

8 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

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ENGLISH FILE 2

GRAMMAR

1 Underline the correct word.

Example: That phone is **my** / **mine**! Why are you using it?

- 1 This isn't our suitcase; it's **their** / **theirs**.
- 2 Why didn't Sylvia answer **my** / **mine** email?
- 3 The teacher parked **his** / **hers** car in the parking lot.
- 4 Is this pen **yours** / **your** or your sister's?
- 5 Have you seen **hers** / **her** new laptop?
- 6 Carol and John have gotten a cat. **Its** / **Their** name is Webbley.

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2 Write statements and questions with *should* and the words in parentheses.

Example: If you want to get good marks, you should study more. (you / study)

- 1 What _____ to get in better shape? (I / do)
- 2 _____ nicer to your sister. (you / be)
- 3 _____ to bed late. They have to get up early. (they / not go)
- 4 What _____ Selma for her birthday? (we / buy)
- 5 _____ so fast when it's foggy. (you / not drive)
- 6 "Do you think _____ a different job?" (she / look for)

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3 Write first conditional sentences.

Example: If we / not leave / now / we / miss / the last bus
If we don't leave now, we'll miss the last bus.

- 1 If it / snow / the children / not be able / to go to school

- 2 Our teacher / be / angry / if we / miss / the class

- 3 You / get / wet / if you / not take / an umbrella

- 4 They / get / to Hartford at 2:30 / if they / catch / the 12:15 train

- 5 If it / rain / we / not swim / in the ocean

- 6 We / tell you / if Valeria / phone / us

- 7 If Anita / not pass / her driving test / she / be / unhappy

- 8 If you / take / the bus / you / arrive / on time

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Grammar total	20
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VOCABULARY

4 Complete the sentences with an adverb made from the adjective in parentheses.

Example: Can you speak slowly? I can't understand you. (slow)

- 1 I never drive _____. (dangerous)
- 2 The woman shouted _____ at the children. (angry)
- 3 Maggie smiled _____ when she saw her grandparents. (happy)
- 4 Charles understands French very _____. (good)
- 5 The children sang _____. (beautiful)
- 6 Sit _____ and don't move. (quiet)

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- 5 Complete the sentences with the correct phrase.
There are three extra phrases.

get presents get better get a job ~~get emails~~
get married get home get nervous
get along well with get up get in shape
get divorced get a ticket

Example: I get emails from my friends every day.

- Keith and Jane decided to _____ in the church in their town.
- The only way to _____ is to exercise.
- If you _____ late, you won't have time for breakfast.
- He's very ill. The doctors don't know if he will _____.
- You have to _____ before you get on the train.
- I always _____ before exams.
- If we leave now, we'll _____ by ten o'clock.
- I _____ everyone in my family.

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- 6 Underline the correct word(s).

Example: I hate waiting / hoping for buses when it's cold and dark.

- Matt **looks like** / **looks** really upset. What's wrong with him?
- Robbie is a famous musician. He **wins** / **earns** a lot of money.
- What are you going to **wear** / **carry** for your interview?
- I've **met** / **known** Cynthia for a long time.
- Who **made** / **did** Rod and Emily's wedding cake for them?
- Why won't you **borrow** / **lend** me your iPod?

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Vocabulary total 20

PRONUNCIATION

- 7 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: ad|vice

- de|ci|sion
- ea|si|ly
- con|di|tio|nal
- re|ceive
- whis|per

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- 8 Underline five more words which contain the sound /ʊ/.

could wood food woman
football hour course computer
put trousers young should

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Pronunciation total 10

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total 50

8 Reading and Writing **B**

READING

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

Survivors

This month our travel editor interviewed three people who survived a natural disaster. Here are their stories.

Linda Burrows, age 31

"I got divorced last year and decided to buy a ticket to New Zealand. It was an impulse, but I just wanted to go for it and enjoy this once in a lifetime trip. I spent two fantastic weeks there. At the end of my trip, I was leaving the hotel to go back to the airport when the earthquake struck. I was very frightened and I saw some terrible things. I stayed there for three more days. The situation was desperate. I realized I was very lucky to get home safely. If I ever see New Zealand on TV, I immediately have to watch something different. I hope things will get better for me in the future."

Klaus Roski, age 32

"My wife and I were on our honeymoon in Thailand when the tsunami happened. We were swimming in the sea and then everyone was running to the beach. We followed them, because we could see that something strange was happening. We climbed some stairs and went into a tall building behind the beach. We did the right thing and for some reason we were lucky; other people were not. We've been together for eight years now. If we talk about the tsunami, it helps us to understand our feelings about it."

Andy Peters, age 26

"My brother works as a pilot in Canada and earns a lot of money. Last year he sent me a ticket to Vancouver, so I went there to visit him. We were having a great vacation until we saw the news on TV one night. There were big forest fires near us and there was a lot of smoke. My brother got a phone call and went to fly a military plane to put water on the fires. I was really worried about him, but he arrived back safely. And I got home safely, too."

Example: Linda went to New Zealand after she got _____.

A sick ☐ B divorced ☒ C married ☐

1 The earthquake struck when Linda was _____.

- A leaving the airport ☐
 B going into the hotel ☐
 C on the last day of her trip ☐

2 She stayed in New Zealand for two weeks and _____.

- A three days ☐ B two days ☐
 C four days ☐

3 She finds it very difficult to _____.

- A talk about what happened ☐
 B watch TV shows about New Zealand ☐
 C think about the future ☐

4 Klaus and his wife were _____ when the tsunami happened.

- A sunbathing ☐ B in the water ☐
 C running ☐

5 They could see that something _____ was happening.

- A surprising ☐ B frightening ☐
 C unusual ☐

6 They escaped by going into a _____.

- A beach house ☐ B tall building ☐
 C hotel ☐

7 Andy's brother's job is _____.

- A in the army ☐ B to fly planes ☐
 C a banker ☐

8 Andy's brother bought him _____.

- A flying lessons ☐ B a plane ☐
 C a flight to Canada ☐

9 _____ helped to put the forest fires out.

- A Andy's brother ☐ B Andy and his brother ☐
 C Andy ☐

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2 Read the article again and answer the questions.

1 What did Linda see after the disaster struck?

2 What is Linda's hope for the future?

3 How long have Klaus and his wife been together?

4 If Klaus and his wife talk about the tsunami, what does it help them to do?

5 How did Andy's brother help to put the forest fires out?

6 How did Andy feel when his brother left to help?

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Reading total

15

8 Reading and Writing **B****WRITING**

Write an email to a friend who wants to visit you.
Answer your friend's questions. (100–150 words)

- When should I come and visit you?
- What will the weather be like then?
- What clothes should I bring?
- How should I get there?
- Is there anything I should plan before I come?

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

LISTENING

- 1 Listen to the conversation. Check (✓) A or B.
- If Pete speaks to his girlfriend, things will get worse.
A True ☐ B False ☐
 - If Pete sends his girlfriend an email, she'll say she's sorry.
A True ☐ B False ☐
 - Pete will see her at the bus station if he leaves the office late.
A True ☐ B False ☐
 - If Pete tells her he loves her, she'll leave him.
A True ☐ B False ☐
 - If Pete does nothing, everything will be all right.
A True ☐ B False ☐

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- 2 Listen to five people asking for advice. Choose the best advice for each speaker.

Speaker 1 ☐Speaker 2 ☐Speaker 3 ☐Speaker 4 ☐Speaker 5 ☐

- A You should stop seeing him.
B You shouldn't lend her money again.
C You shouldn't drink coffee in the evening.
D You should tell your colleagues immediately.
E You shouldn't go to the conference.

☐ 5Listening total ☐ 10

SPEAKING

- 1 Answer your partner's questions.

Now ask your partner these questions.

- How long does it normally take you to get to work / school?
- What's the first thing you do when you get home from work / school?
- What do you do to get in shape?
- Have you gotten better at English recently?
- How many phone calls do you get a day? Who are they from?

- 2 Write questions and ask your partner about Fran's trip to New York.

- How / Fran / travel / to New York?
- What happened / her suitcase?
- Where / Fran / stay?
- Where / Fran / go / next day?
- What / do / that evening?

- 3 Now read about Steve's trip to San Francisco and answer your partner's questions.

My trip to San Francisco**Day 1**

drove to airport / arrived in San Francisco very late
left cell phone at home
went to museum first / museum closed

Day 2

big storm / walking tour canceled
got a headache / went to bed at 7 p.m.

Speaking total ☐ 15Listening and Speaking total ☐ 25