

5 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

American
ENGLISH FILE 2

GRAMMAR

1 Underline the correct word(s).

Example: I'm **much** / **little** / **too** tired to go out.

- Do your children eat a **little** / **lot of** / **many** sweets?
- There's too **much** / **few** / **many** salt in this soup.
- He usually has a **few** / **little** / **enough** sugar in his coffee.
- We have **too many** / **too** / **too much** money. We can't spend it!
- Can I have **much** / **many** / **a few** of your fries?
- These pants aren't big **too** / **enough** / **very**.

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2 Complete the sentences with the correct word or phrase.

Example: Marc is more generous than Alex.

generouser more generous as generous

- Suzi works _____ Dan. Dan takes too many breaks!
as hard as more hard than harder than
- My shoes were _____ than yours. I got mine on sale.
lesser less expensive as expensive
- This test isn't _____ difficult as last week's test.
as more too
- I drive _____ than my father.
carefuller more carefully as carefully
- Our office is _____ this month than it was last month.
busier more busy the busiest
- Jason dances _____ than Franz.
badder worser worse
- The Red Sox didn't play _____ the Yankees last night.
well than as well as so good than

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3 Write the superlative form of the adjective in brackets.

Example: Yesterday was the hottest (hot) day of the year.

- Who's _____ (good) teacher you've ever had?
- Alan's _____ (friendly) boy I know. He talks to everybody!
- Is Russia _____ (big) country in the world?
- This is _____ (exciting) game I've ever played. I can't stop playing it!
- _____ (far) we've ever been is Hong Kong.
- It was _____ (bad) movie I've ever seen. It was terrible!
- They stayed at _____ (expensive) hotel in town.

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Grammar total	20
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VOCABULARY

4 Complete the sentences with the correct word.

Example: At Christmas the streets are crowded with shoppers. It's difficult to move.

boring crowded quiet

- Istanbul is an old city with lots of _____ buildings.
modern interesting noisy
- There's a _____ of Nelson Mandela outside the town hall.
statue mosque cathedral
- I usually buy fruit at the _____ because it's cheaper.
palace church market
- This is the _____ where the Queen lives.
temple town hall palace
- My town has a _____ of around 150,000.
department store population coast
- Seoul is a big city _____ the Han River.
on in over
- There's a lot of traffic in Mexico City, so it's very _____.
clean safe polluted
- Not many people go to the beach in winter. It's usually completely _____.
empty crowded noisy

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5 Complete the sentences with the correct word or phrase.

take on time save ~~spend~~ waste hurry

Example: How much time do you spend watching TV?

- 1 We can _____ time if we take the freeway. It's much quicker.
- 2 Don't _____ your time on computer games! Do something more useful!
- 3 He's always in a _____. He never has time to relax.
- 4 Don't be late. Try to arrive _____.
- 5 How long does it _____ you to do your homework?

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6 Underline the correct word.

Example: He's putting on weight / **diet** / **illness** because he eats a lot of sweets.

- 1 Too much sunbathing is bad for your **bones** / **skin** / **feet**.
- 2 Playing computer games can stimulate your **brain** / **time** / **activity**.
- 3 Drinking coffee can help to **prevent** / **save** / **protect** some illnesses.
- 4 I have an **active** / **anxious** / **lazy** lifestyle. I run every day.
- 5 It's not a good idea to eat a lot of **quick** / **slow** / **fast** food.
- 6 She doesn't have a **healthy** / **bad** / **thin** diet. She eats lots of junk food.
- 7 Take some **sunlight** / **sunscreen** / **sunshine** to the beach with you.

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Vocabulary total 20

PRONUNCIATION

7 Underline the word which does not contain the sound at the beginning of the line.

Example: /əʊ/ most phone modern know

- 1 /ʌ/ **up** money much polluted
- 2 /k/ **castle** cathedral cent mosque
- 3 /aɪ/ **illness** smile wine exciting
- 4 /e/ **egg** museum empty health
- 5 /u/ **fruit** food statue good

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8 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: im|pa|tient

- 1 ex|ci|ting
- 2 ca|the|dral
- 3 pa|lace
- 4 in|te|res|ting
- 5 ro|man|tic

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Pronunciation total 10

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5 Reading and Writing **A**American
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READING

- 1 Read the article about three lifestyle changes and check (✓) A, B, or C.

Changing lifestyles

Maggie, age 35

"I got skin cancer last year. It was very frightening. I'm better now, but I realized I needed to change my lifestyle. You see, I loved the sun. Every vacation, I went to the beach and spent too long in the sun. I didn't wear sunscreen. I didn't visit the sights like the other tourists. I wasn't interested. I just spent my time at the beach. When I go on vacation now, I spend more time at museums and art galleries. It's safer and more interesting."

Vincent, age 31

"I was a doctor and I loved my job. But I worked too much. And that's unhealthy. I had no time for my family or friends. I wasn't getting enough sleep and I wasn't getting enough exercise. I felt irritable and stressed. I needed to slow down and change my lifestyle. So I decided to work four days a week, not seven! Now I spend much more time with my children. I sleep better and I play more sports. I have slowed down and I feel happier."

Clare, age 24

"I work in a department store in the capital city. This city has the best restaurants I've ever been to. It has the best-dressed people I've ever seen. And it has the most expensive stores. So, although I like my job, I don't have enough money to live here! Before, I spent too much money on things I didn't really need. I've changed my habits now. I try to eat at home, not in restaurants. I don't try to look like the people who come into the department store. And I don't go into the expensive stores. I'm much less frustrated now!"

Example: When Maggie went on vacation, she spent too long ____.

- A at art galleries ☐ B at museums ☐
C in the sun ☒

- 1 On vacation, Maggie didn't put on ____.
A sunglasses ☐ B sunscreen ☐
C a sunhat ☐
- 2 She wasn't interested in ____.
A sightseeing ☐ B lying in the sun ☐
C going to the beach ☐
- 3 When she goes on vacation now, she goes to ____.
A the stores ☐ B the cafés ☐
C museums and art galleries ☐

- 4 Vincent worked too much and didn't have enough time ____.
A to do the housework ☐ B to play golf ☐
C for his family and friends ☐
- 5 He felt ____ and not at all relaxed.
A lonely ☐ B impatient ☐ C bored ☐
- 6 He decided to stop working seven days a week and only work ____.
A four ☐ B three ☐ C two ☐
- 7 Before, Clare bought ____.
A expensive clothes ☐
B things she didn't need ☐
C presents for her friends ☐
- 8 Now, she doesn't go into the ____.
A department store ☐ B city ☐
C expensive shops ☐
- 9 She is happier with her life because she ____.
A has changed the way she lives ☐
B eats in nice restaurants ☐
C earns more money ☐

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- 2 Write **M** for Maggie, **V** for Vincent, or **C** for Clare.

Example: I needed to slow down. V

- 1 I have a safer lifestyle now. ____
- 2 I have a job in a department store. ____
- 3 I have more time for my children now. ____
- 4 I don't have enough money to live in this city. ____
- 5 I spent every vacation at the beach. ____
- 6 I wasn't sleeping enough. ____

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Reading total

15

WRITING

Write a short article about your lifestyle. Answer these questions. (100–150 words)

- Do you have a healthy lifestyle? Why (not)?
- Do you play / get enough sports / exercise? What do you do?
- Do you eat enough healthy food? What do you eat?
- Do you work too much / study too hard? How many hours a day do you spend working / studying?

Writing total

10

Reading and Writing total

25

5 Listening and Speaking **A**

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LISTENING

1 Listen to the conversation about Edinburgh and Havana. Fill in the gaps with *E* (for Edinburgh) or *H* (for Havana).

- 1 _____'s architecture is more interesting than _____'s.
- 2 The buildings in _____ are more modern than the buildings in _____.
- 3 _____ isn't as romantic as _____.
- 4 The nightlife in _____ is better than the nightlife in _____.
- 5 The people in _____ aren't as friendly as the people in _____.

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2 Listen to the radio show. Match the speakers with what they think of their town (A–G). There are two answers you don't need.

- In conversation 1, Jim thinks his town is _____.
- In conversation 2, Sandra thinks her town is _____.
- In conversation 3, Dave thinks his town is _____.
- In conversation 4, Jess thinks her town is _____.
- In conversation 5, Simon thinks his town is _____.

- A too quiet
- B too noisy
- C too dangerous
- D too dirty
- E too traditional
- F too crowded
- G too boring

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Listening total	10
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SPEAKING

1 Ask your partner these questions.

- 1 Where do you live? What's it like to live there?
- 2 What's the most interesting place you've ever visited? Why?
- 3 What's the best café / restaurant you've been to in this country?
- 4 What's the best movie you've seen recently?
- 5 Who's the friendliest person you know?

Now answer your partner's questions.

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

Name of town: Cleveland Location: in northern Ohio, on Lake Erie Population: about 400,000 Description: modern, busy Things to see and do: visit the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, a lot of shopping, watch a Cleveland Indians baseball game

3 Now write questions and ask your partner about Sara's town.

- What / name?
- Where / it?
- How many people?
- What / like?
- What / see and do?

Speaking total	15
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Listening and Speaking total	25
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