

2 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

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GRAMMAR

1 Complete the time expressions with *for* or *since*.Example: *for* many years

- 1 ____ Monday
- 2 ____ the lecture began
- 3 ____ a really long time
- 4 ____ a couple of weeks
- 5 ____ we met at school
- 6 ____ 2007

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2 Complete the dialogues. Use the verbs in parentheses in the present perfect simple or the past simple.

Example: I've been to Beijing, but I ve never been (not / go) to Shanghai.**Vicky** How long ¹ ____ (you / know) Chris?**Leo** Well, we ² ____ (meet) in 2006 and we've been good friends ever since.**Doctor** What seems to be the problem?**Jim** I ³ ____ (fall) over playing basketball. I think I ⁴ ____ (break) this finger.**Anne** ⁵ ____ (you / remember) to deposit that money into the bank?**Jo** Yes, it went in this morning.**Brian** ⁶ ____ (you / ever / borrow) anyone's car?**Paul** Yes, I borrowed my sister's and I had an accident!**Bob** Hi, can I speak to Tom, please?**Diane** I'm sorry, he ⁷ ____ (just / go) out.

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3 Underline the correct word or phrase.Example: You've been working / *worked* hard for months – you need a vacation.

- 1 I've *had* / been having the same bank account since I was a student.
- 2 How long have you been saving up / *do you save up* for a car?
- 3 Don't worry. She hasn't *been crying* / cried – she's got a cold.
- 4 I've *known* / been knowing him for years.
- 5 She's been planning / *planned* her visit to Peru for years.
- 6 He's *learning* / been learning English for three years now.
- 7 I've *disliked* / been disliking mushrooms since I was a child.

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Grammar total 20

VOCABULARY

4 Write the synonym.

Example: very tasty *delicious*

- 1 very frightened ____
- 2 very ____ starving
- 3 very dirty ____
- 4 very ____ freezing
- 5 very funny ____
- 6 very ____ positive
- 7 very angry ____

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5 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

Example: Can I pay *by* credit card?

- 1 They charged us \$8 ____ this concert program!
- 2 I gave my nephew \$50 ____ cash for his birthday.
- 3 You can borrow the money from me if you pay it back ____ next week.
- 4 People should avoid getting ____ too much debt these days.
- 5 She spends a lot of money ____ clothes!

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6 Complete the sentences with the correct word(s).

Example: I hope my boss will raise my salary soon.
charge raise afford

- 1 Dave still _____ me the \$50 I lent him last week.
owes charges borrows
- 2 I _____ a lot of money from my grandfather when he died last year.
invested inherited charged
- 3 She's going to _____ some of her salary every month.
save afford cost
- 4 Do you need a business _____ if you start your own business?
phone bill ATM bank account
- 5 I'm sure you'll _____ a lot of money selling toys in this market.
pay make do
- 6 My parents _____ me money so I could buy a house.
lent borrowed owed
- 7 I don't want to _____ money on gadgets I don't need.
invest waste charge
- 8 It isn't easy to get a _____ from a bank during a recession.
contract loan tax

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Vocabulary total 20

PRONUNCIATION

7 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: mort|gage

- 1 in|vest
- 2 re|ce|ssion
- 3 po|si|tive
- 4 de|ligh|ted
- 5 sa|la|ry

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8 Match the words with the same sound.

~~boiling~~ money spoon
owe afford honest

Example: boy boiling

- 1 horse _____
- 2 phone _____
- 3 clock _____
- 4 boot _____
- 5 up _____

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Pronunciation total 10

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2 Reading and Writing B

READING

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

In 1990, the World Bank published a report showing that there were over a billion people in the world with an income of just one dollar a day. At the start of this century, the United Nations promised to halve this figure by 2015. It has been working hard to keep this promise ever since. A series of short movies was made to show what you can buy in different countries with this tiny amount. In a market in Nepal, for example, they could only buy four bananas and a loaf of bread. It was impossible to buy meat or any protein.

Other people have been horrified to learn how enormous the problem is and have taken action in different ways. A U.K. charity called *1 Dollar a Day* has been raising money to invest in projects to improve health, clean water, education, etc. They have also given people loans to help them set up a business as it is difficult to borrow money if you have no bank account.

In the U.S., two school teachers decided to try spending only one dollar each day on food for a month and have now written a book about their experience. They say they were often starving, and got bored with eating the same food. And they couldn't afford to buy healthy foods such as fresh fruit and vegetables. The book describes how much rich countries waste, and how they try to save money by buying cheap food from other countries.

The World Bank has recently published another report on how the situation has changed since 1990. One dollar is worth less now, and food and fuel cost more, so it is difficult to work out exactly how much progress there has been. However, there have clearly been some amazing changes. Between 1990 and 2008, the number of people who earned salaries below the poverty line went down from 43% of the developing world to 22%, so the U.N. has already made a big difference. Of course there is still a huge amount to do to improve the lives of millions of people throughout the world.

Example: In 1990, more than a billion people _____ one dollar a day.

A gave ☐ B saved ☐ C earned ☒

1 The U.N. promised to cut the poverty figures by half by _____.

A 1900 ☐ B 2000 ☐ C 2015 ☐

2 In Nepal, it costs one dollar to buy four bananas and _____.

A meat ☐ B some bread ☐ C cheese ☐

3 *1 Dollar a Day* lends money to people who have no _____.

A bank account ☐ B water ☐
C education ☐

4 Two American people spent one dollar a day on _____.

A eating ☐ B fruit ☐ C books ☐

5 They often felt very _____.

A happy ☐ B hungry ☐ C tired ☐

6 They couldn't buy _____ with only a dollar.

A unhealthy food ☐ B vegetables ☐
C boring food ☐

7 _____ countries often buy food that is not produced locally.

A Poor ☐ B All ☐ C Rich ☐

8 In 2008, _____ of the world's population was very poor.

A 22% ☐ B 43% ☐ C 1 billion ☐

9 You can buy _____ with a dollar than in 1990.

A less ☐ B more ☐ C the same ☐

10 The writer says there are still _____ people who need help.

A some ☐ B a few ☐ C millions of ☐

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

Example: At the start of the 21st century, over a billion people lived on one dollar a day. T

1 By 2015, the number of people with an income of a dollar a day will be reduced by half. _____

2 Short movies showed people buying meat in Nepal. _____

3 *1 Dollar a Day* has lent people money to open bank accounts. _____

4 Two people ate on a dollar a day for four weeks. _____

5 Rich countries use more food than they need. _____

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Reading total 15

2 Reading and Writing **B****WRITING**

Imagine you are writing in your diary or updating your status on a social media site about today (140–180 words). Answer the questions.

- How are you feeling?
- What did you do when you got up?
- What have you done today?
- What haven't you done yet?

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

LISTENING

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

- 1 The first photo shows what the house looked like 10 years ago. ☐
- 2 Helen and her husband earned a lot in their previous jobs. ☐
- 3 They found life very easy in the countryside. ☐
- 4 At the beginning they sold vegetables to their friends. ☐
- 5 They borrowed money from the bank three years ago. ☐
- 6 People really like their apple juice. ☐
- 7 They make lots of money now. ☐
- 8 Helen says it has been a wonderful life for her children. ☐

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

- 1 Alice's friend _____ her grandmother's house.
A has bought ☐ B no longer owns ☐
C has moved into ☐
- 2 Lisa has been _____ for WaterAid for two years.
A traveling around ☐ B giving talks ☐
C working ☐
- 3 Kate says that _____.
A her bus is very late ☐
B she can't afford the bus fare ☐
C her bus will arrive soon ☐
- 4 Rachel tells Gavin she has _____ very little money.
A spent ☐ B saved ☐ C earned ☐
- 5 Chris says that he _____.
A went abroad for work ☐
B has become more mature ☐
C doesn't have many responsibilities ☐

☐ 5Listening total ☐ 10

SPEAKING

1 Answer your partner's questions.

Now make questions and ask your partner.

- 1 What / last thing / buy? When? Why / buy?
- 2 ever sell anything online? What?
- 3 you pay / too much / for anything recently? What?
- 4 When / you last feel amazed? What?
- 5 anything / make you / furious?

2 Listen to your partner talking about money. Do you agree with him / her?

3 Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

"Everyone should have the experience of living abroad."

Speaking total ☐ 15Listening and Speaking total ☐ 25