

5 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

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American
ENGLISH FILE 1

GRAMMAR

1 Underline the correct word or phrase.Example: Can he play / to play chess?

- He **no cannot** / **can't** sing very well.
- "Can you make pasta?" "Yes, I **can** / **can make**."
- She can't **speak** / **speaks** Spanish.
- You can** / **Can you** do the homework?
- It's OK. You **can** / **can't** park here.
- Do they can** / **Can they** come to the park?

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

Example: Alan / work / at home today Alan's working at home today.

- why / Amy and her husband / argue?

- I / not wear / a sweater today

- you / use / this dictionary?

- Christine / get dressed?

- we / run / because it's late

- what / you / do / at the moment?

- they / not wait / for a bus

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3 Complete the email. Use the present simple or present continuous form of the verb in parentheses.

Hi Kate

How're your college classes? My new job is great, but it's Saturday and I'm at home now. I 'm sitting (sit) on the sofa and I ¹ _____ (watch) a cooking show on TV. I usually ² _____ (go) shopping on Saturday, or I ³ _____ (meet) my friends, but I'm tired today. My brother, Terry, is upstairs. I ⁴ _____ (think) he ⁵ _____ (play) a computer game. Mom ⁶ _____ (make) dinner. It smells very nice. I can't write any more now – the phone ⁷ _____ (ring).

See you soon

Gilly

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Grammar total

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VOCABULARY

4 Complete the weather words.

Example: It's **cold** in here. Can you close the window, please?

- It's a lovely day. The sun's **s**_____.
- When it's **c**_____ you can't see the sun.
- It's a nice **w**_____ day. Let's go to the beach.
- Have you got an umbrella? It's **r**_____.
- Can you open the window, please? It's **h**_____ in here.
- I can't see very well because it's **f**_____.

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5 Complete the phrases with the correct verb.

make dance have play turn on see forgetExample: play loud music

- _____ the tango
- _____ a movie at the theater
- _____ somebody's name
- _____ a big party
- _____ a noise
- _____ the washing machine

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6 Complete the sentences with the correct word.

Example: Can you help me with this question?
help talk tell

- 1 She _____ to the movies on the weekend.
plays rides goes
- 2 Are they _____ for a bus?
waiting seeing driving
- 3 Paul usually _____ his children a story before
they go to sleep.
remembers tells plays
- 4 Let's _____ for a coffee after the class.
wait do meet
- 5 I can _____ a noise downstairs.
listen take hear
- 6 It's cold but some people are _____ in the lake.
swimming waiting driving
- 7 Tanya can't _____ her purse.
watch find look
- 8 Wait! I want to _____ your photo.
draw take paint

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Vocabulary total 20

PRONUNCIATION

7 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: chur|ches

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

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

Example: sing

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

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Pronunciation total 10

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5 Reading and Writing **B**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 City 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 are from New York.

A True ☐ B False ☒ C Doesn't say ☐

- Kathy doesn't need to work.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- She sometimes sings and plays her guitar in the park.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- She is a professional singer.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- Marc's apartment isn't far from his university.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- Marc doesn't like Italian food.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- He thinks New York weather is great.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

- Jamie can't speak a foreign language.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- He meets lots of Japanese people in his job.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- He likes the music in the restaurant.
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* has an apartment in Brooklyn.

- _____ works in a restaurant every evening.
- _____ doesn't like his / her job.
- _____ only works on the weekend.
- _____ plays a musical instrument.
- _____ is looking for a new place to live.
- _____ has two jobs.

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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 **B**

LISTENING

- 1 Steve is looking for a summer job. Listen to the interview. Underline the correct answer.
- Steve has some work experience in a **shop** / **hotel** / **restaurant**.
 - He doesn't speak **Japanese** / **Chinese** / **German** very well.
 - The hotel is **not near** / **in the center of** / **near** the town.
 - Steve wants a summer job so he can buy a **computer** / **motorcycle** / **car**.
 - He can't **sing** / **play the guitar** / **dance** very well.

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

- A It's winter in the US. ☐
B It's winter in Australia. ☐
- A Kay goes to the beach when it's hot. ☐
B Kay relaxes near the river when it's hot. ☐
- A It isn't raining in New England. ☐
B It's pretty warm in New England. ☐
- A It's sometimes difficult to see the road. ☐
B The roads are dangerous. ☐
- A Dave prefers spring weather. ☐
B Dave prefers winter weather. ☐

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SPEAKING

- 1 Answer your partner's questions.

Now ask your partner these questions.

- Where is your town / city?
- What's the weather like in your town / city?
- What is your favorite kind of weather? Why?
- What can visitors see in your town?
- Where do you like to go when it's hot / cold / raining?

- 2 Ask your partner these questions about Washington, D.C.

Where / Washington, D.C.?

What famous monuments?

What / can do when cold / hot / raining?

What / can do in winter / summer?

- 3 Read the information about Philadelphia and answer your partner's questions.

Where:	Philadelphia / Pennsylvania, eastern US
Monuments:	Independence Hall
Things to do:	Visit museums
	Visit Franklin Institute
	Walk along Boathouse Row
	Go shopping
	Go on a bus tour of the city
	Play tennis in the park
	Visit the Liberty Bell

Speaking total ☐ 15Listening and Speaking total ☐ 25