

## 8 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

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## GRAMMAR

- 1 Complete the sentences with the correct word or phrase.

Example: We went to Rome last week.  
were went go

- “Did they enjoy the party?” “Yes, they \_\_\_\_.”  
enjoyed did enjoy did
- Yesterday \_\_\_\_ Saturday. Today is Sunday.  
didn’t didn’t was was
- I \_\_\_\_ a great movie last night.  
saw ’m seeing see
- \_\_\_\_ the football game yesterday?  
You watched Did you watch Watched you
- Sally \_\_\_\_ a book on the train.  
readed read red
- Where \_\_\_\_ Jimmy this morning?  
was were did
- I \_\_\_\_ my iPod last week.  
lose lost losed
- What time \_\_\_\_ Mr. Carter leave?  
was is did

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- 2 Use the words to write positive (+) and negative (–) sentences and questions (?) with *there is / there are*. Add *some, any, a* where necessary.

Example: a store in the town (?)

Is there a store in the town?

- 1 a swimming pool in the yard (+)

- 2 ghosts in the house (–)

- 3 cupboards in the kitchen (?)

- 4 a shower in the bathroom (?)

- 5 a television in the bedroom (–)

- 6 schools near our new house (+)

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- 3 Underline the correct word.

Example: There wasn’t / weren’t any food on the table.

- Was there **any** / **a** TV in your hotel room?
- There **was** / **were** a good movie on TV last night.
- Are there **any** / **a** guests at the hotel?
- There **were** / **was** a lot of people at the party.
- Were** / **Was** there a good restaurant near the hotel?
- “Was there a ghost in your room?” “No, there **wasn’t** / **weren’t**.”

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Grammar total  20

## VOCABULARY

- 4 Underline the correct word or phrase.

Example: We drove from / to Boston to Cambridge.

- Don’t run **into** / **down** the stairs!
- An old man came **up** / **out of** the house.
- The bookshelves are **next to** / **between** the sofa.
- Don’t stand **behind** / **in front of** the TV. I’m trying to watch this show.
- Put those books **in** / **over** the cupboard.
- I opened the door and walked **into** / **on** the room.
- Our house is **in front** / **across from** the park.
- She put her purse **out of** / **into** her bag.

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- 5 Write the past simple form of the verbs.

Example: do did

- |        |       |          |       |
|--------|-------|----------|-------|
| 1 find | _____ | 7 fall   | _____ |
| 2 get  | _____ | 8 drive  | _____ |
| 3 hear | _____ | 9 speak  | _____ |
| 4 wear | _____ | 10 write | _____ |
| 5 take | _____ | 11 sit   | _____ |
| 6 say  | _____ | 12 think | _____ |

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## 6 Find the odd word out.

Example: fridge armchair washing machine  
stove

- 1 floor ceiling sofa wall
- 2 bed bath shower mirror
- 3 living room dining room shelf garage
- 4 armchair sofa couch cupboard
- 5 bedroom yard living room kitchen
- 6 study hall balcony stairs

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Vocabulary total		20
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## PRONUNCIATION

## 7 Find the word with a different sound.

Example: thought taught bought could

- 1 woke wrote drove lost
- 2 killed wanted closed loved
- 3 gave saw take became
- 4 died read went said
- 5 got was lost sat

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## 8 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: car|pet

- 1 bed|room
- 2 ki|tchen
- 3 a|cross
- 4 be|hind
- 5 in|to

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Pronunciation total		10
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Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total		50
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8 Reading and Writing **A**American  
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## READING

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

## HOUSES TO RENT

**26 Downland Street** is a small house just two minutes from the library and ten minutes from the center of town.

Downstairs, there is a living room, a small dining room and a modern kitchen. Upstairs, there are two bedrooms and a large bathroom. The house is over 100 years old, but it has a new central heating system. There is a pretty yard, which is easy to look after, and a garage next to the yard. This house is on a small, quiet road of only six houses.

**142 Oceanview Avenue** is an attractive old house on the coast road with parking space for three or four cars. There aren't any neighbors close by, and it's a five-minute walk from Burntown Beach. Downstairs there's a living room, a dining room, and a very big kitchen. There's also a library, so it's great for someone who likes reading. There is no central heating, but each room has a fireplace, and the house is very warm. Upstairs there are four bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a shower room. The bedrooms are freshly painted and have new carpets and furniture. They all have large balconies and fantastic views of the ocean.

**37 Redcliffe Road** is a townhouse and is only ten years old. Redcliffe is across from the train station, and there are regular trains to New York City. The house has a large living room, a kitchen, and a dining room downstairs. On the second floor there are two bedrooms and a really lovely bathroom. There is another bedroom and a small study on the top floor. In front of the house there is a small yard and a space to park a car on the street. There is a big park nearby, so it's great for anyone with children. It's a little bit more expensive, but it's a really nice family house.

Example: 26 Downland Street is a new house.

A True ☐ B False ☒ C Doesn't say ☐

- Downland Street is far from the town center.  
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- The bedrooms are small in 26 Downland Street.  
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- Oceanview Avenue is close to the ocean.  
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- There isn't any furniture in 142 Oceanview Avenue.  
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 142 Oceanview Avenue has a big garage for 3–4 cars.  
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 37 Redcliffe Road has three bedrooms.  
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

7 It is easy to get to New York City from Redcliffe Road.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

8 Redcliffe Road is near a school.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

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2 Read the ads again. Write *Downland*, *Oceanview*, or *Redcliffe* next to each sentence.

Example: There are eleven rooms. *Oceanview*

- You can park in the garage. \_\_\_\_\_
- It's a modern house. \_\_\_\_\_
- There is more than one bathroom. \_\_\_\_\_
- You can hear trains. \_\_\_\_\_
- It has central heating. \_\_\_\_\_
- It doesn't have any close neighbors. \_\_\_\_\_
- There's a special room where you can work at the top of the house. \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading total

15

## WRITING

Describe your house / apartment. Answer these questions, then write a text. (75–100 words)

- Do you live in a city / town / village?
- Do you have a house or an apartment?
- Who lives with you?
- How many rooms are there in your house / apartment? What are they?
- Is there a big yard?
- Are the neighbors nice / friendly / noisy ...?
- What is there near your house?

I live in a ...

Writing total

10

Reading and Writing total

25

8 Listening and Speaking **A**

## LISTENING

1 Listen to a police officer interviewing a woman about a robbery. Check (✓) A, B, or C.

1 The robbery happened at about \_\_\_\_\_.

A five o'clock ☐ B half past three ☐

C three o'clock ☐

2 The man with dark hair was about \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

A twenty-eight ☐ B eighteen ☐

C thirty ☐

3 \_\_\_\_\_ went into the kitchen.

A The tall man ☐ B Both men ☐

C The short man ☐

4 They took the woman's \_\_\_\_\_.

A credit cards ☐ B wallet ☐ C bag ☐

5 She lost \_\_\_\_\_.

A \$50 ☐ B \$15 ☐ C \$150 ☐

☐ 5

2 Listen to five people talking about where they live. Underline the correct answer.

1 Coral has a cottage **in the country** / **on the coast**.

2 There isn't a **dining room** / **study** in Nick's apartment.

3 There were **six** / **eight** bedrooms in Danny's parents' house.

4 Gemma lives in a house with a **green** / **blue** door.

5 Kate's favorite room is the **kitchen** / **living room**.

☐ 5

Listening total ☐ 10

## SPEAKING

1 Ask your partner about his / her home.

1 Do you live in an apartment?

2 Is your house / apartment in a nice part of town?

3 Why do you like living there?

4 Which is your favorite room?

5 What color is your kitchen?

6 Do you want to live in a different place? Why?

Now answer your partner's questions about your home.

2 Ask your partner about his / her famous house.

• What / address?

• How old?

• Where?

• How many / rooms

• Who / live there?

• Can / visit / garden?

3 Read the information about a famous house and answer your partner's questions.

**1600 Pennsylvania Avenue**

where – center of Washington

home of – President of the USA

how old – about 210 years old

rooms – 132

visit garden – yes

Speaking total ☐ 15

Listening and Speaking total ☐ 25