

8 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

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GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences using reported speech.

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

He asked me *if / whether* I wanted to go.

1 "We're having a sale next week."

They told us they _____ a sale the following week.

2 "Don't waste your money in that store!"

The man told us _____ waste our money in that store.

3 "I've bought some new jeans."

She told me that she _____ some new jeans.

4 "We may not have it in stock."

The store assistant said they _____ have it in stock.

5 "I'll give you a ride."

He said he _____ give me a ride.

6 "I must be home by 6 p.m."

He said he _____ be home by 6 p.m.

7 "Are you watching football?"

My neighbor asked us _____ we were watching football.

8 "We interviewed 20 candidates today."

They said they _____ 20 candidates that day.

9 "What are your names?"

He asked us what our names _____.

10 "Have you been to New York?"

She asked me if I _____ to New York.

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2 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 can't believe you forgot _____ (mail) that letter!

2 You're really good at _____ (write) stories.

3 Javier doesn't seem _____ (enjoy) sports very much.

4 Would you mind _____ (turn) your music down?
I can't concentrate.

5 I love _____ (not / have) to write essays any more.

6 Do you feel like _____ (go) out for pizza tonight?

7 I've given up _____ (try) to make Don smile
– he's so miserable!

8 She asked Bill to go to the store _____ (get) a newspaper.

9 I remember _____ (meet) Jane for the first time many years ago.

10 My boss refuses _____ (give) me a pay raise. I'm going to resign.

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Grammar total 20

VOCABULARY

3 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

1 That jacket is just the right size. It _____ you perfectly.

suits matches fits

2 The _____ had a lot of interesting new stores.
outlet store shopping mall department store

3 The shirt looked a bit small so I _____ in the store.

tried it on wore it picked it up

4 I saw a great pair of shoes _____. So I went in and bought them!

in a street market online in a store window

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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 Fantastic news! I've been retired / fired / promoted!

2 My home-made clothes are selling well since I applied / set up / worked a website.

3 Jason's sleeping late. He's doing night shifts / hours / jobs at the factory this week.

4 I love being part-time / temporary / self-employed – I can work whenever I want to.

5 Sasha's in charge / responsible / boss for the training department.

6 He doesn't have regular / full-time / working hours. He often works in the evening.

7 Everyone will have to resign / be fired / retire later in life in the future.

8 The problem is that I'm too unemployed / laid-off / well qualified for many jobs.

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5 Write the nouns for the verbs.

Example: demonstrate demonstration

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

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Vocabulary total 20

PRONUNCIATION

6 Match the words with the same sound.

~~airline~~ world complain
receipt sell choose

Example: chair airline

- 1 train _____
- 2 boot _____
- 3 tree _____
- 4 egg _____
- 5 computer _____

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7 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: mountain

- 1 de|mon|strate
- 2 de|li|ver
- 3 tem|pora|ry
- 4 un|em|ployed
- 5 qua|li|fi|ca|tion

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Pronunciation total 10

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total 50

8 Reading and Writing **A**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 blog is about ____.

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

1 Sara is describing two women who blogged about ____.

- A scientific discoveries ☐
 B experiments with fashion ☐
 C how people dress in England ☐

- 2 Belinda didn't buy new clothes for ____.
 A one year ☐ B two years ☐ C a month ☐
- 3 She wasn't happy about ____.
 A the fashion industry ☐
 B the clothes most people wear ☐
 C the material most clothes are made of ☐
- 4 Sara says that Belinda ____ clothes herself.
 A couldn't sew ☐ B made changes to ☐
 C made new ☐
- 5 Belinda modified clothes that didn't ____.
 A have buttons on ☐ B fit her ☐
 C look good on her ☐
- 6 She enjoyed wearing clothes that ____ in stores.
 A couldn't be bought ☐ B could be bought ☐
 C aren't often found ☐
- 7 Jennifer had seven black dresses that were all ____.
 A quite different from each other ☐
 B very similar to each other ☐
 C exactly the same ☐
- 8 She ____ dressing in the way she did every day.
 A didn't like ☐ B didn't mind ☐
 C was bored ☐
- 9 She only used extra items that she had or that people had ____ her.
 A given ☐ B sold ☐ C bought for ☐
- 10 Jennifer raised money to ____.
 A educate children ☐ B buy clothes ☐
 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 go to a shopping center for a year. T

- 1 Belinda only bought used clothes from thrift stores after twelve months. ____
- 2 Belinda was worried about wearing something that didn't suit her. ____
- 3 Jennifer put photographs of herself wearing her dress on her blog. ____
- 4 Jennifer started her project because she wanted to save money. ____
- 5 People give money via Jennifer's website to learn about style. ____

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Reading total 15

8 Reading and Writing **A****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 **A**

LISTENING

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

- 1 Lynn applied for a job in a _____.
 A clothing store ☐ B department store ☐
 C design studio ☐
- 2 She has experience of working _____.
 A as a clothes designer ☐ B in a bookstore ☐
 C as an artist ☐
- 3 She _____ her last job.
 A resigned from ☐ B wasn't doing well in ☐
 C was laid off from ☐
- 4 She said that _____ customers prefer to shop online.
 A book ☐ B fashion ☐ C most ☐
- 5 She had bought some of her clothes _____.
 A online ☐ B at a department store ☐
 C in a clothing store ☐

☐ 5

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 Admitting that he / she found something difficult to understand.
 B Complaining that he / she was unemployed.
 C Describing why it had been important to learn a new skill.
 D Asking whether he / she could return something.
 E Explaining that he / she had a new job.

☐ 5Listening total ☐ 10

SPEAKING

1 Make questions and ask your partner.

What would you do if you ...

- not / have to work?
- can buy / house anywhere in the world?
- can change something about / lifestyle? What / change?
- can choose / any job? Which / choose?
- have to / wear same clothes for a month? What / choose?

Now answer your partner's questions.

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

“We should have more small stores and fewer malls and supermarkets.”

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

Speaking total ☐ 15Listening and Speaking total ☐ 25