

11 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

American
ENGLISH FILE 1

GRAMMAR

- 1 Complete the sentences with *a, an, the*, or *–* (no article).

Example: I read an interesting book last week.

- I never eat _____ meat because I'm a vegetarian.
- Is Mike _____ good teacher?
- Emily ate all of _____ cookies I bought.
- There was _____ amazing beach in front of our hotel.
- Russell was _____ best dancer in the competition.
- Dina doesn't have _____ job.

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- 2 Complete the sentences with *to* and a verb from the box.

drink get ~~go~~ have meet play visit

Example: Do you want to go to the movies?

- "Hello, I'm Dan." "Nice _____ you."
- Clare learned _____ the piano when she was a child.
- "I don't have any money." "You need _____ a job!"
- Jim decided _____ a party and invite all his friends.
- "What would you like _____?" "A glass of orange juice, please."
- I'd love _____ Australia one day.

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- 3 Underline the correct word or phrase.

Example: Don't walk home. It isn't safe / **safely** here at night.

- Sandra dances quite **good** / **well**.
- It's raining. Please drive **real** / **really** carefully.
- I don't understand you. Please speak **slow** / **slowly**.
- That's a **beautiful** / **beautifully** skirt. Is it new?
- He worked **hard** / **hardly** and passed the exam.
- She doesn't have a very **healthy** / **healthily** lifestyle.
- They speak **perfectly** **English** / **English perfectly**.
- This exercise is **incredibly difficult** / **difficult incredibly**.

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Grammar total 20

VOCABULARY

- 4 Underline the correct verb.

Example: Cooking isn't difficult. You just need / **learn** / **hope** to practice.

- "Would you **hope** / **like** / **plan** to have dinner with me?"
- Laura's **liking** / **being** / **planning** to move to the US. She's got a job there.
- There's a new movie on at the theater that I really **want** / **like** / **would** to see.
- He's studying hard because he **likes** / **would** / **hopes** to get accepted to a university.
- There's nothing for dinner. We **need** / **go** / **would** to go to the supermarket.

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- 5 Complete the sentences with a word or phrase from the box.

attachment download google log in **online**
skype social networking upload wifi

Example: How often do you buy things online?

- You need to _____ with your password to use the computer.
- My dad doesn't often _____ music from the internet.
- It's easy to find information on the internet – you just _____ the words.
- I don't really like _____ sites like Facebook.
- Mark likes to _____ his photos so his friends can see them.
- This email has an _____, but I can't open it.
- My sister lives in Canada and I _____ with her once a week.
- We connect to the internet with _____.

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6 Complete the sentences with the correct word.

Example: Read the exam questions carefully.
politely carefully casually

1 He isn't interested in fashion. He prefers to dress
_____.

casually perfectly fashionably

2 "Is she a good dancer?" "No, she dances really
_____."

well perfectly badly

3 He isn't a very good driver – sometimes he drives
_____.

carefully well dangerously

4 You sang that song _____. Good job!
beautifully fashionably really

5 I can't understand you when you speak _____.
politely fast carefully

6 We can't sleep because they play their music
_____.
quietly dangerously loudly

7 He eats very _____ – he has fast food every
day.
unhealthily hard noisily

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Vocabulary total 20

PRONUNCIATION

7 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: in|ter|net

1 a|ttach|ment

2 u|ni|ver|si|ty

3 net|work

4 on|line

5 down|load

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8 Match the words with the same sound.

information login network
skype ~~upload~~ computer

Example: social upload

1 wifi _____

2 search _____

3 attachment _____

4 email _____

5 online _____

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Pronunciation total 10

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total 50

11 Reading and Writing **A**

READING

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

Making the most of retirement**Harry**

I was a newspaper journalist until I was 60. I wanted to retire and have more time with my wife. Sadly, she died five years ago, and now I'm alone in the house. Our son, Jamie, is a teacher in Morocco, and last year I went there on vacation. I traveled to lots of countries when I worked, but this was my first trip to North Africa. I really want to go back. I'd like to travel into the Sahara and take photographs of the people and animals that live there, but I need to learn a bit of Arabic first.

Annette

Nine months ago I retired from my job as a French teacher, sold my condo in Chicago, and moved to a small town. It's incredibly quiet after Chicago, but my life is much busier now. I'm decorating my new house, and I'm learning to drive – I never needed a car in Chicago. I spend a lot of time in my garden, too. I enjoy working in it. I'm planning to grow vegetables next year, and I also want to get some chickens. There are sometimes problems, but luckily, my neighbors are really friendly.

Megan

Yesterday was my last day at work, and now I can do what I want. After forty years as a cook, I need to lose a few pounds, so I'm going to learn to play golf. I'm planning to take a computer class at the local college. It's a good way to learn about computers and meet new people, and I'd like to make some new friends. I'd also like to get a new computer so I can chat with my grandchildren on the internet every day – they live in Dubai, and I don't see them very often.

Example: Harry worked in television until he retired.

A True ☐ B False ☒ C Doesn't say ☐

- 1 Harry was sixty when his wife died.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 2 He lives with his son.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 3 He made his first trip to North Africa last year.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 4 Annette retired when she was sixty-five.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 5 She moved to a new house after she retired.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 6 She passed her driving test in Chicago.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 7 Megan hopes to lose weight.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 8 She calls her family in Dubai every day.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 9 She has a new computer.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

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2 Read the text again and write *Harry*, *Annette*, or *Megan*.Example: Annette likes gardening.

- 1 _____ is a grandparent.
- 2 _____ would like to grow his / her own food.
- 3 _____ wants to learn a new sport.
- 4 _____ has nice neighbors.
- 5 _____ wants to do some more traveling.
- 6 _____ needs to learn a foreign language.

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Reading total

15

11 Reading and Writing **A****WRITING**

What would you like to do? Answer the questions with complete sentences.

1 Do you want to change your job? Why?

2 Why are you learning English?

3 Are there any other skills that you want / need to learn?
Which ones?

4 Is there a sport that you would really like to try? What?

5 Do you want to move to a new house? Why?

6 Would you like to live in another country? Which one?

7 Are you hoping to have a vacation soon? When?

8 Which country do you really want to visit? Why?

9 What are you planning to do on the weekend?

10 Is there anything in your life that you would like to
change?

Writing total		10
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Reading and Writing total		25
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11 Listening and Speaking **A**

LISTENING

- 1 Listen to Jamie describing life in Paris. Underline the correct word / phrase.
- Jamie is a **businessman** / teacher.
 - He prefers to wear **casual** / expensive clothes.
 - He speaks French **perfectly** / pretty well now.
 - He was surprised to see a lot of **fast food** / tourist restaurants in Paris.
 - He thinks that most French people have **good** / bad driving habits.
- 2 Listen to five people talking about how they use computers. Match the sentence halves.
- Speaker 1 ☐
 - Speaker 2 ☐
 - Speaker 3 ☐
 - Speaker 4 ☐
 - Speaker 5 ☐
- A uses a social network to see what his / her friends are doing.
 B uses the internet to make phone calls.
 C uses the internet for shopping.
 D uses email a lot.
 E only uses a computer at work.

☐ 5☐ 5Listening total ☐ 10

SPEAKING

- 1 Ask your partner these questions.
- When did you first use the internet?
 - Do you use a social networking site?
 - How often do you buy things online?
 - How much time do you spend using a computer each day? Why?
 - Would you like to take a computer class in the future? Why?

Now answer your partner's questions.

- 2 Read the information about how Hayley uses her computer and answer your partner's questions.

Hayley Brown

Occupation: Student

Computer: Sony laptop / 2 years old

Emails: 15–20 each day to friends / university teachers

Internet uses: – downloads music
– buys clothes & books online

Social network: Twitter

- 3 Your partner has information about Alan Dolby. Make questions and ask your partner.
- What / do?
 - What / kind of computer / have?
 - How many emails / write each day?
 - How / use / internet?
 - Use / social network?

Speaking total ☐ 15Listening and Speaking total ☐ 25