

4 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

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American
ENGLISH FILE 3

GRAMMAR

- 1 Complete the sentences with *have to*, *don't have to*, *must*, *mustn't*, *should*, or *shouldn't*.

Example: We'll have to leave early tomorrow morning.

- 1 You _____ really drink coffee in here, but I'll let you do it just for today.
- 2 Where do you think we _____ stay in New York – in Manhattan or Brooklyn?
- 3 You _____ pay to park here during the day – it's free.
- 4 We _____ leave early tomorrow if we want to get back before it gets dark.
- 5 It's a wonderful movie. You really _____ go and see it.
- 6 You _____ drive on the right in Europe (except the U.K.).
- 7 Do we _____ bring our dictionaries to the lesson?
- 8 It's a holiday tomorrow, so we _____ go to school.
- 9 You _____ swim in the sea here. There was a shark attack last week.
- 10 We usually _____ stand up on the bus because there are no seats.

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- 2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *can*, *could*, or *be able to*.

Example: We were so hungry we couldn't wait for dinner, so we ordered pizza.

- 1 I've lived in France for a year, so I _____ understand a lot of French now.
- 2 She opened her birthday present the day before. She _____ wait!
- 3 We aren't busy tonight, so we'll _____ come and help if you want.
- 4 I've never _____ write well, but my sister has beautiful handwriting.
- 5 We _____ attend the wedding because we'll be on vacation.
- 6 My brother _____ play the piano since he was four!
- 7 I _____ swim when I was very young, because we lived near the sea.
- 8 Would you like _____ play the guitar in a band?

- 9 I _____ read this notice without my glasses. What does it say?

- 10 _____ you lend me your dictionary, please?

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Grammar total 20

VOCABULARY

- 3 Complete the word in the sentences.

Example: I didn't hang up. I dropped my cell phone and it broke.

- 1 I'm trying to call Sally, but her line's been **b**_____ for half an hour.
- 2 He's in a meeting right now. Can you call **b**_____ this afternoon?
- 3 I sent you a **t**_____ message earlier – didn't you get it?
- 4 When you're in a movie theater, you must **sw**_____ off your cell phone.
- 5 I'm sorry. I think you've **d**_____ the wrong number.
- 6 Sorry, this cell phone's new. I really need to choose a new **r**_____ for it.
- 7 I like **i**_____ messaging. It's quick but you have time to think of a reply.
- 8 My phone was on **v**_____ mode, so I felt it in my pocket when you called.
- 9 What **scr**_____ do you have for the display on your phone?
- 10 Hi, I called you but the line was busy. Send me a **m**_____ when you're free.

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- 4 Choose from the pairs of adjectives to complete the sentences.

embarrassed / embarrassing bored / boring
frightened / frightening tired / tiring
depressed / depressing

Example: The game was really boring. There weren't any goals.

- 1 It looked interesting, but that's possibly the most _____ book I've ever read.
- 2 Julie was so _____ when she tried to get into the wrong hotel room!
- 3 I don't understand why traveling is so _____ – you're sitting most of the time!
- 4 Katie's very _____ at the moment. She's just lost her job, and her cat's just died.
- 5 We were so _____ when the window suddenly opened during the night.
- 6 You must be _____. You've been working for ten hours!
- 7 I was really _____ last night because there was nothing to do.
- 8 It was very _____ when my phone rang in the movie theater.
- 9 It's _____ that so many young people are out of work.
- 10 That horror movie was really _____! My eyes were closed half the time!

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PRONUNCIATION

- 5 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: pu|pil

- 1 em|ba|rra|ssing
- 2 fru|stra|ting
- 3 dis|ho|nest
- 4 di|sa|ppoin|ted
- 5 Ja|pa|nese

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- 6 Cross out the silent consonant in the words.

Example: should

- 1 listen
- 2 foreign
- 3 island
- 4 whole
- 5 doubt

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Pronunciation total	10
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4 Reading and Writing **B**

READING

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

The end of the phone call?

Is the phone call becoming a thing of the past? New research suggests we are now more likely to text or email friends or family than dial their number.

The amount of time we spend talking on our cell phones has gone down by 5% and by twice that for landline calls, whereas the number of text messages we send has doubled in the last few years.

The reasons for this may, in part, be because so many more people have smartphones, which means we can communicate using social networking, instant messaging, and email instead. In fact, we prefer to use our phones to play games, watch movies, and look up information rather than make a phone call and speak to someone!

Whatever the reason, there is no question that we have changed the ways we use the telephone. These days we often feel we shouldn't call someone without making an arrangement to call first. Many people are frustrated if they are disturbed by an unexpected phone call. We want to be able to choose when we reply and we don't want to have to chat when we are busy with something else. Written communication allows us to respond quickly and economically. It also means we can think about what we want to say before we get in touch. Phones can also be noisy in open offices, and many people won't call back if you leave a message on their voicemail. They will email instead.

On the other hand, some psychologists say text and email are less rich and "colder" because you lose the tone and expression of conversation. Others would disagree and say you don't have to hear someone's voice to have an interesting and intimate conversation.

It isn't surprising that research has found that for the over-65s, calling friends and family on a landline is still the most popular way of getting in touch. Many of us hearing the phone ring know it is probably our mother! You probably won't be amazed either to learn that the great majority (83%) of adults of all ages said they still prefer to communicate face to face.

Example: We now use text or email ____ we use the telephone.

- A more than ☒ B less than ☐
C as often as ☐

- 1 We are sending ____ texts these days.
A twice as many ☐ B 10% more ☐
C 5% fewer ☐

- 2 We made more phone calls in the past because we had ____.
A more time ☐
B fewer ways to communicate ☐
C more friends ☐
- 3 The writer says we use our smartphones for ____.
A listening to music ☐ B chatting to friends ☐
C watching movies ☐
- 4 We like to ____ when we talk on the phone.
A be at home ☐ B choose ☐ C sit down ☐
- 5 We prefer to ____ before we reply to something.
A talk to people ☐ B take a long time ☐
C plan our thoughts ☐
- 6 The writer says some people reply to phone calls with ____.
A an email ☐ B a phone call ☐ C a text ☐
- 7 Psychologists say that talking is ____ than writing.
A less interesting ☐ B warmer ☐
C colder ☐
- 8 Older people still choose to communicate by ____.
A landline phone ☐ B written letter ☐
C cell phone ☐
- 9 ____ is still the most popular way to communicate.
A The phone ☐
B Speaking to someone in person ☐
C Skype ☐

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

Example: We make 10% fewer landline calls these days. T

- 1 We are making twice as many phone calls with our cell phones now. ____
- 2 Most people prefer calling someone without arranging it first. ____
- 3 We like using our smartphones to find things out more than to talk. ____
- 4 A lot of people find unexpected phone calls frustrating. ____
- 5 Written communication takes more time. ____
- 6 Everyone thinks that a spoken conversation is better than an email. ____

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Reading total **15**

4 Reading and Writing **B****WRITING**

Write an email to a friend explaining the social rules in your country (140–180 words). Answer the questions.

- Who and how much do you have to tip?
- When must you say “thank you” / “sorry” / “please,” etc.?
- What should I take for the host if I am invited for dinner?
- What else should I know about what to do / not to do in your country?

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4 Listening and Speaking **B**

LISTENING

1 Listen to the conversation about playing a musical instrument. Who said the following? Write **I** (Ian) or **K** (Kate) or **N** (Neither).

- 1 My teacher is pleased with my progress. ____
- 2 I didn't like practicing. ____
- 3 I've decided to take up a new instrument. ____
- 4 My mother didn't want me to stop playing. ____
- 5 I'm not worried about joining the new band. ____

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

- 1 You usually say "sorry" if ____.
 A someone walks into you ☐
 B you want to get past someone ☐
 C someone has hurt you ☐
- 2 You don't have to arrive exactly on time if you're eating ____.
 A in a restaurant ☐ B with one other person ☐
 C at someone's house ☐
- 3 It isn't necessary to tip ____.
 A in a taxi ☐ B if it's part of the bill ☐
 C at the hairdresser's ☐
- 4 Rick decides to call Janet again ____.
 A later today ☐ B on Thursday ☐
 C the next day ☐
- 5 Amy is unhappy because Liam ____.
 A suddenly ended their phone call ☐
 B sent a horrible Facebook message ☐
 C hasn't texted her ☐

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SPEAKING

1 Answer your partner's questions.

Now make questions and ask your partner.

- 1 ever / forget / switch off / cell phone / quiet place?
What happened?
- 2 Who / you / have long phone conversations with?
- 3 anything / like / able to do better? What?
- 4 What / most frightening experience / ever have?
- 5 ever / make / embarrassing mistakes / English?
What?

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

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

"People communicated better in the past when there were fewer means of communication."

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