

## 8 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

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## GRAMMAR

- 1 Complete the sentences with the *-ing* form or the infinitive (with or without *to*) of the verb in parentheses.

Example: She left without saying (say) goodbye.

- 1 I asked Fran to go to the convenience store \_\_\_\_\_ (get) the paper.
- 2 My boss refuses \_\_\_\_\_ (give) me a pay raise. I'm going to resign.
- 3 I really love \_\_\_\_\_ (not / have) to go to meetings any more.
- 4 Do you feel like \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out for an Indian meal?
- 5 We've given up \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to make Barry smile – he's totally miserable!
- 6 Don't tell me you forgot \_\_\_\_\_ (mail) that letter!
- 7 I remember \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) Christina many years ago.
- 8 Would you mind \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) the TV down? I can't sleep.
- 9 Martha doesn't seem \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) opera at all.
- 10 I'm not very good at \_\_\_\_\_ (write) formal letters.

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- 2 Complete the sentences using reported speech.

Example: "Do you want to go or not?"

He asked me if / whether I wanted to go.

- 1 "Have you been to Beijing?"  
He asked me if I \_\_\_\_\_ to Beijing.
- 2 "We've bought some ice cream."  
They told me that they \_\_\_\_\_ some ice cream.
- 3 "I'll give you a ride to the station."  
She said she \_\_\_\_\_ give me a ride to the station.
- 4 "What are their names?"  
She asked me what their names \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 "We interviewed ten people this morning."  
They said they \_\_\_\_\_ ten people that morning.
- 6 "We're having a huge sale next month."  
They told us they \_\_\_\_\_ a huge sale the following month.
- 7 "Are you watching tennis?"  
My neighbor asked us \_\_\_\_\_ we were watching tennis.
- 8 "Don't waste your money on that garbage!"  
The man told me \_\_\_\_\_ waste my money on that garbage.

- 9 "We may not have that in stock at the moment."  
The store assistant said they \_\_\_\_\_ have it in stock at the moment.

- 10 "I must be back by 9 p.m."  
She said she \_\_\_\_\_ be back by 9 p.m.

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Grammar total

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## VOCABULARY

- 3 Write the nouns for the verbs.

Example: demonstrate demonstration

- 1 retire \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 sell \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 pay \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 agree \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 respond \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 qualify \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 lose \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 choose \_\_\_\_\_

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- 4 Underline the correct word(s).

Example: My current job is permanent / full-time / temporary. It's a one-year contract.

- 1 I'm too well qualified / unemployed / laid-off for many of these jobs, so they won't give me an interview.
- 2 Congratulations! You've been retired / fired / promoted!
- 3 My wife and I really enjoy being temporary / part-time / self-employed – we can choose when we work.
- 4 People will need to be fired / retire / resign much later in the future.
- 5 My home-made toys have sold well since I worked / applied / set up a website to advertise them.
- 6 Tom's sleeping late. He's on night shifts / hours / jobs at the factory this week.
- 7 Laura doesn't have full-time / regular / working hours. She often works late into the evening.
- 8 Nigel is responsible / in charge / boss for the public relations department.

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## 5 Complete the sentences with the correct word(s).

Example: Let's go to the butcher's and get some sausages.

butcher's   pharmacy   baker's

- The dress looked a bit big for me so I \_\_\_\_\_ in the store.  
tried it on   wore it   picked it up
- This coat is exactly the right size. It \_\_\_\_\_ me perfectly.  
suits   matches   fits
- I saw a really nice skirt \_\_\_\_\_. So I went inside and bought it!  
in a street market   in a store window   online
- The new \_\_\_\_\_ has a good variety of stores.  
department store   outlet store   shopping mall

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Vocabulary total 20

## PRONUNCIATION

## 6 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: mountain

- qua|li|fi|ca|tion
- de|mon|strate
- un|em|ployed
- de|li|ver
- tem|pora|ry

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## 7 Match the words with the same sound.

receipt   world   airline  
complain   sell   choose

Example: chair   airline

- boot   \_\_\_\_\_
- train   \_\_\_\_\_
- computer   \_\_\_\_\_
- tree   \_\_\_\_\_
- egg   \_\_\_\_\_

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Pronunciation total 10

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total 50

8 Reading and Writing **B**American  
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## READING

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

## Sara's blog

Welcome to my blog where I talk about other blogs I have enjoyed reading!

This week I have been really inspired by two women who blogged about their exciting experiments with shopping and fashion. First of all, there's the English woman, Belinda, who didn't buy any new clothes for a year, and then decided to only shop at thrift stores. In her blog, Belinda explains that she loved fashion but she didn't like the fashion industry and that she was fed up with worrying about whether her clothes were ethically made or not. For a year she didn't walk into a single shopping mall or department store. Can you imagine? She was also very good at sewing so she was able to adapt the clothes she already had. If she had something that didn't suit her or wasn't fashionable any more, she wasn't afraid to change it and make it look different. She says she liked knowing that she would never meet someone wearing exactly the same thing.

Another woman, a young American called Jennifer, did something even braver. She actually wore the same "little black dress" for a year (well, she had seven identical dresses – one for each day of the week). People asked her if it was boring to put on the same style of dress every day, but being so creative, she found it easy and fun to invent 365 ways of wearing the same dress. In the photos on the blog, she looks amazing just by changing accessories (hats, scarves, belts, etc.), but she only used things she already owned or that people gave her. So, why did she do it? She says she wanted to set herself a style challenge, but she also realized that she wanted to do something useful with her creativity. So she set up the *Uniform* project and asked people who visited her website to donate money to help send street children in India to school. She has not only given people lots of great fashion ideas, but has also succeeded in raising 100,000 dollars and sending over 300 children to school. I think that's really cool!

Example: Sara's blogs are about \_\_\_\_.

- A other people's blogs ☒  
 B current fashion trends ☐  
 C new kinds of stores ☐

- 1 Belinda decided not to buy any new clothes for \_\_\_\_.  
 A a month ☐ B one year ☐ C two years ☐
- 2 She could do this \_\_\_\_ fashion.  
 A even though she loved ☐  
 B because she wasn't interested in ☐  
 C because she was fed up with ☐

- 3 During this time Belinda says she never went into \_\_\_\_.

- A thrift stores ☐ B markets ☐  
 C shopping malls ☐

- 4 Belinda sometimes \_\_\_\_ clothes herself.

- A sewed buttons on ☐ B made changes to ☐  
 C made new ☐

- 5 She wanted to make her clothes \_\_\_\_.

- A look good on her ☐ B fit her ☐  
 C look the same as other people's ☐

- 6 Belinda liked creating clothes that \_\_\_\_ was wearing.

- A nobody else ☐ B everyone else ☐  
 C someone else ☐

- 7 Jennifer had copies of her dress for each \_\_\_\_.

- A week of the year ☐ B day of the year ☐  
 C day of the week ☐

- 8 She \_\_\_\_ dressing the way she did for a year.

- A was unhappy ☐ B felt frustrated ☐  
 C didn't mind ☐

- 9 Jennifer only wore things that she had \_\_\_\_ or that she already had.

- A bought herself ☐ B been given ☐  
 C borrowed ☐

- 10 She used the money she raised to \_\_\_\_.

- A buy clothes for poor children ☐  
 B send children to school ☐  
 C set up a website ☐

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

Example: Belinda didn't spend money on new clothes for a year. T

- 1 For twelve months, Belinda only bought clothes from stores that sold new clothes. \_\_\_\_
- 2 Belinda didn't trust the fashion industry to make clothes ethically. \_\_\_\_
- 3 Jennifer wore a different black dress every day of the week. \_\_\_\_
- 4 Jennifer started the *Uniform* project because it was important for her to do something useful. \_\_\_\_
- 5 Jennifer's project gave 100,000 children the chance of a better education. \_\_\_\_

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Reading total 15

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

Write a blog post about a good / bad / unusual shopping experience. (140–180 words)

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 a conversation. Check (✓) A, B, or C.

- 1 Lynn applied for a job as a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A manager ☐ B store assistant ☐  
 C fashion designer ☐
- 2 She said she would like to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A get trained ☐ B be better qualified ☐  
 C get promoted ☐
- 3 She has a qualification in \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A design ☐ B art ☐ C sales ☐
- 4 She said that customers prefer to buy \_\_\_\_\_ in stores.  
 A books ☐ B computers ☐ C clothes ☐
- 5 Some of her clothes for the interview were bought \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A at a department store ☐ B online ☐  
 C in a clothing store ☐

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## 2 Listen to five conversations. Match the conversations (1–5) with what the speakers were talking about (A–E).

- Conversation 1 ☐  
 Conversation 2 ☐  
 Conversation 3 ☐  
 Conversation 4 ☐  
 Conversation 5 ☐

- A Telling someone that he / she couldn't help.  
 B Describing what his / her job was like.  
 C Asking someone about an important skill they had learned.  
 D Complaining that he / she was working too hard.  
 E Asking someone about a grammar rule.

☐ 5Listening total ☐ 10

## SPEAKING

## 1 Answer your partner's questions.

Now make questions and ask your partner.

What would you do if you ...

- can do / any job you want?
- want / buy a bargain? Where / go shopping?
- set up / a new project for a year?
- can travel / six months / anywhere in world?
- can only go / one store for a year? Which / choose?

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

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

“A good work–life balance is very important.”

Speaking total ☐ 15Listening and Speaking total ☐ 25