

## 9 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

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## GRAMMAR

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

Example: They've known each other since they were in college.

- I've been a doctor \_\_\_\_\_ 2006.
- We've lived here \_\_\_\_\_ a long time.
- I haven't seen Jamie \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday.
- Lisa's been at work \_\_\_\_\_ 6 o'clock this morning.
- Emily and Anton have been married \_\_\_\_\_ three years.

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

Example: Did you meet (meet) any interesting people when you went on vacation?

- We \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) Mary since she moved to New Haven.
- Gerry and his wife \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a vacation home in California last year.
- How long \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in this factory?
- Monica \_\_\_\_\_ (not say) goodbye when she left.
- My grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Florida for ten years. She's really happy there.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (not study) German when I was in school.
- What time \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at the airport?

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

Example: If I didn't have to (not have to) work tomorrow, I 'd go out (go out) tonight.

- If they \_\_\_\_\_ (have) enough money, they \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a new car.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) around India if we \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) young children.
- Mia's parents \_\_\_\_\_ (be) disappointed if she \_\_\_\_\_ (not do) well in college.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ (get) better marks if you \_\_\_\_\_ (work) harder.
- If I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) you, I \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) smoking.
- Ken \_\_\_\_\_ (not get) lost if he \_\_\_\_\_ (use) the GPS in his car.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) weight if we \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) eating chocolate.
- If I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a snake in my house, I \_\_\_\_\_ (scream) for help!

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## VOCABULARY

## 4 Complete the sentences with the words.

heights fear claustrophobia afraid  
agoraphobia phobia spiders

Example: I haven't swum in the ocean for years. I'm afraid of water.

- I suffer from arachnophobia. I really hate \_\_\_\_\_.
- Leonardo never goes in elevators. He suffers from \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jenny never travels by plane. She has a \_\_\_\_\_ about flying.
- People who suffer from \_\_\_\_\_ don't like to leave their houses.
- I can't climb trees. I'm scared of \_\_\_\_\_.
- My sister has a \_\_\_\_\_ of dogs. She's frightened when they bark.

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- 5 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 elementary school

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ children
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ work
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ married
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ in love
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ to college
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ born
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ divorced
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ from work

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- 6 Underline the odd word out.

Example: mouse bird rabbit cat

- 1 whale chicken dolphin shark
- 2 pig horse tiger cow
- 3 spider bee butterfly mosquito
- 4 monkey elephant lion snake
- 5 goat mice cow bear
- 6 bat sheep camel goat

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Vocabulary total  20

## PRONUNCIATION

- 7 Match the words with the same sound.

butterfly crocodile ~~horse~~ lion pig sheep

Example: born horse

- 1 separate \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 leave \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 divorce \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 love \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 retire \_\_\_\_\_

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- 8 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: pho|bia

- 1 frigh|tened
- 2 cro|co|dile
- 3 kan|ga|roo
- 4 di|vorced
- 5 gi|raffe

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Pronunciation total  10

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total  50

9 Reading and Writing **A**American  
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## 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 wide – that's about three inches wider than the male.

Example: In Australia, there are a lot of dangerous animals and insects.

A True ☒ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

1 Sheila is most afraid of snakes.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

2 She thinks the least dangerous snake in Northern Australia is the King Brown.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

3 The King Brown is the longest snake in Australia.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

4 If a snake bit Sheila, she wouldn't wash the bite.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

5 If a snake bit Sheila's leg, she would lie down.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

6 If a snake bit Sheila's leg, she'd walk to a hospital.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

7 Sheila's favorite animal is the crocodile.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

8 Koalas spend most of their time eating and sleeping.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

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

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

10 The female Cairns Birdwing is prettier 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 Why do animals sometimes become aggressive?

2 What should happen if you treat wild animals with respect?

3 Where did Sheila live as a child?

4 What do people think about koalas?

5 What size is the female 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 **A**

## LISTENING

1 Listen to Kerry talking about her phobia.

Underline the correct word(s).

- 1 Kerry has suffered from agoraphobia for about **twenty** / **thirty** years.
- 2 She **knows** / **doesn't know** what caused her agoraphobia.
- 3 She starts to **cry** / **sweat** when she goes into crowded places.
- 4 Her phobia affects **a few things** / **everything** she does.
- 5 She has therapy **once a week** / **once a month** to help her overcome her phobia.

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

- 1 How old was Jeff when he joined the band?  
A 15 ☐ B 18 ☐ C 20 ☐
- 2 How long has Hannah been in dental school?  
A For three years ☐ B For four years ☐  
C For one year ☐
- 3 How long has Nick had a fear of spiders?  
A Since he was fifteen ☐  
B Since he was five ☐ C For five years ☐
- 4 How many years ago did Holly get married?  
A 10 years ☐ B 2 years ☐ C 1 year ☐
- 5 When was Mike injured?  
A Yesterday ☐ B Last Friday ☐  
C Last Saturday ☐

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## SPEAKING

1 Ask your partner these questions.

- 1 How long have you studied English?
- 2 Where do you live? How long have you lived there?
- 3 Who's your best friend? How long have you known him / her?
- 4 Are you afraid of anything? How long have you been afraid of that?
- 5 What's your favorite hobby? How long have you done that?

Now answer your partner's questions.

2 Read the information about Jim and answer your partner's questions.

Name: Jim Farish  
 Age: 28  
 Occupation: dentist / 5 years  
 Interests: skiing / 15 years; playing the guitar / 3 years  
 Scared of: bats / 21 years

3 Now write questions and ask about the woman in your partner's information.

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

Speaking total ☐ 15Listening and Speaking total ☐ 25