

9 Grammar, Vocabulary, Pronunciation, and Practical English

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American ENGLISH FILE Starter

GRAMMAR

1 Underline the correct word.

Example: There **is** / **are** forty people in the hotel.

- Are there **some** / **any** pictures on the wall?
- There **isn't** / **aren't** any windows in the room.
- There **is** / **are** a wonderful view of the ocean from here.
- There aren't **some** / **any** books in Eve's bedroom.
- Is there **a** / **some** pharmacy near here?

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2 Underline the correct simple past form.

Example: They **wasn't** / **weren't** famous.

- Where **were you** / **you were** last Friday?
- Was he** / **Were he** late?
- Was** / **Were** you in Japan last summer?
- Samuel **was** / **were** a nurse a long time ago.
- Teresa and I **was** / **were** here at 7:00 this morning.

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Grammar total 10

VOCABULARY

3 Complete the description with *in*, *at* or *on*.

Zack lives in a large house ¹ _____ Dallas. He usually works ² _____ home. Yesterday morning, he called his friends. Everyone was busy! Meredith was ³ _____ the gym, Katie was ⁴ _____ the airport, and Gary was ⁵ _____ his car.

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4 Match the places in the box to what the people want to do.

~~post office~~ museum swimming pool
supermarket elevator hotel

Example: Kay wants to send a letter. post office

- Lara wants to buy fish, meat, vegetables, and fruit. _____
- Parker wants to see old, interesting things. _____
- Abbey wants to swim. _____
- Ron wants a room with a TV and shower. _____

5 Melanie wants to go to the sixth floor. _____

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Vocabulary total 10

PRONUNCIATION

5 Match the words with the same sound.

~~nurse~~ airport here toilet was were

Example: first nurse

- up _____
- where _____
- work _____
- near _____
- enjoy _____

Pronunciation total 5

PRACTICAL ENGLISH

6 Look at the map then complete the two dialogues with the words in the box.

hotel

bank

bookstore

you are
here

museum

pharmacy

post office

gas station

turn right on the left between next to straight

- A** Excuse me. Is there a bank near here?

B Yes. It's ¹ _____. It's ² _____ the hotel and the bookstore.

A Thank you very much.
- A** Where's the post office, please?

B Uh...OK. Go ³ _____ then ⁴ _____. It's ⁵ _____ the pharmacy.

A Thanks.

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Grammar, Vocabulary, Pronunciation, and Practical English total 30

9 Reading and Writing **B**

READING

- 1 Read the text and complete the sentences with the correct number.

A fantastic hotel

Last summer, my wife and I were in Las Vegas for a week. For the first five days, we were with our friends, Jimmy and Diane. They live in Las Vegas. For the last two days, my wife and I were in a beautiful hotel. It was the Venetian Resort Hotel on the Las Vegas strip. The Venetian is modern, luxurious, and very big! There are 7,000 rooms and suites in the hotel, and there were three TVs in our suite – one in the bedroom, one in the living room, and one in the bathroom.

You can find everything at the Venetian. There is a casino in the hotel and there are 17 restaurants. Our first dinner there was at the Bouchon restaurant. It was fantastic – but very expensive!

The hotel is really great! There is a small lake near the entrance, and on the fourth floor there are three swimming pools and a spa. On the second floor, there is a big shopping center with canals and gondolas. We went on a gondola. I thought I was in Venice!

There are a lot of things to do at the Venetian. You can visit Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum with statues of famous Hollywood actors. You can go to the nightclub or to see at show at one of the theaters. There are three of them! We weren't interested in the wax museum or the nightclub, but on Sunday evening there was a great show at the Blue Man Theater, and an art exhibition at the hotel's art gallery.

Example: They were in Las Vegas for seven days.

- There is a spa on the _____ floor.
- You can ride on a gondola on the _____ floor.
- There are _____ restaurants in the hotel.
- There are _____ theaters in the hotel.
- In a suite at the Venetian hotel, there are _____ TVs.
- In the museum were statues of Hollywood _____.

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- 2 Read the text again and check (✓) True or False.

- The writer and his wife were with Jimmy and Diane for a week.
True ☐ False ☐
- The writer was at the Venetian Resort hotel for five nights.
True ☐ False ☐

- The writer's dinner on Saturday was at a restaurant at the hotel.
True ☐ False ☐
- The hotel pool is on the second floor.
True ☐ False ☐
- You can see many famous Hollywood actors in the hotel.
True ☐ False ☐
- The writer and his wife were interested in the nightclub.
True ☐ False ☐
- The writer was on vacation for a week.
True ☐ False ☐
- There's no shopping center at the hotel.
True ☐ False ☐
- There was an art exhibition at the Blue Man Theater.
True ☐ False ☐

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Reading total	15
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WRITING

Answer the vacation questionnaire and write a description of your last vacation and the place you stayed in.

VACATION QUESTIONNAIRE

The vacation

Where were you on your last vacation?

When were you there?

Who were you with?

The hotel

Where was the hotel?

Can you describe the place?

Was it a nice place? Why (not)?

Writing total	10
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Reading and Writing total	25
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9 Listening and Speaking **B**

LISTENING

1 Listen to Roger and Sylvia talking about their lunch today. Put a check (✓) if the information is correct. Write an X if the information is incorrect.

- 1 Today is Roger's birthday.
- 2 The Mexican restaurant is near the park.
- 3 Roger and Chandler were at a Mexican restaurant at lunchtime.
- 4 Roger was with Nancy at lunchtime.
- 5 Roger is hungry now.

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2 Listen to five conversations. Check (✓) True or False.

- 1 The pool and gym are open now.
True ☐ False ☐
- 2 There are three pictures on Jack's wall.
True ☐ False ☐
- 3 There is a good Chinese restaurant in Jenny's town.
True ☐ False ☐
- 4 The woman is using Tom's cell phone.
True ☐ False ☐
- 5 There was a television in Donna's room at the hotel.
True ☐ False ☐

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Listening total ☐ 10

4 You're a new student at this school. Ask your partner questions about the school and complete the fact file.

Is there a...?

Are there any...?

Where / it? Where / they?

School Fact File	
What is there?	Location
a library	
restrooms	
a cafeteria	
a gym	
computers	
a parking lot	
a teachers' room	

Speaking total ☐ 15

Listening and Speaking total ☐ 25

SPEAKING

1 Answer your partner's questions about the house you lived in when you were a child.

2 Now ask your partner these questions.

- 1 Can you describe the house you lived in when you were a child? Where was it? What rooms were there in the house and where were they?
- 2 Can you remember your bedroom? What was there in the bedroom? Where was the bed, table, etc.? What was on the walls?

3 Your partner is new in town. Answer his/her questions about the town you are in now with true information.