

10 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

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American

ENGLISH FILE 2

GRAMMAR

- 1 Complete the sentences using the present or past passive.

Example: Mr. Masters doesn't teach PE.

PE isn't taught by Mr. Masters.

- 1 James Earl Ray killed Martin Luther King.
Martin Luther King _____.
- 2 Harrison Ford played the part of Indiana Jones.
The part of Indiana Jones _____.
- 3 The guests don't make the beds.
The beds _____.
- 4 My class won the cooking competition.
The cooking competition _____.
- 5 Millions of people speak Spanish.
Spanish _____.
- 6 You didn't write those poems.
Those poems _____.
- 7 Cars pollute the air we breathe.
The air we breathe _____.
- 8 My father decorated this room.
This room _____.

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- 2 Rewrite the sentences with *might* or *might not*.

Example: Perhaps Ben won't pass his driving test.

Ben might not pass his driving test.

- 1 Perhaps we won't go away this year.

- 2 Perhaps my parents will buy me a car.

- 3 Perhaps he'll call me tomorrow.

- 4 Perhaps I'll meet someone interesting on vacation.

- 5 Perhaps Angela won't want to see you.

- 6 Perhaps it will rain soon.

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- 3 Complete the sentences with *used to*, *didn't use to*, or *Did ... use to*.

Example: Jenny used to play tennis, but now she does yoga.

- 1 Where _____ you _____ live before you moved to Richmond?
- 2 Todd _____ work in a factory, but now he has a job in an office.
- 3 Carole _____ be slim, but she lost a lot of weight last year.
- 4 We _____ have a big house, but now we do.
- 5 There _____ be a supermarket near my house, but now there isn't.
- 6 _____ Cindy _____ have short hair?

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Grammar total

20

VOCABULARY

- 4 Turn the verb in parentheses into a noun and use it to complete the sentence.

Example: Can I have some information about your French courses? (inform)

- 1 Who won the national _____? (elect)
- 2 We have to make a _____ about our next vacation. (decide)
- 3 My grandmother did lots of interesting things during her _____. (live)
- 4 Pepe's _____ is the result of his hard work. (succeed)
- 5 I haven't had an _____ to their wedding. (invite)
- 6 If your _____ gets worse, you'll have to wear glasses. (see)

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5 Complete the names of the school subjects.

Example: I really enjoyed biology and chemistry.
science

- Mr. Black taught us about different parts of the world. **g**_____
- They studied German and Chinese at school.
f_____ **l**_____
- I loved reading poetry and novels. **l**_____
- Some students enjoyed learning about the past.
h_____
- I was the worst in the class at computers.
i_____ **t**_____
- Brian wasn't very good at numbers. **m**_____
- Jane was a fast runner and a good tennis player.
p_____ **e**_____

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6 Complete the sentences with the correct word.

Example: The shopping mall was *opened* by a well-known actress in June 2008.
opened painted built

- The tea we sell is _____ in China.
created discovered produced
- When was America _____?
discovered used designed
- This movie was _____ by Steven Spielberg.
directed played invented
- The picture *Guernica* was _____ by Pablo Picasso.
played called painted
- The movie *The Da Vinci Code* is _____ on a book by Dan Brown.
given based invented
- Who was Princess Diana's wedding dress _____ by?
used designed built
- Many people believe that the board game chess was _____ in India.
invented directed based

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Vocabulary total ☐ 20

PRONUNCIATION

7 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: de|sign

- pro|tect
- dis|co|ver
- pa|ssive
- or|ga|ni|za|tion
- con|fu|sion

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8 Match the words with the same sound.

curious engineer fail know ~~might~~ noisy

Example: buy *might*

- break _____
- Europe _____
- enjoy _____
- although _____
- idea _____

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Pronunciation total ☐ 10

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total ☐ 50

10 Reading and Writing **B**

READING

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

The best inventions

*This week in **Inventor's World**, we asked one reader, Ben Cross, aged 25, to tell us which inventions he thinks have changed our lives the most. Which inventions did he choose? Do you agree with him?*

I work in IT, so I have a close relationship with electrical gadgets! In my opinion, one recent invention that has changed our lives is **the laptop computer**. It allows us to work anywhere, and has made our working lives so much easier. The idea for the first laptop (or portable computer) was created by Alan Kay in 1968. Kay wanted to make a personal computer (PC) for children to learn computer skills. It was known as the Dynabook. In fact, the Dynabook was never built. But his idea was used by other companies to develop laptops and PCs. The first portable computer in stores was made by Osborne Computer Corporation in 1981. It was called the Osborne 1. I'm too young to remember all this, but my boss told me that the first laptops were very heavy and difficult to carry around. I can't imagine life without my laptop. What did people use to do before they were invented?

It's clear to me that another invention that has changed all our lives is **the electric light bulb**. We can go out or work late in the evening and through the night, if we want to. These extra hours mean that we can do more and be more successful. What would we do if we couldn't go out in the evenings because it was too dark to see? The light bulb wasn't invented recently – it was invented in 1879 by Thomas Edison – but I can't think of another invention that has made such a difference to our lives. The early glass light bulbs were made by hand. Later they were produced by machine and became cheaper to buy. These days, light bulbs are made in a variety of different types and sizes. They are used in the home, at work, in cars, in flashlights, on Christmas trees, and so on. Life would be very dark without them.

Example: Ben works ____.

- A as an inventor ☐
B as an electrician ☐ C in IT ☒

- 1 Alan Kay created the idea for the first ____.
A laptop ☐ B light bulb ☐ C computer ☐
2 Kay wanted to make a PC for children to learn ____.
A to spell ☐ B to read ☐
C to use a computer ☐

- 3 The Dynabook was ____.
A sold all over the world ☐
B used in schools ☐ C never built ☐
4 ____ used the idea for the Dynabook.
A Nobody else ☐ B Other IT companies ☐
C Schools ☐
5 The first laptops were ____ to carry around.
A difficult ☐ B easy ☐ C impossible ☐
6 The writer says that the electric light bulb lets us ____.
A work less ☐ B save money ☐
C do more things ☐
7 The electric light bulb was invented in ____.
A 1879 ☐ B 1889 ☐ C 1976 ☐
8 The early electric light bulbs were made ____.
A by machine ☐ B by hand ☐
C by women ☐
9 Electric light bulbs were later produced ____.
A by machine ☐ B by hand ☐
C by women ☐
10 Electric light bulbs are now ____ in design.
A very similar ☐ B more different ☐
C all bigger ☐

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2 Read the article again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

Example: Ben works with electrical gadgets. T

- 1 Ben thinks that the laptop computer has made our lives more complicated. ____
2 The first laptop for children was called The Dynabook. ____
3 The first laptop was made in 1981. ____
4 The electric light bulb was invented by Thomas Edison. ____
5 Light bulbs are now more expensive to produce. ____

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Reading total 15

10 Reading and Writing**B****WRITING**

Write about an invention that has changed your life.
Answer these questions. (100–150 words)

- What is the invention?
- Why has it changed your life? Give your reasons.
- What did people use before it was invented?
- How often do you use it?
- Do you think there might be a better invention in the future?

An invention that has changed my life

The invention that has changed my life is ...

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

LISTENING

1 Check (✓) the five sentences that are correct.

- 1 Finn used to get a good school report every year. ☐
- 2 Orla used to hate school and was very unhappy there. ☐
- 3 Orla used to do badly in school. ☐
- 4 Orla used to study all the science subjects. ☐
- 5 Finn used to hate biology. ☐
- 6 Finn often arrived at school late. ☐
- 7 Finn used to forget his tie. ☐
- 8 Finn used to lose his chemistry books. ☐

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

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

- A buying a new dishwasher
- B buying a new computer game
- C going out for dinner
- D spending too much money
- E why teenagers are confused
- F choosing food for a party
- G getting a new TV

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SPEAKING

1 Answer your partner's questions.

Now ask your partner these questions.

- 1 What subjects did you use to enjoy in school?
- 2 What did your grades use to be like?
- 3 Did you use to go on school trips?
- 4 Did you use to go to school by bus?
- 5 Did you use to wear a uniform?

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

- What / name?
- What school / use to / go to?
- What subjects / use to / study?
- How / use to / behave?
- What / grades / use to / be like?

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

Name: Katie Brown
 School: Highfields School (for girls)
 Subjects: English, math, biology, chemistry, physics
 Behavior: good; never late
 Grades: excellent

Speaking total ☐ 15Listening and Speaking total ☐ 25