

2 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

American
ENGLISH FILE 2

GRAMMAR

- 1 Complete the sentences. Put the verb in parentheses in the past simple or the past continuous.

Example: We drove (drive) to Albany last week.

- 1 It _____ (not snow) when I went to bed.
- 2 When _____ she _____ (pass) her driving test?
- 3 Donna _____ (not come) to the theater with us last night.
- 4 What _____ you _____ (do) at six o'clock last night?
- 5 I _____ (not study) when you called.
- 6 Last year they _____ (buy) a new house.
- 7 We _____ (see) Rachel at the restaurant yesterday.
- 8 _____ Dan _____ (wear) his suit when you saw him?

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- 2 Complete the dialogue. Use the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

Lucy Did you enjoy (you enjoy) your trip to Italy?

Jean I had a great time!

Lucy That's good. Where ¹ _____ (you stay)?

Jean In a really nice hotel in Sorrento.

Lucy Who ² _____ (you go) with?

Jean Sandy and Mel. We had a few problems while we were there.

Lucy What ³ _____ (happen)?

Jean Mel lost her passport and her purse.

Lucy Really? What ⁴ _____ (she do)?

Jean We went to the police station.

Lucy What ⁵ _____ (they say)?

Jean Well – Mel's things were there!

Lucy That was lucky! Who ⁶ _____ (find) them?

Jean Two children – at the beach.

Lucy That was very lucky!

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- 3 Complete the sentences with *so*, *because*, *but*, or *although*.

Example: Although it was late, we weren't tired.

- 1 Amal doesn't eat meat _____ he's a vegetarian.
- 2 _____ the restaurant was expensive, the food was awful.
- 3 Tomas doesn't like his job, _____ he's looking for another one.
- 4 It was a nice day, _____ we went to the beach.
- 5 They're learning Spanish _____ they want to visit Argentina.
- 6 I invited John to the party, _____ he didn't want to come.

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Grammar total	20
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VOCABULARY

- 4 Underline the correct verb.

Example: take / **be** / **have** someone to a restaurant

- 1 **meet** / run / **have** across the road
- 2 **have** / **leave** / **wait** a good time
- 3 **invite** / **give** / **eat** somebody to dinner
- 4 **wait** / **meet** / **drive** along the road
- 5 **run** / **be** / **play** in a hurry
- 6 **wait** / **run** / **invite** for a friend
- 7 **take** / **play** / **give** a song

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5 Complete the sentences with the correct word.

Example: She didn't take many photos when she went to Hong Kong.
do have take

- You need a passport if you want to go _____.
by plane on vacation abroad
- The food at the restaurant was _____.
comfortable delicious crowded
- The weather was lovely. It was _____ every day.
foggy cloudy sunny
- Julie and Andy _____ their flights online.
booked hired rented
- I _____ most of my time at the beach when I'm on vacation.
buy go spend
- Did you _____ any souvenirs when you were in Brazil?
buy take have
- We went _____ for a few days.
by car away out

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PRONUNCIATION

7 Match the past forms with the same sound.

asked argued ~~bought~~ understood
started read

Example: saw bought

- rented _____
- said _____
- dog _____
- could _____
- tie _____

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8 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: friendly

- com|forta|ble
- in|vite
- a|part|ment
- sight|see|ing
- a|broad

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Pronunciation total 10

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total 50

6 Complete the sentences with **at**, **in**, or **on**.

Example: We got married on May 7th.

- What did you do _____ the weekend?
- There was nowhere to sit _____ the train.
- They played basketball _____ the morning.
- Stefano was born _____ Rome.
- They sat _____ the balcony.
- We arrived _____ the bus stop just before the bus left.

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Vocabulary total 20

2 Reading and Writing **A**

READING

- 1 Read the article from a travel magazine and check (✓) A, B, or C.

My vacation disaster

Although I work in downtown Philadelphia now, I like going to the mountains when I can. Last winter I decided to spend a week in Vermont. I wanted to go skiing and walking in the mountains. I looked on the Internet and booked a cabin (a small house) for a week. One Friday night last November, I packed my bags, went to Philadelphia airport, and waited to get on a plane to Burlington.

Then the problems started. The plane didn't leave that night. There was a lot of snow in Vermont and they closed the Burlington airport. So I spent the night at the Philadelphia airport. I drank a lot of coffee and read a lot of newspapers. I tried to sleep, but I wasn't comfortable. The next morning, Burlington airport opened again, and we arrived in Vermont. But my bags weren't there.

I rented a car and drove to the cabin. It was a 45-minute drive from the airport. When I arrived, there was a family with two little children in the cabin! They booked on the Internet, too – for the same week. The family was really nice. They said I could sleep in the living room, and they cooked dinner for me.

The next day, I got my bags from the airport and decided to go skiing. But the mountain road was closed because of the snow. I didn't ski and I didn't go walking in the mountains. I spent the week in the cabin waiting to go home – it wasn't my favorite vacation!

Example: The writer works in a bank.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☒

- The writer decided to spend a week in Vermont.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- He didn't want to go walking in the mountains.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- He went to Philadelphia airport on Wednesday night.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- The plane didn't leave Philadelphia that night.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- The writer spent the night in the airport.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- He arrived at Burlington airport three days later.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- The cabin was in the mountains.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

- The family at the cabin was very nice to the writer.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- The next day, the writer went skiing in the mountains.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- The writer wants to go back to the same place.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

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- 2 Read the article again and answer the questions.

1 How did the writer book the cabin?

2 What was the weather like in Vermont?

3 What did the writer read at the airport?

4 How did the writer go to the cabin?

5 How many children were at the cabin?

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Reading total

15

WRITING

Write a short essay about a vacation you really enjoyed. Answer these questions. (100–150 words)

- Where did you go on vacation?
- Who did you go with?
- How did you travel?
- What activities did you do?
- What was the weather like?

A vacation I enjoyed

I traveled to ...

Writing total

10

Reading and Writing total

25

2 Listening and Speaking **A**

LISTENING

1 Listen to Annette describing a vacation. Check (✓) A, B, or C to complete the sentences.

1 Annette went on vacation with her ____.

A old friend ☐ B boyfriend ☐

C best friend ☐

2 On the first night, they went to ____.

A a dance ☐ B a restaurant ☐

C a beach party ☐

3 They saw the girl again when they got on the ____.

A bus ☐ B plane ☐ C train ☐

4 On safari, they ____ together every night.

A had a party ☐ B danced ☐ C ate ☐

5 After the vacation, Annette's boyfriend moved to Boston with his ____.

A best friend ☐ B new girlfriend ☐

C old friend ☐

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2 Listen to Nicole describing her photos. Match 1–5 with A–E.

1 At 14 ... ☐

2 At 15 ... ☐

3 At 24 ... ☐

4 At 25 ... ☐

5 At 28 ... ☐

A she went to Italy with her class at school.

B she stayed at a luxurious hotel in Paris.

C she spent her free time on the beach in Australia.

D she had a fantastic vacation in Spain with her family.

E she was unhappy because her brother was leaving.

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Listening total ☐ 10

SPEAKING

1 Ask your partner these questions.

1 Did you take many photos on your last vacation?
What were they like?

2 What's your favorite photo from your school days?
Can you describe it?

3 What kind of photos do you like taking?

Now answer your partner's questions.

2 Read the information about a famous photo and answer your partner's questions.

Name of photo: *Abbey Road* album cover

Photographer: Iain Macmillan

Year: 1969

Description: The Beatles (John, Ringo, Paul, and George) walking across Abbey Road / near recording studio in London / wearing 1960s clothes / sunny day

Reason it is famous: photo / last album cover

3 Now write questions and ask your partner about his / her famous photo.

- What / name / photo?
- Who / take?
- What year / take?
- Can / describe?
- Why / famous?

Speaking total ☐ 15

Listening and Speaking total ☐ 25