

4 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation



GRAMMAR

- 1 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.

- I _____ swim when I was five. My dad taught me.
- We're very sorry but we _____ attend the wedding. We'll be on vacation.
- Would you like _____ play a musical instrument?
- He opened his present before his birthday because he _____ wait!
- After living here for four months, I _____ understand a lot of Greek now.
- _____ you lend me a pen, please? I've forgotten mine.
- I've never _____ sing well, but my brother has a beautiful voice.
- I _____ read this menu without my glasses. Can you read it to me, please?
- We're free tonight, so we'll _____ come and help you if you like.
- My sister _____ ride a horse since she was four!

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- 2 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.

- I always _____ stand up on the train because there are no seats.
- You really _____ eat in class, but I'll let you do it this time.
- Where do you think we _____ stay in Vermont? In a hotel or a B&B?
- There's a lot of trash in that lake. You _____ swim in it!
- You _____ pay to get into that museum – it's free.
- We _____ leave early in the morning if we want to get home before dark.
- It's a great movie. You really _____ go and see it.
- Great! It's a holiday tomorrow – we _____ go to work.
- You _____ drive on the right in Europe (except in the U.K.).
- Do we _____ get up early tomorrow?

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☐ Grammar total ☐ 20

VOCABULARY

- 3 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.

- It was so _____ when my cell phone during the play.
- That's possibly the most _____ movie I've ever seen. Nothing happened.
- I was very _____ when the door suddenly opened on its own.
- It rained every day on my vacation. I couldn't do anything and was so _____.
- Why is traveling so _____ when most of the time you're just sitting down?
- I find most horror movies too _____ so I keep my eyes closed half the time.
- I'm not surprised Ian's _____! He's just lost his job, and his dog's just died.
- She was so _____ when she called him by the wrong name!
- We're incredibly _____. We've spent all day sightseeing in Chicago.
- I find it _____ that most people don't really care about climate change.

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4 Complete the word in the sentences.

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

- 1 What **scr**_____ do you have for the display on your phone?
- 2 I like **i**_____ messaging. It's quick but you have time to think of a reply.
- 3 My phone was on **v**_____ mode during the meeting.
- 4 Hi, I called you but the line was busy. Send me a **m**_____ when you're free.
- 5 You must **sw**_____ off your cell phone when you're in a movie theater.
- 6 I have to go to a meeting now. Can you call me **b**_____ in an hour?
- 7 Kasia sent you a **t**_____ message this morning – didn't you get it?
- 8 I'm trying to call Marco, but his line's been **b**_____ for half an hour.
- 9 Sorry about the noise. My cell phone's new and I need to choose a new **r**_____.
- 10 Sorry, I think I've **d**_____ the wrong number.

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Vocabulary total 20

PRONUNCIATION

5 Cross out the silent consonant in the words.

Example: shou**l**d

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

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6 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: pu|pil

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

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Pronunciation total 10

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total 50

4 Reading and Writing **A**

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: Many people text or email ____ they talk on the phone.

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

- 1 We are making ____ landline calls these days.
A 5% fewer ☐ B 10% fewer ☐
C 10% more ☐

- 2 We call less because we have ____.
A no time ☐ B other ways to communicate ☐
C fewer friends ☐
- 3 The writer says we use our smartphones for ____.
A finding things out ☐ B listening to music ☐
C speaking to friends ☐
- 4 When we're ____ we don't like talking on the phone.
A out ☐ B at home ☐ C busy ☐
- 5 We like to ____ before we reply to something.
A plan our ideas ☐ B talk to friends ☐
C take a long time ☐
- 6 Some people who receive a phone call prefer to reply by ____.
A text ☐ B phone ☐ C email ☐
- 7 Psychologists say that a spoken conversation is ____ than a written one.
A colder ☐ B warmer ☐
C less interesting ☐
- 8 Older people prefer the ____.
A cell phone ☐ B landline phone ☐
C written letter ☐
- 9 Most people like making contact ____.
A in person ☐ B by phone ☐
C by Skype ☐

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

Example: We make 5% fewer cell phone calls these days. T

- 1 We are sending twice as many texts. ____
- 2 People are happy to call someone without arranging it first. ____
- 3 We like using our phones to watch movies more than to talk. ____
- 4 We prefer to be surprised by phone calls. ____
- 5 Written communication takes more time. ____
- 6 Everyone agrees that speaking is better than writing. ____

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Reading total

15

4 Reading and Writing **A****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?

Writing total		10
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Reading and Writing total		25
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4 Listening and Speaking **A**

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 I found it difficult to produce sounds when I started. ____
- 2 My teacher wasn't impressed by the sound I made. ____
- 3 I used to play in a band when I was a teenager. ____
- 4 I'm going to join an orchestra. ____
- 5 Some of the musicians I play with are fantastic. ____

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

- 1 You should say "Don't worry" if _____.
 A the other person is apologizing ☐
 B the other person hasn't hurt you ☐
 C you walk into someone ☐
- 2 If you're having dinner at someone's house _____.
 A you shouldn't take a present ☐
 B you must be punctual ☐
 C you can take a present ☐
- 3 Helen says you don't have to leave a tip _____.
 A at the hairdresser's ☐ B in a taxi ☐
 C if it's part of the bill ☐
- 4 Rick _____.
 A wants Janet to call back ☐
 B decides to call back the next day ☐
 C makes an appointment to see Janet ☐
- 5 Liam hasn't replied to _____.
 A an email ☐ B a Facebook message ☐
 C a text ☐

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Listening total	10
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SPEAKING

1 Make questions and ask your partner.

- 1 ever try / learn anything frustrating? What?
- 2 What language / you like / able / speak? Why?
- 3 see a disappointing movie? Why / disappointing?
- 4 Who / most interesting person / you know?
- 5 prefer / send text messages or talk on cell phone? Why?

Now answer your partner's questions.

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

"The world is becoming ruder. People should be more polite."

3 Listen to your partner talking about communication. Do you agree with him / her?

Speaking total	15
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Listening and Speaking total	25
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