

12 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

American
ENGLISH FILE 1

GRAMMAR

- 1 Complete the dialogue by putting the verbs in parentheses into the present perfect or the past simple.

A Have you seen (you / see) this movie before?

B No, I ¹ _____. What about you?

A I ² _____ (see) it last year at the movie theater.

B I ³ _____ (meet) the main actor a few years ago.

A Wow! I ⁴ _____ (not / meet) anyone famous.

B It ⁵ _____ (be) before he was famous. He ⁶ _____ (go) to the same school as my brother, Mark. Mark's an actor, too.

A Really? ⁷ _____ (he / be) on TV?

B No, he usually works in the theater.

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- 2 Read the answers and make questions. Use the words in **bold** to help you.

Example: I wash my car **once a month**.

How often do you wash your car?

- 1 He bought his hat **in a department store in New York**.

- 2 My favorite actor is **Jean Reno**.

- 3 She can speak **three languages**.

- 4 We usually finish work **at six thirty**.

- 5 They're studying **because they have a test tomorrow**.

- 6 I like **opera and jazz**.

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- 3 Use the words to write positive (+) and negative (-) sentences and questions (?) with the present perfect.

Example: I / read / this book / twice (+)

I've read this book twice.

- 1 Marco / fall / in love again (+)

- 2 we / buy / any CDs recently (-)

- 3 you / ever / eat / Moroccan food (?)

- 4 your parents / be / to Russia before (?)

- 5 Sally / hear / John sing before (-)

- 6 anyone / find / my cell phone (?)

- 7 I / appear / on TV twice (+)

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Grammar total ☐ 20

VOCABULARY

- 4 Write the past participle of the verbs.

Example: speak spoken

- 1 think _____

- 2 fall _____

- 3 drink _____

- 4 know _____

- 5 pay _____

- 6 sing _____

- 7 meet _____

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- 5 Complete the sentences using the past participle of the verbs in the box.

win break drive ~~spend~~
make wear write leave

Example: Tim's spent all his money.

- 1 I've _____ some sandwiches. Would you like one?

- 2 He's _____ a new book. I read it last week.

- 3 Have you ever _____ a competition?

- 4 The classroom is empty. Everyone has _____.

- 5 She hasn't _____ any of the clothes she bought in Toronto.

- 6 Oh no! You've _____ Mom's favorite cup.

- 7 I've _____ in lots of different countries and I've never had an accident.

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6 Find the odd word out.

Example: assist nurse vet dentist

1 magazine book journalist newspaper

2 chef garage architect lawyer

3 tired hungry bored tall

4 daughter aunt nephew sister

5 hall study armchair kitchen

6 ceiling lamp couch cupboard

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 Vocabulary total 20

PRONUNCIATION

7 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: people

1 for|go|tten

2 re|cen|tly

3 ex|pe|ri|ence

4 re|lax

5 bro|ken

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8 Match the words with the same sound.

happy many ~~shower~~ first say profession
Example: **hour** shower1 **earn** _____2 **wait** _____3 **friend** _____4 **home** _____5 **station** _____
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 Pronunciation total 10

 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total 50

12 Reading and Writing **A**American
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READING

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

Interview with Paul Mason

Last week Paul Mason, author of the novels *Silence*, *Who did it?* and *Go Away*, agreed to be interviewed by one of our journalists.

Lifestyle & Experience

I live in New York with my second wife and our three children. I wasn't always a writer. When I left school, I got a job in a library. In my free time I read murder novels, but one day I decided to write one. I was lucky because people liked it. I earned a lot of money, so I left my job at the library and began to write all the time. I get up at 6 a.m., go to the gym for an hour, then go to my office. I buy breakfast on the way and eat it while I check my emails. After I've answered my emails, I start writing. I can easily spend 9 or 10 hours writing.

Tastes

After work I have dinner with my family. Sometimes we go out to parties or to the theater, but most evenings I prefer to relax at home and listen to jazz or read. My favorite author is Agatha Christie, and at the moment I'm reading a book she wrote about her life. My cat usually sits next to me while I read, and the rest of the family likes to watch TV.

Places

One of my favorite places is Maine on the east coast. We have a small house near the beach. It isn't very far from Vermont, where we go skiing in the winter. In the summer, we usually go to Venice, where my wife's family lives. It's probably the most beautiful city I've ever seen. I stayed in Venice when I wrote my third book, and that's where I learned to speak Italian and to play the guitar. I hope to buy a house there one day. Then I'd like to retire and learn to paint.

Example: Paul Mason is a journalist.

A True ☐ B False ☒ C Doesn't say ☐

1 Paul has been married once.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

2 He wrote his first novel when he worked at the library.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

3 He spends a lot of money.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

4 He checks his emails before he starts writing.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

5 He doesn't have a pet.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

6 He hasn't appeared on TV.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

7 He has bought another house in Italy.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

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2 Read the text again and answer the questions.

1 What books has Paul Mason written?

2 Who does he live with?

3 Where did he work before he became a writer?

4 How does he relax in the evenings?

5 What is he reading at the moment?

6 Where does he go in winter?

7 What foreign languages can he speak?

8 What does he want to do when he retires?

8

Reading total

15

WRITING

Describe your life. Choose two or more ideas from the list. (75–100 words)

1 Your tastes (music, books, movies, etc.)

2 Your lifestyle (daily activities, ways to relax, etc.)

3 Your home (house, rooms, pets, etc.)

4 Your abilities (languages, musical instruments, etc.)

5 Your favorite places (in your town, for vacations, etc.)

6 Your work experiences (first job, worst job, etc.)

My tastes:

I like ... music ...

Writing total

10

Reading and Writing total

25

12 Listening and Speaking **A**

LISTENING

1 Listen to a radio interview. Check (✓) A or B.

- 1 Mike hasn't been to the US before.
A True ☐ B False ☐
- 2 His most recent movie is about vampires.
A True ☐ B False ☐
- 3 He's written a book about his life as an actor.
A True ☐ B False ☐
- 4 He's recently become a father.
A True ☐ B False ☐
- 5 He's been to college.
A True ☐ B False ☐

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

- 1 John met _____ at the post office.
A a TV announcer ☐ B an actor ☐
- 2 Sally has seen _____.
A *Johnny English* and *Mr. Bean* ☐
B *The Hobbit* and *Mr. Bean* ☐
- 3 Rachel hasn't been to the _____ restaurant.
A Greek ☐ B Chinese ☐
- 4 _____ has recently done some decorating.
A Ricky ☐ B Neil ☐
- 5 Mary has been to Milan _____.
A once ☐ B more than once ☐

☐ 5Listening total ☐ 10

SPEAKING

1 Answer your partner's questions.

Now ask your partner these questions.

- 1 What was the title of the last book you read?
- 2 Did you enjoy it?
- 3 Have you read any books in English or any other foreign languages?
- 4 Have you ever written a story? When?
- 5 Would you like to be a famous writer? Why? Why not?

2 Your partner has information about a Hollywood movie star. Make questions and ask your partner.

- What / name?
- Where / live?
- What / favorite place?
- Who / favorite actor?
- Pets?
- What / hope to do?

3 Read the information about an actor in a British TV series and answer your partner's questions.

Julian Smith

Lives – London

Favorite place – Central Park (New York)

Favorite writer – Shakespeare

Pets – two cats

Ambition – to make a movie in Hollywood

Speaking total ☐ 15Listening and Speaking total ☐ 25