

7 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

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American
ENGLISH FILE 3

GRAMMAR

- 1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

Example: If we have (have) enough time, we'll visit Tricia on the way home.

- Most people would complain if they _____ (receive) service as bad as this.
- You won't sell your house if you _____ (not repent) it first.
- I'd be a fantastic drummer if I _____ (practice) more often.
- The waiter will take your order as soon as you _____ (be) ready.
- I _____ (buy) that guitar if it didn't cost so much.
- If you study enough, you _____ (pass) this exam without a problem.
- I think this room _____ (look) smaller if you painted it dark blue.
- She'll give you her final decision after she _____ (speak) to Marc.
- Teenagers will stay in bed all morning if you _____ (let) them.
- I wouldn't eat that if you _____ (pay) me a million dollars!
- If you _____ (have) the opportunity to be in a talent contest, would you take it?
- We won't tell you unless you _____ (promise) not to tell anyone else.

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- 8 Hello, this is an important message for Jane. Call me *as soon as* / *if* you get in.

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Grammar total

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VOCABULARY

- 3 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

Example: It's nice in winter when we can sit by the fireplace.

- My aunt lives in a suburb _____ Paris.
- We live in the U.S., _____ the east coast.
- She gets plenty of exercise because she lives _____ the top floor!
- I wouldn't like to live _____ the country in winter. I prefer the city.
- They live _____ the outskirts of Chicago.

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- 4 Underline the odd one out.

Example: armchair sink wall dresser

- cottage house apartment garage
- patio floor gate path
- spacious modern suburb light
- chimney fireplace fire ceiling
- first floor balcony basement top floor

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- 2 Underline the correct word(s).

Example: You won't pass the exam unless / *if* you study harder.

- Anna will call us *as soon as* / until her train arrives.
- Please take your shoes off unless / *before* you come in.
- Clara can't drive, so she won't be able to go *if* / unless Andrew takes her.
- Don't eat anything now! Wait *when* / until lunch is ready.
- Your grades won't get better unless / *if* you check your work more carefully.
- After* / Until we move into the cottage, we're going to do a lot of work on the garden.
- You won't get to the airport on time *if* / unless you leave now.

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5 Complete the words in the sentences.

Example: Students in Britain can leave school when they're 16.

- 1 Steven isn't living at home at the moment – he goes to **b**_____ school.
- 2 Well done! I hear you **p**_____ the exam to get into medical school!
- 3 Our teachers are very **st**_____ so we have to behave well at school.
- 4 You need to **r**_____ tonight for tomorrow's exam.
- 5 Did all the students have to wear school **u**_____ at your school?
- 6 **I**f_____ one of my practical exams, but I can take it again in the summer.
- 7 Gerry behaved so badly at school that he got **e**_____.
- 8 I never want to **t**_____ an exam again! I really hate them!
- 9 Kate goes back to work next week, so her three-year-old daughter will go to **p**_____.
- 10 You should never **ch**_____ on an exam. It's a stupid thing to do.

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Vocabulary total 20

PRONUNCIATION

6 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: boarding

- 1 re|li|gious
- 2 co|llege
- 3 gra|du|ate
- 4 nur|se|ry
- 5 e|le|men|tary

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7 Match the words with the same sound.

education put ~~nursery~~
rude subject future

Example: bird nursery

- 1 /yu:/ _____
- 2 boot _____
- 3 up _____
- 4 bull _____
- 5 shower _____

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Pronunciation total 10

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total 50

7 Reading and Writing **B**

READING

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

Dreaming of Africa

Luke

I'm studying philosophy, art, and history in my senior year at a public high school, and I have to make a decision soon about which colleges I want to apply to. If I were better at science, I would study zoology as I have always had an interest in animals. I might study anthropology (the study of different people around the world) as at least that will give me the chance to travel abroad. As soon as I finish my senior year, I'm really excited to go to Uganda. If I could find an animal conservation charity that would let me work for them, I would like to stay there for a few months. My dream is to work with gorillas one day.

Naomi

Although I spent three months reviewing for my final exams, I'm still worried about the results, which are coming out soon. Unless I get A grades in all my subjects (math, chemistry, and biology), I won't get into college to study medicine.

I've had to be really disciplined about everything, and I'm not going to celebrate until I know I've been successful. I'm also working at an old people's home as a volunteer because if I can get lots of practical experience, that will also improve my chances. When I graduate, I'm determined to work for the medical charity Doctors Without Borders and work in Africa.

Jake

It's my last semester of school and I'm taking my final exams in a month. If I don't pass them, I don't really mind because I'm not very motivated to go on to get a degree. Four years of high school is enough in my opinion!

If my mom wasn't so strict about studying, I would be practicing the guitar, which I love. When I finish school, I'm going to take up the drums. I'm doing geography, French, and music, and they're all subjects that will be useful in the real world. My dream is to travel around French West Africa and to play and sing with Youssou N'Dour!

Example: Luke is a student at _____.

- A a public high school ☒
 B a private school ☐
 C an elementary school ☐

1 Luke isn't very good at _____.

- A science subjects ☐ B art subjects ☐
 C any school subject ☐

2 He would also consider majoring in _____ in college.

- A animal conservation ☐ B gorillas ☐
 C people around the world ☐

3 He says he would like to go to Africa as soon as _____.

- A he gets his exam results ☐
 B he finishes university ☐
 C he finishes school ☐

4 Naomi's ambition is probably to _____.

- A work with old people ☐
 B become a doctor ☐
 C teach maths ☐

5 She _____ for her exams.

- A didn't work hard enough ☐
 B worked extremely hard ☐
 C worked too hard ☐

6 She _____ her work with old people.

- A isn't being paid for ☐ B doesn't like ☐
 C is enjoying ☐

7 Jake _____ at the moment.

- A is very motivated ☐
 B isn't practicing the guitar ☐
 C is studying a lot ☐

8 He wants to learn how to _____.

- A play the drums ☐ B speak French ☐
 C sing better ☐

9 One day he wants to _____.

- A teach music ☐
 B travel around western France ☐
 C travel to part of Africa ☐

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2 Write **L** for Luke, **N** for Naomi or **J** for Jake.Example: I don't mind if I fail my exams. J

- 1 I'm not letting myself have fun yet. _____
 2 I'd love to work with animals. _____
 3 I'm studying a language. _____
 4 I can't practice the guitar at the moment. _____
 5 I haven't decided which colleges to apply to yet. _____
 6 I'd prefer to travel than go to college. _____

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Reading total 15

7 Reading and Writing **B****WRITING**

Write a description of the school you go / went to (140–180 words). Include the following information:

- a brief introduction: the kind of school, size, location, your age when you went there, number of students in each class
- homework, uniform, discipline, teachers
- subjects – favorite / least favorite
- your general opinion of the school – good / bad? Why?

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

LISTENING

1 Listen to the conversation. Complete the sentences with one or two words.

- 1 The presenter says we all want to have _____ and wooden floors.
- 2 It's a good idea to _____ things you don't need.
- 3 Walls should be painted _____ colors to make a room look bigger.
- 4 If we had larger furniture, the room would look _____.
- 5 Lots of colors and designs _____ can make a room look crowded.

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

- 1 Where did Bob move from?
 - A A small village to a big city ☐
 - B The north to the south ☐
 - C The center of the city to the outskirts ☐
- 2 Who was punished at Will's school?
 - A Nobody ☐ B A dishonest student ☐
 - C Will ☐
- 3 Where would Ted like to live?
 - A In a first-floor apartment ☐
 - B In an apartment in the center of New Haven ☐
 - C In an apartment with a view ☐
- 4 What is new in the house?
 - A The roof and the fireplace ☐
 - B The chimney and the stove ☐
 - C The curtains and carpets ☐
- 5 What subject does Pete say is most important?
 - A Art ☐ B Physics ☐ C Math ☐

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Listening total	10
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SPEAKING

1 Answer your partner's questions.

Now make questions and ask your partner.

- 1 What / you find difficult at school?
- 2 Which / best subject?
- 3 your school / strict? How?
- 4 you move when / child? How many times? Where to?
- 5 prefer studying alone / with friends / with one other person? Why?

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

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

"It's easier to be happy living in a city than in the country."

Speaking total	15
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Listening and Speaking total	25
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