

7 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation, and Practical English

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American ENGLISH FILE Starter

GRAMMAR

1 Write *can* or *can't* to complete the dialogues.

Example: A Can I park here?

B No, you can't.

- A Can we take photos in the museum?
B No. But we _____ buy postcards.
- A Can children see that movie?
B Yes. They _____ see that movie with a parent.
- A You never answer my emails.
B I'm sorry. You always email in the afternoon. I _____ send personal emails at work.
- A Can you use your cell phone at work?
B We can't talk, but we _____ text.
- A Can we use the Internet here?
B No, we _____. They don't have WiFi.

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2 Unscramble the words to write questions.

Example: do people boat trips where take
Where do people take boat trips?

- golf people do where play
_____?
- does a museum your town have
_____?
- do where go you swimming
_____?
- I pictures take here can
_____?
- you to what go restaurants usually do
_____?

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Grammar total 10

VOCABULARY

3 Match the verbs with the things or places.

visit go take watch play do

Example: do homework.

- _____ museums
- _____ ice-skating
- _____ photos

- _____ golf
- _____ movies

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4 Complete the sentences with verbs from the box in the correct form.

~~take~~ eat see listen to play go

Example: We usually take a lot of photos on vacation.

- People can _____ sea lions on the tour.
- Can you _____ music at work?
- Sometimes I _____ computer games in the evening.
- I always _____ a sandwich for lunch.
- We _____ fishing in the summer.

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Vocabulary total 10

PRONUNCIATION

5 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: Fe|bru|a|ry

- Jan|u|ar|y
- Au|gust
- No|vem|ber
- Sep|tem|ber
- A|pril

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PRACTICAL ENGLISH

6 Look at Marci's birthday list. Complete the sentences.

Example: *John's birthday is March second.*

Mary Ann	8/21
Rebecca	7/22
Bernie	1/6
Ruth	6/4
Luisa	4/10

- Luisa's birthday is _____.
- Mary Ann's birthday is _____.
- Bernie's birthday is _____.
- Ruth's birthday is _____.
- Rebecca's birthday is _____.

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Grammar, Vocabulary, Pronunciation, and Practical English total 30

7 Reading and Writing **B**

READING

1 Read the blog and check (✓) True or False.

A different life

Sara Huntingdon works for a children's organization in Africa. Every day, she writes her blog for an online news website.

Wednesday, July 25

Every morning, I get up at six o'clock and go to the camp. One thousand families live there. They don't have much food or water.

I sometimes work in the school. It is in a big, old house near the camp, and it is open to children from five to twelve years old. It's usually hot inside. I teach classes for five hours.

When the children get to school at a quarter after seven, they go into the house and meet their friends. They talk and play games. They like games! Then we start classes at a quarter after eight. I teach English. The children can speak English, but they can't write in English. They have a lot of questions. They have questions about my life in the United States – and about my boyfriend! I cook some food and they eat it before they go home. They go back to their families in the afternoon, and I send email to my family and my boyfriend. I eat dinner, and I go to bed at about ten o'clock.

Example: Sara works for a children's organization.

True ☒ False ☐

- 1 Sara works in India.
True ☐ False ☐
- 2 Sara goes to the camp every day.
True ☐ False ☐
- 3 The children's school is big and hot.
True ☐ False ☐
- 4 The children's school is in a new house.
True ☐ False ☐
- 5 Sara teaches for six hours.
True ☐ False ☐
- 6 The children can speak English.
True ☐ False ☐
- 7 The children don't ask questions.
True ☐ False ☐

8 The children play games.

True ☐ False ☐

9 The children go home in the afternoon.

True ☐ False ☐

10 Sara sends email to her family and her boyfriend after school.

True ☐ False ☐

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2 Read the blog again and complete the sentences with numbers and times.

- 1 Sara gets up at _____.
- 2 _____ families live at the camp.
- 3 The children get to school at _____.
- 4 They start classes at _____.
- 5 Sara goes to bed at about _____.

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Reading total 15

WRITING

1 You have a new email friend, Tomas. Read the list of topics. Choose five. Write your own information about those topics in your email to Tomas. Then ask Tomas five questions about any of the topics.

Job	Family	Weekend Activities
Food	Birthday	Address and phone
Work	Usual schedule	Favorite sport

Hi Tomas!

Nice to meet you. Let me tell you about myself:

Now let me ask you some questions!

Writing total 10

Reading and Writing total 25

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LISTENING
1 Listen to Erin and Bill. Check (✓) True or False.

- 1 Erin likes boat rides.
True ☐ False ☐
- 2 Erin wants to see photos of September 11th, 2001.
True ☐ False ☐
- 3 Erin can't skate.
True ☐ False ☐
- 4 People can get lunch at a coffee shop in the museum.
True ☐ False ☐
- 5 Erin can check her email at the New York Public Library.
True ☐ False ☐

☐ 5

2 Listen to five conversations. Check (✓) A, B, or C.

- 1 Barbara's birthday is ...
A 10/12 ☐ B 12/10 ☐ C 10/20 ☐
- 2 American Independence day is ...
A in May ☐ B in June ☐ C in July ☐
- 3 On January 1st, people visit special places and relax
A at restaurants ☐ B at home ☐
C at stores ☐
- 4 Brenda doesn't like ...
A summer ☐ B cold months ☐
C movies ☐
- 5 Bruce gets up ...
A at 10:00 ☐ B early ☐ C at 9:30 ☐

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 Listening total ☐ 10

SPEAKING
1 Answer your partner's questions about you.

2 Now ask your partner these questions.

- 1 Can you drive a car?
- 2 Where can you play soccer in your town?
- 3 Can you talk on your cell phone at school or work?
- 4 When is your birthday?
- 5 What is your favorite month?

3 Read the information about Rosa's town and answer your partner's questions.

Centerville
 Summer concert: August 20
 Attraction: Car Museum
 Good restaurant: Take Steak – It's on 2nd Avenue.
 Shopping: Central Mall

4 Your partner has information about Ron's town. Ask your partner questions about the town and complete the fact file.

What / name of the town
 When / summer concert
 What / good restaurant
 What / visit
 Where / shopping

Name of town: _____
 Date of summer concert: _____
 Good restaurant: _____
 Place to visit: _____
 Shopping: _____

 Speaking total ☐ 15

 Listening and Speaking total ☐ 25