

5 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

American
ENGLISH FILE 1

GRAMMAR

- 1 Make present continuous sentences and questions (positive and negative). Use contractions where possible.

Example: Hannah / study / in her bedroom *Hannah's studying in her bedroom.*

1 what / you / do / at the moment ?

2 we / run / because it's late

3 why / Dave and his wife / argue ?

4 they / not wait / for a taxi

5 you / use / this computer ?

6 Paul / get dressed ?

7 I / not wear / a jacket today

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- 2 Complete the email. Use the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in parentheses.

Hi Gilly

How's your new job? My college classes are great, but it's Friday evening and I'm home for the weekend. I *'m sitting* (sit) on my bed and I ¹ _____ (play) a computer game on my laptop. I usually ² _____ (study) in the evenings or I ³ _____ (go) out with my friends. My family is downstairs. Mom ⁴ _____ (make) dinner and I ⁵ _____ (think) Dad ⁶ _____ (help) Julie with her homework. I can't write any more now – Mom ⁷ _____ (want) me to help her in the kitchen.

See you soon

Kate

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- 3 Underline the correct word or phrase.

Example: I'm sorry. You **can** / **can't** park here.

1 **Do you can** / **Can you** come to the movies tonight?

2 She **no cannot** / **can't** cook very well.

3 "Can you play tennis?" "Yes, I **can** / **can play**."

4 **They can** / **Can they** do the exercises?

5 He can't **speak** / **speaks** Italian.

6 Can you **play** / **to play** the piano?

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Grammar total 20

VOCABULARY

- 4 Complete the sentences with the correct word.

Example: Are you *waiting* for a taxi?

driving waiting seeing

1 Can you _____ me with this question?

help talk tell

2 Don't move! I want to _____ your photo.

draw take paint

3 It's cold but some people are _____ in the sea.

waiting driving swimming

4 Ellen can't _____ her purse.

find watch look

5 Let's _____ for a coffee after the class.

wait do meet

6 I usually _____ my children a story before they go to sleep.

tell play remember

7 He _____ to the gym on the weekend.

rides goes plays

8 Can you _____ a noise downstairs?

listen take hear

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- 5 Complete the weather words.

Example: It's very cold. I think it's starting to *snow*.

1 I can't see very well because it's **f**_____.

2 It's **h**_____ in here. Can you open the window, please?

3 The sun's **s**_____. It's a lovely day.

4 It's **r**_____. Do you have an umbrella?

5 Let's go to the park. It's a nice **w**_____ day.

6 You can't see the sun when it's **c**_____.

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6 Complete the phrases with the correct verb.

dance forget ~~have~~ make play see turn on

Example: have a big party

- 1 _____ loud music
- 2 _____ a noise
- 3 _____ the washing machine
- 4 _____ the tango
- 5 _____ somebody's name
- 6 _____ a movie at the theater

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Vocabulary total 20

PRONUNCIATION

7 Underline the five words which contain the /ŋ/ sound.

Example: sing

- | | |
|-----------|-------------|
| 1 think | 6 English |
| 2 manager | 7 dangerous |
| 3 spring | 8 bank |
| 4 windy | 9 noise |
| 5 change | 10 working |

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8 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: chur|ches

- 1 ri|ver
- 2 go|vern|ment
- 3 ca|the|dral
- 4 hou|ses
- 5 pa|lace

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Pronunciation total 10

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total 50

5 Reading and Writing **A**American
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READING

1 Read the text and check (✓) A, B, or C.

Living in New York City

Read about three young people who are living in New York City.

Kathy O'Brien is 26 years old, and she's from Ireland. Right now, she's living in an apartment in Brooklyn, and she has a job in a store. She doesn't like her job, but she needs the money. When the weather is good, Kathy sings and plays her guitar in Central Park. She is very good, and lots of people stop and listen to her. Kathy goes to a lot of auditions because she wants to be a professional singer one day. She's also using her laptop to make a CD of her songs to send to all the music companies in New York.

Marc Dubois is from Switzerland. He's 19 and he's studying computing at New York University. He has classes during the week, and he works in an Italian restaurant on the weekend. At the moment Marc's living in an apartment near the university, but he's looking for another place to live. His apartment is nice, and from his room he can see the Hudson River. However, it's expensive. Marc thinks New York is a great place, but he doesn't like the cold winter days. Luckily, there are lots of things that people can do here when it's cold!

Jamie Chandler is 27, and he's from Australia. He's traveling around the world, but now he's in New York. He's working as a New York guide. Jamie's mom is Japanese, so he speaks Japanese well. When he's working, Jamie takes groups of Japanese visitors around New York to see the famous sights. They always take lots of photos! Jamie also works as a cook in a restaurant in the evening – it's in Manhattan, and musicians also play there every night.

Example: Kathy, Marc, and Jamie aren't from New York City.

A True ☒ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

1 Kathy is famous.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

2 She's working in a store at the moment.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

3 She's trying to be a professional singer.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

4 Marc can cook Italian food.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

5 His apartment doesn't have a view of the river.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

6 He doesn't like the weather in New York.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

7 Jamie speaks more than one language.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

8 During the day, he takes photos of New York's famous sights.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

9 Jamie earns a lot of money.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

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2 Read the text again and write *Kathy*, *Marc*, or *Jamie*.

Example: *Kathy* lives in north Brooklyn.

1 _____ plays a musical instrument.

2 _____ has two jobs.

3 _____ is looking for a new place to live.

4 _____ only works on the weekend.

5 _____ doesn't like his / her job.

6 _____ works in a restaurant every evening.

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Reading total

15

WRITING

Read the notes and write about Lisa. (75–100 words)

- 23
- Italian
- lives in New York City – where?
- studying – what?
- works evening & weekend – where?
- can speak three languages – which ones?
- likes New York City – why?
- doesn't like New York weather – why not?

Lisa's 23. She ...

Writing total

10

Reading and Writing total

25

5 Listening and Speaking **A**

LISTENING

- 1 Steve is looking for a summer job. Listen to the interview. Underline the correct answer.
- 1 Steve wants a summer job in a **hotel** / **shop** / **restaurant**.
 - 2 He speaks **German** / **Chinese** / **Japanese** very well.
 - 3 The hotel is **in the center of** / **near** / **not near** the town.
 - 4 Steve can travel to work by **bus** / **motorcycle** / **car**.
 - 5 He can **dance** / **sing** / **play the guitar** very well.

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- 2 Listen to five people talking about the weather. Check (✓) A or B.

- 1 A It's summer in the US. ☐
B It's summer in Australia. ☐
- 2 A Kay goes to the river with a book when it's hot. ☐
B Kay relaxes on the beach when it's hot. ☐
- 3 A It's not very warm in New England. ☐
B It's raining in New England. ☐
- 4 A There is sometimes ice on the road. ☐
B It's sometimes difficult to see the road. ☐
- 5 A Dave prefers cold weather. ☐
B Dave prefers hot weather. ☐

☐ 5Listening total ☐ 10

SPEAKING

- 1 Ask your partner these questions.
- 1 Where do you live?
 - 2 What is the weather like in your region?
 - 3 What is your favorite time of year? Why?
 - 4 What famous sights are there in your town?
 - 5 What can you do in your town when it's hot / cold / raining?

Now answer your partner's questions.

- 2 Read the information and answer your partner's questions.

Where:	Washington, D.C.
Monuments:	Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial
Things to do:	Visit art galleries Visit Smithsonian Museum Walk around the Reflecting Pool Go shopping Go on a bus tour of the city See a play at the theater Go ice-skating outdoors (winter only)

- 3 Ask your partner these questions about Philadelphia.

Where / Philadelphia?
What famous monuments?
What / can do when cold / hot / raining?
What / can do in winter / summer?

Speaking total ☐ 15Listening and Speaking total ☐ 25