----------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| adventure | bridge | catch   | crash   | dangerous |
| each      | rush   | station | traffic | jam       |
- c (2 5)) Listen and check. Practice saying the words.
- d Look at the words in the columns. What are the typical spellings for these sounds? Go to the **Sound Bank p.167** and check.
- e (2 6)) Listen to the pairs of words. Can you hear the difference? Practice saying them.

/tʃ/ and /dʒ/

- 1 a cheap b jeep  
 2 a chain b Jane  
 3 a choke b joke

/ʃ/ and /tʃ/

- 4 a ship b chip  
 5 a shoes b choose  
 6 a wash b watch

- f (2 7)) Listen and circle the word you hear.
- g (2 8)) Listen and write five sentences.

## 3 READING & LISTENING

- a You are going to read about a race that the car show *Top Gear* organized across the US state of Florida. Read the introduction and answer the questions.
- Where do they have to go from? Where to?
  - What are the three methods of transportation?
  - Which one do you think will be the fastest? Why?
  - In what order do you think the other two will arrive? Why?

### TopGear Challenge

What's the fastest way to get across Florida?

On *Top Gear*, a very popular TV series about cars and driving, they decided to organize a race across Florida to find the quickest way to cross a busy state. The idea was to start from Miami, in the southwestern part of the tip of Florida, and to finish the race at the southern-most point of the US, Key West, a trip of 160 miles. Three possible forms of transportation were chosen: a motorboat, a car, and a combination of transportation. One of the show's hosts, **Rutledge Wood**, took the **motorboat** and his colleague **Adam Ferrera** took the **car** (a 2010 Lotus Evora). **Tanner Foust** took **different kinds of transportation**. His trip involved getting a taxi to the airport where he flew in a seaplane. Then he rented a scooter.

They set off from Jones Boat Yard on the Miami River...







### Rutledge in the motorboat



His trip began in the Miami River. For the first hour there was a speed limit of 7 miles an hour because of the enforced no-wake zone in the river. Once the boat passed through Biscayne Bay and went under the Rickenbacker Bridge, he **entered open water**. Rutledge increased the boat's speed to over 90 miles an hour and made up the time he lost on the Miami River. Approximately 60 miles from the finish line, Rutledge **was ahead of** Adam and Tanner, but he had to stop for gas if he wanted to **reach** the finish line in Key West. In the 15 minutes it took to refuel the boat, Adam passed Rutledge in the car and took the lead. Once Rutledge was back on the open water, there were a lot of big waves, but he was able to pass Adam near Seven Mile Bridge just outside of Key West. Unfortunately for both Rutledge and Adam, Tanner flew over both of them in the seaplane at about the same time. Now Tanner was in the best position to win. Each racer was only miles from the finish line in Key West. Who would win?



### Adam in the car



Adam started off OK. He wasn't driving fast because he was going the speed limit. However, after an hour, Adam decided that he was going too slowly. He increased his speed to 75 miles an hour—20 miles an hour over the speed limit. As Adam passed through a small town, he was stopped by the police! They were angry that Adam was speeding, and it meant that Adam lost many valuable minutes! Another problem Adam had was that his GPS was programmed to give directions in Spanish instead of English. This made finding his way to Key West difficult. As Adam finally approached Key West, the traffic **was getting worse**. He was worried about **getting stuck** so close to the finish line. Only three miles to go...

- b Now read about the trips by motorboat and car. Do you still think your predictions in 3a are right?
- c Read the two trips again and answer the questions with **R** (Rutledge) or **A** (Adam).

#### Who...?

- 1 ☐ went much faster in the later part of his trip
- 2 ☐ did something illegal
- 3 ☐ went more slowly in the later part of his trip
- 4 ☐ had to stop for more gas
- 5 ☐ couldn't understand the directions spoken by the GPS
- 6 ☐ was in the lead for most of the race

- d Look at the **highlighted** verbs and verb phrases. With a partner, figure out their meaning from context.



### Tanner in the seaplane



- e (2 9)) Now listen to what happened to Tanner. Follow his route on the map.



- f (2 10)) With a partner, write down the order in which you now think the three people arrived. Now listen to what happened. What order did they arrive in?

- g ► **Communication** I'm a tourist – can you help me?  
A p.104 B p.109.

#### Glossary

**1 mile** the unit of distance used in the US and the UK (=1.6 kilometers); 160 miles = 257 kilometers

**seaplane** an airplane that can take off from the water or the land

**no-wake zone** an area of water where boats must travel slowly to avoid making waves





## 4 GRAMMAR comparatives and superlatives

- a Read the sentences. Are the **highlighted** phrases right or wrong? Write a check (✓) or an X next to them and correct the wrong sentences.
- ☐ What's **the quicker way** to get around Miami?
  - ☐ Driving is **more boring than** going by train.
  - ☐ The boat was almost **as fast than** the bike.
  - ☐ West Hollywood is **the same distance** from Los Angeles **as** South Gate.
  - ☐ There aren't **as much trains as** there were before on this line.
  - ☐ It was **the more exciting trip** I've ever taken.
  - ☐ **The worst time of day** to travel in New York City is between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
  - ☐ Women drive **more careful than** men.
- b ➤ **p.136 Grammar Bank 3A.** Learn more about comparatives and superlatives, and practice them.

## 5 PRONUNCIATION linking

### Linking

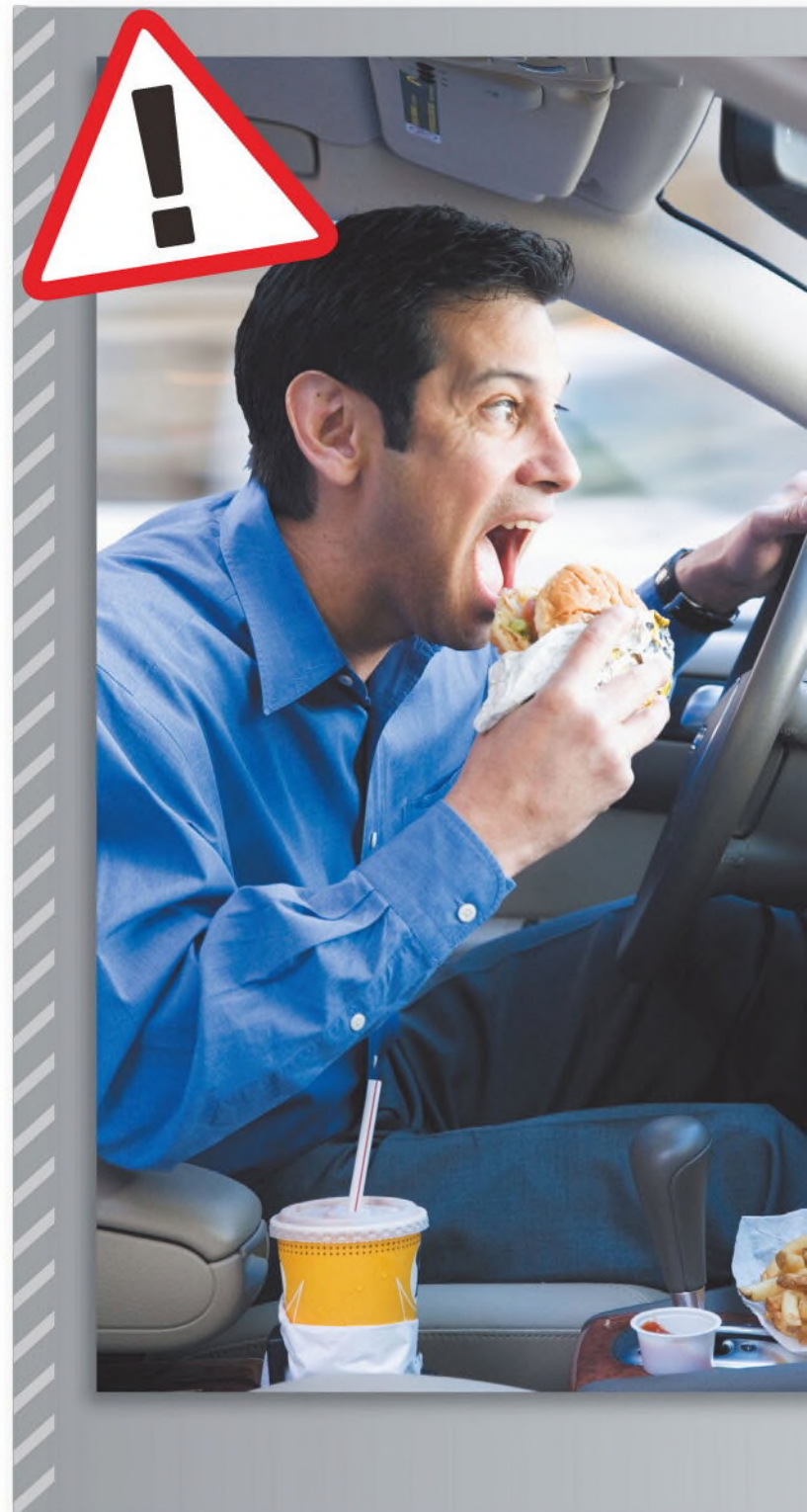
We often link words together in English, especially when we speak fast. We link words:

- 1 when a word ends in a consonant sound and the next word begins with a vowel sound, e.g., *more  exciting*
- 2 when a word ends in a consonant sound and the next word begins with the same consonant sound, e.g., *the fastest  train*
- 3 when a word ends in /t/ or /d/ and the next word begins with /t/ or /d/, e.g., *the biggest  dog*

- a (2 14)) Listen and repeat the sentences. Try to link the marked words and copy the rhythm.
- 1 Riding a motorcycle is more exciting than driving.
  - 2 The fastest train only takes an hour and a half.
  - 3 It's more difficult to drive at night than during the day.
  - 4 My father's worse at driving than my mother.
  - 5 The most dangerous road in my town is the freeway.
- b Talk to a partner. For each group of three things compare them using the **bold** adjective, i.e., for **1** decide which is the most dangerous, and then compare the other two. Say why.
- 1 **dangerous:** riding a bike; riding a motorcycle; driving
  - 2 **easy:** learning to drive; learning to ride a bike; learning to ride a horse
  - 3 **relaxing:** flying; traveling by train; driving
  - 4 **difficult:** sleeping on a train; sleeping in a plane; sleeping on a bus
  - 5 **boring:** being stuck in a traffic jam; waiting at an airport; waiting for a bus
- I think riding a bike is the most dangerous because sometimes drivers don't notice bike riders. Riding a motorcycle is more dangerous than driving.*

## 6 LISTENING








- a Read the text and then talk to a partner.
- 1 Which of these things do you (or people you know) do when you are driving?
  - 2 Which do you think are the most dangerous? Number them 1–3 (1 = the most dangerous).
  - 3 Which one do you think is the least dangerous?
- b (2 15)) Now listen to a safety expert. Number the activities 1–7. Were your top three right?
- c Listen again for more information about each activity and why it is dangerous.





# Which of these things is the most (and least) dangerous when you're driving a car?

A car magazine tested drivers in a driving simulator. The drivers had to drive in the simulator and do the things in the list below.

-  Eating or drinking ☐
-  Talking on a cell phone (not hands free) ☐
-  Setting or adjusting a GPS ☐
-  Listening to your favorite music ☐
-  Listening to music you don't know ☐
-  Sending or receiving text messages ☐
-  Doing your hair or putting on makeup ☐



## 7 SPEAKING

- a Look at the statements below and decide whether you agree or disagree. Check (✓) the ones you agree with and put an X next to the ones you disagree with. Think about your reasons.

Slow drivers cause more accidents than fast drivers.

People who drink and drive should lose their driver's license for life.

Speed cameras do not stop accidents.

Drivers who are over 70 are as dangerous as young drivers.

Bike riders should have to wear helmets.

The minimum age for riding a motorcycle should be 25.

The speed limit on freeways should be lower.

- b In groups, give your opinions about each statement. Try to use expressions from the box. Do you agree?

 **Agreeing and disagreeing**

I agree / don't agree	with this.
	with Juan.
I think / don't think	you're right.
	that's
I completely / totally	agree.
	disagree.

## 8 WRITING

► p.115 **Writing** An article for a magazine. Write a magazine article about transportation in your town or city.

## 9 SONG 500 Miles



# 3B Stereotypes – or are they?

## 1 READING & SPEAKING

a In pairs, answer the questions.

- 1 Are you a talkative or a quiet person?
- 2 Who is...?
  - a the most talkative person in your family
  - b the most talkative person you know
- 3 Do you think that, generally speaking, women are more talkative than men?
- 4 What topics do...?
  - a men talk about more than women
  - b women talk about more than men

b Look at the definition of *stereotype*. Then **A** read the article *Men talk just as much as women* and **B** read the article *Gossip with the girls*. Find answers to questions 1–4.

**stereotype** /ˈsteriətaɪp/ **noun** a fixed idea about a particular type of person or thing, which is often not true in reality. ► **stereotype verb** In advertisements, women are often stereotyped as housewives.

- 1 What was the stereotype that the researchers wanted to investigate?
- 2 Where was the research done?
- 3 How was the research done?
- 4 What did the research show?

c In pairs, tell each other about your article, using questions 1–4 to help you.

d Now read both articles again and look at the **highlighted** words and phrases, which are commonly used in articles about research. Match them with definitions 1–10.

- 1 *In fact* \_\_\_\_\_ **adverb** really
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ **verb** make less
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ **usually** do it
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ **adverb** a little bit
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ **linking word** used to connect or contrast two facts
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ **verb** say that something is true
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ **as said or shown by somebody**
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ **verb** include several different things in addition to the ones mentioned
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ **adverb** nearly
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ **not completely believed, doubted**

e Which of the two pieces of research do you think is...?

- 1 more credible
- 2 more important
- 3 more surprising

## Men talk just as much as women – can it really be true?

**R**esearch by psychologists at the University of Arizona has shown that the stereotype that women talk more than men may not be true. In the study, hundreds of college students were fitted with recorders, and the total number of words they used during the day was then counted.

The results, published in the *New Scientist*, showed that women speak about 16,000 words a day and men speak only **slightly** fewer. **In fact**, the four most talkative people in the study were all men.

Professor Matthias Mehl, who was in charge of the research, said that he and his colleagues had expected to find that women were more talkative.

## GOSSIP WITH THE GIRLS? JUST PICK ANY ONE OF FORTY SUBJECTS

**W**omen are experts at gossiping – and they often talk about trivial things, or at least that's what men have always thought. However **according to** research done by Professor Petra Boynton, a psychologist at University College London, when women talk to women their conversations are not trivial at all, and cover many more topics (up to 40) than when men talk to other men.

Women's conversations **range from** health to their houses, from politics to fashion, from movies to family, from education to relationship problems. **Almost** everything, in fact, except soccer. Men **tend to** talk about fewer subjects, the most popular being work, sports, jokes, cars, and women.







However, they had **been skeptical** of the common belief that women use three times as many words as men. This idea became popular after the publication of a book called *The Female Brain* (2006) whose author, Louann Brizendine, **claimed** that “a woman uses about 20,000 words per day, **whereas** a man uses about 7,000.”

Professor Mehl accepts that many people will find the results difficult to believe. However, he thinks that this research is important because the stereotype, that women talk too much and men keep quiet, is bad not only for women but also for men. “It says that to be a good male, it’s better not to talk – that silence is golden.”

Professor Boynton interviewed over 1,000 women for her study. She also found that women move quickly from one subject to another in conversation, whereas men usually stick to one subject for longer periods of time.

Professor Boynton also says that men and women talk for different reasons. In social situations, women use conversation to solve problems and **reduce** stress, while men talk to each other to laugh or to exchange opinions.



## 2 GRAMMAR articles: a / an, the, no article

- a Complete 1–4 with *a / an, the*, or – (no article).
- “Have you heard this joke? \_\_\_\_ hamburger and \_\_\_\_ French fry walk into a coffee shop. \_\_\_\_ waitress says, “I’m sorry. We don’t serve \_\_\_\_ food here.”
  - “I just read \_\_\_\_ article on \_\_\_\_ Internet about how eating \_\_\_\_ strawberries makes you look younger...”
  - “I’m sure there’s something wrong between us because we never go out to \_\_\_\_ dinner or to \_\_\_\_ movies anymore.”
  - “Did you watch \_\_\_\_ game \_\_\_\_ last night? I can’t believe that \_\_\_\_ referee didn’t see that it was \_\_\_\_ penalty...”
- b According to the article *Gossip with the girls?*, who do you think would probably say 1–4, a man or a woman?
- c ➤ **p.137 Grammar Bank 3B**. Learn more about articles and practice them.

## 3 PRONUNCIATION

/ə/, sentence stress, /ðə/ or /ði/?

- a (2 20)) Listen and repeat the sound and words.



a about anniversary complain credible  
problem talkative usually woman

- b (2 21)) Listen and repeat the sentences. Then practice saying them with the /ə/ sound.
- What are we **going to have for lunch today?**
  - I’d **like to see a good movie tonight.**
  - Please **stop complaining** about the **weather.**
  - The **woman** in the **kitchen** is very **talkative.**
  - There’s **a problem** with the **computer.**
- c (2 22)) Listen and underline five phrases where *the* is pronounced /ði/ (not /ðə/). Why does the pronunciation change?

the movies the end the other day the world the sun  
the Internet the kitchen the answer the Earth

## 4 SPEAKING

Prove that the research in *Gossip with the girls?* is wrong! Work in pairs or small groups.

If you’re a **woman**, try to talk for two minutes about:

soccer cars computers

If you’re a **man**, try to talk for two minutes about:

fashion shopping your family



## 5 READING & LISTENING

- a Do you think it is a stereotype that women are better than men at taking care of small children? Do you know any men who stay at home and take care of their children? How do they manage?
- b Look at an illustration based on a new book about taking care of young children. Can you name some of the things in the picture?



- c Read the beginning of an article about the book. Why did Neil Sinclair write it? In what way is it different from other books about raising children?

- d (23) Listen to two men talking in the park about the book and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).



- 1 Miranda is older than Stephen.
  - 2 Miranda's father slept badly the night before.
  - 3 Stephen's father recommends sleeping pills.
  - 4 Stephen's father hasn't read *Commando Dad*.
  - 5 He likes the website because he enjoys reading about other men's experiences.
  - 6 Stephen's father really likes the book because it helps him and makes him laugh.
  - 7 In *Commando Dad*, BT means Baby Trooper and Base Camp means the kitchen.
  - 8 The author of *Commando Dad* thinks that women are only better than men when the baby is small.
- e Listen again and correct the wrong information.
- f Do you think it's a good idea to have a book and a website on childcare especially for men? Why (not)?

**For six years Neil Sinclair served as a commando in the army. He had been in a lot of dangerous situations, but nothing prepared him for the day when he brought his first baby home from the hospital. "I put the car seat containing my two-day-old son Samuel down on the floor and said to my wife, 'What do we do now?'"**

When he left the army, Sinclair and his wife agreed that he would stay at home and take care of the baby, while his wife went back to work.

"I have done a lot of crazy things, but when I put that baby down I thought: I have a tiny baby, and he is crying. What does he want? What does he need? I did not know. It was one of the most difficult days of my life."

It was at that moment that Sinclair had an idea. "I found myself thinking how much easier life would be if I had a basic training manual for my baby, like the manual you get when you join the army. I realized

that somebody needed to write such a manual, and who better to write it than me? I had been a commando, but I was now a stay-at-home dad. I was the man for the job."

His book, *Commando Dad: Basic Training*, is a set of instructions that explains with military precision and diagrams how new fathers should approach the first three years of their child's life to become a first-rate father.

*Adapted from The Times*

### Glossary

**commando** *noun* one of a group of soldiers who are trained to make quick attacks in enemy areas

**stay-at-home dad** *noun* a man who stays at home and takes care of the children while his wife goes to work

# COMMANDO DAD



## 6 SPEAKING

- a (2 24))) Listen to someone talking about men and women, and fill in the blanks.

"Generally \_\_\_\_\_, I think women worry more about their appearance than men. They \_\_\_\_\_ to spend hours choosing what to wear, doing their hair, and putting on makeup. Women are also \_\_\_\_\_ better at making themselves look more attractive. But I think that in \_\_\_\_\_, men are more worried than women about their body image. They feel more insecure about their hair, for instance, especially when they're going bald."

- b In small groups discuss if the statements about men and women are stereotypes or true. Try to use the highlighted expressions for generalizing from a.

## MEN & WOMEN stereotypes or true?

- Women worry more about their appearance than men.
- Women spend more time than men on social networking sites.
- Men talk more about things; women talk more about people.
- Men are more interested than women in gadgets like phones and tablets.
- Women are better at multitasking than men.
- Men find it more difficult than women to talk to their friends or family if they have a problem.
- Women spend more time than men talking about celebrities and their lifestyles.
- Men are more interested than women in power.
- Women are less interested in sports than men.
- Men worry more about their health than women.

## 7 VOCABULARY

collocation: verbs / adjectives + prepositions

- a Cover the statements above. Can you remember the missing prepositions?
- 1 Men worry more \_\_\_\_ their health than women.
  - 2 Women are better \_\_\_\_ multitasking than men.
  - 3 Men are more interested than women \_\_\_\_ power.
- b ➤ p.156 Vocabulary Bank *Dependent prepositions.*



### When are prepositions stressed?

Prepositions are usually only stressed when they are the last word, e.g., in a question. Compare:

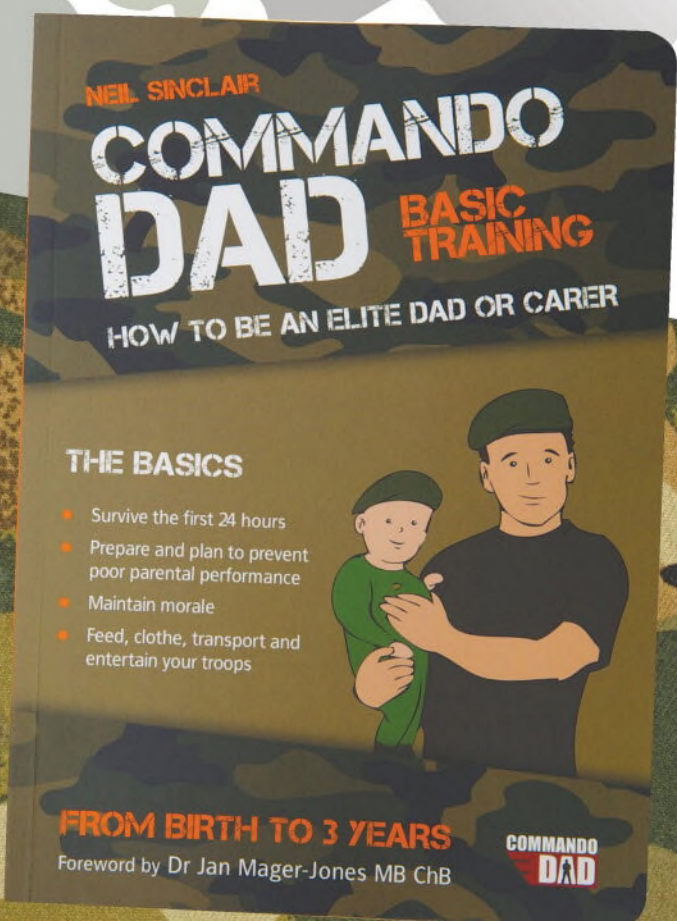
We **need** to **talk** about our **vacation**.

**What** are you **talking** about?

Freddie is **afraid** of **flying**.

**What** are you **afraid** of?

- c Complete the questions with a preposition.
- 1 When you're with friends of the same sex, what do you usually talk \_\_\_\_?
  - 2 Are there any sports or games that you're good \_\_\_\_?
  - 3 Is there anything you're really looking forward \_\_\_\_?
  - 4 Who in your family are you closest \_\_\_\_?
  - 5 What kind of movies are you interested \_\_\_\_?
  - 6 Are there any animals or insects that you're afraid \_\_\_\_?
  - 7 What's your town famous \_\_\_\_?
  - 8 Are there any superstitions that you believe \_\_\_\_?
- d (2 27))) Listen and check. Then ask and answer the questions with a partner.





# Practical English A difficult celebrity

## 1 VIDEO ROB'S INTERVIEW



- a (2 28)) Watch or listen to Rob interviewing Kerri. What is she happy / not happy to talk about?
- b Watch or listen again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false). Correct the F sentences.
- 1 Kerri's song is about love.
  - 2 Kerri plays in a band.
  - 3 She used to go out with a member of the band.
  - 4 Only one of her parents was a musician.
  - 5 Kerri started playing the guitar when she was six.
  - 6 Her new album is very different from the previous ones.
  - 7 She's been recording and touring recently.
  - 8 She's going to give a big concert in New York City.

## 2 VIDEO GIVING OPINIONS

- a (2 29)) Watch or listen to the conversation at lunch. What do they disagree about?
- b Watch or listen again. Answer the questions.
- 1 What does Kerri think about...?
    - a the waiters in New York City compared to London
    - b people in New York City compared to London
  - 2 Who agrees with Kerri? Who disagrees? What do they think?
  - 3 Who calls Rob? What about?






c 2 30))) Look at some extracts from the conversation. Can you remember any of the missing words? Watch or listen and check.

- 1 Kerri \_\_\_\_\_, I think people in London are a lot more easygoing. London's just not as hectic as New York.  
Don Sure, we all like peace and quiet. But in my \_\_\_\_\_, New York is possibly... well, no, is definitely the greatest city in the world. Don't you \_\_\_\_\_?  
Kerri To be \_\_\_\_\_, I definitely prefer London.  
Don Come on, Rob. You've lived in both. What do you \_\_\_\_\_?
- 2 Don OK, I \_\_\_\_\_, London has its own peculiar charm. But if you \_\_\_\_\_ me, nothing compares with a city like New York. The whole world is here!  
Kerri But that's the problem. It's too big. There are too many people. Everybody's so stressed out. And nobody has any time for you.  
Jenny I don't think that's \_\_\_\_\_, Kerri. New Yorkers are very friendly.  
Kerri Oh \_\_\_\_\_, they can sound friendly with all that "Have a nice day" stuff.

d 2 31))) Watch or listen and repeat the **highlighted** phrases. Copy the rhythm and intonation.

e Practice the dialogues in c with a partner.


f  In small groups, practice giving opinions. Discuss the following sentences.

- The best place to live is in a big city.
- Riding a bike is the most practical way to get around big cities.
- You only get good service in expensive restaurants.
- It's irritating when people in stores or restaurants say *Have a nice day!*

### 3 VIDEO A SURPRISE FOR KERRI

a 2 32))) Watch or listen to the end of the lunch. Why is Kerri surprised?



 **American and British English**  
cell phone = American English  
mobile phone = British English

b Watch or listen again and complete the information.

- 1 Kerri thinks the waitress is friendly when they leave because Don...
- 2 Jenny is worried because she thinks Rob...
- 3 Kerri thinks that the taxi driver is very...

c Look at the **Social English phrases**. Can you remember any of the missing words?

#### Social English phrases

Jenny Did you \_\_\_\_\_ what you said in the restaurant, Rob?  
Jenny It's \_\_\_\_\_ that... you seemed homesick in there.  
Rob Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ on a minute.  
Rob Our taxi's come \_\_\_\_\_.  
Kerri That was so \_\_\_\_\_ of him!

d 2 33))) Watch or listen and complete the phrases.

e Watch or listen again and repeat the phrases. How do you say them in your language?



**Can you...?**

- ☐ interview someone or be interviewed
- ☐ give your opinion about something
- ☐ agree or disagree with other people's opinions





# 4A Failure and success

## 1 GRAMMAR can, could, be able to

a If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again is a well-known saying. What does it mean?

b More recently other people have invented different ways of continuing the saying. Which one do you like best?

If at first you don't succeed,  
 ...give up  
 ...blame your parents  
 ...destroy all the evidence that you tried  
 ...do it the way your mother told you to  
 ...skydiving is not for you



c Look at the definition of *be able to*. What other verb is it similar to?

**be able to (do something)** to have the ability, opportunity, time, etc., to do something: *Will you be able to come to the meeting next week?*

d Read about three people who have tried (but failed) to learn something, and complete the texts with A–G.

- A I was able to
- B Not being able to
- C I just wasn't able to
- D I will never be able to
- E I would suddenly be able to
- F I've always wanted to be able to
- G we would never be able to

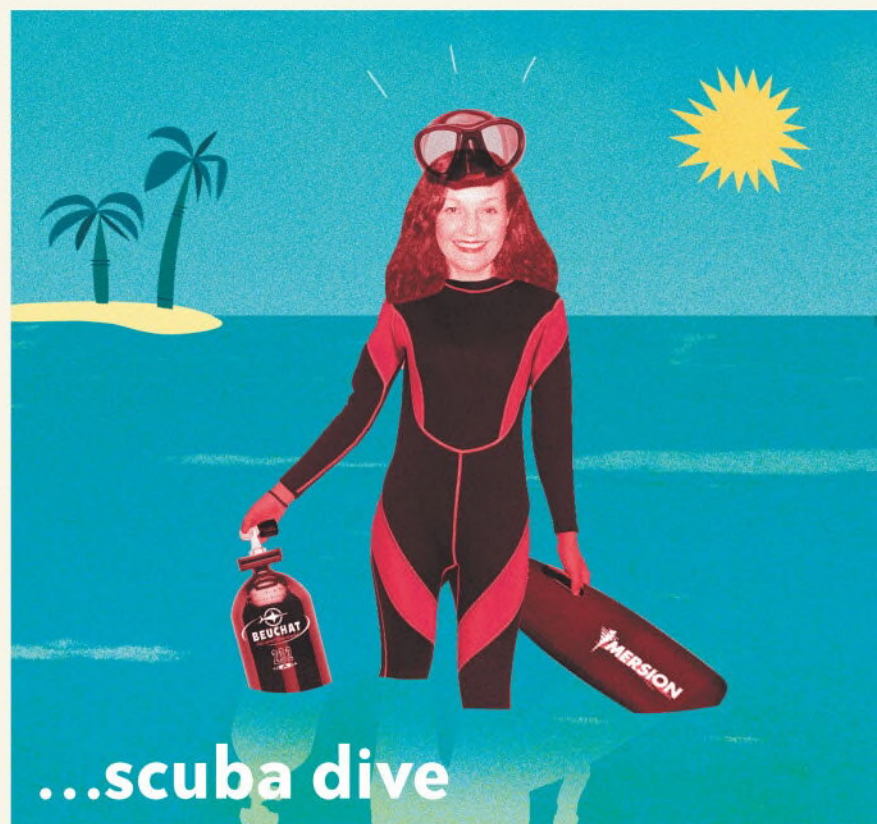
e Read the article again. Why did they have problems? Have they completely given up trying? Have you ever tried to learn something and given up? Why?

f Look at phrases A–G again. What tense or form is *be able to* in each one? What tenses or forms does *can* have?

g ➤ **p.138 Grammar Bank 4A.** Learn more about *can*, *could*, and *be able to*, and practice them.

h ➤ **Communication** Guess the sentence **A** p.105 **B** p.109.

# I've never been able to...



## ...scuba dive

I really wanted to learn. Maybe it was because of that scene in one of the very first James Bond movies, where a beautiful actress comes out of the ocean looking fabulous, with oxygen tanks on her back – I could see myself looking just like her. So, two years ago I booked a vacation that included a week-long intensive course. On the first day of the course, I was incredibly excited. First, we had two hours of theory, and then we went into the ocean to put it into practice. But as soon as I went under the water, I discovered that I suffered from claustrophobia. <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ do it. After about half an hour I gave up. Every evening for the rest of my vacation I had to listen to my scuba-diving classmates talking about all the wonderful things they had seen that day on their diving excursions. <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ join in the conversation was very frustrating.

I still love swimming and snorkeling, but I think that I have to accept that <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ scuba dive.

Bea, the US





## ...learn to dance

<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ dance salsa, and when I was working in Ecuador there were free classes, so I joined. But the art of salsa is to keep your arms still and move your hips, and I just couldn't do it. When I hear music my arms start moving, but my hips don't. After about ten hours of classes <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ do the basic steps, but I was dancing like a robot! I didn't give up, but soon everyone in the class was dancing, and I was just slowly moving from side to side and counting out loud "one, two, three, four." It was a little embarrassing. I was sure that one day <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ do it – but that never happened. I can still remember the first two steps, and I still try to dance when I hear a salsa tune – as long as nobody is watching!

Sean, Canada



## ...speak Japanese

I love manga – Japanese comics – and I tried to learn Japanese, but I found it incredibly difficult, and I gave up after two years. I think Asian languages, which have symbols instead of words, are extremely hard to learn for people who are more used to Roman letters. Also my teacher, a Japanese woman, didn't speak Spanish very well, which didn't help! She was a very charming woman, but she was a little disappointed with us, and you could see that she thought that <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ learn. However, one day she invited us to dinner and gave us some delicious traditional Japanese food, and since then I often go to Japanese restaurants. So I learned to love the food, if not to speak the language!

Joaquin, Argentina

## 2 PRONUNCIATION sentence stress

a (2 36))) Listen and repeat the sentences. Copy the rhythm.

- 1 I'd **love** to be **able** to **ski**.
- 2 We **won't** be **able** to **come**.
- 3 I've **never** been **able** to **dance**.
- 4 She **hates not** being **able** to **drive**.

b (2 37))) Listen again. Make new sentences with the verbs or verb phrases you hear.

))) I'd love to be able to ski. **Ride a horse**

I'd love to be able to ride a horse.

))) We won't be able to come. **Park**

We won't be able to park.

## 3 SPEAKING

a Look at the topics. Choose two or three and think about what you could say for them.



Something you've tried to learn, but have never been able to do well.

Something you learned to do after a lot of effort.

Something you can do, but you'd like to be able to do better.

Something new that you would like to be able to do.

Something you are learning to do and that you hope you'll soon be able to do well.

Something you think all young people should be able to do before they leave school.

b Work with a partner. Tell him / her about the things you chose in a. Give reasons or explanations for each one.

I've never been able to ski, and now I don't think I'll ever learn. I always wanted to learn, but I don't live near mountains...



## 4 VOCABULARY -ed / -ing adjectives



a Look at the photo. Complete the sentences with *bored* or *boring*.

- 1 The movie was \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 The audience was \_\_\_\_\_.

### -ed and -ing adjectives

Many adjectives for feelings have two possible forms, either ending in *-ed* or in *-ing*, e.g., **frustrated** and **frustrating**.

We use the adjective ending in *-ed* for the person who has the feeling (*I was very frustrated that I couldn't scuba dive*). We use the adjective ending in *-ing* for a person or situation that produces the feeling (*I couldn't join in the conversation, which was very frustrating*).

b Read the information box. Then complete the adjectives with *-ed* or *-ing*.

- 1 What do you think is the most **excite**\_\_\_ sport to watch?
- 2 What's the most **amaz**\_\_\_ scenery you've ever seen?
- 3 What music do you listen to if you feel **depress**\_\_\_?
- 4 Have you ever been **disappoint**\_\_\_ by a birthday present?
- 5 Which do you find more **tir**\_\_\_, speaking English or listening to English?
- 6 What's the most **embarrass**\_\_\_ thing that's ever happened to you?
- 7 Are you **scare**\_\_\_ of spiders?
- 8 Do you feel very **tir**\_\_\_ in the morning?
- 9 Who's the most **bor**\_\_\_ person you know?
- 10 Do you ever get **frustrat**\_\_\_ by technology?

c (238)) Listen and check. Underline the stressed syllable in the adjectives.

d Ask and answer the questions in pairs. Ask for more information.

## 5 READING & SPEAKING

- a Do you know anybody who speaks more than two languages? Which languages do they speak? How did they learn?
- b (239)) You are going to read an article about Alex Rawlings, who speaks 11 languages. Before you read, match the languages below with words 1–11. Then listen and check.

- |   |                                  |                                 |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> English              | <input type="checkbox"/> Greek   | <input type="checkbox"/> German |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish              | <input type="checkbox"/> Russian | <input type="checkbox"/> Dutch  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Afrikaans | <input type="checkbox"/> French  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrew |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catalan              | <input type="checkbox"/> Italian |                                 |

c Read the article. Which language(s)...?

- 1 did he learn as a child
- 2 is he studying in college
- 3 does he like best
- 4 is he planning to learn next
- 5 did he wish he had been able to speak when he was a child
- 6 was the first one he taught himself
- 7 did he find the most difficult

1 **Hallo**

2 **Guten Tag**

# He's only 20, but he can speak eleven languages

In a competition run by a dictionary publisher, college student Alex Rawlings was named the most multilingual student.

The German and Russian student, who is only 20 years old, can speak 11 languages **fluently**. In a video for a news website, he demonstrated his **skills** by speaking in all of them, changing quickly from one to another. Rawlings said that winning the competition was "a bit of a shock." He explained, "I saw the competition advertised, and I heard something about a free iPad. I never imagined that it would generate this amount of media attention."

As a child, Rawlings' mother, who is half Greek, used to speak to him in English, Greek, and French, and he often visited his family in Greece.

He said that he has always been interested in languages. "My dad worked in Japan for four years, and I was always frustrated that I couldn't speak to the kids because of the **language barrier**." After visiting Holland at the age of 14, he decided to learn Dutch with CDs and books. "When I went back I could talk to people. It was great."

He taught himself many of the languages with "teach yourself" books, but also by watching movies, listening to music, and traveling to the countries themselves.



d Look at the **highlighted** words and phrases related to language learning, and figure out their meaning from the context. Then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

- 1 Can you or anyone in your family speak another language fluently?
- 2 Do you know any basic phrases in any other languages?
- 3 Do you have a personal link to another country or language? Why?
- 4 Have you ever traveled to another country and felt that there was a real language barrier?
- 5 What other languages would you like to be able to speak? Why?



Of all the languages he speaks, Rawlings says that Russian, which he has been learning for a year and a half, is the hardest. He said, "There seem to be **more exceptions than rules!**" He added, "I especially like Greek because I think it's beautiful and, because of my mother, I have a strong personal **link** to the country and to the language."

"Everyone should learn languages, especially if they travel abroad. If you make the effort to learn even the most **basic phrases** wherever you go, it instantly shows the person you're speaking to that you respect his or her culture. Going around speaking English loudly and getting frustrated with people is tactless and rude."

The next language Rawlings hopes to learn is Arabic, but "only once I've finished my degree and got some more time on my hands. For now I need to concentrate on my German and Russian, so I can prepare for my finals."

#### Glossary

**Afrikaans** a language that has developed from Dutch, spoken in South Africa

**Catalan** a language spoken in parts of northern Spain and southern France

**finals** the last exams that students take in college

e Read the grammar information box. Then complete 1–5 with a reflexive pronoun.

#### Reflexive pronouns

He taught **himself** many of the languages with "teach **yourself**" books.

We use reflexive pronouns (*myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, ourselves, yourselves, themselves*) when the object of a verb is the same as the subject, e.g., *He taught himself Russian.* = He was his own teacher.

We also use reflexive pronouns to emphasize the subject of an action, e.g., *We painted the kitchen ourselves.*

- 1 I always test \_\_\_\_\_ on new vocabulary. It's a good way to remember it.
- 2 My uncle built the house \_\_\_\_\_. It took him three years.
- 3 This light is automatic. It turns \_\_\_\_\_ on and off.
- 4 Did you fix the computer \_\_\_\_\_? Good job!
- 5 My sister's so vain! Everytime she passes a mirror, she looks at \_\_\_\_\_ in it!

## 6 LISTENING & SPEAKING

a (2 40)) You're going to listen to six advanced students of English giving a tip that has helped them to learn. Listen once and complete their tip. Then compare your notes with a partner.



**TIP 1:** Change the language to English on all the \_\_\_\_\_ you have, for example on your \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_.

**TIP 2:** Do things that you \_\_\_\_\_, but in English.



**TIP 3:** Try to find an English-speaking \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

**TIP 4:** Get a \_\_\_\_\_ app for your phone.



**TIP 5:** Book yourself a \_\_\_\_\_ in an \_\_\_\_\_.

**TIP 6:** Listen to as many \_\_\_\_\_ as possible in English, and then \_\_\_\_\_ them.



b Listen again. Try to add more details about each tip.

c Talk to a partner.

- Do you already do any of these things?
- Which do you think is the best tip?
- Which tip could you easily put into practice? Try it!
- What other things do you do to improve your English outside class (e.g., visit chat websites, listen to audio books)?



# 4B Modern manners?

## 1 VOCABULARY & SPEAKING

phone language

- a (2 41)) Listen and match the phone sentences with the sounds.
- A ☐ He's **dialing** a number.
  - B ☐ She's **texting / messaging** a friend.
  - C ☐ She just **hung up**.
  - D ☐ She's choosing a new **ringtone**.
  - E ☐ He's **calling back**.
  - F ☐ She **left a message** on his voicemail.
  - G ☐ The line's **busy**.

- b Can you explain what these are?

Skype a screensaver silent / vibrate mode  
quiet zones instant messaging

- c Use the questionnaire to interview another student. Ask for more information.

## 2 GRAMMAR

modals of obligation: *must, have to, should*

- a Read the extract from Debrett's guide to cell phone etiquette. Then talk to a partner about questions 1–4.
- 1 Do you agree with what Debrett's says?
  - 2 Do you ever do any of these things?
  - 3 Are they a problem where you live?
  - 4 Are there any other things people do with their phones that annoy you?

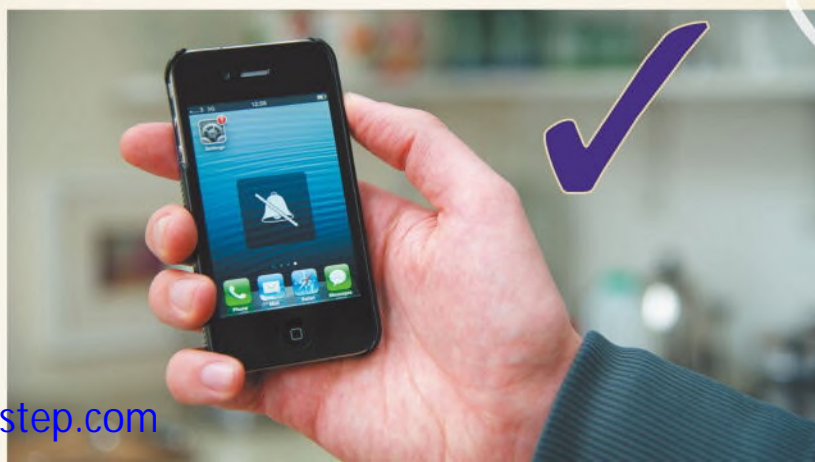
Debrett's, a well-known publisher, has been producing guides on how people should behave since the 1900s, including *Debrett's Etiquette and Modern Manners* and *The English Gentleman*. Nowadays it still offers advice on what (and what not) to do in social situations.

## YOU AND YOUR PHONE

- ☐ What brand is your phone? How long have you had it?
- ☐ Would you like to get a new one? Why (not)?
- ☐ What ringtone do you have?
- ☐ What do you use your phone for (apart from talking)?
- ☐ Where and when do you usually turn off your cell phone?
- ☐ Have you ever...?
  - lost your phone
  - sent a message to the wrong person
  - forgotten to turn your phone off (with embarrassing consequences)

## DEBRETT'S guide to cell phone etiquette

- 1 *Think what your ringtone says about you*  
If you're sometimes embarrassed by your ringtone, it's almost certainly the wrong one and **you should change it**.
- 2 *When in doubt, use silent or vibrate mode*  
It may surprise your companions when you suddenly answer an invisible, silent phone, but at least they won't have to listen to your ringtone.
- 3 *Take notice of who is around you*  
Make sure your conversation is not disturbing other people. Intimate conversations are never appropriate in front of others.





### 3 PRONUNCIATION & SPEAKING

silent consonants, linking

- a Each of the words in the list has a silent consonant or consonants. With a partner, cross out the silent letters.

should talk wrong listen half dishonest  
knowledge design whole rhythm doubt  
foreign calm island

- b 2 46))) Listen and check.

- c 2 47))) Listen and repeat the sentences. Try to copy the rhythm and to link the marked words.

- 1 You must turn off your phone on a plane.
- 2 You should only call him in an emergency.
- 3 We have to leave at eleven.
- 4 You must not open other people's emails.
- 5 You shouldn't talk loudly on a cell phone.

- d Read the definition of *manners*. Then make sentences using *should* / *shouldn't* for something that you think is a question of manners, and with *must* / *must not* / *have to* for something that is a law or rule.

**manners** /'mænərz/ *pl noun* a way of behaving that is considered acceptable in your country or culture

- turn off your phone in a theater
- talk loudly on your phone in public
- send text messages when you are driving
- reply to a message on your phone while you are talking to somebody face-to-face
- play noisy games on a phone in public
- use your phone at a gas station
- video people on your phone without their permission
- set your phone to silent mode on a train
- send or receive texts at the movies
- turn off your phone on a plane during take-off and landing

- b Read the text again. Match the **highlighted** phrases with their meaning. Two of the phrases match the same meaning.

- A You don't need to do this. It isn't necessary.  
B Don't do this. It isn't allowed / permitted.  
C It's necessary or required to do this.  
D It's a good idea to do this.

- c ► **p.139 Grammar Bank 4B.** Learn more about *must*, *have to*, and *should*, and practice them.

#### 4 *Respect quiet zones*

You **must not use your phone** in quiet zones on trains or in hotels. That is the reason why they exist.

#### 5 *Never shout*

Your phone is not a megaphone. You **don't have to shout**. And don't shout because you think reception is poor. It won't make any difference.

#### 6 *People with you deserve more attention than those at the end of a phone*

Wherever possible, turn off your phone in social situations and at mealtimes, or put it on vibrate. If you **have to keep your phone on** because you are expecting an important call, apologize in advance.

#### 7 *Don't continue on with phone conversations when you are in the middle of something else*

This is especially true if you are in banks, stores, etc. It is insulting not to give the people who are serving you your full attention.

#### 8 *Think about where you are calling from*

Don't make (or receive) calls in inappropriate places. Put your phone on vibrate in meetings, movies, etc. If you **must take a call** in the car, use a hands-free set.

Adapted from Debrett's Modern Manners





## 4 READING

- Imagine that you have been invited to visit your partner's family. Think of three things that you feel would be bad manners to do.
- Read the article. Did Heidi do any of those things? What did she do wrong (according to Mrs. Bourne)? Whose side would you take?

### News online

## Two sides to every story

By NEWS ONLINE Reporter

Everyone knows it can be difficult to get along with your in-laws, but for 29-year-old **Heidi Withers**, it may now be impossible. Heidi was invited to spend the weekend with her fiancé Freddie's family at their house. But soon after they returned home, Heidi received a very nasty email from Carolyn Bourne, Freddie's stepmother, criticizing her manners.



Here are a few examples of your lack of manners:

- When you are a guest in another person's house, you should not declare what you will and will not eat – unless you are allergic to something.
- You should not say that you do not have enough food.
- You should not start before everyone else.
- You should not take extra helpings without being invited to by your host.
- You should not lie in bed until late morning.
- You should have sent a handwritten note after the visit.  
You have never written to thank me when you have stayed.

Heidi was shocked, and immediately sent the email on to some of her close friends. Surprised and amused, the friends forwarded it to other people, and soon the email had been posted on several websites, with thousands of people writing comments about the mother-in-law.

Adapted from the Daily Mail website

- Find words or phrases in the article that mean...
  - \_\_\_\_\_ *noun* a man to whom you are going to be married
  - \_\_\_\_\_ *adj* unpleasant
  - \_\_\_\_\_ *verb* saying what is bad or wrong with somebody or something
  - \_\_\_\_\_ *noun* not having enough of something
  - \_\_\_\_\_ *noun* a person who you invite to your house
  - \_\_\_\_\_ *noun* a person who receives a visitor
  - \_\_\_\_\_ *verb* sent an email or message you received to another person



### should have

We use *should have* to talk about something that happened in the past that you think was wrong, e.g., *You should have written me a thank-you letter.* = you didn't write to me. I think this was wrong.

- Now read some of the comments that were posted on the Internet. Write **H** next to the ones that support Heidi and **C** next to the ones that support Carolyn.

- Mrs. Bourne says Heidi should have sent a handwritten thank-you note... however, she sends this letter by email! We are in the 21st century. Nobody sends handwritten letters anymore. 07/13/2011 6:52 p.m.
- Why do we hear nothing about Freddie's role in all this? Why didn't he prepare Heidi? He must know what his stepmother is like. He could also have prepared his family by telling them about any eating problems his girlfriend has. 07/13/2011 4:25 p.m.
- The email was a private communication. I don't think Heidi should have sent it on to her friends. It makes me think that Mrs. Bourne might be right about her bad manners. 07/13/2011 12:40 p.m.
- The stepmother seems to be extremely jealous of Heidi. Maybe she wants to keep Freddie all to herself. If I were Heidi, I would leave him. 07/12/2011 10:15 a.m.
- The mother-in-law may have a few good points, but she should have spoken to Heidi face-to-face, and not sent her an email. 07/11/2011 6:50 p.m.
- I think that the one with the extremely bad manners is Mrs. Bourne. 07/11/2011 2:10 p.m.
- Mrs. Bourne, I agree with every word you say. Young people just don't have any manners nowadays. I hope Freddie comes to his senses and finds someone better. 07/11/2011 9:48 a.m.

- Write your own comment. Then compare with a partner. Do you agree?
- **Communication** The big day p.105. Read about what Heidi and Freddie did next.



## 5 LISTENING

- a (2 48))) Listen to Caroline Halloran, who is dating Jason Win, talking about the differences between Burmese manners and American manners. What was their problem when they first met? How have they managed to solve their differences about manners?
- b Listen again and mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false).
- 1 Jason thought Caroline was rude when she asked him to hang out with her.
  - 2 In Burma it's OK to spend time alone with someone at the beginning of a romantic relationship.
  - 3 Burmese culture is not as open as American culture is.
  - 4 Jason wrote long responses to Caroline's Facebook romantic posts.
  - 5 Caroline wants Jason to stop bragging about their relationship to his friends and family.
  - 6 Jason sometimes gets confused about good and bad manners in the US.
  - 7 Caroline and Jason don't argue about manners anymore.
- c What would people from your country do in these situations?

## 6 SPEAKING

In groups, talk about each thing in the *Good Manners?* questionnaire. Do you think it's good manners, bad manners, or not important / not necessary. Why?

*I think it's very rude to criticize the food if you are in somebody's house.*

*I think it depends. It's OK if you know the person very well or if it's a member of your family...*

## 7 (2 49))) SONG You Can't Hurry Love 🎵

# GOOD MANNERS? BAD MANNERS? NOT IMPORTANT?

### WHEN YOU ARE INVITED TO SOMEBODY'S HOUSE...

- ☐ criticize the food (e.g., if it is too cold, salty, etc.)
- ☐ take a present
- ☐ write an email to say thank you
- ☐ arrive more than ten minutes late for lunch or dinner



### WHEN GREETING PEOPLE...

- ☐ use more formal language when speaking to an older person
- ☐ kiss a woman on the cheek when you meet her for the first time
- ☐ use your partner's parents' first names



### WHEN YOU ARE HAVING A MEAL WITH FRIENDS IN A RESTAURANT...

- ☐ leave your cell phone on silent on the table in front of you
- ☐ answer or send a text or message
- ☐ make a phone call



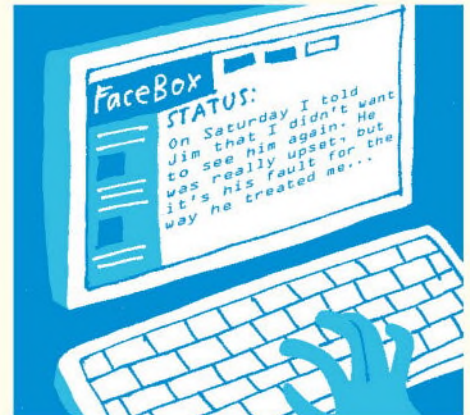
### MEN AND WOMEN – A MAN'S ROLE...

- ☐ pay for the meal on a first date
- ☐ wait for a woman to go through the door first
- ☐ accompany a woman home



### ON SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES...

- ☐ post a private message or conversation on an Internet site
- ☐ post an embarrassing photo or video clip of a friend without asking his or her permission
- ☐ post all the details of your break-up with a partner





# 3&4 Review and Check



## GRAMMAR

Circle a, b, or c.

- I walk to work. It's \_\_\_\_\_ than driving.  
a healthier b as healthy c healthier
- Riding a bike isn't \_\_\_\_\_ people think.  
a as dangerous as b as dangerous than c so dangerous than
- This is \_\_\_\_\_ time of day for traffic jams.  
a the most bad b the worse c the worst
- My wife is a much safer driver than \_\_\_\_\_.  
a I b me c my
- What \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful day!  
a a b - c an
- I never drink coffee after \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.  
a - b the c an
- \_\_\_\_\_ are usually good language learners.  
a The women b Women c Woman
- We've decided to visit Peru \_\_\_\_\_.  
a the next summer b next summer c the summer next
- We won't \_\_\_\_\_ come to the party.  
a can b be able c be able to
- When he was five he \_\_\_\_\_ already swim.  
a can b could c was able
- My mother has never \_\_\_\_\_ cook well.  
a been able to b could c be able to
- Entrance is free. You \_\_\_\_\_ pay anything.  
a don't have to b must not c shouldn't
- I'll \_\_\_\_\_ work harder if I want to pass.  
a must b should c have to
- I don't think I \_\_\_\_\_ have a dessert. I've already eaten too much!  
a must b should c have to
- You \_\_\_\_\_ turn on your phone until the plane has landed.  
a don't have to b must not c shouldn't

## VOCABULARY

a Complete with a preposition.

- We arrived \_\_\_\_\_ Vancouver at 5:30.
- I apologized \_\_\_\_\_ being late.
- I'm not very interested \_\_\_\_\_ horror movies.
- My son is good \_\_\_\_\_ speaking languages.
- This song reminds me \_\_\_\_\_ my vacation.

b Complete the compound nouns.

- Slow down! The speed \_\_\_\_\_ on this road is 55 mph, not 65 mph.
- I won't start the car until you have all put on your seat \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's not a good town for bike riders – there are very few bicycle \_\_\_\_\_.
- Try to avoid using the subway during \_\_\_\_\_ hour – between 8:00 and 9:30 in the morning.
- There's a taxi \_\_\_\_\_ right next to the train station.

c Complete with the right word.

- We were late because we got s \_\_\_\_\_ in a terrible traffic jam.
- I'm moving into a new apartment next week. I've rented a v \_\_\_\_\_ so that I can take all my things there.
- The next train to New Haven is now waiting at pl \_\_\_\_\_ 5.
- We're going to s \_\_\_\_\_ off early because we want to get to the hotel before it gets dark.
- How long does it t \_\_\_\_\_ to get from here to the airport?

d Circle the right adjective.

- The game ended 0–0. It was really *bored* / *boring*.
- It was the most *amazed* / *amazing* experience I've ever had.
- We're very *excited* / *exciting* about our vacation!
- I'm a little *disappointed* / *disappointing* with my exam results.
- This show is too *depressed* / *depressing*. Turn it off.

e Complete the missing words.

- I'm not in right now. Please l \_\_\_\_\_ a message.
- The line's b \_\_\_\_\_. Please hold.
- I was in the middle of talking to him, and he just h \_\_\_\_\_ up!
- I love the scr \_\_\_\_\_ on your phone. Is it a photo of your kids?
- I hate it when people have really loud r \_\_\_\_\_ on their cell phones!

## PRONUNCIATION

a Circle the word with a different sound.

- |   |          |         |               |           |
|---|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|
| 1 | language | want    | manners       | traffic   |
| 2 | the moon | the sun | the beginning | the end   |
| 3 | watch    | cheap   | machine       | each      |
| 4 | should   | crash   | permission    | gossip    |
| 5 | change   | message | argue         | apologize |

b Underline the stressed syllable.

- |                   |                 |                   |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1 free way        | 3 pe des tri an | 5 em barr ass ing |
| 2 dis a ppoint ed | 4 vi brate      |                   |



## CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THIS TEXT?

- a Read the article once. What kind of concert was it? What happened?

### Turn it off!

Something historic happened at the New York Philharmonic on the evening of January 10, 2012, about an hour into Mahler's Ninth Symphony. During the beautiful fourth movement, an audience member's cell phone loudly rang.

And rang. And rang again. It was the kind of marimba riff we've all heard on the street from a stranger's phone.

From my seat in Row L, I could see the horrified discomfort of the other audience members from their body language. We all wondered whether the conductor Alan Gilbert would react, and how. Suddenly there was silence. The orchestra had stopped playing. Mr. Gilbert had halted the performance. He turned to the man, who was seated in the front row, and said:

"Are you going to turn it off? Will you do that?"

There was some "discussion" between the conductor and the cell phone owner, but we couldn't hear it.

In the Avery Fisher Hall, many members of the audience stood and demanded that the man leave the hall. They were so furious that I could have imagined them dragging him from his seat on to the stage, tying him to a stake, and setting him alight!

When the "power off" button on the man's phone had finally been located and put to use, Mr. Gilbert turned to the audience. "Usually, when there's a disturbance like this, it's best to ignore it," he said. "But this time I could not allow it."

The audience applauded as if Mahler himself, the orchestra's conductor from 1909 to 1911, had suddenly been resurrected onstage. Mr. Gilbert neither smiled nor acknowledged the cheers. Instead he turned to the orchestra, instructing the players to resume, several bars back from the point at which he had stopped the performance. Just before, he raised his baton and turned again to the audience and said, this time with a smile, "We'll start again." A few seconds later, the fourth movement resumed.

Mr. Gilbert's brave decision that night brought new music to the Philharmonic.

- b Read the text again and answer the questions.

- 1 In what part of the symphony did the phone ring? What kind of ringtone was it?
- 2 Did the owner turn it off immediately?
- 3 How did the audience react a) to the phone ringing, and b) to what the conductor did?
- 4 Did the audience really drag the man onto the stage?
- 5 Did Mr. Gilbert restart the music from the same place where he had stopped?
- 6 Does the journalist think Mr. Gilbert made the right decision?

- c Choose five new words or phrases from the text. Check their meaning and pronunciation and try to learn them.



## CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THESE PEOPLE?

- 2 50))) On the street Watch or listen to five people and answer the questions.



Christopher Maria



Harry



Skylar



Cristina

- 1 Christopher likes using the subway because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a he only needs to take one train
  - b he gets to work in less than half an hour
  - c it runs all day and night
- 2 Maria thinks that women are better than men at taking care of young children because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a they have had a lot of practice
  - b they know when children are hungry
  - c they know what to do when children are sick
- 3 Harry says that men in her family \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a don't enjoy telling stories
  - b talk about the same things as women
  - c try to talk about things that interest them
- 4 Skylar \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a still paints, but just as a free-time activity
  - b paints very well
  - c now does other things in her free time
- 5 It annoys Cristina when people \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a check their phones for the time
  - b don't interact with you while they're on the phone
  - c use their phones when they are having dinner

## CAN YOU SAY THIS IN ENGLISH?

Do the tasks with a partner. Check (✓) the box if you can do them.

### Can you...?

- 1 ☐ compare different methods of public transportation in your town / country
- 2 ☐ agree or disagree with this statement, and say why:  
*All towns and cities should have a lot more bicycle lanes.*
- 3 ☐ talk about typical stereotypes about men and women, and say if you think they are true
- 4 ☐ describe something you would like to be able to do, but have never been able to
- 5 ☐ talk about things that are / aren't good manners in your country if you are staying with someone as a guest, and what you think is the right thing to do



### Short movies Citi bikes

Watch and enjoy the movie.





# 5A Sports superstitions

## 1 VOCABULARY sports

a Take the quiz in small groups.

### SPORTS QUIZ

What sport do you associate with...?



b ➤ p.157 Vocabulary Bank Sports.

## 2 PRONUNCIATION /ɔr/ and /ər/

a Write the words in the correct column. Be careful with *or* (there are two possible pronunciations).

court four girl hurt score serve shirt  
 shorts sport warm up world worse workout

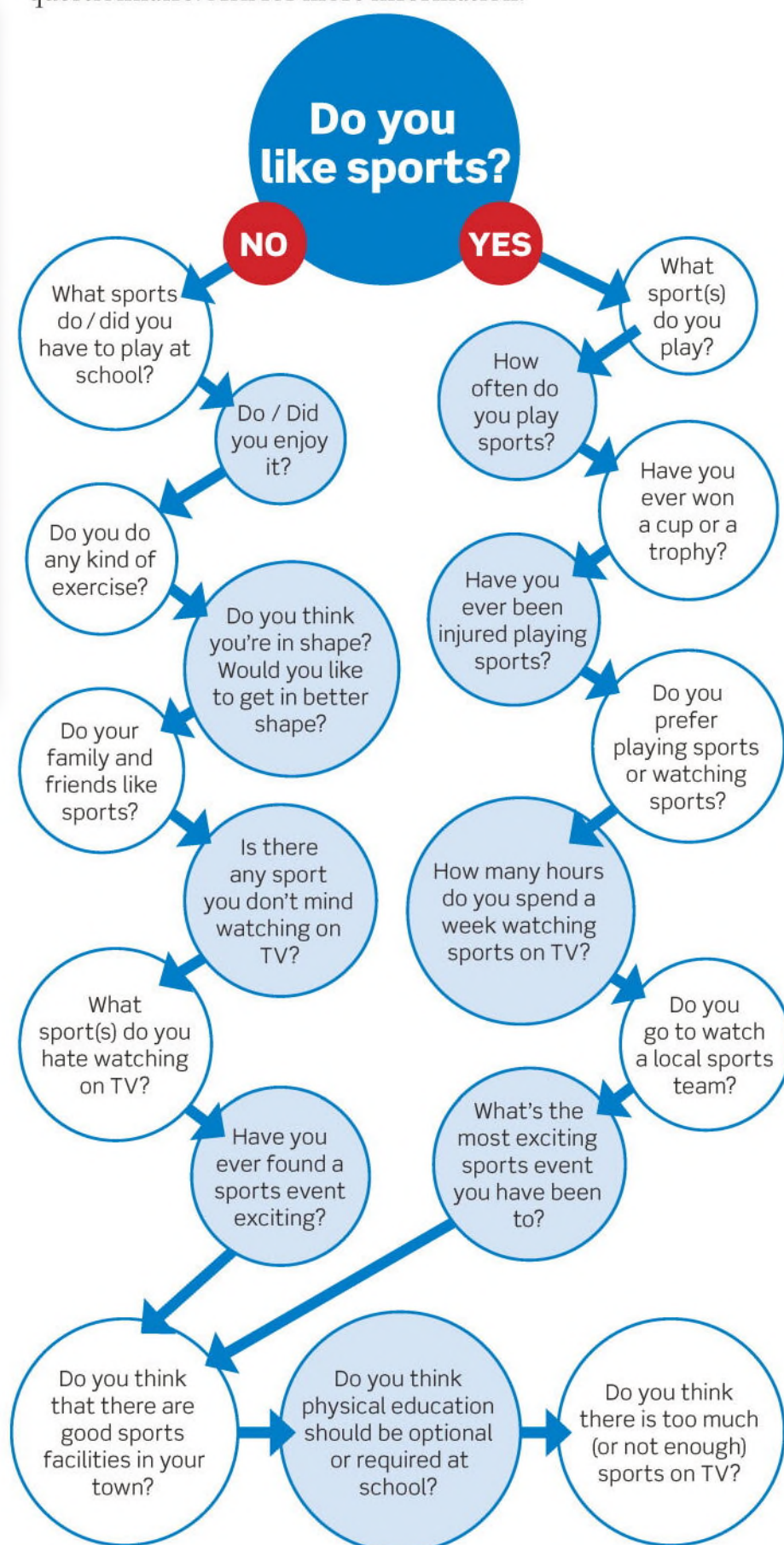

b 3 6))) Listen and check.

c ➤ p.166 Sound Bank. Look at the typical spellings of these sounds.

d 3 7))) Listen and write six sentences.

## 3 SPEAKING

In pairs, interview your partner about sports using the questionnaire. Ask for more information.

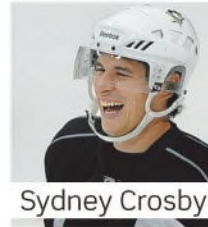




## 4 READING

- a Do you know of any sports players who are superstitious? What do they do?
- b Read an article about sports superstitions and complete it with A–F.
- A It is not only the players who are superstitious  
B A good example is Serena Williams  
C Superstitions and rituals are very common among fans  
D After my wife had left the room, Murray lost the fourth set  
E The superstitions and rituals are not confined to the court  
F Tennis players are strange people
- c Read the article again. Who does the article say are superstitious: sports players, sports fans, TV spectators, or all of them?
- d Underline five words or phrases you want to remember from the article.

- e Look at the photos of four more famous sports people who are superstitious. Do you know what any of their superstitions are or were?



Sydney Crosby



Jason Terry



Kolo Touré



Alexander Wurz

- f ➤ **Communication** *Other sports superstitions*  
A p.104 B p.108. Read and tell each other about the people in the photos.
- g Do you have any superstitions, e.g., when you are playing or watching sports, or before an exam?

# If I bounce the ball five times...

## MATTHEW SYED writes about sports superstitions

- 1 Tennis players are strange people. Have you noticed how they always ask for three balls instead of two; how they bounce the ball the same number of times before serving, as if any change from their routine might result in disaster?



- 2 \_\_\_\_\_, the number 1 female tennis player. When she was once asked why she had played so badly at the French Open she answered, "I didn't tie my shoe laces right, and I didn't bounce the ball five times, and I didn't bring my shower sandals to the court with me. I didn't have my extra dress. I just knew it was fate; it wasn't going to happen."

- 3 \_\_\_\_\_. Goran Ivanišević, Wimbledon champion in 2001, was convinced that if he won a match, he had to repeat everything he did the previous day, such as eating the same food at the same restaurant, talking to the same people, and watching the same TV shows. One year this meant that he had to watch *Teletubbies* every morning during his Wimbledon campaign. "Sometimes it got very boring," he said.

- 4 \_\_\_\_\_. As we were watching tennis player Andy Murray play the fourth set at Wimbledon, my wife suddenly got up and went to the kitchen. "He keeps losing games when I'm in the room," she said. "If I go out now, he'll win."

- 5 \_\_\_\_\_. Last year, a survey of British soccer supporters found that 21 percent had a lucky charm (anything from a scarf to a lucky coin), while another questionnaire revealed that 70 percent of Spanish soccer fans performed pre-match rituals (like wearing "lucky" clothes, eating the same food or drink, or watching games with the same people).

- 6 \_\_\_\_\_. She returned, and he won the fifth. I laughed at her, and then remembered my soccer team, Spurs, who were losing 1–0 in the Carling Cup. "If I leave the room now, Spurs will score," I told my kids, after 27 minutes of overtime. I left the room and they scored. Twice.

### Glossary

**Teletubbies** a television series for very young children

**Spurs** Tottenham Hotspur, a London soccer team



## 5 LISTENING

- a In your country, are referees a) well-paid b) respected c) unpopular? Why do you think somebody would want to become a referee?
- b 38)) You're going to hear an interview with an ex-Champions League soccer referee from Spain. Listen to **Part 1** and choose a, b, or c.



Juan Antonio Fernandez Marin refereed 200 league and 50 international games

- 1 Why did he become a referee?
    - a His father was a referee.
    - b He liked sports, but wasn't good at them.
    - c He was always attracted by the idea.
  - 2 What was the most exciting game he ever refereed?
    - a His first professional game.
    - b He can't choose just one.
    - c Real Madrid against Barcelona.
  - 3 The worst experience he ever had as a referee was when \_\_\_\_\_ attacked him.
    - a a player b a woman c a child
  - 4 Why does he think there is more cheating in soccer today?
    - a Because soccer is big business.
    - b Because the referees are worse.
    - c Because soccer players are better at cheating.
  - 5 How does he say soccer players often cheat?
    - a They fall over when no one has touched them.
    - b They accept money to lose games.
    - c They touch the ball with their hands.
- c 39)) Now listen to **Part 2**. Complete the sentences with one to three words.
- 1 The most difficult thing for him about being a referee is making \_\_\_\_\_ during a game.
  - 2 One of the reasons why it's difficult is because soccer today is so \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3 Making correct decisions often depends on the referee's interpretation of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4 He thinks that players who cheat are still \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 5 A study that was done on Leo Messi shows that he can run exceptionally fast \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 6 He thinks Messi isn't the \_\_\_\_\_ soccer player.
- d Do you agree with the referee that there is more cheating in soccer than before? Is it true in other sports as well? Would you like to be a sports referee (or umpire)? Why (not)?

## 6 GRAMMAR past tenses: simple continuous, perfect

- a In your country, is cheating considered a serious problem in sports? In what sports do you think cheating is most common? What kinds of things do people do when they cheat?
- b Read *Taking a Short Cut* about a marathon runner who cheated. How did she cheat?



- c Look at the **highlighted** verbs in the text. Which of them are used for...?
- 1 a completed action in the past
  - 2 an action that happened *before* the past time we are talking about
  - 3 an action in progress (or not) at a particular moment in the past
- d ► **p.140 Grammar Bank 5A**. Learn more about past tenses and practice them.
- e Read *The Hand of God?* and complete it with the verbs in the right tenses.





# Famous (cheating) moments in sports

Although it isn't true that everybody in sports cheats, it is certainly true that there are cheaters in every sport...

## Taking a short cut

On April 21, 1980, 23-year-old Rosie Ruiz **was** the first woman to cross the finish line at the Boston Marathon. She **finished** the race in the third-fastest time for a female runner (two hours, 31 minutes, 56 seconds). But when the organizers congratulated Rosie after the race, they were surprised because she **wasn't sweating** very much. Some spectators who were watching the race told them what **had** really **happened**. During the last half mile, Rosie suddenly jumped out of the crowd and sprinted to the finish line. The marathon organizers took Ruiz's title away and awarded it to the real winner, Jacqueline Gareau. It was later discovered that three months earlier, Rosie **had** **also cheated** in the New York City Marathon where she **had taken** the subway!

## The hand of God?

It was June 22, 1986. Argentina <sup>1</sup>**was playing** (play) England in the quarter-finals of the World Cup, and both teams <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (play) well. The score <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (be) 0-0. In the 51st minute, the Argentinian captain, Diego Maradona, <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (score) a goal. The English players <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (protest), but the referee <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (give) the goal. However, TV cameras showed that Maradona <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (score) the goal with his hand! Maradona <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (say) the next day, "It was partly the hand of Maradona, and partly the hand of God."

Later in the game, Maradona <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (score) another goal, and Argentina <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (win) the game 2-1. They went on to win the World Cup.

## 7 SPEAKING

- a You are going to tell your partner two anecdotes. Choose two of the topics below and plan what you are going to say. Ask your teacher for any words you need.

### TELL YOUR PARTNER ABOUT...

- a time you cheated (in a sport / game or on an exam)  
When and where did this happen? What were you doing? Why did you cheat? What happened in the end?



- a really exciting sports event you saw  
Where and when was it? Who was playing? What happened? Why was it so exciting?

- a time you had an accident or got a sports injury

When and where did this happen? What were you doing? How did the accident happen? What part of your body did you hurt? What happened next? How long did it take you to recover?



- a time you saw or met a celebrity  
When was this? Where were you? Who were you with? What was the celebrity doing? What was he / she wearing? Did you speak to him / her? What happened in the end?

- a time you got lost

Where were you going? How were you traveling? Why did you get lost? What happened in the end?



- b Work with a partner. Tell each other your two stories. Give as much detail as you can.



### Starting an anecdote

I'm going to tell you about a time when...  
This happened a few years ago...  
When I was younger...

## 8 WRITING

- p.116 Writing *Telling a story.* Write a story about something that happened to you.

## 9 3 14))) SONG We Are the Champions 🎵



# 5B Love at Exit 19

## 1 READING

- a How do you think people usually meet friends and partners nowadays? Number the phrases 1–5 (1 = the most popular). Then compare with a partner. Do you agree?
- A ☐ at work
  - B ☐ at school or college
  - C ☐ on the Internet (e.g., on forums, on social networking sites, etc.)
  - D ☐ in a cafe, club, etc.
  - E ☐ through friends
- b (3 15)) Read and listen to an article about Sonya Baker and Michael Fazio. Why did their relationship almost never happen?



## ♥ Love at Exit 19

He was a tollbooth collector, and she was a soprano who sang in Carnegie Hall. Their eyes met at Exit 19 of the New York State Thruway, when he charged her 37¢. The romance that followed was even less likely than the plot of an opera!

Sonya Baker was a frequent commuter from her home in the suburbs to New York City. One day, when she was driving to an audition, she came off the Thruway and stopped at the tollbooth where Michael Fazio was working. She talked with him as she paid to go through, and thought he was cute. For the next three months, they used to exchange a few words as she handed him the money, and he raised the barrier to let her pass. "It was mostly 'What are you doing today? Where are you going?'" she said. They learned more about each other, for example that Sonya loved Puccini and Verdi, while Michael's love was the New York Yankees. But their conversations suddenly came to an end when Michael changed his working hours. "He used to work during the day," said Sonya, "but he changed to night shifts." Although Michael still looked out for Sonya's white Toyota Corolla, he did not see her again for six months.

When Michael's working hours changed back to the day shift, he decided to put a traffic

cone in front of his lane. He thought, "It will be like putting a candle in a window." Sonya saw it, and their romance started up again. "I almost crashed my car on various occasions," she said, "trying to cross several lanes to get to his exit." Finally, she found the courage to give Michael a piece of paper with her phone number as she passed through the toll. Michael called her and for their first date they went to see the movie *Cool Runnings*, and then later they went to an opera, *La Bohème*, and to a Yankees game.

They are now married and living in Kentucky, where Sonya is a voice and music professor at Murray State College and Michael runs an activity center at a nursing home. It turned out that she had given him her number just in time. A short while later, she moved to New Jersey and stopped using the New York State Thruway. "I might never have seen him again," she said.



### Glossary

- a tollbooth** a small building by the side of a road where you pay money to use the road  
**Carnegie Hall** a famous concert hall in New York City  
**New York State Thruway** a road  
**New York Yankees** a baseball team based in the Bronx in New York City  
**a traffic cone** a plastic object, often orange and white, used to show where vehicles can or can't go



c Read the article again and number the events in the order they happened.

- A ☐ Michael changed his working hours.
- B ☐ Michael tried to find Sonya.
- C ☐ They got married.
- D ☐ Sonya moved to New Jersey.
- E ☐ Sonya gave Michael her phone number.
- F ☐ Michael changed his working hours again.
- G ☒ Sonya talked with Michael.
- H ☐ They stopped seeing each other.
- I ☐ They had their first date.
- J ☐ Sonya and Michael moved to Kentucky.

d Read the article again and look at the **highlighted** words and phrases. Try to figure out what they mean. Then match them with 1–10 below.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ a period of time worked by a group of workers
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ a person who travels into a city to work every day
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ attractive, good-looking
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ what had happened was
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ manages
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ probable
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ something that is used to give light, made of wax
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ have short conversations
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ they looked at each other romantically
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ was brave enough

## 2 GRAMMAR *usually* and *used to*

- a Think of a couple you know well, e.g., your parents or friends. How did they meet? Do you know any couples who met under unusual circumstances?
- b (3 16)) Listen to four people talking about where they met their partner. Match each one with a place from 1a.  
Speaker 1 ☐ Speaker 2 ☐ Speaker 3 ☐ Speaker 4 ☐
- c Listen to each story again and take notes on how the people met. Compare your notes with your partner and listen again if necessary. Which meeting do you think was the most romantic?
- d Look at two extracts from the listening. Answer the questions with a partner.

We used to go to clubs together on Saturday night.  
It used to be difficult to meet people.

- 1 When do we use *used to*? How do you make negatives and questions?
- 2 How would you change these sentences (using *usually*) if you wanted to talk about present habits or situations?
- e ► p.141 Grammar Bank 5B. Learn more about *usually* and *used to*, and practice them.

## 3 PRONUNCIATION & SPEAKING linking



### used to

Remember that *used to* and *use to* are usually linked and pronounced /'yustə/.

- a (3 18)) Listen and repeat the sentences. Copy the linking and the sentence rhythm.

- 1 I **used to** live in Los Angeles.
- 2 She **didn't use to** wear glasses.
- 3 **Where** did you **use to** work before?
- 4 They **used to** see each other a lot.
- 5 **Didn't** you **use to** have a beard?

- b In pairs, tell each other about *three* of the following. Give as much information as you can. How do you feel about these people and things now?

### Is there...

- a kind of **food** or **drink** you didn't use to like at all, but that you now like?
- a **TV series** you used to be addicted to? Why did you like it?
- a **singer** or a **kind of music** you used to listen to a lot (but don't anymore)?
- a **sport** or **game** you used to play a lot, but that you've given up?
- a **place** you used to go during summer vacation, and that you'd like to go back to?
- a **machine** or **gadget** you used to use a lot, but that is now out of date?



I used to hate most vegetables, especially spinach and cauliflower, but now I love them and usually eat a lot of vegetables every day...



## 4 VOCABULARY relationships

a Explain the difference between these pairs of phrases.

- 1 to meet somebody and to know somebody
- 2 a colleague and a friend
- 3 to argue with somebody and to discuss something with somebody

b ➤ **p.158 Vocabulary Bank Relationships.**

c Think of one of your close friends. In pairs, ask and answer the questions.

- How long have you known him / her?
- Where did you meet?
- Why do you get along well?
- What do you have in common?
- Do you ever argue? What about?
- How often do you see each other?
- How do you keep in touch?
- Have you ever lost touch? Why? When?
- Do you think you'll stay friends?

## 5 PRONUNCIATION

the letter s

a **3 21)))** Listen to the words in the list. How is the s (or se) pronounced? Write them in the correct columns.

busy close (adj) close (verb) conversation decision  
discuss eyes friends lose music pleasure  
promise raise school somebody sport sugar  
summer sure unusual used to usually various


b **3 22)))** Listen and check.

c Answer with a partner.

- 1 How is s usually pronounced at the beginning of a word? What are the two exceptions?
- 2 What two ways can s (or es) be pronounced at the end of a word?
- 3 How is s pronounced in -sion?







## 6 LISTENING

a Talk to a partner. Do you think the following are **T** (true) or **F** (false)?

- 1 22-year-olds have an average of 1,000 friends.
- 2 Men have more online friends than women.
- 3 People who spend a lot of time on Facebook become more dissatisfied with their own lives.

b (3 23)) Listen to the introduction to a radio program. According to research, are 1–3 in a true or false?

c (3 24)) Listen to four people who call the program, Young, Beth, Emma, and Ned. Who is the most positive about Facebook? Who is the most negative?

d Listen again. Answer with **Young**, **Beth**, **Emma**, or **Ned**.

Which caller...?

- 1 ☐ does not want to share personal information with strangers
- 2 ☐ has fewer Facebook friends than he / she used to have
- 3 ☐ has over a thousand friends
- 4 ☐ uses it to keep in touch with friends who don't live close by
- 5 ☐ thinks people use Facebook to give themselves more importance
- 6 ☐ used to use Facebook more than he / she does now
- 7 ☐ uses Facebook instead of calling
- 8 ☐ does not use social networking sites

e Do you use Facebook or any other social networking sites? Do you agree with anything the speakers said?

## 7 SPEAKING

a Read sentences **A–F** below. Check (✓) the ones you agree with and put an **X** next to the ones you don't agree with. Think about your reasons.

- A ☐ You can only have two or three close friends.
- B ☐ Nowadays people are in touch with more people but have fewer close friends.
- C ☐ Men keep their friends longer than women.
- D ☐ You should never criticize your friend's partner.
- E ☐ You should never lend money to a friend (or borrow money).
- F ☐ It's impossible to stay good friends with an ex-partner.

b In groups, compare opinions. Try to give real examples from your own experience or of people you know. Use the phrases below to help you.



### Giving examples

**For example**, I have a friend who I've known since I was five years old...

**For instance**, I once lent some money to a cousin...





## 1 VIDEO JENNY HAS COFFEE WITH A FRIEND

- a 3 25)) Watch or listen to Jenny and Monica. What's Monica's news?



- b Watch or listen again and answer the questions.
- 1 Who's Scott?
  - 2 When did they get engaged?
  - 3 Who has Monica told the news to?
  - 4 What did she use to do a lot at night? What does she do now?
  - 5 Who's going to organize the wedding?
  - 6 What does Jenny tell Monica about her relationship with Rob?
  - 7 What does Monica think about Rob being British?

## 2 VIDEO PERMISSION AND REQUESTS

- a 3 26)) Watch or listen. What two favors does Rob ask Jenny?
- b Watch or listen again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false). Correct the F sentences.
- 1 Rob orders a cappuccino.
  - 2 Rob says Monica looks different from her photos.
  - 3 Monica gets a good impression of Rob.
  - 4 Monica leaves because she has to go to work.
  - 5 Jenny says that most of their friends are in serious relationships.
  - 6 Paul is going to stay for two weeks.
  - 7 Paul used to be very quiet when they were younger.
  - 8 Jenny is excited to meet Paul.





- c 3 27))) Look at some extracts from the conversation. Can you remember any of the missing words? Watch or listen and check.

#### Asking permission

- 1 Rob Do you \_\_\_\_\_ if I join you?  
Monica Of \_\_\_\_\_ not. Come on, sit down.
- 2 Rob Is it \_\_\_\_\_ if we change our plans a bit this week?  
Jenny Uh...sure.

#### Requests: asking someone to do something

- 1 Rob \_\_\_\_\_ you pass the sugar?  
Jenny \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 Rob Could you do me a big \_\_\_\_\_?  
I have to work late this evening, so... would you mind \_\_\_\_\_ him at the airport?  
Jenny \_\_\_\_\_ at all. I'd like to meet him.
- 3 Rob And do you think you \_\_\_\_\_ take him to my flat? I'll give you the keys.  
Jenny No \_\_\_\_\_, Rob.

- d Look at the **highlighted** phrases and answer the questions.

- 1 How do you respond to *Do you mind if...?* and *Would you mind...?* when you mean OK, no problem?
- 2 Which two forms of request should you use if you want to be very polite or are asking a very big favor?

- e 3 28))) Watch or listen and repeat the **highlighted** phrases. Copy the rhythm and intonation.

- f Practice the dialogues in c with a partner.

- g  **Communication** Could you do me a favor? p.105.

### 3 VIDEO PAUL ARRIVES



- a 3 29))) Watch or listen. How do Rob and Jenny feel about Paul's arrival?
- b Watch or listen again and **circle** the right answer.
- 1 Paul's appearance *has changed a lot* / *hasn't changed much*.
  - 2 His flight was *on time* / *late*.
  - 3 On the trip from the airport Paul *talked a lot about himself* / *asked Jenny a lot of personal questions*.
  - 4 Rob suggests *eating in* / *eating out*.
  - 5 Paul feels *exhausted* / *full of energy*.
  - 6 Jenny *feels like* / *doesn't feel like* going out.
- c Look at the **Social English phrases**. Can you remember any of the missing words?

#### Social English phrases

- Paul Hey \_\_\_\_\_!
- Paul It's \_\_\_\_\_ to see you, mate.
- Rob How \_\_\_\_\_ you're so late?
- Paul No \_\_\_\_\_, man!
- Jenny Rob, I think I'll go home if you don't \_\_\_\_\_.
- Rob Just like the old \_\_\_\_\_!
- Paul Rob, we've got a lot to talk \_\_\_\_\_!

- d 3 30))) Watch or listen and complete the phrases.

- e Watch or listen again and repeat the phrases. How do you say them in your language?



#### Can you...?

- ☐ use different expressions to ask permission to do something and respond
- ☐ use different expressions to ask another person to do something and respond
- ☐ greet someone you haven't seen for a long time





## PE1 HOW AWFUL! HOW FANTASTIC! Student A

- a Read your sentences 1–9 to **B**. **B** must react with a phrase, e.g., *You're kidding, Oh, no!*, etc.
- 1 I collect funny salt-and-pepper shakers.
  - 2 I spilled some coffee on my laptop last night, and now it doesn't work.
  - 3 I'm going to New York City next weekend.
  - 4 Someone stole my bike yesterday.
  - 5 My dog can open the kitchen door by itself.
  - 6 My father's going to be interviewed on TV tomorrow.
  - 7 My grandmother just bought a sports car.
  - 8 My parents met when they were only 15.
  - 9 I just won \$2,000 in the lottery!
- b Listen to **B**'s sentences and react with a phrase.
- c Tell **B** some real (or invented) news about you for **B** to react. React to **B**'s news.

## 2B ARE YOU HUNGRY? Student A

- a Ask **B** your questions. He / She responds with the phrase in parentheses.
- 1 Is the water cold? (Yes, it's **freezing**.)
  - 2 Was the movie good? (Yes, it was **fantastic**.)
  - 3 Were you tired after the exam? (Yes, I was **exhausted**.)
  - 4 Was the room dirty? (Yes, it was **filthy**.)
  - 5 Is it a big house? (Yes, it's **enormous**.)
  - 6 Were you surprised? (Yes, I was **amazed**.)
  - 7 Are you sure? (Yes, I'm **positive**.)
- b Respond to **B**'s questions. Say *Yes, it's... / I'm...*, etc. + the strong form of the adjective that **B** used in the question. Remember to stress the strong adjective.
- Are you afraid of flying?* *Yes, I'm terrified.*
- c Repeat the exercise. Try to respond as quickly as possible.

## 5A OTHER SPORTS SUPERSTITIONS Student A

- a Read about Sydney Crosby and Kolo Touré.

**SIDNEY CROSBY** never calls his mother on a game day, even if it's her birthday. He believes that he gets injured on the days he calls his mother before a game.



When **KOLO TOURÉ** played for Arsenal, he always insisted on being the last player to leave the dressing room after the half-time break. This was never usually a problem. However, in one game when William Gallas, his teammate, was injured and needed treatment at half-time during a match, Touré stayed in the dressing room until Gallas had been treated. This meant that Arsenal had to start the second half with only nine players.

- b Now cover the text and tell **B** about their superstitions from memory.
- c Listen to **B** telling you about Jason Terry and Alexander Wurz's superstitions.
- d Together decide which superstition you think is a) the strangest b) the most impractical.

## 3A I'M A TOURIST - CAN YOU HELP ME? Student A

- a Think of the town / city where you are, or the nearest big town. You are a foreign tourist, and you are planning to get around using public transportation. Ask **B** questions 1–5. Get as much information from **B** as you can.
- 1 What kind of public transportation is there?
  - 2 What's the best way for me to get around the city?
  - 3 Can I rent a bike? Are there any bicycle lanes?
  - 4 Is it easy to find taxis? How expensive are they?
  - 5 What's the best way to get to the airport from the center of town? How long does it take?
- b Switch roles. **B** is a foreign tourist in the town who has rented a car. You live in the town. Answer **B**'s questions and give as much information as you can.



#### 4A GUESS THE SENTENCE Student A

- a Look at sentences 1–6 and think of the correct form of *be able to* + a verb. **Don't write anything yet!**

- 1 I'm sorry I won't \_\_\_\_\_ to your party next weekend.
- 2 It was August, but we \_\_\_\_\_ a hotel without any problems.
- 3 I used to \_\_\_\_\_ a little Japanese, but I can't now.
- 4 I love \_\_\_\_\_ in bed late on the weekend.
- 5 Will you \_\_\_\_\_ the work before Saturday?
- 6 I've never \_\_\_\_\_ fish well.

- b Read your sentence 1 to **B**. If it isn't right, try again until **B** tells you, "That's right." Then write it. Continue with 2–6.
- c Now listen to **B** say sentence 7. If it's the same as your sentence 7 below, say "That's right." If not, say "Try again" until **B** gets it right. Continue with 8–12.

- 7 It must be great to **be able to speak** a lot of languages.
- 8 I won't **be able to see** you tonight. I'm too busy.
- 9 My grandmother can't walk very well, but luckily we **were able to park** just outside the restaurant.
- 10 They haven't **been able to find** an apartment yet. They're still looking.
- 11 You should **be able to do** this exercise. It's very easy.
- 12 We really enjoy **being able to eat** outside in the summer.

#### PE3 COULD YOU DO ME A FAVOR?

Students A+B

- a Look at the verb phrases below. Choose two things you would like somebody to do for you. Think about any details, e.g., what kind of dog it is, how much money you need, etc.
- **take care of** (your children, your dog for the weekend, your apartment while you're away, etc.)
  - **lend you** (some money, their car, etc.)
  - **give you a ride** (home, to the mall, etc.)
  - **help you** (with a problem, with your homework, to paint your apartment, to choose some new clothes, etc.)
- b Ask as many other students as possible. Be polite (*Could you do me a big favor? Would you mind...? Do you think you could...?*) and explain why you want the favor. How many people agree to help you?

#### 4B THE BIG DAY Students A+B

Read a newspaper article about what happened at Heidi and Freddie's wedding. Do you think they behaved well or badly? Why?

##### News online

### Two sides to every story What happened next...

By NEWS ONLINE Reporter

**Y**esterday Heidi Withers married Freddie Bourne in a \$40,000 ceremony at St. Mary the Virgin Church. It was followed by a reception at a 900-year-old castle. However, there was no sign of Carolyn, Freddie's stepmother, the woman who was ridiculed for the email she sent Heidi. She and her husband Edward, Freddie's father, were not invited.



Heidi arrived almost 25 minutes late for the ceremony, which was due to begin at 2:45 p.m. Perhaps, as Carolyn suggested was her habit, she had been in bed until the last possible minute. She arrived at the church with security guards holding umbrellas to prevent onlookers from seeing her, and with her head covered. This is a well-known tactic for celebrities, but for a 29-year-old secretary it seemed, in the words of one onlooker, "a bit ridiculous."

Edward and Carolyn admitted to being disappointed at not receiving an invitation. They spent the weekend on vacation with friends. They have had no contact with the couple since the saga began, and did not even know the date of the wedding.



## 5A OTHER SPORTS SUPERSTITIONS

Student B

- a Read about Jason Terry and Alexander Wurz.



**JASON TERRY**, an American basketball player, wears the colors of his team's opponents the night before a game. If the team he's playing the next day wears black and white, then Terry wears black and white to bed the night before. He's been doing this since his playing days in college.

**ALEXANDER WURZ**, an Austrian racing driver, used to race with odd-colored shoes, the left one red and the right one blue. It came about when he lost a shoe before a big race and had to borrow one of a different color. After winning the race, he decided it was a lucky omen.



- b Now listen to **A** telling you about Sydney Crosby and Kolo Touré's superstitions.
- c Cover the text and tell **B** about Jason Terry and Alexander Wurz's superstitions from memory.
- d Together decide which superstition you think is a) the strangest b) the most impractical.

## 1B PERSONALITY Students A+B

Read the explanation and compare with a partner. Do you agree with your results?

The activity you have just done is a personality test. The first adjective you wrote down is how you see yourself, the second is how other people see you, and the third is what you are really like.

## 2A SPENDER OR SAVER? Students A+B

Check your results. Then compare with a partner. Do you agree with your results?

### Mostly a answers

You can't be trusted with your own money! You definitely need someone to help you to manage your finances better. Why not speak to an organized friend about how to plan? This will help you to make your money go further and stop you from getting into debt.

### Mostly b answers

Although you understand how to manage your money, sometimes you need to be a little more organized. Try setting yourself a weekly or monthly budget, and then stick to it. You will then know how much money you have, what you spend it on, and how much you can save.

### Mostly c answers

Congratulations! It sounds like you really know what you are doing when it comes to managing your money. You know how important it is to keep track of your spending and are responsible with your money.



## PE1 HOW AWFUL! HOW FANTASTIC! Student B

- a Listen to A's sentences and react with a phrase, e.g., *You're kidding*, *Oh, no!*, etc.
- b Read your sentences 1–9 for A to react.
- 1 I failed my driving test yesterday.
  - 2 I lost my wallet on the way to class.
  - 3 I met George Clooney at a party last week.
  - 4 I think I saw a ghost last night.
  - 5 I won a salsa competition last weekend.
  - 6 I'm going to be on a new edition of *Big Brother*.
  - 7 My dog died yesterday.
  - 8 My grandfather has a black belt in karate.
  - 9 My uncle is 104.
- c Tell A some real (or invented) news about you for A to react. React to A's news.

## 2B ARE YOU HUNGRY? Student B

- a Respond to A's questions. Say *Yes, it's...* / *I'm...*, etc. + the strong form of the adjective that A used in the question. Remember to stress the strong adjective.

*Is the water cold?* *Yes, it's freezing.*

- b Ask A your questions. He / She responds with the phrase in parentheses.

- 1 Are you afraid of flying? (Yes, I'm **terrified**.)
- 2 Is the soup hot? (Yes, it's **boiling**.)
- 3 Was the teacher angry? (Yes, he / she was **furious**.)
- 4 Is the bedroom small? (Yes, it's **tiny**.)
- 5 Are the children hungry? (Yes, they're **starving**.)
- 6 Is the chocolate cake good? (Yes, it's **delicious**.)
- 7 Was she happy with the present? (Yes, she was **excited**.)

- c Repeat the exercise. Try to respond as quickly as possible.

## 3A I'M A TOURIST - CAN YOU HELP ME?

Student B

- a Think of the town / city where you are, or the nearest big town. A is a foreign tourist who is planning to get around using public transportation. You live in the town. Answer A's questions and give as much information as you can.
- b Switch roles. You are a foreign tourist in the town. You have rented a car. Ask A questions 1–5. Get as much information from A as you can.

- 1 What time is rush hour in this town?
- 2 Where are there usually traffic jams?
- 3 What's the speed limit in the town? Are there speed cameras anywhere?
- 4 What will happen if I park somewhere illegal?
- 5 Where's the nearest tourist attraction outside the city? How long does it take to drive there from here?

## 4A GUESS THE SENTENCE

Student B

- a Look at sentences 7–12 and think of the correct form of *be able to* + a base form verb. **Don't write anything yet!**

7 It must be great to \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of languages.

8 I won't \_\_\_\_\_ you tonight. I'm too busy.

9 My grandmother can't walk very well, but luckily we \_\_\_\_\_ just outside the restaurant.

10 They haven't \_\_\_\_\_ an apartment yet. They're still looking.

11 You should \_\_\_\_\_ this exercise. It's very easy.

12 We really enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ outside in the summer.

- b Now listen to A say sentence 1. If it's the same as your sentence 1 below, say "That's right." If not, say "Try again" until A gets it right. Continue with 2–6.

1 I'm sorry I won't **be able to come** to your party next weekend.

2 It was August, but we **were able to find** a hotel without any problems.

3 I used to **be able to understand** a little Japanese, but I can't now.

4 I love **being able to stay** in bed late on the weekend.

5 Will you **be able to finish** the work before Saturday?

6 I've never **been able to cook** fish well.

- c Read your sentence 7 to A. If it isn't right, try again until A tells you, "That's right." Then write it. Continue with 8–12.



## 1 A DESCRIPTION OF A PERSON

a Read the two Facebook messages once and answer the questions.

- 1 Why has Angela written to Sofia?
- 2 Does Sofia recommend her friend to Angela?

### Messages

+ New Message



Angela Vernon

Hi Sofia,

I hope you're well.

I'm looking for an au pair to look after Austin and Melissa, and I remembered your Peruvian friend Marisol, who I met last summer. She said she might be interested in working in the US as an au pair, so I thought I would write and ask her. The thing is, I don't really know her, so before I write and suggest it, could you tell me a little about her (age, personality, etc., and what she likes doing) so that I can see if she would fit in with the family? Please be honest!

Angela



Sofia Lugo

Hi Angela,

Marisol is one of my best friends, so of course I know her **very** well. She's 22, and she just graduated from college with a degree in economics, but she doesn't have a job yet, and I'm sure she would be interested in going to the US. Her parents are both doctors, and she has two younger brothers. She gets along very well with them, and they are a very close family.

Marisol's an intelligent girl and very hardworking. She can be **really** shy at first, but when she gets to know you she's **incredibly** friendly. She loves children - she often takes care of her brothers - so she has a lot of experience, and she's also very responsible.

In her free time she likes going to the movies, listening to music, and she's also very good at photography - she always has her camera with her. She's **really** independent and happy to do things on her own, so you won't have to worry about taking her to places.

The only problem with Marisol is that she's **a little** forgetful... she sometimes loses things, like her keys, or her phone. Also, to be honest her English isn't great, but I'm sure she'll improve very quickly. I think Austin and Melissa will love her.

I hope this helps! Let me know if you need anything else.

Love,

Sofia

b The computer has found five spelling mistakes in Sofia's email. Can you correct them?

c Read both emails again. Then cover them and answer the questions from memory.

- 1 What five ☐ adjectives describe Marisol's personality?
- 2 What does she like doing in her free time?
- 3 What negative things does Sofia say about Marisol?
- 4 Does Sofia think Marisol will get along with Angela's family?

d Look at the **highlighted** expressions we use to modify adjectives. Put them in the correct place in the chart.

Marisol is

very

forgetful.



### Useful language: describing a person

He's *really* / *very*, etc. + positive adjective (e.g., *friendly*, *outgoing*, etc.)

She's *a little* + negative adjective (e.g., *messy*, *shy*, etc.)

He *likes* / *loves* / *doesn't mind* + verb + -ing

She's *happy to* + base form

He's good **with** children

**at** making new friends

e Imagine you received Angela's message asking about a friend of yours. **Write** an email to answer it. **Plan** what you're going to write using the paragraph headings below. Use the **Useful language** box and **Vocabulary Bank Personality p.153** to help you.

Paragraph 1	age, family, work / study
Paragraph 2	personality (good side)
Paragraph 3	hobbies and interests
Paragraph 4	any negative things?

f **Check** your email for mistakes (grammar, vocabulary, punctuation, and spelling).

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## 2 AN INFORMAL EMAIL

- a** Marisol went to the US and stayed for six months with a couple, Angela and Matt, working as an au pair. After going back to Peru, she sent them an email. Look at the list of things she says in her email. Number them in a logical order 1–6.

- ☐ She promises to send some photos.
- ☐ She thanks them for her stay and says how much she enjoyed it.
- ☐ She talks about what she's been doing recently.
- ☐ She apologizes for not writing before.
- ☐ She thanks them again and invites them to stay.
- ☐ She talks about the nice things that happened when she was with them.

- b** Now read Marisol's email and check your answers to **a**.

- c** Correct eight mistakes in the email (grammar, vocabulary, punctuation, and spelling.)

### 🔍 Useful language: informal emails

#### Beginnings

*Hi + name (or Dear + name if you want to be a little more formal)*

*Sorry for not writing sooner, but...*

*Thank you / Thanks (so much) for (your letter, having me to stay, etc.)...*

*It was great to hear from you...*

#### Endings

*That's all for now.*

*Hope to hear from you soon. / Looking forward to hearing from you soon.*

*(Give my) regards / love to...*

*Best wishes / Love (from)*

*P.S. (when you want to add a short message at the end of an email) I've attached a photo...*

- d** Imagine you have some American friends in the US, and you stayed with them for a week last month. **Write** an email to say thank you. **Plan** what you're going to say. Use 1–6 in **a** and the **Useful language** box to help you.

- e** **Check** your email for mistakes (grammar, vocabulary, punctuation, and spelling).

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**From:** Marisol [marisol\_new@gmail.com]  
**To:** Angela [angelav1970@yahoo.com]  
**Subject:** Thanks

Hi Angela,

I'm really sorry for not writing sooner, but I am very busy since I got back!

Thanks for a wonderful six months. I loved being in Colorado, and I had a great time. I also think my english got a little better... dont you think?

It was so nice to take care of Austin and Melissa. I thought they were adorable, and I think we had a fantastic time together. I have really good memories – for example our travel to Denver and the amusement park there!

I've been a little stressed these last few weeks, because I've started working at a restaurant, while I look for a full-time job. Be a waitress is very hard work, but I can now afford to rent an apartment with Sofia and two other friends, and I'm saving for to buy a car! I've also spent a lot of time with my family – my brothers have changed so much over the past six months!

I've had several messages from Austin and Melissa since I've been back! Please tell them from me that I miss them and that I send them some photos very soon.

That's all for now. Thanks again for everything. And I hope you know you're welcome in Lima any time – my family would love to meet you. Summer here is usually beautiful.

Hope to hear from you soon. Give my regards to Matt!

Best wishes,

Marisol

P.S. I've attached a photo I took of me with the kids. I hope you like it!





## 3 AN ARTICLE FOR A MAGAZINE

- a Look at the four forms of public transportation in New York City. Which one do you think is probably...?
- the least expensive
  - the healthiest
  - the best if you want to see the sights of New York City
  - the safest to use at night



subway



double-decker bus



bike



taxi

- b Read an article from an online magazine for foreign students about public transportation in New York City and check your answers to a. Then answer these questions from memory.
- 1 What can you use a MetroCard for?
  - 2 What kind of money do you have to use if you want to pay cash to ride a New York City bus?
  - 3 What's the difference between a taxi and car service?
- c Read the article again and fill in the blanks with a preposition from the list.

around at in next to on (x2) on the top of with



### Useful language: transportation in your town

You can buy MetroCards at many places in New York City.  
You need a ticket or card before you get on the subway.  
(You = people in general)

### Comparatives and superlatives:

Buses aren't as quick as trains.  
Riding a bike is the cheapest way to get around.

- d **Write** an article about transportation in your nearest town or city for foreign students. **Plan** what headings you're going to use and what to say about each form of transportation.
- e **Check** your article for mistakes (grammar, vocabulary, punctuation, and spelling).



## Transportation in New York City

**The Subway** This is the quickest way to get <sup>1</sup>around the city, and there are many subway stations all over New York City. The cheapest way to use the subway is to get a MetroCard. This is like a phone card. You put money on it, and you can add more when you need to. Then you use it every time you get <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the subway. You can buy MetroCards at subway stations, newsstands, and even from your employer.

**Buses** They can be quicker than the subway if there isn't too much traffic. The easiest way to use the buses, like the subway, is to just use your MetroCard. You can buy a single-ride ticket from machines <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ some, but not all bus stops. You can also pay cash (but no pennies and no paper money) when you get <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the bus. Traveling <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ a private double-decker bus is also a good way to see New York City.

**Bikes** Bikes are starting to become more popular in New York City, especially <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ tourists and people who want to travel to parts of the city, like the waterfront areas, where subways don't usually go. One of the newest bike-share programs is called Citi Bike. When you rent a bike from Citi Bike, you get a key that looks like a flash drive. You can use the key at any Citi Bike kiosk and get a bike to ride for the day.

**Taxis and Car Service** New York City's yellow taxis are expensive, but they are comfortable, and the taxi drivers know shortcuts through the city to get you to places quickly. You usually tell the driver where you want to go when you get <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the taxi. Car service is made up of normal cars that work for a company, and you have to call them ahead of time to pick you up. They are more expensive than taxis. Taxis and car service are probably the safest way to travel late <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ night.





## 4 TELLING A STORY

- a A magazine asked its readers to send in stories of a time they got lost. Read the story once. Why did Bethany and her husband get lost? What else went wrong?
- b Read the story again and complete it with a connecting word or phrase from the list.

although as soon as because but  
instead of so then when



### Useful language: getting lost

We were going in the wrong direction.  
We took the wrong exit / turn.  
We turned right instead of left.  
We didn't know where we were.  
We had to turn around and go back in the opposite direction.

- c **Write** about a trip where you got lost (or invent one) to send to the magazine.  
**Plan** what you're going to write using the paragraph headings below. Use the **Useful language** to help you.

Paragraph 1	When was the journey? Where were you going? Who with? Why?
Paragraph 2	How did you get lost? What happened?
Paragraph 3	What happened in the end?

- d **Check** your story for mistakes (grammar, vocabulary, punctuation, and spelling).

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## DISASTROUS TRIPS!

We asked you to tell us about a time you got lost.  
**Bethany** from the US wrote to us...



**T**his happened a few years ago. My husband and I had rented a house in Galicia for a summer vacation. We were going to first drive to Tarragona, to stay for a few days with some friends, and <sup>1</sup> then drive from Tarragona to Galicia.

The first part of the trip was fine. We were using our new GPS for the first time, and it took us right to the door of our friends' house. Three days later, <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ we continued our trip, we put in the name of the small town in Galicia, Nigrán, which was our final destination. We started off, obediently following the instructions, but after a while we realized that <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ driving west toward Lérída, we were going north. In fact, soon we were very close to Andorra. I was sure we were going in the wrong direction, <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my husband wanted to do what the GPS was telling us – it was his new toy! It was only when we started seeing mountains that even he admitted this couldn't be the right way. <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ we stopped, got out an old map, and then turned around! We had wasted almost two hours going in the wrong direction!

It was an awful trip <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ as well as getting lost, when we were almost at our destination we had another problem. We stopped for a coffee, but <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ we got back onto the road, we realized that we had left our dog under the table in the cafe! For the second time that day we had to turn around and go back. Luckily, the dog was still there! However, <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the beginning of our trip was a disaster, we had a wonderful vacation!



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- A I usually have meat or seafood. Usually shrimp or something as an appetizer and then maybe lamb for the main course.
- B I often have ready-made vegetable soups that you just have to heat up – in fact, they're the only vegetables I ever eat! And I usually have a couple of frozen pizzas in the freezer for emergencies. I don't really order take-out when I'm on my own, but if I'm with friends in the evening, we sometimes order Chinese food for dinner.
- C Eggs and soda. I have eggs for breakfast at least twice a week, and I drink a couple of cans of soda every day.
- D If I'm feeling down, chicken soup, with nice big pieces of chicken in it. It's warm and comforting. Uh, I usually have a banana before going to the gym. If I know I'm going to have a really long meeting, I usually have a coffee and a cupcake because I think it will keep me awake and give me energy.
- E Fruit – cherries, strawberries, raspberries, and apples. Vegetables – peppers, tomatoes, and cucumbers. The only thing I really don't like is zucchini. I can't even stand the smell of it.

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Part 1

**Interviewer** What was your favorite food when you were a child?

**Steve** Well, I always liked unusual things, at least things that most English children at the time didn't like. For instance, when I was six or seven my favorite things were snails, oh and prawns with garlic.

**Interviewer** Funny things for a six-year-old English boy to like!

**Steve** Well, the thing is my parents liked traveling and eating out a lot, and I first tried snails in France, and the prawns, my first prawns I had at a Spanish restaurant in the town where we lived.

**Interviewer** So you were interested in Spanish food right from the start. Is that why you decided to come to Spain?

**Steve** Partly, but of course, I suppose like a lot of British people I wanted to see the sun! The other thing that attracted me when I got here were all the fantastic ingredients. I remember going into the market for the first time and saying "Wow!"

**Interviewer** When you opened your restaurant, how did you want it to be different from typical Spanish restaurants?

**Steve** Well, when I came to Spain, all the good restaurants were very formal, very traditional. In London then, the fashion was for informal places where the waiters wore jeans, but the food was amazing. So I wanted a restaurant a bit like that. I also wanted a restaurant where you could try more international food, but made with some of these fantastic local ingredients. For example, Spain's got wonderful seafood, but usually here it's just grilled or fried. I started doing things in my restaurant like cooking Valencian mussels in Thai green curry paste.

**Interviewer** What do you most enjoy cooking?

**Steve** What I most enjoy cooking, I think, are those traditional dishes which use quite cheap ingredients, but they need very long and careful cooking, and then you turn it into something really special... like a really good casserole, for example.

**Interviewer** And is there anything you don't like cooking?

**Steve** Maybe desserts. You have to be very very precise when you're making desserts. And that's not the way I am.

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Part 2

**Interviewer** What's the best thing about running a restaurant?

**Steve** I think the best thing is making people happy. That's why even after all this time I still enjoy it so much.

**Interviewer** And the worst thing?

**Steve** That's easy, it has to be the long hours. This week for example, I'm cooking nearly every day. We usually close on Sundays and Mondays, but this Monday is a public holiday, when lots of people want to eat out, so we're open.

**Interviewer** Seu Xerea is in all the British restaurant guides now. Does that mean you get a lot of British customers?

**Steve** Yes, we get a lot of British people, especially at the weekends, but then we get people from other countries, too.

**Interviewer** And are the British customers and the Spanish customers very different?

**Steve** Yes, I think they are. The British always say that everything is lovely, even if they've only eaten half of it. The Spanish, on the other hand, are absolutely honest about everything. They tell you what they like; they tell you what they don't like. I remember when I first opened, I had sushi on the menu, which was very unusual at that time, and I went into the dining room, and I said to people, "So what do you think of the sushi?" And the customers, who were all Spanish, said "Oh, it was awful! It was raw fish!" Actually, I think I prefer that honesty, because it helps us to know what people like.

**Interviewer** What kind of customers do you find difficult?

**Steve** I think customers who want me to cook something in a way that I don't think is very good. Let's see, a person who asks for a really well-done steak, for instance. For me that's a difficult customer. You know, say, "I want steak," so I give them a really really well-done steak, and then they say "It's tough." And I think well, of course it's tough. It's well done! Well-done steak is always tough.

**Interviewer** People say that the Mediterranean diet is very healthy. Do you think people's eating habits in Spain are changing?

**Steve** Well, I think they are changing – unfortunately I think they're getting worse. People are eating more unhealthily.

**Interviewer** How do you notice that?

**Steve** I see it with, especially with younger friends. They often eat in fast-food restaurants, they don't cook... and actually the younger ones come from a generation where their mothers don't cook either. That's what's happening now, and it's a real pity.

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**Interviewer** This morning we're talking about family and family life, and now Danielle Barnes is going to tell us about a book she has just read called *Birth Order* by Linda Blair. So what's the book about, Danielle?

**Danielle** Well, it's all about how our position in the family influences the kind of person we are. I mean whether we're first born, a middle child, a youngest child, or an only child. Linda Blair argues that our position in the family is possibly the strongest influence on our character and personality.

**Interviewer** So tell us more about this, Danielle. What about the oldest children in a family, the first-born?

**Danielle** Well first-born children often have to take care of their younger brothers and sisters, so they're usually sensible and responsible as adults. They also tend to be ambitious, and they make good leaders. Many US Presidents and British Prime Ministers, including for example Abraham Lincoln were oldest children.

On the negative side, oldest children can be insecure and anxious. This is because when the second child was born, he or she lost some of his or her parents' attention and maybe he or she felt rejected.

**Interviewer** That's very interesting. What about the middle child?

**Danielle** Middle children are usually more relaxed than oldest children. That's probably because the parents are more relaxed themselves by the time the second child arrives. They're usually very sociable – the kind of people who get along with everybody, and they're also usually sensitive to what other people need. Now, this is because they grew up between older and younger brothers and sisters. For the same reason they are often good at sorting out arguments, and they're always sympathetic to the ones on the losing side, or in general to people who are having problems. On the other hand, middle children can sometimes be unambitious, and they can lack direction in life.

**Interviewer** And youngest children?

**Danielle** I was very interested in this part of the book because I'm a youngest child myself. It seems that youngest children are often very outgoing and charming. This is the way they try to get the attention of both their parents and their older brothers and sisters.

They are often more rebellious, and this is probably because it's easier for the youngest children to break the rules – by this time their parents are more relaxed about discipline. On the negative side, youngest children can be immature and disorganized, and they often depend too much on other people. This is because they have always been the baby of the family.

**Interviewer** Fascinating. And finally, what about only children?

**Danielle** Only children usually do very well at school because they have a lot of contact with adults. They get a lot of love and attention from their parents, so they're typically self-confident. They're also independent because they're used to being by themselves. And because they spend a lot of time with adults they're usually very organized.

**Interviewer** I'm an only child myself and people always think that I must be spoiled. Is that true, according to Linda Blair?

**Danielle** Well, it's true that only children can sometimes be spoiled by their parents because they're given everything they ask for. Also, on the negative side, only children can be selfish, and they can also be impatient, especially when things go wrong. This is because they're not used to sorting out problems with other brothers and sisters.

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**Jenny** My name's Jenny Zielinski. And New York is my city. I live here and I work for a magazine, *NewYork24seven*.

**Rob** My name's Rob Walker. I'm a writer on *NewYork24seven*. You can probably tell from my accent that I'm not actually from New York. I'm British, and I came over to the States a few months ago.



**Jenny** I met Rob in London when I was visiting the UK on a work trip. He was writing for the London edition of *24seven*. We got along well right away. I really liked him.

**Rob** So why am I in New York? Because of Jenny, of course. When they gave me the opportunity to work here for a month, I took it immediately. It gave us the chance to get to know each other better. When they offered me a permanent job I couldn't believe it!

**Jenny** I helped Rob find an apartment. And now here we are. Together in New York. I'm so happy. I just hope Rob's happy here, too.

**Rob** I really loved living in London. A lot of my friends and family are there, so of course I still miss it. But New York's a fantastic city. I've got a great job and Jenny's here, too.

**Jenny** Things are changing pretty fast in the office. We have a new boss, Don Taylor. And things are changing in my personal life, too. This evening's kind of important. I'm taking Rob to meet my parents for the very first time. I just hope it goes well!

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**Jenny** I can't believe we got here so late.

**Rob** I'm sorry, Jenny. I had to finish that article for Don.

**Jenny** Don't forget the chocolates.

**Rob** OK.

**Rob** Oh, no!

**Jenny** I don't believe it. Don't tell me you forgot them!?

**Rob** I think they're still on my desk.

**Jenny** You're kidding.

**Rob** You know what my desk's like.

**Jenny** Yeah, it's a complete mess. Why don't you ever tidy it?

**Rob** We could go and buy some more.

**Jenny** How can we get some more? We're already late!

**Jenny** Hi, there!

**Harry** You made it!

**Jenny** Sorry we're late. So, this is my mom and dad, Harry and Sally. And this, of course, is Rob.

**Rob** Hello.

**Sally** It's so nice to meet you at last.

**Harry** Yes, Jenny's finally decided to introduce you to us.

**Sally** Come in, come in!

**Jenny** Mom, I'm really sorry – we bought you some chocolates, but we left them at the office.

**Sally** What a pity. Never mind.

**Harry** Yeah, don't worry about it. We know what a busy young woman you are. And your mom has made way too much food for this evening anyway.

**Sally** Oh, Harry.

**Jenny** But I also have some good news.

**Sally** Really? What's that?

**Jenny** Well, you know we have a new boss? He's still new to the job and needs support, so today he made me the managing editor of the magazine.

**Sally** So you've got a promotion? How fantastic!

**Harry** That's great news! Hey, does that mean Jenny's going to be your boss, Rob?

**Rob** Uh... yes, I guess so.

**Jenny** Well, not exactly. I'm a manager, but I'm not Rob's manager.

**Sally** Let's go and have dinner.

**Jenny** What a great idea!

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**Harry** You know, our Jenny has done incredibly well, Rob. She's the first member of our family to study at Harvard. She's a very capable and ambitious young woman.

**Jenny** Oh, Dad.

**Rob** No, it's true, Jenny.

**Harry** But what about you, Rob? How do you see your career? Do you see yourself going into management?

**Rob** Me? No. Not really. I'm more of a... a writer.

**Harry** Really? What kind of things do you write?

**Rob** Um... you know, interviews, reviews... things like that... and I'm doing a lot of work for the online magazine...

**Jenny** Rob's a very talented writer, Dad. He's very creative.

**Harry** That's great, but being creative doesn't always pay the bills.

**Jenny** You know, my dad's a very keen photographer. He took all of these photos.

**Harry** Oh, Rob won't be interested in those.

**Rob** But I am interested. I mean, I like photography. And I think I recognize some of these people...

**Harry** That's because most of them are of Jenny.

**Rob** But there are some great jazz musicians, too. That's Miles Davis... and isn't that John Coltrane? And that's Wynton Marsalis.

**Harry** You know about Wynton Marsalis?

**Rob** Know about him? I've interviewed him!

**Harry** How incredible! I love that guy. He's a hero of mine.

**Rob** Well, he's a really nice guy. I spent a whole day with him, chatting and watching him rehearse.

**Harry** Really? I want to hear all about it.

**Sally** Have a cookie, Rob.

**Harry** Go ahead, son! Sally makes the best cookies in New York!

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- 1 I'm a spender, I think. I try to save, but something always seems to come along that I need to buy, and I end up broke. I can get by with very little money for myself when I need to, but I don't seem to be good at holding on to it. Also, if my kids ask to borrow some money, I always say yes.
- 2 I would say that I'm a spender. I spend money on things like concerts or on trips because I like having the experience and the memories. I know that I should spend my money on things that last, or save for the future, but I don't want to miss all those good things that are happening right now.
- 3 I consider myself a spender. I don't have much money, but when I do have some there's always something I need or want to spend it on. I love computers and computer games, so I buy things to make sure my computer is always up to date. I know it's not very sensible, but it's important to me.
- 4 That's hard to say. I can save money if there's something I really, really want, but usually my money disappears as soon as I get it. I get some money from my parents every week, so I have just enough money to go to the movies with my friends and to buy something for myself, maybe a book or a DVD or some makeup... I usually end up buying something. But, for example, if I want to go on a trip with my friends, then I can make an effort and save some money for a few weeks.
- 5 Since I was little, I've always saved about a third of the money I get. I would never think of spending all the money I have. You could say that I'm careful about money. When I want to buy something that's expensive, I don't use a credit card. I take the money out of the bank so I never have to worry about getting into debt.
- 6 I'd say a saver, definitely. I like having some money saved in case I have an emergency. I also think very carefully before I buy something, and I always make sure it's the best I can buy for that price. But I wouldn't describe myself as cheap. I love buying presents for people, and when I do spend my money I like to buy nice things, even if they're more expensive.

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**Part 1**

**Interviewer** Jane, you're an elementary school teacher, and a writer. What kind of books do you write?

**Jane** Well, I write books for children who are learning English as a foreign language.

**Interviewer** How long have you been a writer?

**Jane** Uh, let me see, since 1990. So for about 22 years.

**Interviewer** Tell us about the trip that changed your life. Where were you going?

**Jane** Well, it was in the summer of 2008, and my family – my husband and I and our three children, decided to have a holiday of a lifetime, and to go to Africa. We went to Uganda and Rwanda, to see the mountain gorillas. It was something we'd always wanted to do. Anyway, about half way through the trip, we were in Uganda, and we were traveling in a lorry when the lorry broke down. So the driver had to find a mechanic to come and help fix it.

**Interviewer** And then what happened?

**Jane** Well, as soon as we stopped, lots of children appeared and surrounded us. I could see some long buildings quite near, so I asked the children what they were, and they said in English "That's our school." And I was very curious to see what a Ugandan school was like, so I asked them to show it to me.

**Interviewer** What was it like?

**Jane** I was shocked when I first saw it. The walls were falling down, the blackboards were broken, and there weren't many desks. But the children were so friendly, and I asked them if they would like to learn a song in English. They said yes, and I started teaching them some songs, like *Heads, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes* a song I've used all over the world to teach children parts of the body. Almost immediately the classroom filled up with children of all ages, and they all wanted to learn. I was just amazed by how quickly they learned the song!

**Interviewer** Did you meet the teachers?

**Jane** Yes, we did, and the headmaster, too. He explained that the school was called St. Josephs, and it was a community school for orphans, very poor children and refugees. I asked him what the school needed. I thought that he might say "we need books, or paper," and then later we could send them to him. But actually he said "What we need is a new school." And I thought yes, of course he's right. These children deserve to have better conditions than this to learn in. So when I got back home, my husband and I, and other people who were with us on the trip decided to set up an organization to get money to build a new school.

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#### Part 2

**Interviewer** So Adelante África was born. Why did you decide to call it that?

**Jane** Well, we wanted a name that gave the idea of Africa moving forward, and my husband is Spanish, and he suggested Adelante África, because in Spanish Adelante means "go forward," and Adelante África sort of sounded better than "Go Forward, Africa."

**Interviewer** How long did it take to raise the money for the new school?

**Jane** Amazingly enough, not long really, only about two years. The school opened on the 14th March 2010 with 75 children. Today, it has nearly 500 children.

**Interviewer** That's great! I understand that since the new school opened you've been working on other projects for these children.

**Jane** Yes. When we opened the school we realized that although the children now had a beautiful new school, they couldn't really make much progress because they were suffering from malnutrition, malaria, things like that. So we've been working to improve their diet and health, and at the moment we're building a house where children who don't have families can live.

**Interviewer** And are your children involved in Adelante África too?

**Jane** Yes, absolutely! They all go out to Uganda at least once a year. My daughter Tessie runs the Facebook page, and my other daughter Ana runs a project to help children to go to secondary school, and Georgie, my son, organizes a football tournament there every year.

**Interviewer** And how do you think you have most changed the children's lives?



**Jane** I think the school has changed the children's lives because it has given them hope. People from outside came and listened to them and cared about them. But it's not only the children whose lives have changed. Adelante África has also changed me and my family. We have been very lucky in life. I feel that life has given me a lot. Now I want to give something back. But it's not all giving. I feel that I get more from them than I give! I love being there. I love their smiles and how they have such a strong sense of community, and I love feeling that my family and the other members of Adelante África are accepted as part of that community.

**Interviewer** And do you have a website?

**Jane** Yes, we do. It's [www.adelanteafrica.com](http://www.adelanteafrica.com). We've had the website for about four years. It was one of the first things we set up. If you'd like to find out more about Adelante África, please go there and have a look. There are lots of photos and even a video my son took of me teaching the children to sing on that first day. Maybe it will change your life too, who knows?

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### Phone call 4

I haven't had any music for the last three days, because my iPod broke, so paddling has been getting more boring. To pass the time I count or I name countries in my head, and sometimes I just look up at the sky. Sometimes the sky is pink with clouds that look like cotton, and other times it's dark like the smoke from a fire, and sometimes it's bright blue. The day that I reached the half way point in my trip, the sky was bright blue. I'm superstitious so I didn't celebrate – there's still a very long way to go.

### Phone call 5

This week the mosquitoes have been driving me crazy. They obviously think I'm easy food! They especially like my feet. I wake up in the night when they bite me, and I can't stop scratching my feet.

But I'm feeling happier now than I've been feeling for weeks. I've seen a lot of amazing wildlife this week. One day, I found myself in the middle of a group of dolphins. There were about six pairs jumping out of the water. I've also seen enormous butterflies, iguanas, and vultures that fly above me in big groups. Yesterday, a fish jumped into my kayak. Maybe it means I'm going to be lucky. I am starting to feel a little sad that this adventure is coming to an end.

And finally on the news, TV host Helen Skelton has successfully completed her 1,998-mile trip down the Amazon River in a kayak. She left from Nauta in Peru six weeks ago on a trip that many people said would be impossible. But yesterday, she crossed the finish line at Almeirim in Brazil to become the first woman to paddle down the Amazon. Here's Helen: "It's been hard, but I've had an amazing time. The only thing I've really missed is my dog Barney. So the first thing I'm going to do will be to pick him up and take him for a nice long walk."

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Tanner took a taxi from the the boat yard to the airport where the seaplane was leaving from. It took 45 minutes to get from the boat yard to the airport. Once he got on the seaplane, Tanner quickly made up the time he spent riding in the taxi. With the plane flying close to 100 miles an hour, Tanner caught up to Rutledge and Adam near Seven Mile Bridge. After landing at the airport in Key West, Tanner rented a scooter for the last three miles of the race. Just a few more minutes until he arrived at the southern-most point of the US.

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**Host** And on tonight's program we talk to Tom Dixon, who is an expert on road safety. Tom, new technology like GPS devices has meant new distractions for drivers, hasn't it?

**Tom** That's right, Nicky, but it isn't just technology that's the problem. Car drivers do a lot of other things while they're driving that are dangerous

and that can cause accidents. Remember, driver distraction is the number one cause of road accidents.

**Host** Now I know you've been doing a lot of tests with simulators. According to your tests, what's the most dangerous thing to do when you're driving?

**Tom** The tests we did in a simulator showed that the most dangerous thing to do while you're driving is to send or receive a text message. This is incredibly dangerous, and it is, of course, illegal. In fact, research done by the police shows that this is more dangerous than drinking and driving.

**Host** Why is that?

**Tom** Well, the reason is obvious – many people use two hands to text, one to hold the phone and the other to type. Which means that they don't have their hands on the wheel, and they're looking at the phone, not at the road. Even for people who can text with one hand, it's still extremely dangerous. In the tests we did in the simulator, two of the drivers crashed while texting.

**Host** And which is the next most dangerous?

**Tom** The next most dangerous thing is to set or adjust your GPS. This is extremely hazardous too because although you can do it with one hand, you still have to take your eyes off the road for a few seconds.

**Host** And number three?

**Tom** Number three was putting on makeup or doing your hair. In fact, this is something that people often do, especially women, of course, when they stop at traffic lights, but if they haven't finished when the lights change, they often continue when they start driving again. It's that fatal combination of just having one hand on the steering wheel, and looking in the mirror, not at the road.

**Host** And number four?

**Tom** In fourth place, there are two activities that are equally dangerous. One of them is making a phone call on a cell phone. Our research showed that when people talk on the phone, they drive more slowly (which can be just as dangerous as driving fast), but their control of the car gets worse, because they're concentrating on the phone call and not on what's happening on the road. But the other thing, which is just as dangerous as talking on your cell phone, is eating and drinking. In fact, if you do this, you double your chance of having an accident because eating and drinking always involves taking at least one hand off the steering wheel. And the thing that's most worrying here is that people don't think of this as a dangerous activity at all, and it isn't even illegal.

**Host** And in fifth, well actually sixth place. It must be listening to music, but what kind?

**Tom** Well, it's listening to music you know.

**Host** Oh, that's interesting.

**Tom** We found in our tests that when drivers were listening to music they knew and liked, they drove either faster or slower depending on whether the music was fast or slow.

**Host** So fast music made drivers drive faster.

**Tom** Exactly. And a study in Canada also found that if the music was very loud, then drivers' reaction time was 20% slower. If you're listening to very loud music you're twice as likely to go through a red light.

**Host** So the safest of all of the things on the list is to listen to music we don't know.

**Tom** Exactly. If we don't know the music, then it doesn't distract us. In this part of the tests all drivers drove safely.

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**A** Excuse me, is this seat empty?

**B** Yes, sure sit down. Ah, he's cute. Is he yours?

**A** Yes, yes. Actually, he's a she. Miranda.

**B** Oh. Three months?

**A** Three and a half. How about yours?

**B** Stephen. He's four months. Did you have a bad night?

**A** Yes, Miranda was crying all night. You know, that noise gets to you. It drives me crazy.

**B** Do you know what you need? These.

**A** What are they? Earplugs?

**B** Yes. Earplugs! When the baby starts crying you just put these in. You can still hear the crying, but the noise isn't so bad, and it's not so stressful.

**A** That's a great idea! Who told you to do that?

**B** It's all in this book I read. You should get it.

**A** Yeah? What's it called?

**B** It's called *Commando Dad*. It was written by an ex-soldier. He was a commando in the army, and it's especially for men with babies or small children. It's pretty good.

**A** Really? So what's so good about it?

**B** Well, it's like a military manual. It tells you exactly what to do with a baby in any situation. It makes everything easier. There's a website, too, that you can go to – [commandodad.com](http://commandodad.com). It has a lot of advice about taking care of babies and small kids, and I really like the forums where men can write in with their problem or their experiences.

**A** What kind of things does it help you with?

**B** All kinds of things. How to change diapers – he has a really good system, how to dress the baby, how to get the baby to sleep, the best way to feed the baby, how to know if the baby is sick. It's really useful and it's pretty funny, too, I mean he uses a kind of military language, so for example he calls the baby a BT which means a baby trooper, and the baby's bedroom is base camp, and taking the baby for a walk is maneuvers, and taking the diapers to the trash is called bomb disposal.

**A** What else does it say?

**B** Well, it has all kinds of stuff about...

**A** And what does he think about men taking care of children? Does he think we do it well?

**B** He thinks that men are just as good as women at taking care of children in almost everything.

**A** Almost everything?

**B** Yeah, he says the one time when women are better than men is when the kids are sick. Women kind of understand better what to do. They have an instinct. Oh. Now it's my turn. OK, I know exactly what that cry means. It means he's hungry.

**A** Wow! What was that book called?

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**Kerri** You work hard, but your money's all spent. Haven't got enough to pay the rent. You know it's not right and it makes no sense. To go chasing, chasing those dollars and cents. Chasing, chasing those dollars and cents...

**Rob** That was great, Kerri.

**Kerri** Thanks.

**Rob** Kerri, you used to be in a band, now you play solo. Why did you change?

**Kerri** What happened with the band is private. I've already said I don't want to talk about it in interviews. All I'll say is that I have a lot more freedom this way. I can play – and say – what I want.

**Rob** Did your relationship with the band's lead guitarist affect the break up?

**Kerri** No comment. I never talk about my private life.

**Rob** Your Dad was in a famous punk band, and your Mum's a classical pianist, have they influenced your music?

**Kerri** Of course they have – what do you think? Isn't everyone influenced by their parents?

**Rob** When did you start playing?

**Kerri** I started playing the guitar when I was about four.

**Rob** Four? That's pretty young.

**Kerri** Yeah, the guitar was nearly as big as me!

**Rob** I think that your new album is your best yet. It's a lot quieter and more experimental than your earlier albums.

**Kerri** Thank you! I think it's my best work.

**Rob** So what have you been doing recently?

**Kerri** Well, I've been writing and recording some new songs. And I've played at some of the summer festivals in the UK.



**Rob** And what are you doing while you're in the States?

**Kerri** I'm going to play at some clubs here in New York, then I'm doing some small gigs in other places. I just want to get to know the country and the people. It's all very new to me.

**Jenny** Good job, Rob. She isn't the easiest person to interview.

**Rob** She's OK. And this video clip will work great online.

**Don** Well, thank you for coming in today, Kerri. Now I suggest we have some lunch. Rob, could you call a taxi?

**Rob** Uh, sure.

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**Don** So when will you be coming back to New York, Kerri?

**Kerri** Oh, I don't know.

**Waitress** Hi, guys. Is everything OK?

**Don** Yes, it's delicious, thank you.

**Waitress** That's great!

**Kerri** New York waiters never leave you alone! I really don't like all this "Hi guys! Is everything OK?" stuff.

**Don** What? You mean waiters aren't friendly in London?

**Rob** Oh, they're very friendly!

**Kerri** Yes, they're friendly, but not too friendly. They don't bother you all the time.

**Waitress** Can I get you anything else? More drinks, maybe?

**Don** No thanks. We're fine.

**Waitress** Fantastic.

**Kerri** See what I mean? Personally, I think people in London are a lot more easygoing. London's just not as hectic as New York.

**Don** Sure, we all like peace and quiet. But in my opinion, New York is possibly... well, no, is definitely the greatest city in the world. Don't you agree?

**Kerri** To be honest, I definitely prefer London.

**Don** Come on, Rob. You've lived in both. What do you think?

**Rob** Um, well, I have to say, London's very special. It's more relaxed, it's got great parks and you can cycle everywhere. It's dangerous to cycle in New York!

**Don** Why would you cycle when you can drive a car?

**Kerri** You can't be serious.

**Don** OK, I agree, London has its own peculiar charm. But if you ask me, nothing compares with a city like New York. The whole world is here!

**Kerri** But that's the problem. It's too big. There are too many people. Everybody's so stressed out. And nobody has any time for you.

**Jenny** I don't think that's right, Kerri. New Yorkers are very friendly...

**Kerri** Oh sure, they can sound friendly with all that "Have a nice day" stuff. But I always think it's a little bit... fake.

**Don** You've got to be kidding me!

**Rob** I'm sorry. I'll just have to take this... Hello?... Yes... You're who?... The taxi driver?... What did she leave? ... Her cell phone... right. OK. Yes, we're still at the restaurant. See you in about five minutes.

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**Kerri** Thank you for a nice lunch, Don.

**Don** You're welcome.

**Waitress** Thanks for coming, guys! Have a nice day.

**Don** See? Nice, friendly service.

**Kerri** Maybe. But I think she saw the big tip you left on the table!

**Jenny** Did you mean what you said in the restaurant, Rob?

**Rob** Did I mean what?

**Jenny** About missing London?

**Rob** Sure, I miss it, Jenny.

**Jenny** Really?

**Rob** But hey, not that much! It's just that moving to a new place is always difficult.

**Jenny** But you don't regret coming here, do you?

**Rob** No ... no ... not at all.

**Jenny** It's just that... you seemed homesick in there.

For the parks, the cycling ...

**Rob** Well there are some things I miss but – Oh, hang on a minute. Look over there. Our taxi's come back.

**Taxi driver** Excuse me, Ma'am.

**Kerri** Who me? What is it?

**Taxi driver** I believe this is your cell phone. You left it in my cab.

**Kerri** What?... Oh, wow... thank you!

**Taxi driver** Have a nice day!

**Kerri** That was so kind of him!

**Don** See? New Yorkers are really friendly people.

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1 One very easy thing you can do, is just change the language to English on all the gadgets you have, for example on your phone, or laptop, or tablet. That way you're reading English every day and without really noticing you just learn a whole lot of vocabulary, for example the things you see on your screen like *Are you sure you want to shut down now*, things like that.

2 My tip is to do things that you like doing, but in English. So for example, if you like reading, then read in English, if you like movies, watch them in English with subtitles, if you like computer games, play them in English. But don't do things you don't enjoy in your language, I mean if you don't like reading in your language, you'll enjoy it even less in English, and so you probably won't learn anything.

3 What really helped me to improve my English was having an American boyfriend. He didn't speak any Japanese – well, not many foreigners do – so we spoke English all the time, and my English improved really quickly. We broke up when he went back to the US, but by then I could speak pretty fluently. We didn't exactly end up as friends, but I'll always be grateful to him for the English I learned. So my tip is try to find an English-speaking boyfriend or girlfriend.

4 I've always thought that learning vocabulary is very important, so I bought a vocabulary flash card app for my phone. I write down all the new words and phrases I want to remember in French and in English, and then when I get a quiet moment I test myself. It really helps me remember new vocabulary. So that's my tip. Get a vocabulary learning app for your phone.

5 I think one of the big problems when you're learning something new is motivation, something to make you continue and not give up. So my tip is to book yourself a vacation in an English-speaking country or a country where people speak very good English, like the Caribbean, as a little reward for yourself, and so you can actually practice your English. It's really motivating when you go somewhere and find that people understand you and you can communicate! Last year, I went to the Bahamas for a weekend, and I had a great time, and I spoke a lot of English.

6 If you love music, which I do, my tip is to listen to as many songs as possible in English and then learn to sing them. It's so easy nowadays with YouTube. First, I download the lyrics and try to understand them. Then I sing along with the singer and try to copy the way he or she sings – this is fantastic for your pronunciation. Then once I can do it well, I go back to YouTube and get a karaoke version of the song, and then I sing it. It's fun and your English will really improve as a result.

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I always thought that good manners were good manners wherever you were in the world. But that was until met my boyfriend Jason, who is from Burma—also known as Myanmar. We met in upstate New York, when we were both students in college. When we first got to know each other, we were always surrounded by a group of friends. I liked Jason because he was funny and kind, and I could tell he liked me, but we never spent any time alone.

The first time I suggested that we hang out without our friends, he said no without an explanation, which I thought was kind of rude. My feelings were hurt, so I didn't talk to him as much. The next time I saw Jason in our big group, he was just as friendly and happy as usual. I was confused.

Finally, I asked him why he wouldn't hang out with me. He apologized and then he told me that in Burma, it's custom to "date" in a group situation. Since he had only been in the US for a few years, he was still having trouble navigating the two cultures he lived in—the more reserved Burmese culture and the more open American culture.

A few months later, after we started dating, I asked him why he never responded to my cute, romantic Facebook posts with more than "cool" or "thanks." It seemed weird to me that his responses weren't romantic. And honestly, I was a little jealous of the sweet posts my American friends' boyfriends left on their Facebook pages.

But Jason told me in Burma, it's considered bragging to express your feelings in public, especially on a social networking site. He didn't want his family and friends to think he was bragging about his American girlfriend. From an American point of view, I thought he was being a bit cold; however from a Burmese point of view, he was actually being respectful.

As confused as I was about what's considered good and bad manners in Jason's culture, he felt the same way about American culture. He thought it was bad manners to refer to have a "best friend," and he would argue with me whenever I called my friend Rachel, my best friend. Jason said there is no such thing as a "best friend" in Burmese culture. There are only "close friends." It would be inconsiderate to name one person as a "best friend" because your other friends would feel offended.

Anyway, we've been together for two years, and we still have disagreements. But, we've learned that as long as we're a couple, we'll never completely agree about whether our manners are good or bad, and that most importantly...it's OK to agree to disagree!

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### Part 1

**Interviewer** What made you want to become a soccer referee, or football referee as you would call it?

**Juan** My father was a referee, but that didn't influence me – in fact, the opposite because I saw all the problems that he had as a referee. But as a child I was always attracted by the idea of being a referee, and at school I used to referee all kinds of sports, basketball, handball, volleyball, and of course, football. I was invited to join the Referee's Federation when I was only 14 years old.

**Interviewer** Were you good at sports yourself?

**Juan** Yes, I was a very good handball player. People often think that referees become referees because they are frustrated sportsmen, but this is just not true in most cases in my experience.

**Interviewer** What was the most exciting match you ever refereed?

**Juan** It's difficult to choose one match as the most exciting. I remember some of the Real Madrid–Barcelona matches, for example the first one I ever refereed. The atmosphere was incredible in the stadium. But really it's impossible to pick just one – there have been so many.

**Interviewer** What was the worst experience you ever had as a referee?

**Juan** The worst? Well, that was something that happened very early in my career. I was only 16, and I was refereeing a match in a town in Spain, and the home team lost. After the match, I was attacked and injured by the players of the home team and by the spectators. After all these years I can still remember a mother, who had a little baby in her arms, who was trying to hit me. She was so angry with me that she nearly dropped her baby. That was my worst moment, and it nearly made me stop being a referee.



**Interviewer** Do you think that there's more cheating in soccer than in the past?

**Juan** Yes, I think so.

**Interviewer** Why?

**Juan** I think it's because there's so much money in football today that it's become much more important to win. Also football is much faster than it used to be, so it's much more difficult for referees to detect cheating.

**Interviewer** How do soccer players cheat?

**Juan** Oh, there are many ways, but for me the worst thing in football today is what we call "simulation." Simulation is when a player pretends to have been fouled when in fact he hasn't. For example, sometimes a player falls over in the penalty area when, in fact, nobody has touched him and this can result in the referee giving a penalty when it wasn't a penalty. In my opinion, when a player does this he's cheating not only the referee, not only the players of the other team, but also the spectators, because spectators pay money to see a fair contest.

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#### Part 2

**Interviewer** What's the most difficult thing about being a referee?

**Juan** The most difficult thing is to make the right decisions during a match. It's difficult because you have to make decisions when everything's happening so quickly – football today is very fast. You must remember that everything is happening at 100 kilometres an hour. Also important decisions often depend on the referee's interpretation of the rules. Things aren't black and white. And of course making decisions would be much easier if players didn't cheat.

**Interviewer** Do you think that the idea of fair play doesn't exist any more?

**Juan** Not at all. I think fair play does exist – the players who cheat are the exceptions.

**Interviewer** Finally, who do you think is the best player right now?

**Juan** I think most people agree that the best footballer today is Leo Messi.

**Interviewer** Why do you think he's so good?

**Juan** It's hard to say what makes him so special, but a study was done on him which showed that Messi can run faster with the ball than many footballers can do without the ball. Apart from his great ability, what I also like about him is that he isn't the typical superstar footballer. You can see that he enjoys playing football, and he behaves in public and in his personal life in a very normal way. That's unusual when you think how famous he is. And what's more he doesn't cheat – he doesn't need to!

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**Host** Hello, and welcome to *Forum*, the program that asks you what you think about current topics. Today Martha Park will be talking about the social networking site Facebook, how we use it, how much we like it – or dislike it. So get ready to call us, or text us and tell us what you think. The number as always is 555-4318. Martha.

**Martha** Hello. Since Facebook was first launched in 2004, a lot of research has been done to find out what kind of people use it, what they use it for, and what effect it has on their lives. According to a recent study by consumer research specialist Intersperience, the average 22 year old in Britain has over 1,000 online friends. In fact, 22 seems to be the age at which the number of friends peaks. It also appears that women have slightly more online friends than men. And another study from an American university shows that people who spend a lot of time on Facebook reading other people's posts tend to feel more dissatisfied with their own lives, because they feel that everyone else is having a better time than they are. So, over to you. Do you use Facebook? How do you feel about it? Can you really have 1,000 friends? Are social networking sites making us unhappy? Call in and share your experiences...

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**Host** And our first caller is Young. Go ahead, Young.

**Young** Hi. Uh, yeah, I use Facebook a lot, every day. I think it's a great way to, uh, organize your social life and keep in touch with your friends. I have a lot of friends.

**Martha** How many friends do you have, Young?

**Young** Right now, I have 1,042.

**Martha** And how many of them do you know personally?

**Young** About half maybe?

**Martha** And what do you use Facebook for?

**Young** For me, it's a good way to get in touch with my friends without having to use the phone all the time. When I'm having a busy week at school, I can change my status so I can let my friends know I can't go out. That's a lot easier than wasting time telling people "sorry I'm too busy to get together." It's just easier and quicker than using the phone.

**Host** Thanks, Young. We have another caller. It's Beth. Hello, Beth.

**Beth** Hi. Uh, I don't use Facebook or any other social networking site.

**Martha** Why's that Beth?

**Beth** Well, two reasons. First, I don't spend much time online. I play a lot of sports – I'm on a hockey team, so I meet my teammates almost every day, and we don't need to communicate on Facebook.

**Martha** And the other reason?

**Beth** I just don't really like the whole idea of social networking sites. I mean, why would I want to tell the whole world everything that I'm doing? I don't want to share my personal information with the world and become friends with people I don't even know. And I don't want to read what other people had for breakfast or lunch or dinner or what they're planning to do this weekend.

**Host** Thanks for that, Beth. Our next caller is Emma. It's your turn, Emma.

**Martha** Hi, Emma

**Emma** Hi, Martha.

**Martha** And do you use Facebook, Emma?

**Emma** I use it once in a while, but not very much. I only really use it to keep up with friends who have moved abroad or live too far away for us to meet regularly. For example, one of my best friends recently moved to Canada, and we chat on Facebook. But I never add friends who are people I hardly know. I just can't understand those people who collect hundreds or even thousands of Facebook friends! I think it's just competition, people who want to make it seem that they're more popular than everybody else.

**Martha** So you think the Facebook world is kind of unreal?

**Emma** Absolutely. I think people write things and post photos of themselves just to show everyone they know what a fantastic time they're having and what exciting lives they lead. But they're probably just sitting at home in front of the computer all the time.

**Host** Thanks for that, Emma. We have time for one more caller before the news, and it's Ned. Hi, Ned. You'll have to be quick.

**Martha** Hi, Ned.

**Ned** Hi. When I started off with Facebook, I thought it was great, and I used it to communicate with close friends and with family, and I got back in touch with old friends from school. It was good because all the people I was friends with on Facebook were people I knew, and I was interested in what they were doing. But then I started adding friends, people I hardly knew who were friends of friends, people like that – in the end, I had more than a 1,000 – and it just became too much. It was just too many people leaving updates, writing messages on my wall. So last month I decided to delete most of them. It took me about half an hour to delete, and in the end, the only people I left were actual, real-life friends and family, and old school friends. I got it down to 99. It was really liberating.

**Host** Thanks, Ned, and we'll be back after the news, so keep those calls coming.

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**Jenny** Monica!

**Monica** Jenny!

**Jenny** Wow! How are you? You look great!

**Monica** Thanks, Jenny! You look really good, too.

**Jenny** Hey, why don't we get some coffee?

**Monica** I'd love to, but I'm on the way to meet... oh, come on. Five minutes!

**Jenny** So, how is everything?

**Monica** Oh, great. Things couldn't be better actually. Scott and I... we're getting married!

**Jenny** You're what? Congratulations!

**Monica** Thank you!

**Jenny** When did you get engaged?

**Monica** Only a few days ago. I'm glad I saw you actually. I was going to call you. We've only told family so far.

**Jenny** I can't believe it. Monica the wife! And to think you used to go clubbing every night!

**Monica** Well, that was a few years ago! All I want to do now is stay in and read wedding magazines.

**Jenny** And how are the plans coming along?

**Monica** I haven't done anything yet. My mom and Scott's mom want to organize the whole thing themselves!

**Jenny** That's what mothers are for!

**Monica** True. But what about you? You look fantastic.

**Jenny** Well, I guess I'm kind of happy, too.

**Monica** Uh-huh. What's his name?

**Jenny** Rob.

**Monica** You've been keeping him very quiet! Is it serious?

**Jenny** Um, it's kind of, you know...

**Monica** So it is!

**Jenny** It's still early. We haven't been together for long. He only moved here from London a few months ago...

**Monica** What? He's British? And you think you can persuade him to stay in New York? That won't be easy!

**Jenny** I think he likes it here. You know how guys are, you never know what they're thinking.

**Monica** When can I meet him?

**Jenny** Uh... that's him now.

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**Rob** Do you mind if I join you?

**Monica** Of course not. Come on, sit down.

**Rob** Thank you.

**Monica** I have to leave in a minute anyway.

**Rob** Could I have a large latte, please?

**Waiter** Of course.

**Jenny** Rob, this is Monica.

**Monica** Nice to meet you, Rob.

**Rob** You too, Monica. You know, Jenny talks about you a lot. And I've seen college photos of you two together. At Jenny's parents' house.

**Jenny** Of course you have. My dad's photos.

**Rob** You've hardly changed at all.

**Monica** What a nice man! I can see why you like him, Jenny. The perfect English gentleman.

**Waiter** Your latte.

**Rob** Oh, thanks. Can you pass the sugar?

**Jenny** Sure.

**Monica** Sorry guys, but I have to go.

**Rob** You're sure I haven't interrupted anything?

**Monica** Not at all. It's just that I have to meet someone. But let's get together very soon.

**Jenny** We will!

**Monica** Bye, Rob. Nice meeting you.

**Rob** Bye.

**Jenny** Bye. Talk soon.

**Rob** She seems like a happy person.

**Jenny** She is, especially right now – she's getting married.

**Rob** That's fantastic news!

**Jenny** Yeah, it is. I guess we're at that age now. When most of our friends are settling down and getting married.

**Rob** Yeah... Oh, speaking of friends, I want to ask you a favor. Is it OK if we change our plans a bit this week?

**Jenny** Uh... sure. What's up?



**Rob** I've just had a call from an old friend of mine, Paul. I haven't seen him since we were at university, and he's traveling around the States at the moment. Anyway, he's arriving in New York this evening and, uh... I've invited him to stay for the week.

**Jenny** Cool! It'll be fun to meet one of your old friends! What's he like?

**Rob** Oh, Paul's a laugh. He used to be a bit wild, but that was a long time ago. He's probably changed completely.

**Jenny** Well, I'm looking forward to meeting him.

**Rob** Just one other thing. Could you do me a big favor? I have to work late this evening so... would you mind meeting him at the airport?

**Jenny** Not at all. I'd like to meet him.

**Rob** And do you think you could take him to my flat? I'll give you the keys.

**Jenny** No problem, Rob.

**Rob** Thanks so much, Jenny. You're a real star.

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**Paul** Hey, man!

**Rob** Paul!

**Paul** It's great to see you, mate.

**Rob** You too, Paul. It's been years. You haven't changed at all.

**Paul** Just got better looking!

**Rob** How come you're so late?

**Jenny** Paul's flight from LA was delayed. And then the traffic coming back was just awful.

**Paul** But that gave us time to get to know each other.

**Jenny** Yeah. Paul told me all about his travels. Every detail.

**Paul** And look at this. Your own New York flat. How cool is that?

**Rob** It's good. Really good. But – do you want something to eat? I got some things on my way home.

**Paul** Stay in? It's my first night in the Big Apple! Let's go out and have a pizza or something.

**Rob** I thought you'd be tired after the flight.

**Paul** No way, man! I'm ready for action.

**Rob** Great! I'll get my jacket...

**Jenny** Rob, I think I'll go home if you don't mind. I, uh, I'm exhausted.

**Rob** Oh, OK then.

**Paul** So it's a boys' night out!

**Rob** Just like the old days!

**Paul** And after the pizza we can go on somewhere else. Rob, we've got a lot to talk about!



## simple present and continuous, action and nonaction verbs

simple present: *I live, he works*, etc.

- 1 I **work** in a bank. She **studies** Russian. (1 10)))  
 We **don't have** any pets. Jack **doesn't wear** glasses.  
 Where **do** you **live**? **Does** your brother **have** a car?
- 2 She usually **has** cereal for breakfast.  
 I **'m** never late for work.  
 We only **eat out** about once a month.

- 1 We use the simple present for things that are always true or happen regularly.
- Remember the spelling rules for third person singular, e.g., *lives, studies, watches*.
  - Remember the word order for questions: (question word), auxiliary, subject, base form of verb. *Do you know David?*  
*What time does the movie start?*
- 2 We often use the simple present with adverbs of frequency, e.g., *usually, never*, or expressions of frequency, e.g., *every day, once a week*.
- Adverbs of frequency go before the main verb, and after *be*.
  - Expressions of frequency usually go at the end of the sentence or verb phrase.

present continuous: *be + verb + -ing*

- A Who **are** you **waiting** for? (1 11)))  
 B I **'m waiting** for a friend.  
 A **Is** your sister still **going out** with Adam?  
 B No, they broke up. She **isn't going out** with anyone right now.

- We use the present continuous (not the simple present) for actions in progress at the time of speaking, e.g., things that are happening now or around now. These are usually temporary, not habitual actions.
- Remember the spelling rules, e.g., *living, studying, getting*.
- We also use the present continuous for future arrangements (see 1B).

### action and nonaction verbs

- A What **are** you **cooking**? (1 12)))  
 B I **'m making** pasta.  
 A Great! I **love** pasta.  
 A What **are** you **looking** for?  
 B My car keys.  
 A I'll help you in a minute.  
 B But I **need** them now!

- Verbs that describe **actions**, e.g., *cook, make*, can be used in the simple present or continuous. *I'm making lunch.*  
*I usually make lunch on the weekend.*
- Verbs that describe **states** or **feelings** (not actions), e.g., *love, need, be*, are **nonaction verbs**. They are not usually used in the present continuous, even if we mean "now."
- Common nonaction verbs are *agree, be, believe, belong, depend, forget, hate, hear, know, like, love, matter, mean, need, prefer, realize, recognize, remember, seem, suppose*.



#### Verbs that can be both action and nonaction

A few verbs have an action and a nonaction meaning, e.g., *have* and *think*.

*I have a cat now.* = possession (nonaction)

*I can't talk now. I'm having lunch.* = an action

*I think this music's great.* = opinion (nonaction)

*What are you thinking about?* = an action

- a Complete the sentences with the simple present or present continuous forms of the verbs in parentheses).

We don't go to Chinese restaurants very often. (not go)

- These days, most children \_\_\_\_\_ too many sugary snacks. (have)
- \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ any vitamins right now? (take)
- Don't eat that spinach if you \_\_\_\_\_ it. (not like)
- \_\_\_\_\_ your boyfriend \_\_\_\_\_ how to cook fish? (know)
- We \_\_\_\_\_ take-out pizzas during the week. (not get)
- What \_\_\_\_\_ your mother \_\_\_\_\_? It smells great! (make)
- You look sad. What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ about? (think)
- The diet in my country \_\_\_\_\_ worse. (get)
- How often \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ seafood? (eat)
- I \_\_\_\_\_ usually \_\_\_\_\_ fish. (not cook)

- b Circle the correct form, simple present, or continuous.

I don't believe / I'm not believing that you cooked this meal yourself.

- Come on, let's order. The waiter *comes* / *is coming*.
- Kate *doesn't want* / *isn't wanting* to have dinner now. She isn't hungry.
- The head chef is sick, so he *doesn't work* / *isn't working* today.
- The check *seems* / *is seeming* very high to me.
- We've had an argument, so we *don't speak* / *aren't speaking* to each other right now.
- My mom *thinks* / *is thinking* my diet is awful these days.
- Do we need* / *Are we needing* to go shopping today?
- Can I call you back? *I have* / *I'm having* lunch right now.
- I didn't use to like oily fish, but now *I love* / *I'm loving* it!
- What *do you cook* / *are you cooking*? It smells delicious!



## future forms

## be going to + base form

## future plans and intentions (1 17)))

My sister's **going to adopt** a child.

**Are** you **going to buy** a new car or a used one?

**I'm not going to go** to New York City tomorrow. The meeting is canceled.

## predictions (1 18)))

The Yankees **are going to win**. They're playing really well.  
Look at those black clouds. I think it's **going to rain**.

- We use *going to* (NOT *will* / *won't*) when we have already decided to do something. NOT *My sister will adopt a child*.
- We also use *going to* to make a prediction about the future, especially when you can see or have some evidence (e.g., black clouds).

## present continuous: be + verb + -ing

## future arrangements (1 19)))

Lorna and James **are getting** married in October.

**We're meeting** at 10:00 tomorrow in Jack's office.

Jane's **leaving** on Friday and **coming back** next Tuesday.

- We often use the present continuous for future arrangements.
- There is very little difference between the present continuous and *going to* for future plans / arrangements, and often you can use either.

- *going to* shows that you have made a decision.  
*We're going to get married next year.*
- the present continuous emphasizes that you have made the arrangements. *We're getting married on October 12th.* (= we've ordered the invitations, etc.)
- We often use the present continuous with verbs relating to travel arrangements, e.g., *go, come, arrive, leave*, etc.  
*I'm going to Tokyo tomorrow and coming back on Tuesday.*

## will + base form

## instant decisions, promises, offers, predictions, future facts, suggestions (1 20)))

**I'll have** the steak. (instant decision)

**I won't tell** anybody where you are. (promise)

**I'll carry** that bag for you. (offer)

**You'll love** New York City! (prediction)

**I'll be** home all afternoon. (future fact)



We use *will* / *won't* (NOT the simple present) for instant decisions, promises, offers, and suggestions. NOT *I carry that bag for you*.

- We can also use *will* / *won't* for predictions, e.g., *I think the Yankees will win*, and to talk about future facts, e.g., *The election will be on March 1st*.

- a Circle the correct form. Check ✓ the sentence if both are possible.

My grandparents *are going to retire* / *will retire* next year. ✓

- 1 *We'll invite* / *We're going to invite* your parents for Sunday lunch?
- 2 *I'm going to make* / *I'll make* a cake for your mom's birthday, if you want.
- 3 *I'm not having* / *I'm not going to have* dinner with my family tonight.
- 4 The exam *will be* / *is being* on the last Friday of the semester.
- 5 You can trust me. *I'm not telling* / *I won't tell* anyone what you told me.
- 6 My cousin *is arriving* / *will arrive* at 5:30 p.m.
- 7 I think the birthrate *will go down* / *is going to go down* in my country in the next few years.
- 8 *I'm not going to go* / *I won't go* to my brother-in-law's party next weekend.
- 9 *I'm going to help* / *I'll help* you with the dishes.

- b Complete B's replies with a correct future form.

A What's your stepmother going to do about her car?

B She's *going to buy* a used one. (buy)

1 A I'm going to miss you.

B Don't worry. I promise I \_\_\_\_\_ every day. (write)

2 A What are Alan's plans for the future?

B He \_\_\_\_\_ a degree in engineering. (earn)

3 A Can I see you tonight?

B No, I \_\_\_\_\_ late. How about Saturday? (work)

4 A What would you like for an appetizer?

B I \_\_\_\_\_ the shrimp, please. (have)

5 A There's nothing in the refrigerator.

B OK. \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ some take-out Mexican food? (get)

6 A I don't have any money, so I can't go out.

B No problem, I \_\_\_\_\_ you some. (lend)

7 A Can we have a barbecue tomorrow?

B I don't think so. On the radio they said that it \_\_\_\_\_. (rain)

8 A We land at about eight o'clock.

B \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ a ride from the airport? (need)



## present perfect and simple past

present perfect: *have / has + past participle (worked, seen, etc.)*

## 1 past experiences

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I've **been** to Miami but I **haven't been** to Tampa.**Have** you ever **lost** your credit card?Sally **has** never **met** Bill's ex-wife.

## 2 with yet and already (for emphasis)

I've already **seen** this movie twice. Can't we watch another one?My brother **hasn't found** a job yet. He's still looking.**Have** you **finished** your homework yet? No, not yet.

- We use the present perfect for past experiences when we don't say exactly when they happened.
  - We often use *ever* and *never* when we ask or talk about past experiences. They go before the main verb.
- In American English, we use the present perfect and the simple past with *yet* and *already*.
  - already* is used in  $\boxed{+}$  sentences and goes before the main verb.
  - yet* is used with  $\boxed{-}$  sentences and  $\boxed{?}$ . It goes at the end of the phrase.
  - For irregular past participles see **Irregular verbs** p.165.

simple past (*worked, stopped, went, had, etc.*)They **got** married last year.

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What time **did** you **wake up** this morning?I **didn't have** time to do my homework.

- Use the simple past for finished past actions (when we say, ask, or know when they happened).

## present perfect or simple past?

I've **been** to Miami twice.

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(= in my life up to now)

I **went** there in 1998 and 2002.

(= on two specific occasions)

- Use the simple past (NOT the present perfect) to ask or talk about finished actions in the past, **when the time is mentioned or understood**. We often use a past time expression, e.g., *yesterday, last week, etc.*

- a Complete the mini dialogues with the present perfect form of the verb in parentheses and an adverb from the list. You can use the adverbs more than once.

already ever never yet

A \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ the lottery \_\_\_\_\_? (play)

B That's why I'm smiling – I won \$50!

1 A \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ a flight online? (book)

B Yes, of course. I've done it many times.

2 A When are you going to buy a motorcycle?

B Soon. I \_\_\_\_\_ almost \$1,000. (save)

3 A \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ the electricity bill \_\_\_\_\_? (pay)

B No, sorry. I forgot.

4 A \_\_\_\_\_ your parents \_\_\_\_\_ you money? (lend)

B Yes, but I paid it back as soon as I could.

5 A How does eBay work?

B I don't know. I \_\_\_\_\_ it. (use)

6 A \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ to Thailand? (be)

B No, I haven't. But I'd like to some day.

7 A Why don't you have any money?

B I \_\_\_\_\_ my salary. I bought a new tablet last week. (spend)

8 A Do you like Hugh Jackman?

B Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ his new movie twice! (see)



- b Right or wrong? Write a check ✓ or an ✗ next to the sentences. Correct the wrong sentences.

I've never been in debt. ✓

How much has your new camera cost? ✗

How much *did* your new camera cost?

- Dean inherited \$5,000 from a relative.
- Did your sister pay you back yet?
- We booked our vacation online a month ago.
- When have you bought that leather jacket?
- They've finished paying back the loan last month.
- We haven't paid the gas bill yet.
- Have you ever wasted a lot of money on something?
- I'm sure I haven't borrowed any money from you last week.
- I spent my salary really quickly last month.
- Have you seen the Batman movie on TV yesterday?

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present perfect + *for* / *since*, present perfect continuouspresent perfect + *for* / *since*

They've **known** each other for ten years.

Julia **has had** that bag since she was in college.

A How long **have** you **worked** here?

B Since 1996.

A How long **has** your brother **had** his motorcycle?

B For about a year.

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- We use the present perfect + *for* or *since* with **nonaction verbs** (e.g., *like*, *have*, *know*, etc.) to talk about something that started in the past and is still true now.

*They've known each other for ten years.* (= they met ten years ago, and they still know each other today)

- We use *How long...?* + present perfect to ask about an unfinished period of time (from the past until now).
- We use *for* + a period of time, e.g., *for two weeks*, or *since* + a point of time, e.g., *since 1990*.
- Don't use the simple present with *for* / *since*, NOT *They know each other for a long time*.

present perfect continuous: *have* / *has been* + verb + -ing

1 How long **have** you **been learning** English?

Nick **has been working** here since April.

They've **been going out** together for about three years.

2 Your eyes are red. **Have** you **been crying**?

No, I've **been cutting** onions.

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- We use the present perfect continuous with *for* and *since* with **action verbs** (e.g., *learn*, *work*, *go*, etc.) to talk about actions that started in the past and are still true now.
  - Don't use the present continuous with *for* / *since*, NOT *I am working here for two years*.
- We can also use the present perfect continuous for continuous or repeated actions that have been happening very recently. The actions have usually just finished.

I've (I have)

You've (You have)

He / She / It's (He has)

We've (We have)

They've (They have)

**been working** here  
for two years.

I haven't (I have not)

You haven't

He / She / It hasn't

We haven't

They haven't

**been working** here  
for two years.

**Have you been working**  
here for two years?

Yes,  
I **have**.

No,  
I **haven't**.

**Has she been working**  
here for two years?

Yes,  
she **has**.

No,  
she **hasn't**.

**work and live**

*Work* and *live* are often used in either present perfect or present perfect continuous with the same meaning.

**I've lived** here since 1980.

**I've been living** here since 1980.

## a Correct the mistakes.

Harry is unemployed since last year.

*Harry has been unemployed since last year.*

- We've had our new apartment since six months.
- Hi, Jackie! How are you? I don't see you for ages!
- How long are you knowing your husband?
- Emily has been a volunteer for ten years ago.
- Paul doesn't eat anything since yesterday because he's sick.
- It hasn't rained since two months.
- How long has your parents been married?
- They're having their dog since they got married.
- I haven't gotten any emails from my brother for last winter.
- My grandmother lives in the same house all her life.

b Make sentences with the present perfect or present perfect continuous (and *for* / *since* if necessary). Use the present perfect continuous if possible.

I / work for a charity / eight years

*I've been working for a charity for eight years.*

- we / know each other / we were children
- the children / play computer games / two hours
- your sister / have that hairstyle / a long time?
- I / love her / the first day we met
- my Internet connection / not work / yesterday
- how long / you / wait?
- I / be a teacher / three years
- it / snow / five o'clock this morning
- Sam / not study enough / recently
- you / live in Chicago / a long time?



## comparatives and superlatives: adjectives and adverbs

comparing two people, places, things, etc.

- 1 My sister is a little **taller than** me. (2 11))  
San Francisco is **more expensive than** Chicago.  
This test is **less difficult than** the last one.  
Olive oil is **better** for you **than** butter.
- 2 The new sofa isn't **as comfortable as** the old one.  
I don't have **as many** books **as** I used to.

- 1 We use comparative **adjectives** to compare two people, places, things, etc.
- Regular comparative adjectives: spelling rules  
*old > older*    *big > bigger*    *easy > easier*  
*modern > more modern*    *difficult > more difficult*
  - Irregular comparative adjectives:  
*good > better*    *bad > worse*    *far > farther / further*
  - One-syllable adjectives ending in -ed:  
*bored > more bored*    *stressed > more stressed*  
*tired > more tired*
- 2 We can also use (not) *as* + adjective + *as* to make comparisons.

### Object pronouns (*me, him, etc.*) after *than* and *as*

After *than* or *as* we can use an object pronoun (*me, him, her, etc.*) or a subject pronoun (*I, he, she, etc.*) + auxiliary verb.

*She's taller than me.* OR *She's taller than I am.*  
NOT *She's taller than I.*

*They're not as busy as us.* OR *They're not as busy as we are.*  
NOT *They're not as busy as we.*

### the same as

We use *the same as* to say that two people, places, things, etc. are identical.

*Her dress is the same as mine.*

## comparing two actions

- 1 My father drives **faster than** me. (2 12))  
You walk **more quickly** than I do.  
Atlanta played worse today **than** last week.
- 2 Max doesn't speak English **as well as** his wife does.  
I don't earn **as much as** my boss.

- 1 We use comparative **adverbs** to compare two actions.
- Regular comparative adverbs: spelling rules  
*fast > faster*    *slowly > more slowly*    *carefully > more carefully*
  - Irregular comparatives:  
*well > better*    *badly > worse*
- 2 We can also use (not) *as* + adverb + *as* to make comparisons.

## superlatives

- Kevin is **the tallest** player on the team. (2 13))  
Tokyo is **the most expensive** city in the world.  
The small bag is **the least expensive**.  
Lucy is the **best student** in the class.  
Who dresses **the most stylishly** in your family?  
That's **the worst** we've ever played.

- We use superlative **adjectives** and **adverbs** to compare people, things, or actions with all of their group.
- Form superlatives like comparatives, but use -*est* instead of -*er* and *most* / *least* instead of *more* / *less*.
- We usually use **the** before superlatives, but you can also use possessive adjectives, e.g., **my** best friend, **their** most famous song.
- We often use a superlative with present perfect + *ever*, e.g., *It's the best book I've ever read.*

### in after superlatives

Use *in* (NOT *of*) before places after a superlative.  
*It's the longest bridge in the world.* NOT *of the world*  
*It's the best beach in Florida.* NOT *of Florida*

- a Complete with the comparative or superlative of the **bold** word (and *than* if necessary).

What's the fastest way to get around Miami? **fast**

- 1 I think skiing is \_\_\_\_\_ horseback riding. **easy**  
2 A motorcycle is \_\_\_\_\_ a scooter. **powerful**  
3 I think that traveling by train is \_\_\_\_\_ form of transportation. **relaxing**  
4 You walk \_\_\_\_\_ I do. **slowly**  
5 \_\_\_\_\_ time to travel is on holiday weekends. **bad**  
6 \_\_\_\_\_ I've ever driven is from Washington, D.C. to Chicago. **far**  
7 The London Underground is \_\_\_\_\_ the subway in New York City. **old**  
8 This is \_\_\_\_\_ bus I've ever been on. **hot**  
9 Of all my family, my mom is \_\_\_\_\_ driver. **good**

- b Complete with one word.

Going by motorboat is more exciting than traveling by ferry.

- 1 A bus isn't as comfortable \_\_\_\_\_ a train.  
2 It's \_\_\_\_\_ most expensive car we've ever bought.  
3 The traffic was worse \_\_\_\_\_ we expected.  
4 This is the longest trip I've \_\_\_\_\_ been on.  
5 He gets home late, but his wife arrives later than \_\_\_\_\_.  
6 The \_\_\_\_\_ interesting place I've ever visited is Venice.  
7 I leave home at the same time \_\_\_\_\_ my brother.  
8 He drives \_\_\_\_\_ carefully than his girlfriend – he's never had an accident.  
9 We don't go abroad \_\_\_\_\_ often as we used to.  
10 What's the longest freeway \_\_\_\_\_ the US?



articles: *a / an, the*, no article*a / an*

- 1 I saw **an old man** with **a dog**. (2 17))
- 2 It's **a nice house**. She's **a lawyer**.
- 3 What **an awful day**!
- 4 I have classes three times **a week**.

- We use *a / an* with singular countable nouns:
  - 1 the first time you mention a thing / person.
  - 2 when you say what something is or what somebody does.
  - 3 in exclamations with *What...!*
  - 4 in expressions of frequency.

*the*

- 1 I saw an old man with **a dog**. (2 18))  
**The dog** was barking.
- 2 My father opened **the door**.  
**The children** are at school.
- 3 **The moon** goes around **the Earth**.
- 4 I'm going to **the movies** tonight.
- 5 It's **the best** restaurant in town.

- We use *the*:
  - 1 when we talk about something we've already mentioned.
  - 2 when it's clear what you're referring to.
  - 3 when there's only one of something.
  - 4 with places in a town, e.g., *movies* and *theater*.
  - 5 with superlatives.

## no article

- 1 **Women** usually talk more than **men**. (2 19))  
**Love** is more important than **money**.
- 2 She's not **at home** today.  
I get back **from work** at 5:30.
- 3 I never have **breakfast**.
- 4 See you **next Friday**.

- We don't use an article:
  - 1 when we are speaking in general (with plural and uncountable nouns).  
Compare:  
*I love flowers.* (= flowers in general)  
*I love the flowers in my garden.* (= the specific flowers in my garden)
  - 2 with some nouns, (e.g., *home, work, school*) after *at / to / from*.
  - 3 before meals, days, and months.
  - 4 before *next / last* + day, week, etc.

## a Circle the correct answers.

- I love weddings / the weddings!
- 1 Jess is nurse / a nurse in a hospital. A hospital / The hospital is far from her house.
  - 2 What a horrible day / horrible day! We'll have to have our picnic in the car / a car.
  - 3 My wife likes love stories / the love stories, but I prefer the war movies / war movies.
  - 4 We go to theater / the theater about once a month / once the month.
  - 5 I'm having dinner / the dinner with some friends the next Friday / next Friday.
  - 6 My boyfriend is chef / a chef. I think he's the best cook / best cook in the world.
  - 7 I'm not sure if I closed the windows / windows before I left the home / home this morning.
  - 8 In general, I like dogs / the dogs, but I don't like dogs / the dogs that live next door to me.
  - 9 I got to the school / school late every day the last week / last week.
  - 10 I think happiness / the happiness is more important than success / the success.

b Complete with *a / an, the*, or – (= no article).

- A We're lost. Let's stop and buy a map.  
B No need. I'll put the address in the GPS.
- 1 A How often do you go to \_\_\_\_\_ gym?  
B About three times \_\_\_\_\_ week. But I never go on \_\_\_\_\_ Fridays.
  - 2 A What time does \_\_\_\_\_ train leave?  
B In ten minutes. Can you give me \_\_\_\_\_ ride to \_\_\_\_\_ station?
  - 3 A What \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful dress!  
B Thanks. I bought it on \_\_\_\_\_ sale \_\_\_\_\_ last month.
  - 4 A What's \_\_\_\_\_ most interesting place to visit in your town?  
B Probably \_\_\_\_\_ museum. It's \_\_\_\_\_ oldest building in town.
  - 5 A What should we do \_\_\_\_\_ next weekend?  
B Let's invite some friends for \_\_\_\_\_ lunch. We could eat outside in \_\_\_\_\_ yard.
  - 6 A Do you like \_\_\_\_\_ dogs?  
B Not really. I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ cats. I think they're \_\_\_\_\_ best pets.
  - 7 A Is your mom \_\_\_\_\_ housewife?  
B No, she's \_\_\_\_\_ teacher. She's always tired when she gets home from \_\_\_\_\_ work.
  - 8 A Have you ever had \_\_\_\_\_ problem in your relationship?  
B Yes, but we got over \_\_\_\_\_ problem, and we got married \_\_\_\_\_ last year.
  - 9 A When is \_\_\_\_\_ meeting?  
B They've changed \_\_\_\_\_ date. It's \_\_\_\_\_ next Tuesday now.





## can, could, be able to (ability and possibility)

can / could

I **can** speak three languages fluently.  
 Jenny **can't** come tonight. She's sick.  
 My cousin **could** play the violin when she was three.  
 They **couldn't** wait because they were in a hurry.  
**Could** you open the door for me, please?

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- *can* is a modal verb. It only has a present form (which can be used with future meaning) and a past or conditional form (*could*).
- For all other tenses and forms, we use *be able to* + base form.

## be able to + base form

1 Luke **has been able to** swim since he was three.  
 I'd like **to be able to** ski.  
 I love **being able to** stay in bed late on Sunday morning.  
 You'll **be able to** practice your English in the US.  
 2 Fortunately, I **am able to** accept your invitation.  
 My colleagues **weren't able to** come to yesterday's meeting.

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- 1 We use *be able to* + base form for ability and possibility, especially where there is no form of *can*, e.g., future, present perfect, infinitive and gerund, etc.
- 2 We sometimes use *be able to* in the present and past (instead of *can* / *could*), usually if we want to be more formal.

a Complete with the correct form of *be able to* (+, -, or ?).

I've never been able to scuba dive.

- 1 Her cell phone has been turned off all morning, so I \_\_\_\_\_ talk to her yet.
- 2 I don't like noisy restaurants. I like \_\_\_\_\_ have a conversation without shouting.
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ leave home when I get a job.
- 4 We're having a party next Saturday. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ come?
- 5 You need \_\_\_\_\_ swim before you can go in a canoe.
- 6 I'm going to France next week, but I don't speak French. I hate \_\_\_\_\_ communicate with people.
- 7 Fortunately, firefighters \_\_\_\_\_ rescue all of the people trapped inside the burning house.
- 8 I'm very sorry, but we \_\_\_\_\_ go to your wedding next month. We'll be on vacation.
- 9 I'm feeling a little worse. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ contact the doctor yet?
- 10 The manager \_\_\_\_\_ see you right now because he's in a meeting.

b Circle the correct form. Check ✓ if both are possible.



I've always wanted to can / be able to dance salsa.

- 1 My little boy couldn't / wasn't able to speak until he was almost two years old.
- 2 She's much better after her operation. She'll can / be able to walk again in a few months.
- 3 He hasn't could / been able to fix my bike yet. He'll do it tomorrow.
- 4 It's the weekend at last! I love can / being able to go out with my friends.
- 5 When we lived on the coast, we used to can / be able to go to the beach every day.
- 6 I can't / 'm not able to send any emails right now. My computer isn't working.
- 7 I could / was able to read before I started school.
- 8 We won't can / be able to go on vacation this year because we need to spend a lot of money on the house.
- 9 Linda hasn't been able to / couldn't find a job.
- 10 Alex can / is able to speak Korean fluently after living in Seoul for ten years.



## have to, must, should

## have to / must (+ base form)

- 1 You **have to** wear a seat belt in the car. (2 42)))  
Do you **have to** work on Saturdays?  
I **had to** wear a uniform at my elementary school.  
I **ll have to** get up early tomorrow. My interview is at 9:00.
- 2 You **must** be on time tomorrow because there's a test.  
You **must** remember to call Emily – it's her birthday.
- 3 I love the Louvre! You **have to** go when you're in Paris.  
You **must** see this movie – it's amazing!

- *have to* and *must* are usually used to talk about obligation or something that is necessary to do.
- 1 *have to* is a normal verb and it exists in all tenses and forms, e.g., also as a gerund or infinitive.
- 2 *must* is a modal verb. It only exists in the present, but it can be used with a future meaning.
- 3 You can also use *have to* or *must* for strong recommendations.

**have to or must?**

*Have to* and *must* have a very similar meaning, and you can usually use either form.

*Have to* is more common for general, external obligations, for example rules and laws.

*Must* is more common for specific (i.e., on one occasion) or personal obligations. Compare:

*I have to wear a shirt and tie at work.* (= It's the rule in this company.)

*I must buy a new shirt – this one is too old now.* (= It's my own decision.)

**have got to**

*Have got to* is often used instead of *have to* in spoken English, e.g., *I've got to go now. It's very late.*

## don't have to

You **don't have to** pay – this museum is free. (2 43)))  
You **don't have to** go to the party if you don't want to.

## must not

You **must not** park here. (2 44)))

- We use *don't have to* when there is no obligation to do something, and *must not* when something is prohibited.
- *don't have to* and *must not* are completely different. Compare:  
*You don't have to drive – we can take a train.* (= You can drive if you want to, but it's not necessary / obligatory.)  
*You must not drive along this street.* (= It's prohibited, against the law, NOT *You don't have to drive along this street.*)
- You can often use *can't* or *not allowed to* instead of *must not*.  
*You must not / can't / 're not allowed to park here.*

## should / shouldn't (+ base form)

You **should** take warm clothes with you to Quito. (2 45)))  
It might be cold at night.  
You **shouldn't** drink so much coffee. It isn't good for you.  
I think the government **should** do something about unemployment.

- *should* is not as strong as *must* / *have to*. We use it to give advice or an opinion – to say if we think something is the right or wrong thing to do.
- *should* is a modal verb. The only forms are *should* / *shouldn't*.

a Complete with the correct form of *have to* (+, -, or ?).

I **ll have to** call back later because the line's busy. +

- 1 Passengers \_\_\_\_\_ turn off their laptops during take-off. +
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ do a lot of homework when you were in school? ?
- 3 My sister is a nurse, so some weeks she \_\_\_\_\_ work nights. +
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_ have an operation? ?
- 5 Saturdays are the best day of the week. I love \_\_\_\_\_ get up early. -
- 6 I \_\_\_\_\_ leave a message on her voicemail because she wasn't in. +
- 7 In the future, people \_\_\_\_\_ go to school; they'll all study at home. -
- 8 With old cell phones, you used to \_\_\_\_\_ charge the battery more often. +
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ your boyfriend \_\_\_\_\_ answer his work emails on weekends? ?
- 10 The exhibition was free, so I \_\_\_\_\_ pay. -

## b Circle the correct form. Check ✓ if both are possible.

You *don't have to* / **must not** use your phone in quiet zones.

- 1 Do you think we *should* / *have to* text Dad to tell him we'll be late?
- 2 You *don't have to* / *must not* send text messages when you are driving.
- 3 A pilot *has to* / *must* wear a uniform when he's at work.
- 4 You *shouldn't* / *must not* talk on your cell phone when you're filling up the car with gas.
- 5 I *have to* / *should* speak to my phone company. My last bill was wrong.
- 6 We *don't have to* / *shouldn't* hurry. We have plenty of time.



## past tenses

simple past: *worked, stopped, went, had, etc.*

She **was** born in Seoul. (3 10)))  
 They **got** married last year.  
 On the way to Rome we **stopped** in Florence for the night.  
 The plane **didn't arrive** on time.  
 What time **did** you **get up** this morning?

- We use the simple past for finished actions in the past (when we say, ask, or know when they happened).
- Remember **Irregular verbs** p.165.

past continuous: *was / were + verb + -ing*

1 What **were** you **doing** at six o'clock last night? (3 11)))  
 2 I **was driving** along the freeway when it started snowing.  
 3 While I **was doing** the housework the children **were playing** in the yard.  
 4 It was a cold night and it **was raining**. I **was watching** TV in the living room...

- 1 We use the past continuous to talk about an action in progress at a specific time in the past.
- 2 We often use the past continuous to describe a past action in progress that was interrupted by another action (expressed in the simple past).
- 3 We often use the past continuous with *while* for two actions happening at the same time.
- 4 We often use the past continuous to describe the beginning of a story or anecdote.

a Circle the correct form.

The teacher gave Robbie a zero because he *cheated* / *had cheated* on the exam.

- 1 They didn't win the game although they *were training* / *had trained* every evening.
- 2 Mike had an accident while he *drove* / *was driving* to work.
- 3 I *cleaned* / *had cleaned* the house when I got home. It looked great.
- 4 When we arrived, the game *started* / *had started*. We got there just in time and saw the whole game!
- 5 The captain *didn't score* / *hadn't scored* any goals when the referee ejected him.
- 6 My son got injured while he *played* / *was playing* basketball last Saturday.
- 7 Luckily, we *stopped* / *had stopped* skiing when the snowstorm started. We were already back at the hotel.
- 8 The Lakers *weren't losing* / *hadn't lost* any of their games during their trip to the East Coast.
- 9 The referee suspended the game because it *was raining* / *rained* too hard to play.

past perfect: *had + past participle*

When they turned on the TV, the game **had** already **finished**. (3 12)))  
 As soon as I shut the door, I realized that I **'d left** my keys on the table.  
 We couldn't get a table in the restaurant because we **hadn't booked** one.

- We use the past perfect when we are talking about the past and we want to talk about an earlier past action. Compare:  
*When John arrived, they **went out**.* (= first John arrived and then they went out)  
*When John arrived, they **had gone out**.* (= they went out before John arrived)

using narrative tenses together

It was a cold night and it **was raining**. I **was watching** TV in the living room. Suddenly I **heard** a knock at the door. I **got up** and **opened** the door. But there was nobody there. The person who **had knocked** on the door **had disappeared**... (3 13)))

- Use the past continuous (*was raining, was watching*) to set the scene.
- Use the simple past (*heard, got up, etc.*) to say what happened.
- Use the past perfect (*had knocked, had disappeared*) to say what happened before the previous past action.

b Complete with the simple past, past continuous, or past perfect.

The marathon runner *was sweating* when she *crossed* the finish line. (sweat, cross)

- 1 The accident \_\_\_\_\_ when they \_\_\_\_\_ home. (happen, drive)
- 2 The crowd \_\_\_\_\_ when the referee \_\_\_\_\_ the final whistle. (cheer, blow)
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ her at first because she \_\_\_\_\_ so much. (not recognize, change)
- 4 The police \_\_\_\_\_ her on the freeway because she \_\_\_\_\_ a seat belt. (stop, not wear)
- 5 Some of the players \_\_\_\_\_ while the coach \_\_\_\_\_ to them. (not listen, talk)
- 6 We \_\_\_\_\_ use the ski slope because it \_\_\_\_\_ enough. (not can, not snow)
- 7 They \_\_\_\_\_ play tennis because they \_\_\_\_\_ a court. (not able to, not book)
- 8 The player \_\_\_\_\_ a yellow card because he \_\_\_\_\_ his shirt. (get, take off)



present and past habits and states: *usually* and *used to*

- 1 I **usually get up** at 8:00 during the week. (3 17))  
 I **don't normally go out** during the week.  
 Houses in the suburbs **usually have** yards.  
**Do** you **normally walk** to work?
- 2 We **used to go** to the beach for our vacations when I was a child.  
 He **didn't use to do** any exercise, but now he runs marathons.  
 I **never used to like** hockey, but I watch it every week now.  
 We **used to be** close friends, but we don't talk to each other anymore.  
 That building **used to be** a restaurant, but it closed down last year.  
**Did** they **use to live** downtown?  
**Didn't** you **use to have** long hair?

- 1 For present habits we can use *usually* or *normally* + simple present.  
 NOT ~~I used to get up at 8:00.~~
- 2 For past habits we use *used to* / *didn't use to* + base form.
- used to* does not exist in the present tense. NOT ~~I use to get up at 8:00 during the week.~~
  - We use *used to* for things that were true over a period of time in the past. *Used to* often refers to something that is not true now.  
*I used to play a lot of sports.* (= I played a lot of sports for a period of time in the past, but now I don't.)
  - used to* / *didn't use to* can be used with action verbs (e.g., *go*, *do*) and nonaction verbs (e.g., *be*, *have*).
  - We can also use the simple past to describe past habits (often with an adverb of frequency).  
*We (often) went to the beach for our vacations when I was a child.*  
*I lived downtown until I got married.*

### **used to or simple past?**

We can use *used to* or simple past for repeated actions or states, and the meaning is the same.

*I used to live in Miami as a child.* / *I lived in Miami as a child.*

But if the action happened only once, or we mention exact dates or number of times, we have to use simple past.

*I went to Paris last year.* NOT ~~*I used to go to Paris last year.*~~

*Jack caught the train to Chicago four times last week.* NOT ~~*Jack used to catch the train to Chicago four times last week.*~~

### **anymore and any longer**

We often use *not...anymore* / *any longer* (= not now) with the simple present to contrast with *used to*.

*I used to go to the gym, but I don't (go) anymore / any longer.*

### **be used to and get used to**

Don't confuse *used to* / *didn't use to* (do something) with *be used to* or *get used to* (doing something).

*I am used to getting up early every day.*  
 (= I am accustomed to it. I always do it, so it is not a problem for me.)

*Lola can't get used to living in the US.*  
 (= She can't get accustomed to it. It is a problem for her.)

a Complete with *used to* (+, -, or ?) and a verb from the list.

argue be get along go out have  
 like live speak spend wear work

- Sonya used to live in New York City, but later she moved to New Jersey. (+)
- 1 We \_\_\_\_\_ a lot in common, but now we're completely different. (+)
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ much time online, but now I'm addicted to Facebook. (-)
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ your fiancé \_\_\_\_\_ glasses? He looks different now. (?)
- 4 I \_\_\_\_\_ with my classmates, but now I spend all my time with my boyfriend. (+)
- 5 Where \_\_\_\_\_ your husband \_\_\_\_\_ before he got the job in the bank? (?)
- 6 My sister lost a lot of weight. She \_\_\_\_\_ so slim. (-)
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ a lot with your parents when you were a teenager? (?)
- 8 I \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese food, but now I eat a lot of sushi. (-)
- 9 Laura \_\_\_\_\_ well with her roommate, but now they don't talk to each other. (+)
- 10 My ex \_\_\_\_\_ to me, but now he calls me a lot. (-)

b Are the **highlighted** verb forms right ✓ or wrong ✗? Correct the wrong ones.

Sonya **use to see** Michael every day. ✗ *used to see*

- 1 His parents **used to split up** after he was born.
- 2 **Do you usually tell** a close friend about your problems?
- 3 My sister **didn't use to want** children, but now she has four!
- 4 I **didn't used to like** my math teacher when I was in school.
- 5 They **used to go** on vacation every year.
- 6 That couple has three kids, so they **don't use to go** out at night.
- 7 Where **did your parents use to meet** when they first went out?
- 8 My husband **use to work** for a bank, but now he's unemployed.
- 9 We love the theater. We **usually go** to a play at least once a month.

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## 1 FOOD

a Match the words and pictures.

### Fish and seafood

- 1 crab /kræb/
- 2 mussels /'mʌslz/
- 3 salmon /'sæmən/
- 4 shrimp /ʃrɪmp/
- 5 squid /skwɪd/
- 6 tuna /'tʊnə/

### Meat

- 7 beef /bif/
- 8 chicken /'tʃɪkən/
- 9 duck /dʌk/
- 10 lamb /læm/
- 11 pork /pɔrk/

### Fruits and vegetables

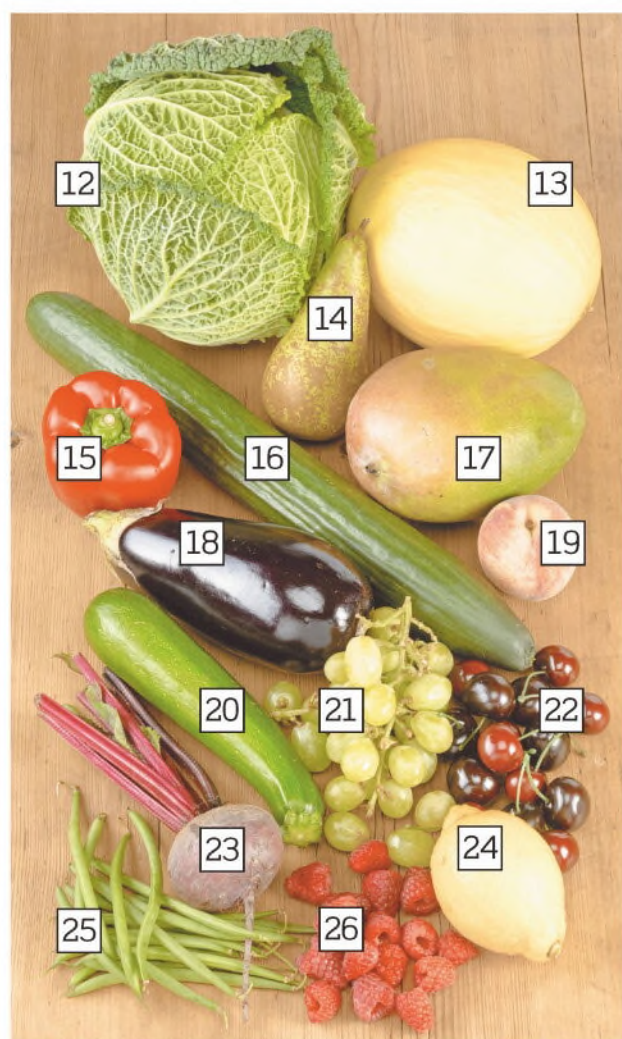
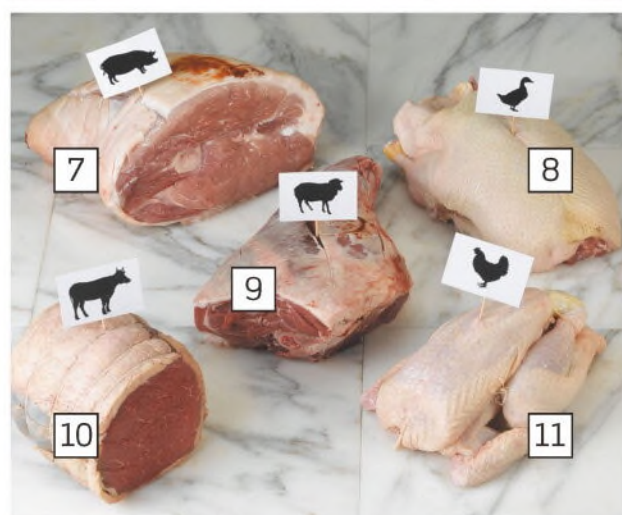
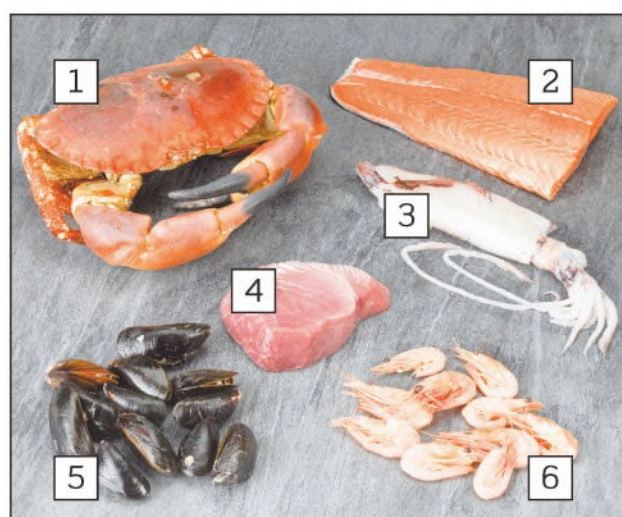
- 12 beet /bit/
- 13 cabbage /'kæbɪdʒ/
- 14 cherries /'tʃerɪz/
- 15 cucumber /'kyʊkʌmbər/ (BritE aubergine)
- 16 eggplant /'egplænt/
- 17 grapes /greɪps/
- 18 green beans /grɪn biːnz/
- 19 lemon /'lemən/
- 20 mango /'mæŋɡoʊ/
- 21 melon /'melən/
- 22 peach /pitʃ/
- 23 pear /per/
- 24 raspberries /'ræzberɪz/
- 25 red pepper /red 'pepər/
- 26 zucchini /zu'kɪni/ (BritE courgette)

b 1 2)) Listen and check.

c Are there any things in the list that you...?

- a love
- b hate
- c have never tried

d Are there any other kinds of fish, meat, or fruits and vegetables that are very common in your country?



## 2 COOKING

a Match the words and pictures.



- 4 boiled /bɔɪld/
- 5 roasted /rəʊstɪd/
- 6 baked /beɪkt/
- grilled /grɪld/
- fried /fraɪd/
- steamed /stiːmd/

b 1 3)) Listen and check.

c How do you prefer these things to be cooked?

eggs	chicken
potatoes	fish



### Phrasal verbs

Learn these phrasal verbs connected with food and diet.

*I **eat out** a lot because I don't really have time to cook.*  
(= eat in restaurants)

*I'm trying to **cut down on** coffee right now. I'm only having one cup at breakfast.* (= have less)

*The doctor told me I had very high cholesterol and that I should completely **cut out** all high-fat cheese and dairy products from my diet.*  
(= eliminate)



## 1 WHAT ARE THEY LIKE?

a Complete the definitions with the adjectives.

affectionate /ə'fekʃənət/ aggressive /ə'ɡresɪv/  
ambitious /æm'bɪʃəs/ anxious /'æŋkʃəs/ bossy /'bɒsi/  
charming /'tʃɑːmɪŋ/ competitive /kəm'petətɪv/  
independent /ɪndɪ'pendənt/ jealous /'dʒeləs/  
moody /'mudi/ rebellious /rɪ'bɛljəs/ reliable /rɪ'laɪəbl/  
selfish /'selfɪʃ/ sensible /'sensəbl/ sensitive /'sensətɪv/  
sociable /'səʊfəbl/ spoiled /spɔɪld/ stubborn /'stʌbərn/

- 1 Selfish people think about themselves and not about other people.
- 2 A \_\_\_\_\_ person always wants to win.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ children behave badly because they are given everything they want.
- 4 An \_\_\_\_\_ person gets angry quickly and likes fighting and arguing.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ people have an attractive personality and make people like them.
- 6 A \_\_\_\_\_ person has common sense and is practical.
- 7 A \_\_\_\_\_ person is friendly and enjoys being with other people.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ people are often worried or stressed.
- 9 A \_\_\_\_\_ person is happy one minute and sad the next, and is often bad-tempered.
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ people like doing things on their own, without help.
- 11 A \_\_\_\_\_ person likes giving orders to other people.
- 12 An \_\_\_\_\_ person shows that he or she loves or likes people very much.
- 13 A \_\_\_\_\_ person thinks that someone loves another person more than him or her, or wants what other people have.
- 14 A \_\_\_\_\_ person can be easily hurt or offended.
- 15 An \_\_\_\_\_ person wants to be successful in life.
- 16 A \_\_\_\_\_ person is someone who you can trust or depend on.
- 17 A \_\_\_\_\_ person doesn't like obeying rules.
- 18 A \_\_\_\_\_ person never changes his (or her) opinion or attitude about something.

b 1 23))) Listen and check.

c Cover the definitions and look at the adjectives. Remember the definitions.

## 2 OPPOSITES

a Match the adjectives and their opposites.

cheap /tʃiːp/ hardworking /hɑːd'wɜːkɪŋ/  
outgoing /'aʊtɡoʊɪŋ/ self-confident /self 'kɒnfədənt/  
stupid /'stʊpəd/ talkative /'tɔːkətɪv/

### Opposite

generous \_\_\_\_\_  
insecure \_\_\_\_\_  
lazy \_\_\_\_\_  
quiet \_\_\_\_\_  
shy \_\_\_\_\_  
smart \_\_\_\_\_

b 1 24))) Listen and check. Then cover the opposites and test yourself.

c With a partner, look at the adjectives again in 1 and 2. Do you think they are positive, negative, or neutral characteristics?

## 3 NEGATIVE PREFIXES

a Which prefix do you use with these adjectives? Put them in the correct column.

ambitious clean friendly honest imaginative  
kind mature organized patient reliable  
responsible selfish sensitive sociable

un- / dis-	im- / ir- / in-
unambitious	

b 1 25))) Listen and check. Which of the new adjectives has a positive meaning?

c Cover the columns. Test yourself.



### False friends

Some words in English are very similar to words in other languages, but have different meanings.

**Sensible** looks very similar to *sensible* in Spanish and French, but in fact in English it means someone who has common sense and is practical. The Spanish / French word *sensible* translates as **sensitive** in English (to describe a person who is easily hurt).

**Sympathetic** does not mean the same as *sempatik* in Turkish (which mean **nice, friendly**). In English, **sympathetic** means a person who understands other people's feelings, e.g., *My best friend was very sympathetic when I failed my exam last week.*



## 1 VERBS

a Complete the sentences with a verb from the list.

be worth /bi wəθ/ borrow /'bɒrəʊ/ can't afford /kænt ə'fɔːd/ charge /tʃɑːdʒ/ cost /kɒst/ earn /ɜːn/  
inherit /ɪn'herət/ invest /ɪn'vest/ lend /lɛnd/ owe /oʊ/ raise /reɪz/ save /seɪv/ waste /weɪst/

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1 My uncle died and left me \$2,000.                                   | I'm going to <u>inherit</u> \$2,000.         |
| 2 I put some money aside every week for my next vacation.              | I _____ money every week.                    |
| 3 My brother promised to give me \$50.                                 | He promised to _____ me \$50.                |
| 4 I need to ask my mom to give me \$20.                                | I need to _____ \$20 from my mom.            |
| 5 I often spend money on stupid things.                                | I often _____ money.                         |
| 6 I don't have enough money to buy that car.                           | I _____ to buy that car.                     |
| 7 I usually have to pay the mechanic \$400 to fix my car.              | The mechanic _____ me \$400.                 |
| 8 These shoes are very expensive. They are \$200.                      | They _____ \$200.                            |
| 9 Jim gave me \$100. I haven't paid him back yet.                      | I _____ Jim \$100.                           |
| 10 I want to put money in a bank account. They'll give me 5% interest. | I want to _____ some money.                  |
| 11 I work in a supermarket. They pay me \$1,600 a month.               | I _____ \$1,600 a month.                     |
| 12 I could sell my house for about \$200,000.                          | My house _____ about \$200,000.              |
| 13 We need to get people to give money to build a new hospital.        | We want to _____ money for the new hospital. |

b (135)) Listen and check. Cover the sentences on the right. Try to remember them.

## 2 PREPOSITIONS

a Complete the **Preposition** column with a word from the list.

by for (x2) from in (x2) into on to

	Preposition
1 Would you like to pay <input type="text"/> cash or <input type="text"/> credit card?	in, by
2 I paid <input type="text"/> the dinner last night. It was my birthday.	
3 I spent \$50 <input type="text"/> books yesterday.	
4 My uncle invested all his money <input type="text"/> real estate.	
5 I don't like lending money <input type="text"/> friends.	
6 I borrowed a lot of money <input type="text"/> the bank.	
7 They charged me \$120 <input type="text"/> a haircut!	
8 I never get <input type="text"/> debt. I hate owing people money.	

b (136)) Listen and check.

c Cover the **Preposition** column. Look at the sentences and remember the prepositions.

## 3 NOUNS

a Match the nouns and definitions.

ATM (BritE cash machine) /eɪ ti 'em/ bill /bɪl/  
 coin /kɔɪn/ loan /loʊn/ mortgage /'mɔːrɡɪdʒ/  
salary /'sæləri/ tax /tæks/

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 1 <u>coin</u> | a piece of money made of metal   |
| 2 _____       | a piece of paper that shows how much money you have to pay for something |
| 3 _____       | the money you get for the work you do                                    |
| 4 _____       | money that you pay to the government                                     |
| 5 _____       | money that somebody (or a bank) lends you                                |
| 6 _____       | money that a bank lends you to buy a house                               |
| 7 _____       | a machine where you can get money  |

b (137)) Listen and check. Cover the words and look at the definitions. Try to remember the words.



### Phrasal verbs

I **took out** \$200 from an ATM. (= took from my bank account)

When can you **pay me back** the money I lent you? (= return)

I have to **live off** my parents while I'm in college, (= depend on financially)

It's difficult for me and my wife to **live on** only one salary. (= have enough money for basic things you need to live)



# Transportation



## 1 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND VEHICLES

a Match the words and pictures.

- |                        |                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| bus /bʌs/              | subway /'sʌbweɪ/                |
| freeway /'friweɪ/      | (BritE the <u>u</u> nderground) |
| light rail /laɪt reɪl/ | train /treɪn/                   |
| platform /'plætfɔrm/   | truck /trʌk/                    |
| scooter /'skutər/      | van /væn/                       |

b (2 2)) Listen and check.

c Cover the words and look at the pictures.  
Try to remember the words.



## 2 ON THE ROAD

### Compound nouns

Compound nouns are two nouns together where the first noun describes the second, e.g., a *child seat* = a seat for a child, a *bus stop* = a place for buses to stop, etc. In compound nouns, the first noun is stressed more strongly than the second. There are many compound nouns related to road travel.

a Complete the compound nouns.

belt /bɛlt/ camera /'kæmrə/ crash /kræʃ/ hour /'aʊər/ jam /dʒæm/  
lane /leɪn/ light /laɪt/ limit /'lɪmɪt/ stand /stænd/ station /'steɪʃn/  
ticket /'tɪkət/ walk /wɔk/ work /wɜrk/ zone /zoun/



b (2 3)) Listen and check. Then cover the compound nouns and look at the pictures. Remember the compound nouns.

## 3 HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

### How long does it take?

It **takes** about an hour to get from Princeton to New York City by train.

It **took (me)** more than an hour to get to work yesterday.

**How long does it take (you)** to get to school?

Use *take* (+ person) + time (+ *to get to*) to talk about the duration of a trip, etc.

Read the information box above. Then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

- How do you get to work / school?  
How long does it take?
- How long does it take to get from your house to the center of town?

### Phrasal verbs

Learn these phrasal verbs connected with transportation and travel.

We **set off** at 7:00 in the morning to try to avoid the traffic. (= leave on a trip)

I arrive at 8:15. Do you think you could **pick me up** at the station? (= go somewhere in a car and get him/her, etc.)

I got on the wrong bus, and I **ended up** on the opposite side of town. (= find yourself in a place / situation that you did not expect)

We're **running out of** gas. Let's stop at the next gas station. (= finish your supply of something)

**Watch out!** / **Look out!** You're going to crash! (= be careful or pay attention to something dangerous)



## 1 AFTER VERBS

- a Complete the **Preposition** column with a word from the list.

about at between for in of on to with



He apologized to the police officer for driving fast.

- b (2 25) Listen and check.

- c Cover the **Preposition** column. Say the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 He apologized the police officer driving fast.
- 2 We're arriving Miami on Sunday.
- 3 We're arriving O'Hare Airport at 3:45.
- 4 Who does this book belong ?
- 5 I never argue my husband money.
- 6 Could you ask the waiter the check?
- 7 Do you believe ghosts?
- 8 I can't choose these two bags.
- 9 We might go out. It depends the weather.
- 10 I dreamed my childhood last night.
- 11 Don't laugh me! I'm doing my best!
- 12 I'm really looking forward the party.
- 13 If I pay the gas, can you pay for the parking?
- 14 This music reminds me our honeymoon in Italy.
- 15 I don't spend a lot of money clothes.

Preposition

to, for

## 2 AFTER ADJECTIVES

- a Complete the **Preposition** column with a word from the list.

about at for from in of on to with



My brother is afraid of\* bats.

\*also scared of and frightened of

- b (2 26) Listen and check.

- c Cover the **Preposition** column. Say the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 My brother is afraid\* bats.
- 2 She's really angry her boyfriend last night.
- 3 I've never been good sports.
- 4 Eat your vegetables. They're good you.
- 5 I'm very close my older sister.
- 6 This exercise isn't very different the last one.
- 7 We're really excited going to Brazil.
- 8 I'm fed up listening to you complaining.
- 9 Krakow is famous its main square.
- 10 My sister is very interested astrology.
- 11 I'm very fond my little nephew. He's adorable.
- 12 She's very passionate riding her bike. She does about 30 miles every weekend.
- 13 I don't like people who aren't kind animals.
- 14 She used to be married a pop star.
- 15 I'm really happy my new motorcycle.
- 16 My dad was very proud learning to ski.
- 17 Why are you always rude waiters and salespeople?
- 18 Rachel is worried losing her job.
- 19 I'm tired walking. Let's stop and rest.

Preposition

of

(or to)



### Gerunds after prepositions

Remember that after a preposition we use a verb in the gerund (+ -ing).

We're really excited **about going** to Brazil.

I'm tired **of walking**.



### 1 PEOPLE AND PLACES

a Match the words and pictures.

- |                    |                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| captain /'kæptən/  | spectators /'spektətərz/     |
| coach /kəʊtʃ/      | the crowd /kraʊd/            |
| 1 fans /fænz/      | team /ti:m/                  |
| players /'pleɪərz/ | stadium /'steɪdiəm/          |
| referee /ˌrefə'ri/ | sports arena /sɒrts ə'ri:nə/ |
| umpire /'ʌmpaɪə/   |                              |

b 3 2)) Listen and check. Cover the words and look at the pictures. Test yourself.

c Match the places and sports.

course /kɔːrs/ court /kɔːrt/ field /fild/  
pool /pul/ slope /sloʊp/ track /træk/

- 1 tennis / basketball court
- 2 soccer / baseball \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 swimming / diving \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 running / horse racing \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 golf \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 ski \_\_\_\_\_



d 3 3)) Listen and check. Then test a partner.

A (book open) say a sport, e.g., *tennis*.

B (book closed) say where you play it, e.g., *tennis court*.

### 2 VERBS

#### win and beat

You *win* a game, competition, medal, or trophy.  
You *beat* another team or person NOT *The Red Sox won the Yankees*.

a Complete with the past tense and past participles.

beat beat \_\_\_\_\_  
win \_\_\_\_\_  
lose \_\_\_\_\_  
tie \_\_\_\_\_

b Complete the **Verb** column with the past tense of a verb from a.

- 1 Costa Rica \_\_\_\_\_ the US 3-0.
- 2 Costa Rica \_\_\_\_\_ the game 3-0.
- 3 The Chicago Bulls \_\_\_\_\_ 78-91 to the Boston Celtics.
- 4 Spain \_\_\_\_\_ with Brazil 2-2.

Verb

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c 3 4)) Listen and check a and b.

d Complete the **Verb** column with a verb from the list.

do get injured get in shape go kick score throw train

- 1 Professional sportspeople have to \_\_\_\_\_ every day.
- 2 Don't play tennis on a wet court. You might \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 A soccer player has to try to \_\_\_\_\_ the ball into the goal.
- 4 I've started going to the gym because I want to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Our new striker is going to \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of goals.
- 6 Would you like to \_\_\_\_\_ swimming this afternoon?
- 7 My brothers \_\_\_\_\_ yoga and tai-chi.
- 8 In basketball, players \_\_\_\_\_ the ball to each other.

Verb

train  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

e 3 5)) Listen and check. Cover the **Verb** columns in b and d. Test yourself.

#### Phrasal verbs

It's important to **warm up** before you do any vigorous exercise. (= do light exercise to get ready, e.g., for a game)  
My daughter **works out** every afternoon. (= exercises at a gym)  
My team was **knocked out** in the semi-finals. (= eliminated)



## 1 PEOPLE

a Match the words and definitions.

classmate /'klæsmeɪt/  
close friend /kloʊs frend/  
colleague /'kɒliɡ/ **couple** /'kʌpl/  
ex /ɛks/ fiancé /fian'seɪ/ (female fiancée)  
partner /'pɑːtnər/ roommate /'rummeɪt/

- 1 couple two people who are married or in a romantic relationship
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ your husband, wife, boyfriend, or girlfriend
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ the person that you are engaged to be married to
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ a person that you share an apartment or house with
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ a person that you work with
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (colloquial) a person that you used to have a relationship with
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ a very good friend that you can talk to about anything
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ a friend from school or college

b (3 19)) Listen and check. Cover the definitions and look at the words. Remember the definitions.

## 2 VERBS AND VERB PHRASES

a Complete the sentences with a verb or verb phrase in the past tense.

be together become friends break up get along get in touch get married  
get to know go out together have something in common lose touch ~~meet~~  
propose

- 1 I met Mark when I was studying at Boston University.
- 2 We \_\_\_\_\_ each other quickly because we went to the same classes.
- 3 We soon \_\_\_\_\_, and we discovered that we \_\_\_\_\_ a lot \_\_\_\_\_. For example, we both liked art and music.
- 4 We \_\_\_\_\_ in our second semester, and we fell in love.
- 5 We \_\_\_\_\_ for two years, but we argued a lot, and in our last semester of school, we \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 After we graduated from college, we \_\_\_\_\_ because I moved to Chicago, and he stayed in Boston.
- 7 Five years later, we \_\_\_\_\_ again on Facebook. We were both still single, and Mark had moved to Chicago, too.
- 8 This time we \_\_\_\_\_ better than before, maybe because we were older.
- 9 After two months Mark \_\_\_\_\_ and I accepted.
- 10 We \_\_\_\_\_ last summer. A lot of our old college friends came to the wedding!

b (3 20)) Listen and check.

c Look at the pictures. Try to remember the story.



### Colloquial language

I went out last night with some **buddies**. (= friends)

I'm **really into** a girl I met in class last week. (= I'm attracted to her)

Jane **dumped** her boyfriend last night! (= told him that their relationship was over)

My younger sister **has a crush on** Justin Bieber! (= be madly in love with when you are young)

### Phrasal verbs

My sister and her boyfriend **broke up / split up** last month. (= ended their relationship)

My brother has been **going out with** his girlfriend for two years. (= dating)



# Irregular verbs

5 45))

Infinitive	Simple past	Past participle
be /bi/	was /wəz/ were /wər/	been /bin/
beat /bit/	beat	beaten /'bitn/
become /bɪ'kʌm/	became /bɪ'keɪm/	become
begin /bɪ'gɪn/	began /bɪ'gæn/	begun /bɪ'gʌn/
bite /baɪt/	bit /bɪt/	bitten /'bɪtn/
break /breɪk/	broke /broʊk/	broken /'broʊkən/
bring /brɪŋ/	brought /brɔt/	brought
build /bɪld/	built /bɪlt/	built
buy /baɪ/	bought /bɔt/	bought
can /kæn/	could /kʊd/	–
catch /kætʃ/	caught /kɔt/	caught
choose /tʃuːz/	chose /tʃoʊz/	chosen /'tʃoʊzn/
come /kʌm/	came /keɪm/	come
cost /kɔst/	cost	cost
cut /kʌt/	cut	cut
do /du/	did /dɪd/	done /dʌn/
draw /drɔ/	drew /dru/	drawn /drɔn/
dream /driːm/	dreamed /driːmd/ (dreamt /dremt/)	dreamed (dreamt)
drink /drɪŋk/	drank /dræŋk/	drunk /drʌŋk/
drive /draɪv/	drove /drouv/	driven /'drɪvn/
eat /it/	ate /et/	eaten /'itn/
fall /fɔl/	fell /fel/	fallen /'fɔlən/
feel /fiːl/	felt /felt/	felt
find /faɪnd/	found /faʊnd/	found
fly /flaɪ/	flew /flu/	flown /floʊn/
forget /fər'get/	forgot /fər'gat/	forgotten /fər'gatn/
get /get/	got /gat/	gotten /'gatn/
give /gɪv/	gave /geɪv/	given /'gɪvn/
go /goʊ/	went /went/	gone /gʌn/
grow /grou/	grew /gru/	grown /groun/
hang /hæŋ/	hung /hʌŋ/	hung
have /hæv/	had /hæd/	had
hear /hɪr/	heard /hɜrd/	heard
hit /hɪt/	hit	hit
hurt /hɜrt/	hurt	hurt
keep /kip/	kept /kept/	kept
know /nou/	knew /nu/	known /noun/








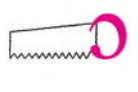


Infinitive	Simple past	Past participle
learn /lɜrn/	learned /lɜrnd/	learned
leave /liv/	left /left/	left
lend /lend/	lent /lent/	lent
let /let/	let	let
lie /laɪ/	lay /leɪ/	lain /leɪn/
lose /luːz/	lost /lɔst/	lost
make /merk/	made /meɪd/	made
mean /min/	meant /ment/	meant
meet /mit/	met /met/	met
pay /peɪ/	paid /peɪd/	paid
put /put/	put	put
read /rid/	read /red/	read /red/
ride /raɪd/	rode /roud/	ridden /'rɪdn/
ring /rɪŋ/	rang /ræŋ/	rung /rʌŋ/
run /rʌn/	ran /ræn/	run
say /seɪ/	said /sed/	said
see /si/	saw /sɔ/	seen /sin/
sell /sel/	sold /sould/	sold
send /send/	sent /sent/	sent
set /set/	set	set
shine /ʃaɪn/	shone /foʊn/	shone
shut /ʃʌt/	shut	shut
sing /sɪŋ/	sang /sæŋ/	sung /sʌŋ/
sit /sɪt/	sat /sæt/	sat
sleep /slɪp/	slept /slept/	slept
speak /spɪk/	spoke /spouk/	spoken /'spoukən/
spend /spend/	spent /spent/	spent
stand /stænd/	stood /stʊd/	stood
steal /stil/	stole /stoul/	stolen /'stoulən/
swim /swɪm/	swam /swæm/	swum /swʌm/
take /teɪk/	took /tok/	taken /'teɪkən/
teach /titʃ/	taught /tɔt/	taught
tell /tel/	told /tould/	told
think /θɪŋk/	thought /θɔt/	thought
throw /θrou/	threw /θru/	thrown /θrɔʊn/
understand /ʌndə'staend/	understood /ʌndər'stʊd/	understood
wake /weɪk/	woke /wouk/	woken /'woukən/
wear /weər/	wore /wɔr/	worn /wɔrn/
win /wɪn/	won /wʌn/	won
write /raɪt/	wrote /root/	written /'rɪtn/














# Vowel sounds


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	usual spelling	! but also
 tree	ee beef speed ea peach team e refund medium	people magazine niece receipt
 fish	i dish bill pitch fit ticket since	pretty women busy decided village physics
 ear	eer cheers engineer ere here we're ear beard appearance	serious
 cat	a fan travel crash tax carry land	
 egg	e menu lend text spend plenty cent	friendly already healthy many said
 chair	air airport upstairs fair hair are rare careful	their there wear pear area
 clock	o shop comedy plot shot cottage on	watch want calm
 saw	a bald wall aw draw saw al walk talk	thought caught audience
 horse	or sports floor ore bore score	warm course board
 boot	oo pool moody u* true student	suitcase juice shoe move soup through

\* especially before consonant + e

	usual spelling	! but also
 bull	u full oo cook book look good	could should would woman
 tourist	A very unusual sound. sure plural	
 up	u public subject ugly duck cup	money someone enough country tough
 computer	Many different spellings, /ə/ is always unstressed. about complain	
 bird	er person prefer learn ir dirty third ur curly turn	work world worse picture
 owl	ou hour around proud ground ow town brown	
 phone	o* broke stone frozen stove oa roast coat	owe slow although shoulders
 car	ar garden charge starter	heart
 train	a* save gate ai railroad plain ay may say gray	break steak great weight they
 boy	oi boiled noisy spoil coin oy enjoy employer	
 bike	i* fine sign y shy motorcycle igh flight frightened	buy eyes height













 vowels

 vowels followed by /r/





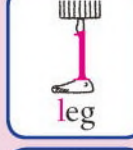




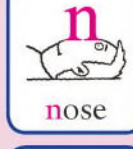


 diphthongs



# Consonant sounds

	usual spelling	! but also
 parrot	<b>p</b> plate transport trip <b>pp</b> shopping apply	
 bag	<b>b</b> beans bill probably crab <b>bb</b> stubborn dubbed	
 key	<b>c</b> court script <b>k</b> kind kick <b>ck</b> track lucky	chemisty school stomach squid account
 girl	<b>g</b> golf grilled colleague forget <b>gg</b> aggressive luggage	
 flower	<b>f</b> food roof <b>ph</b> pharmacy nephew <b>ff</b> traffic affectionate	enough laugh
 vase	<b>v</b> van vegetables travel invest private believe	of
 tie	<b>t</b> taste tennis stadium strict <b>tt</b> attractive cottage	worked passed
 dog	<b>d</b> director afford comedy confident <b>dd</b> address middle	failed bored
 snake	<b>s</b> steps likes <b>ss</b> boss assistant <b>c</b> twice city cycle (before e, i, y)	science scene
 zebra	<b>z</b> lazy freezing <b>s</b> nose loves cousins	
 shower	<b>sh</b> short dishwasher selfish cash <b>ti (+ vowel)</b> ambitious explanation <b>ci (+ vowel)</b> spacious sociable	sugar sure machine chef
 television	decision confusion usually	

☐ voiced ☐ unvoiced

	usual spelling	! but also
 thumb	<b>th</b> throw thriller healthy path math teeth	
 mother	<b>th</b> the that with farther together	
 chess	<b>ch</b> change cheat <b>tch</b> watch match <b>t (+ ure)</b> picture future	
 jazz	<b>j</b> jealous just <b>g</b> generous manager <b>dge</b> bridge judge	
 leg	<b>l</b> limit salary until reliable <b>ll</b> sell rebellious	
 right	<b>r</b> result referee elementary fried <b>rr</b> borrow married	written wrong
 witch	<b>w</b> war waste western highway <b>wh</b> whistle which	one once
 yacht	<b>y</b> yet year yogurt yourself before <b>u</b> university argue	
 monkey	<b>m</b> mean arm <b>mm</b> romantic charming summer swimming	lamb
 nose	<b>n</b> neck honest <b>nn</b> none chimney tennis thinner	knee knew
 singer	<b>ng</b> cooking going spring bring before <b>g/k</b> think tongue	
 house	<b>h</b> handsome helmet behave inherit unhappy perhaps	who whose whole





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