

7 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

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ENGLISH FILE 1

GRAMMAR

1 Underline the correct word or phrase.

Example: We **was** / **were** at school yesterday.

- 1 **Was** / **Were** Jack and Elaine on vacation last week?
- 2 The shops **wasn't** / **weren't** open today.
- 3 Yesterday **was** / **were** Thursday.
- 4 We **were** / **was** at work today.
- 5 When **was** / **were** Julie born?
- 6 Where **were you** / **you were** yesterday?

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2 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple form of the verb in parentheses.

Example: My grandparents lived (live) in Greece. Now they live in the US.

- 1 What time _____ Sheila _____ (arrive)?
- 2 _____ you _____ (watch) the game?
- 3 The nightclub _____ (not close) until 3 a.m.
- 4 We _____ (not visit) the museum.
- 5 Mary and Sue _____ (chat) for hours.
- 6 I _____ (study) for the English test last night.
- 7 Henry _____ (not like) the food in the café.
- 8 When _____ the party _____ (finish)?

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3 Complete the conversation. Put one word in each blank.

Mel Did you and Joe go out last night?

Rosa Yes, we did. We went to a restaurant.

Mel Did you drive there?

Rosa No, we ¹ _____. We went by bus.

Mel What did you wear?

Rosa I ² _____ my new jeans.

Mel What did you have to eat?

Rosa I ³ _____ a hamburger.

Mel What time did you leave?

Rosa We ⁴ _____ at 8:30.

Mel Did you go home after that?

Rosa No. We ⁵ _____ a movie.

Mel What time did you get home?

Rosa We didn't ⁶ _____ home until 11:30.

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Grammar total ☐ 20

VOCABULARY

4 Complete the sentences with the correct word.

Example: He composes music. He's a composer.

- 1 Which **d** _____ directed the first *James Bond* film?
- 2 A **n** _____ writes novels.
- 3 My favorite **a** _____ is George Clooney. I love his movies.
- 4 A poet writes **p** _____.
- 5 Which **a** _____ painted *Sunflowers*?
- 6 He studied politics because he wanted to be a **p** _____.

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5 Put the events a–g in order from 1–7.

- a Jack lost his car keys last night.
- b We got up late yesterday morning.
- 1 c Sally was here a few minutes ago.
- d I was born in 1992.
- e Tim and Sally got married two years ago.
- f Mandy called me the day before yesterday.
- g We went skiing last winter.

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6 Complete the phrases with *go*, *have*, or *get*.

Example: have a sandwich

- 1 _____ out on a Saturday night
- 2 _____ up early
- 3 _____ a good time
- 4 _____ to work
- 5 _____ dressed
- 6 _____ a letter
- 7 _____ a coffee with friends
- 8 _____ back to work

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PRONUNCIATION

7 Match the words with the same sound.

~~checked~~ listened lived
started waited watched

Example: talked *checked*

- 1 talked _____
- 2 needed _____
- 3 needed _____
- 4 called _____
- 5 called _____

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8 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: mu|si|cian

- 1 po|e|try
- 2 in|ven|tor
- 3 wo|man
- 4 com|po|ser
- 5 po|lice

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Pronunciation total		10
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7 Reading and Writing **A**American
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READING

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

Last year my boyfriend Mark was forty, and I wanted to get him a special present for his birthday. Just before Christmas I saw tickets for a Bruce Springsteen concert for sale on the internet. The concert was in Burlington, about 25 miles away from where we live, and Mark is a big fan of Bruce Springsteen, so I decided to buy two tickets. They weren't cheap – I think I paid around \$90 for each one. I wanted to surprise Mark, so I didn't tell him about it.

On the day of the concert, I told Mark that I wanted to do some Christmas shopping in Sheffield. We left in my car just after lunch and spent the afternoon in a big shopping mall. I bought Christmas presents for my family and a skirt for work. Mark looked for some new jeans, but he couldn't find any that he liked. By the time we finished shopping, it was nearly 6 p.m. and we were hungry, so we had dinner in a Japanese restaurant. After dinner we left the shopping mall and started on our way home. On the way we passed the concert hall, and we could see the crowds of fans outside. Mark was really surprised when I drove into the concert hall parking lot and gave him the tickets!

The concert was fantastic. We danced all night, and Mark took lots of photos on his cell phone. Afterwards we bought a concert CD. We put it on when we got in the car, and we sang all of the songs as we drove home. We didn't get back home until nearly one o'clock in the morning, and we were both really tired, but it was a great night and Mark really enjoyed his surprise.

Example: Debbie and her boyfriend went to see a ____.

A film ☐ B friend ☐ C concert ☒

- Debbie bought the tickets as ____ present.
A a Christmas ☐ B a birthday ☐
C an expensive ☐
- She bought the tickets ____.
A at a shopping mall ☐
B at the concert hall ☐ C on the internet ☐
- They arrived in Burlington in the ____.
A morning ☐ B afternoon ☐ C evening ☐
- Debbie didn't buy ____.
A presents ☐ B a skirt ☐ C jeans ☐
- They had something to eat ____ the concert.
A before ☐ B during ☐ C after ☐
- Debbie gave the tickets to Mark ____.
A at the restaurant ☐ B in the concert hall ☐
C in the parking lot ☐
- They ____ on the way back to their house.
A listened to the radio ☐
B sang Bruce Springsteen songs ☐
C talked about the concert ☐

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2 Read the text again. Are the sentences True (T) or False (F)?

Example: Mark is a Bruce Springsteen fan. T

- Debbie thought the tickets were expensive.
- Mark and Debbie live in Burlington.
- Mark bought some jeans.
- They had dinner at a restaurant in the shopping mall.
- They drove to the concert hall from the shopping mall.
- They sat while they watched the concert.
- Mark used a video camera to film the concert.
- They arrived home late.

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Reading total ☐ 15

WRITING

Describe a day or an evening out that you enjoyed.
Answer the questions with complete sentences.

- How long ago was it?

- Where did you go?

- Why did you go there?

- Who did you go with?

- What did you wear?

- What did you do?

- Did you meet anyone?

- What did you have to eat / drink?

- What time did you get back home?

- Did you have a good time?

Writing total ☐ 10

Reading and Writing total ☐ 25

7 Listening and Speaking **A**

LISTENING

- 1 Listen to two people at a portrait gallery. Check (✓) A, B, or C.
- The speakers are looking at photos of famous _____.
A sportspeople ☐ B writers ☐
C scientists ☐
 - Ellen MacArthur is a famous _____.
A runner ☐ B swimmer ☐ C sailor ☐
 - She was born in _____.
A Britain ☐ B Australia ☐ C France ☐
 - She travelled _____ in *Iduna*.
A around Britain ☐ B around Europe ☐
C around the world ☐
 - In 2010, Ellen _____.
A got married ☐ B stopped racing ☐
C wrote a book about her life ☐

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

- Where was Anna on Saturday?
A at the movies ☐ B in a restaurant ☐
- Where did Jane meet her husband?
A on a plane ☐ B on a bus ☐
- Where did Mike work before?
A at the railway station ☐ B in a restaurant ☐
- Where did Alan leave his cell phone?
A at a football match ☐ B at a café ☐
- Where was George last night?
A at home ☐ B at a football game ☐

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SPEAKING

- 1 Ask your partner about what he / she did last Sunday.

- What time did you get up?
- What did you do in the morning?
- Where did you have lunch?
- What did you do in the afternoon?
- Did you have a good time?

Now answer your partner's questions about last Saturday.

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

Alfred Hitchcock

Born London, England, 1899

Famous film director

Directed over 50 films

Died 1980

- 3 Ask your partner about his / her famous person.

- Who?
- What / do?
- When / born?
- Why / famous?
- Where / born?
- When / die?

Speaking total ☐ 15Listening and Speaking total ☐ 25