

9 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

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ENGLISH FILE 2

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the second conditional sentences using the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

Example: If we had (have) more money, we 'd buy (buy) a bigger house.

- If Sara _____ (see) a big spider in her bathroom, she _____ (scream).
- I _____ (lose) weight if I _____ (stop) eating junk food.
- You _____ (not get) lost if you _____ (use) the map I bought for you.
- If Maria _____ (work) harder, she _____ (get) promoted.
- I _____ (do) more exercise if I _____ (be) Marty.
- If Aniela _____ (not have to) study, she _____ (go out) tonight.
- Paul's teachers _____ (be) annoyed if he _____ (not do) his homework.
- If I _____ (not have) a job, I _____ (travel) around Africa.

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2 Complete the sentences with *for* or *since*.

Example: Elias and Adi have been married for eight years.

- We've known each other _____ we were children.
- Dave's been a teacher _____ 1997.
- The animals haven't eaten _____ three days.
- Sam's been in Los Angeles _____ Wednesday.
- Mrs Smith has owned that house _____ a long time.

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3 Complete the sentences. Put the verb in parentheses in the present perfect or the past simple.

Example: Did you go (go) to any museums when you were on vacation?

- I _____ (not see) Brian since we left school in 1999.
- My dad _____ (not study) French in school.
- Karen _____ (live) in her house for three years. She loves it.
- Lucas _____ (not say) hello to me yesterday.
- What time _____ Sheila _____ (arrive) at work this morning?
- Annette and Gary _____ (buy) a house in Vancouver last year.
- "How long _____ they _____ (work) here?" "Since May."

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VOCABULARY

4 Complete the life events with the correct verb. You can use some verbs more than once.

be fall get go have retire start

Example: go to college

- _____ in love
- _____ married
- _____ divorced
- _____ work
- _____ to high school
- _____ from work
- _____ born
- _____ children

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5 Underline the odd word out.

Example: shark whale chicken dolphin

- snake monkey elephant lion
- bear goat mice tiger
- pig cow horse giraffe
- mouse rabbit bird cat
- sheep bat camel goat
- mosquito bee butterfly spider

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6 Complete the sentences with the words.

~~fear~~ spiders claustrophobia heights
afraid agoraphobia phobia

Example: Simon has a fear of dogs. When he hears them bark it frightens him.

- I haven't been to the swimming pool for years. I'm _____ of water.
- It's difficult to leave your house if you suffer from _____.
- Toby can't climb trees because he's scared of _____.
- My mother suffers from arachnophobia. She hates _____.
- Akiko has a _____ about flying. She won't get on an airplane.
- Mario can't travel on the subway because he suffers from _____.

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Vocabulary total 20

PRONUNCIATION

7 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: gi|raffe

- di|vorced
- kan|ga|roo
- cro|co|dile
- frigh|tened
- pho|bia

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8 Match the words with the same sound.

divorce separate leave love ~~born~~ retire

Example: horse born

- butterfly _____
- lion _____
- sheep _____
- crocodile _____
- pig _____

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Pronunciation total 10

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total 50

9 Reading and Writing **B**

READING

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

My native animals

This week in **Nature Weekly**, one reader from Australia, Sheila Douglas, answers our questions about the animals in her country.

What's the most dangerous animal in your country?

In the US, people often ask me this question. It's difficult to say which is the most dangerous animal. In Australia, we have a lot of dangerous animals and insects. There are snakes, crocodiles, spiders, sharks, jellyfish, and so on. You have to remember that animals can sometimes become aggressive if they get scared. So if you treat wild animals with respect, you should stay safe.

Are you afraid of any animals or insects?

I'm actually terrified of snakes! As a child, I lived in Northern Australia with my parents. In my opinion, the most dangerous snake there is the King Brown, which is common. It can be ten feet long and is very poisonous.

So, what would you do if a poisonous snake like that bit you on the leg?

If I got bitten, I wouldn't wash the bite or suck the poison out. I'd tie something around my leg and keep completely still. It's important not to move if you've been bitten. Then I'd call for help as quickly as possible.

What's your favorite animal?

I think it would be the koala, Australia's most popular animal. Koalas have a soft, gray coat and people think they look very cute. They are not very active animals – they only move around for about two hours a day. And they eat and sleep the rest of the time.

If you could be an animal, which one would it be?

That's easy. It's not exactly an animal, but I'd be a Cairns Birdwing. It's Australia's biggest butterfly. It lives in the rainforest and flies high up in the tops of the trees. It's a beautiful green and gold color. And if I were a female Birdwing, I'd be eight inches – that's about three inches wider than the male.

Example: Australia has a lot of dangerous animals and insects.

A True ☒ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

1 Sheila is most frightened of insects.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

2 The most poisonous snake in Australia is the King Brown.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

3 The King Brown is very rare.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

4 If a snake bit Sheila, she'd suck the poison out.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

5 If a snake bit Sheila's leg, she'd tie something around it.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

6 If a snake bit Sheila's leg, she'd probably die.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

7 Sheila's favorite animal is the koala.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

8 Koalas are very friendly animals.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

9 If Sheila could be an animal, she'd be a koala.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

10 The female Cairns Birdwing is bigger than the male.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

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2 Read the article again and answer the questions.

1 What sometimes happens if animals get scared?

2 How can you stay safe around wild animals?

3 When did Sheila live in Northern Australia?

4 What is Australia's most popular animal?

5 What color is the Cairns Birdwing?

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Reading total

15

WRITING

Write about animals in your country. Answer these questions. (100–150 words)

- What's the most dangerous animal in your country?
- Are you afraid of any animals or insects?
- What would you do if an animal bit you?
- What's your favorite animal?
- If you could be an animal, which one would it be?

Writing total

10

Reading and Writing total

25

9 Listening and Speaking **B**

LISTENING

1 Listen to Kerry talking about her phobia.

Underline the correct word(s).

- 1 She **knows** / **doesn't know** what caused her agoraphobia.
- 2 She starts to **panic** / **cry** when she goes into crowded places.
- 3 Her phobia affects **everything** / **a few things** she does.
- 4 She's been a graphic designer for **six months** / **six years**.
- 5 She **takes drugs** / **has therapy** once a week to help her overcome her phobia.

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

- 1 How long has Jeff been a musician?
A Since he was 20 ☐ B Since he was 15 ☐
C Since he was 50 ☐
- 2 How long has Hannah been in dental school?
A One year ☐ B Three years ☐
C Four years ☐
- 3 How long has Nick been afraid of spiders?
A Since he was five ☐ B For five years ☐
C Since he was fifteen ☐
- 4 How long has Holly been married?
A 10 years ☐ B 10 months ☐ C 1 year ☐
- 5 When was Mike injured?
A Last Saturday ☐ B Yesterday ☐
C Last Friday ☐

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Listening total ☐ 10

SPEAKING

1 Answer your partner's questions.

Now ask your partner these questions.

- 1 How long have you been at this English school?
- 2 What do you do? How long have you worked / studied there?
- 3 Who's your English teacher? How long have you known him / her?
- 4 What's your favorite sport? How long have you done that?
- 5 Are you scared of anything? How long have you been scared of that?

2 Write questions and ask about the man in your partner's information.

- name?
- age?
- job? how long?
- interests? how long?
- scared of? how long?

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

Name: Ella Bishop
Age: 24
Occupation: musician / 6 years
Interests: dancing / 20 years; running / 2 years
Scared of: spiders / 7 years

Speaking total ☐ 15

Listening and Speaking total ☐ 25