

12 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

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American
ENGLISH FILE 2

GRAMMAR

1 Write the sentences in reported speech.

Example: "I hate my boss."

She told me that she hated her boss.

1 "I'm moving to a new house."

She told us that _____.

2 "Jill didn't call me."

She said that _____.

3 "Our children can swim."

They told us that _____.

4 "The bus won't be late."

He said that _____.

5 "I've finished the ironing."

She told her mom that _____.

6 "We're going shopping."

They said that _____.

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2 Put the words in the correct order to make questions.

Example: picture painted who this

Who painted this picture?

1 happened what last Sarah to week ?

2 trains how go many to Baltimore ?

3 last which Olympic Games hosted country the ?

4 apartment in who that lives ?

5 2000 which writer Nobel Prize a in Chinese won ?

6 are test how the people many taking ?

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3 Complete the email. Use the verb in parentheses in the past simple or past perfect.

Hi Elaine,

Did you go (you / go) anywhere interesting for New Year's Eve? Alan and I ¹ _____ (decide) to go to Vancouver because we ² _____ (not be) to Canada before. When we ³ _____ (arrive) there everything was wet because it ⁴ _____ (rain) earlier in the day. It ⁵ _____ (take) two hours to find a place to stay because we ⁶ _____ (not make) a hotel reservation. We ⁷ _____ (spend) New Year's Eve with one of Alan's college friends. They had a lot to talk about because they ⁸ _____ (not see) each other for a long time.

Happy New Year!

Yuko

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Grammar total

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VOCABULARY

4 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

Example: We sometimes have / go / get on a swim in the evening.1 Silvia didn't **realize** / **get into** / **have** that there was someone in the room.2 Are you going to **be** / **get out** / **put** of the swimming pool now?3 I usually **be** / **realize** / **leave** my cat with my parents when I go away.4 **Go** / **Put** / **Free** those bags on the cart, please.5 Who do these glasses **leave** / **be** / **belong** to?6 Where do I have to get **off** / **out of** / **to** the bus?7 They **belonged** / **freed** / **went** the men from prison.☐ 7

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5 Complete the sentences with the past participle of the verb in parentheses.

Example: I was annoyed because Gerry had broken
(break) my cell phone.

- Oscar said that he'd _____ (speak) to Mark's parents.
- The police said that the bank robber had _____ (steal) around \$4 million.
- He wore the tie that his wife had _____ (buy) for him.
- She'd _____ (send) three letters to the school, but no one had replied.
- Cheryl said the food on the plane had _____ (be) awful.
- There was nothing to eat. The children had _____ (eat) everything.
- The farmer said the dogs had _____ (attack) his sheep.

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6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *say* or *tell*.

Example: "It's snowing!" said Maxine.

- They _____ they were selling their house.
- Could you _____ us when the flight will arrive?
- We see Natalie every day and she never _____ hello to us.
- Lucy _____ her sister that she was going to get divorced.
- What will you _____ when you meet your cousin?
- Andrew _____ his parents that he didn't want to go to college.

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 Vocabulary total **20**

PRONUNCIATION

7 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: go|ssip

- su|ggest
- bu|tter|fly
- a|ddress
- um|bre|lla
- lu|ggage

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8 Underline the word which has a different sound.

Example: robber offer old sorry

- married happy baggage ball
- write miss bitten different
- umbrella letter bitten message
- summer uniform hurry rub
- sorry gossip bottle going

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 Pronunciation total **10**
 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total **50**

12 Reading and Writing **B**

READING

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

Is gossip really good for you?*That's the question we asked some of our readers this week. Email us and tell us what you think.***Lesley Hartley, age 25**

"There's a boy in my class at the university who I really like. He's named Tony. I was too scared to ask him out. I told my best friend Alice this secret. She said she wouldn't tell anyone. Alice couldn't keep the secret, though, and she gossiped to her other friends. Of course, her friends told Tony! Fortunately for me, the gossip was actually a good thing. Tony waited for me after class one day. He told me that Alice's friends had gossiped about me. And then he invited me to go out to the movies one night. We've been together since then! I think people are probably programmed to gossip. We need to gossip to build connections with other people."

James Goodman, age 35

"Unfortunately, I think gossiping is in our genes. And I don't think it's a positive thing. People gossip to make themselves feel more important. They don't think about the effect it has on the people they gossip about. For example, one of my neighbors gossiped about me after I divorced my wife. She said that I had treated my wife badly. Another neighbor told my work colleagues that my wife was going to move away with the children. These are both lies. I've found it difficult to meet someone else because people believe the gossip, not me."

Eric French, age 28

"We shouldn't feel guilty about a bit of gossip. I believe that gossiping is good for you. We are people, and people enjoy sharing news – both good and bad – so that they can form and improve their social relationships. I'll give you an example. I'm very shy and I don't make friends easily. My girlfriend told me that I didn't go out enough, and that I should have a better social life. She complained about this to her best friend, Susan. Then, one night, I got a phone call from Danny, Susan's boyfriend. He asked me to go out with him to see a band. I had a great time. Since then, Danny and I have seen a band every week. He's a good friend now, and I feel much happier."

Example: Lesley told her best friend ____.

A a lie ☐ B a secret ☒C some gossip ☐

- Lesley started going out with Tony after Alice gossiped to ____.
A her sister ☐ B her friends ☐ C Tony ☐
- Tony waited for Lesley ____ one day.
A after work ☐ B after the movie ☐ C after class ☐
- James's neighbors didn't tell ____ about him.
A the truth ☐ B secrets ☐ C funny stories ☐
- James thinks that people ____ what he says.
A don't believe ☐ B don't hear ☐ C don't understand ☐
- Eric's girlfriend wanted him to have a better ____.
A working life ☐ B routine ☐ C social life ☐
- Because of the gossip, Eric has ____.
A gotten a new girlfriend ☐ B made a new friend ☐ C gotten a new job ☐

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2 Write **L** for Lesley, **J** for James, or **E** for Eric.Example: There was a boy in my class I liked. L

- We all like gossiping. ____
- I'm not married any more. ____
- I think it's difficult to meet someone new. ____
- I find it difficult to make friends. ____
- I didn't ask someone out because I was scared. ____
- I see live music every week. ____
- I don't think gossiping is a good thing. ____
- I think gossiping helps us connect with others. ____
- I have a new partner. ____

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Reading total

15

12 Reading and Writing**B****WRITING**

Describe a place you visited abroad. Answer the question. (100–150 words)

- Where did you go?
- Why did you decide to go there?
- What did you do there?
- Who did you go with?
- Did anything strange or unusual happen? What?

Writing total		10
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Reading and Writing total		25
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12 Listening and Speaking **B**

LISTENING

1 Listen to the conversation. Underline the correct words(s).

- 1 A German **policeman** / **mailman** married his cat because it had become sick.
- 2 **An actress** / **A waitress** married them because officials said they wouldn't do it.
- 3 A snake bit an English mailman on his **leg** / **hand**.
- 4 He sucked the poison out, then **continued working** / **went to the hospital**.
- 5 Four hundred snakes in Sierra Leone made their home in a **police station** / **post office**.

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2 Listen to five conversations. Match the conversations with the topics (A–G). There are two answers you don't need.

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

- A a book that was made into a movie
- B a painting about a song
- C a popular song
- D a movie that nobody likes
- E finding out the world isn't flat
- F an emotional photograph
- G a picture that you see everywhere

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Listening total ☐ 10

SPEAKING

1 Answer your partner's questions.

Now ask your partner these questions.

- 1 Do you agree that we are programmed to gossip? Why?
- 2 Do you think men or women gossip more?
- 3 How do you think people feel after gossiping?
- 4 Would you ever gossip about anyone?
- 5 Do you think gossiping can be a positive thing?

2 Write questions and ask your partner about Simon.

- think / gossiping / good or bad?
- why / think so?
- give / example?
- how / feel now?

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

Victoria – thinks gossiping is good

Reason: helps us to build connections with others

Example: moved to new house – neighbors gossiped – got to know my neighbors

Feels: happy in new house – knows her neighbors

Speaking total ☐ 15

Listening and Speaking total ☐ 25