

8 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

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American
ENGLISH FILE 2

GRAMMAR

1 Write first conditional sentences.

Example: If we / not leave / now / we / miss / the last bus
If we don't leave now, we'll miss the last bus.

- 1 If Mark / call / me / I / tell you

- 2 Yasuko / be / upset / if she / not pass / the exam

- 3 If you / catch / the 11:15 train / you / get / to
Pittsburgh at 12:30

- 4 I / not be able / to go to work / if it / snow

- 5 Maggie / arrive / on time / if she / take / a taxi

- 6 They / not go / to the beach / if it / rain

- 7 If Chris / miss / the meeting / his boss / be / angry

- 8 If we / not take / a map / we / get / lost

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2 Underline the correct word.

Example: Why didn't you answer my / **mine** email?

- 1 Is this book **your** / **yours** or your brother's?
- 2 This isn't our camera; it's **their** / **theirs**.
- 3 Have you seen **her** / **hers** new computer?
- 4 Dom and Kate have gotten a dog. **Its** / **Their** name is Scooby.
- 5 That pen is **my** / **mine**! Give it to me!
- 6 I don't know where the teacher is, but that's **his** / **hers** car.

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3 Write statements and questions with *should* and the words in parentheses.

Example: Do you think I should look for another job?
 (I / look for)

- 1 _____ so fast. The roads are very icy. (you / not drive)
- 2 If he wants to learn Spanish, _____ in Spain. (he / study)
- 3 This computer is old. _____ a new one? (we / buy)
- 4 _____ to bed late. You have an exam in the morning. (you / not go)
- 5 _____ nicer to each other. (people / be)
- 6 What _____ about my noisy neighbors? (I / do)

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Grammar total 20

VOCABULARY

4 Underline the correct word(s).

Example: Grace **looks** / **looks like** her sister! They both have blond hair and blue eyes.

- 1 Matthew's wife has **done** / **made** a birthday cake for him.
- 2 Is Fiona going to **wear** / **carry** her new dress for the party?
- 3 I never **borrow** / **lend** money from my friends.
- 4 Nicole is a famous singer. She **wins** / **earns** a lot of money.
- 5 We **knew** / **met** Juan's wife for the first time yesterday.
- 6 I hate **waiting** / **hoping** for people when they're late.

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- 5 Complete the sentences with an adverb made from the adjective in parentheses.

Example: Martin sometimes drives dangerously.
(dangerous)

- 1 Sharon swims very _____. (good)
- 2 I can't hear you when you speak _____. (quiet)
- 3 Andrei dances _____. (beautiful)
- 4 The children smiled _____. (happy)
- 5 The old man shouted _____ at the cats in his yard. (angry)
- 6 Why do you always walk so _____? (slow)

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- 6 Complete the sentences with the correct phrase. There are three extra phrases.

get a ticket get better get divorced get emails
get home get along well with get nervous get up
get presents get in shape ~~get a job~~ get married

Example: I don't have any money. I need to get a job.

- 1 I don't have any problems with my neighbors. I _____ them.
- 2 If they leave work now, they'll _____ by five o'clock.
- 3 Do I have to _____ before I get on the bus?
- 4 Mary and Joe have decided to _____. The wedding is in June.
- 5 If we _____ late, we'll miss the train.
- 6 I'm not feeling very well at the moment, but I hope I'll _____ before my vacation.
- 7 People often _____ before interviews.
- 8 He's getting more exercise because he wants to _____.

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Vocabulary total 20

PRONUNCIATION

- 7 Underline five more words which contain the sound /ʊ/.

computer should wood food
course could hour football
woman trousers put young

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- 8 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: re|ceive

- 1 whis|per
- 2 ad|vice
- 3 de|ci|sion
- 4 ea|si|ly
- 5 con|di|tio|nal

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Pronunciation total 10

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total 50

8 Reading and Writing **A**

READING

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

Survivors

This month our travel editor interviewed three people who survived a natural disaster. Here are their stories.

Linda Burrows, age 31

"I got divorced last year and decided to buy a ticket to New Zealand. It was an impulse, but I just wanted to go for it and enjoy this once in a lifetime trip. I spent two fantastic weeks there. At the end of my trip, I was leaving the hotel to go back to the airport when the earthquake struck. I was very frightened and I saw some terrible things. I stayed there for three more days. The situation was desperate. I realized I was very lucky to get home safely. If I ever see New Zealand on TV, I immediately have to watch something different. I hope things will get better for me in the future."

Klaus Roski, age 32

"My wife and I were on our honeymoon in Thailand when the tsunami happened. We were swimming in the sea and then everyone was running to the beach. We followed them because we could see that something strange was happening. We climbed some stairs and went into a tall building behind the beach. We did the right thing and for some reason we were lucky; other people were not. We've been together for eight years now. If we talk about the tsunami, it helps us to understand our feelings about it."

Andy Peters, age 26

"My brother works as a pilot in Canada and earns a lot of money. Last year he sent me a ticket to Vancouver, so I went there to visit him. We were having a great vacation until we saw the news on TV one night. There were big forest fires near us and there was a lot of smoke. My brother got a phone call and went to fly a military plane to put water on the fires. I was really worried about him, but he arrived back safely. And I got home safely, too."

Example: Linda went to New Zealand after she got _____.

A sick ☐ B divorced ☒ C married ☐

1 The _____ happened when Linda was leaving the hotel.

A tsunami ☐ B cyclone ☐ C earthquake ☐

2 She stayed in New Zealand for _____.

A two weeks ☐ B seventeen days ☐
C four weeks ☐

3 She finds it very difficult to _____.

A watch TV shows about New Zealand ☐

B talk about what happened ☐

C think about the future ☐

4 Klaus and his wife were _____ when the tsunami happened.

A in the water ☐ B running ☐

C sunbathing ☐

5 They could see that something _____ was happening.

A frightening ☐ B unusual ☐

C surprising ☐

6 They escaped by going into a building near _____.

A the houses ☐ B the hotel ☐

C the beach ☐

7 Andy's brother _____.

A flies planes ☐ B works in the forest ☐

C is a soldier ☐

8 Andy's brother bought Andy _____.

A a plane ☐ B a flight to Canada ☐

C flying lessons ☐

9 Andy and his brother first saw the forest fires _____.

A from the car window ☐ B on the internet ☐

C on television ☐

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2 Read the article again and answer the questions.

1 How did Linda feel after the disaster struck?

2 What does Linda do if she sees New Zealand on the television?

3 Why were Klaus and his wife in Thailand?

4 How long have Klaus and his wife been together?

5 What did Andy's brother do to help put out the forest fires?

6 How did Andy feel about the situation?

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Reading total

15

8 Reading and Writing **A****WRITING**

Write an email to a friend who wants to visit you.
Answer your friend's questions. (100–150 words)

- When should I come and visit you?
- What will the weather be like then?
- What clothes should I bring?
- How should I get there?
- Is there anything I should do before I come?

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

LISTENING

- 1 Listen to the conversation. Check (✓) A or B.
- It'll make things better if Pete says nothing.
A True ☐ B False ☐
 - If Pete sends his girlfriend an email, she'll read it.
A True ☐ B False ☐
 - If Pete leaves the office early, he'll see her at the bus station.
A True ☐ B False ☐
 - If Pete tells her he loves her, she won't change her mind.
A True ☐ B False ☐
 - If Pete persuades her to go out to dinner, everything will be all right.
A True ☐ B False ☐
- ☐ 5
- 2 Listen to five people asking for advice. Choose the best advice for each speaker.
- Speaker 1 ☐
- Speaker 2 ☐
- Speaker 3 ☐
- Speaker 4 ☐
- Speaker 5 ☐
- A You should call your colleagues right now.
B You should go to the birthday party.
C You should stop drinking coffee in the evening.
D You should find someone else.
E You should ask for the money back immediately.

☐ 5Listening total ☐ 10

SPEAKING

- 1 Ask your partner these questions.
- How do you normally get to work / school?
 - What do you usually do when you get home from work / school?
 - Do you ever get angry? What about?
 - Have you ever gotten lost? What happened?
 - How many texts do you get a day? Who are they from?

Now answer your partner's questions.

- 2 Read about Fran's trip to New York and answer your partner's questions.

My trip to New York**Day 1**

missed flight to New York / came by train
left suitcase on train
flood at hotel / slept on friend's sofa

Day 2

heavy rain / boat trip canceled
started to feel ill / went to bed early

- 3 Now write questions and ask your partner about Steve's trip to San Francisco.
- How / Steve / get to / San Francisco?
 - What happened / his cell phone?
 - What / Steve / do first?
 - What / Steve / do / next day?
 - What / do / that night?

Speaking total ☐ 15Listening and Speaking total ☐ 25