

## 5 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

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## GRAMMAR

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

Example: The café is busier this week than it was last week.

the busiest busier more busy

- Tessa dances \_\_\_\_\_ than Jane.  
worse worse more bad
- The Yankees didn't play \_\_\_\_\_ the Red Sox last night.  
so good than well than as well as
- Kevin is \_\_\_\_\_ than John.  
as generous generouser more generous
- I work \_\_\_\_\_ Carl. Carl takes too many breaks!  
harder than as hard as more hard than
- This test isn't \_\_\_\_\_ difficult as last week's test.  
too more as
- My boots were \_\_\_\_\_ than yours. I got mine on sale.  
lesser less expensive as expensive
- You drive \_\_\_\_\_ than me.  
carefuller as carefully more carefully

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- 2 Write the superlative form of the adjective in brackets.

Example: Is Russia the biggest (big) country in the world?

- \_\_\_\_\_ (far) we've ever been is Canada.
- They ate at \_\_\_\_\_ (expensive) restaurant in town.
- It was \_\_\_\_\_ (bad) book I've ever read.
- Erik's \_\_\_\_\_ (funny) person I know.
- Yesterday was \_\_\_\_\_ (hot) day of the year.
- Who's \_\_\_\_\_ (good) teacher you've ever had?
- This is \_\_\_\_\_ (exciting) game I've ever played.

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- 3 Underline the correct word(s).

Example: These shoes aren't big **too** / enough / **very**.

- We're **too** / **much** / **little** tired to go out.
- Can I have **much** / **many** / **a few** of your carrots?
- She has **too many** / **too much** / **too** money. She can't spend it!
- I usually have a **little** / **enough** / **few** sugar in my coffee.
- Do you buy a **many** / **little** / **lot of** books?
- The children eat too **many** / **much** / **little** sweets.

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Grammar total  20

## VOCABULARY

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

hurry waste save ~~take~~ spend on time

Example: How long does it take you to do your homework?

- How much time do you \_\_\_\_\_ watching TV?
- Don't be late. Try to arrive \_\_\_\_\_.
- We can \_\_\_\_\_ time if we take the freeway. It's much quicker.
- I'm always in a \_\_\_\_\_. I never have time to relax.
- Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your time on computer games! Do something more useful!

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ENGLISH FILE 25 Underline the correct word(s).

Example: When you go to the beach, take some  
sunscreen / sunlight / sunshine with you.

- 1 Kev has a(n) **anxious** / **active** / **lazy** lifestyle. He plays a lot of tennis.
- 2 She doesn't have a very **bad** / **thin** / **healthy** diet. She eats lots of sweets.
- 3 It's a bad idea to eat a lot of **slow** / **fast** / **quick** food.
- 4 Too much sunbathing is bad for your **skin** / **bones** / **feet**.
- 5 Playing computer games can stimulate your **time** / **activity** / **brain**.
- 6 Drinking coffee can help to **prevent** / **protect** / **save** some illnesses.
- 7 I'm putting on **illness** / **diet** / **weight** because I eat a lot of chocolate.

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## 6 Complete the sentences with the correct word.

Example: Not many people go to the beach in winter.  
It's usually completely empty.  
crowded noisy empty

- 1 There's a lot of traffic in Los Angeles, so it's very \_\_\_\_\_.  
clean polluted safe
- 2 Boston is a big city \_\_\_\_\_ the Charles River.  
in on over
- 3 Our town has a \_\_\_\_\_ of around 2,000.  
population department store coast
- 4 Kyoto is an old city with lots of \_\_\_\_\_ buildings.  
noisy modern interesting
- 5 This is the \_\_\_\_\_ where the royal family lives.  
palace temple town hall
- 6 We usually buy vegetables at the \_\_\_\_\_  
because it's cheaper.  
market library church
- 7 There's a \_\_\_\_\_ of Nelson Mandela near the town hall.  
mosque cathedral statue
- 8 On Saturdays the streets are \_\_\_\_\_ with shoppers. It's difficult to move.  
quiet crowded boring

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Vocabulary total 20

## PRONUNCIATION

7 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: ro|man|tic

- 1 in|te|res|ting
- 2 ex|ci|ting
- 3 pa|lace
- 4 ca|the|dral
- 5 im|pa|tient

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8 Underline the word which does not contain the sound at the beginning of the line.

Example: /k/ cent castle cathedral mosque

- 1 /u/ good fruit food statue
- 2 /aɪ/ smile illness wine exciting
- 3 /e/ empty egg museum health
- 4 /ʌ/ polluted up money much
- 5 /əʊ/ know most phone modern

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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 article about three lifestyle changes and check (✓) A, B, or C.

## Changing lifestyles

## Maggie, age 35

"I got skin cancer last year. It was very frightening. I'm better now, but I realized I needed to change my lifestyle. You see, I loved the sun. Every vacation, I went to the beach and spent too long in the sun. I didn't wear sunscreen. I didn't visit the sights like the other tourists. I wasn't interested. I just spent my time at the beach. When I go on vacation now, I spend more time at museums and art galleries. It's safer and more interesting."

## Vincent, age 31

"I was a doctor and I loved my job. But I worked too much. And that's unhealthy. I had no time for my family or friends. I wasn't getting enough sleep and I wasn't getting enough exercise. I felt irritable and stressed. I needed to slow down and change my lifestyle. So I decided to work four days a week, not seven! Now I spend much more time with my children. I sleep better and I play more sports. I have slowed down and I feel happier."

## Clare, age 24

"I work in a department store in the capital city. This city has the best restaurants I've ever been to. It has the best-dressed people I've ever seen. And it has the most expensive stores. So, although I like my job, I don't have enough money to live here! Before, I spent too much money on things I didn't really need. I've changed my habits now. I try to eat at home, not in restaurants. I don't try to look like the people who come into the department store. And I don't go into the expensive stores. I'm much less frustrated now!"

Example: Maggie always went to \_\_\_\_\_ when she was on vacation.

- A beaches ☒ B art galleries ☐  
C museums ☐

- 1 On vacation, Maggie spent too much time \_\_\_\_\_.  
A in the sun ☐ B with other tourists ☐  
C wearing sunscreen ☐
- 2 She didn't like visiting \_\_\_\_\_.  
A cafés ☐ B restaurants ☐  
C tourist sights ☐
- 3 Now she visits \_\_\_\_\_ more when she goes on vacation.  
A shops ☐ B museums and art galleries ☐  
C restaurants ☐

- 4 Vincent worked too much and didn't spend any time with \_\_\_\_\_.  
A playing golf ☐ B his family and friends ☐  
C doing the housework ☐
- 5 He felt impatient and not at all \_\_\_\_\_.  
A relaxed ☐ B stressed ☐ C tired ☐
- 6 He changed his work hours from seven days a week to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A two ☐ B three ☐ C four ☐
- 7 Clare bought too many \_\_\_\_\_.  
A things she didn't need ☐  
B expensive clothes ☐  
C presents for her friends ☐
- 8 Now, she tries to eat \_\_\_\_\_.  
A in cafés ☐ B at home ☐  
C in cheaper restaurants ☐
- 9 She feels happier with her life because she \_\_\_\_\_.  
A looks better ☐ B lives in a different city ☐  
C doesn't visit the expensive stores ☐

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- 2 Write **M** for Maggie, **V** for Vincent, or **C** for Clare.

Example: I decided to work fewer days.  V

- 1 I live in an expensive city. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 I had a serious illness last year. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I didn't get enough exercise. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I have a more interesting lifestyle now. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I see my children more now. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 I liked eating in restaurants. \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading total

15

## WRITING

Write a short article about your lifestyle. Answer these questions. (100–150 words)

- Do you have a healthy lifestyle? Why (not)?
- Do you play / get enough sports / exercise? What do you do?
- Do you eat enough healthy food? What do you eat?
- Do you work too much / study too hard? How many hours a day do you spend working / studying?

Writing total

10

Reading and Writing total

25

5 Listening and Speaking **B**

## LISTENING

1 Listen to the conversation about Edinburgh and Havana. Fill in the blanks with *E* (for Edinburgh) or *H* (for Havana).

- 1 The architecture in \_\_\_\_\_ is less interesting than in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't have as many modern buildings as \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ is more romantic than \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_'s nightlife isn't as good as \_\_\_\_\_'s.
- 5 The people in \_\_\_\_\_ are friendlier than the people in \_\_\_\_\_.

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2 Listen to the radio show. Match the speakers with what they think of their town (A–G). There are two answers you don't need.

- Conversation 1 ☐
- Conversation 2 ☐
- Conversation 3 ☐
- Conversation 4 ☐
- Conversation 5 ☐

- A It's too boring.
- B It's too quiet.
- C It's too crowded.
- D It's too traditional.
- E It's too dirty.
- F It's too dangerous.
- G It's too noisy.

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Listening total	10
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## SPEAKING

1 Answer your partner's questions.

Now ask your partner these questions.

- 1 Which is the most interesting town / city you've ever been to? Why?
- 2 Where do you live? What do you think about it?
- 3 Where's the best place you've eaten at in this country?
- 4 Who's the friendliest person you've met here?
- 5 What's the most exciting sport you've ever tried?

2 Write questions and ask your partner about Harry's town.

- what / name?
- where / it?
- how many people?
- what / like?
- what / see and do?

3 Now read the information about Sara's town and answer your partner's questions.

Name of town: Nashville Location: on the Cumberland River in northern Tennessee Population: about 600,000 Description: traditional, popular, pretty Things to see and do: shopping, parks, restaurants, live country music shows at the Grand Ole Opry
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Speaking total	15
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Listening and Speaking total	25
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