

12 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

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GRAMMAR

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

Example: I go to the gym **every day**.

How often do you go to the gym?

- 1 I like **hip hop and reggae**.

- 2 We're studying **because we have a test tomorrow**.

- 3 She bought her jacket **in a shop in Paris**.

- 4 My favorite singer is **Beyoncé**.

- 5 They usually start work **at half past eight**.

- 6 He can speak **four languages**.

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

Example: He / appear / on TV twice (+)

He's appeared on TV twice.

- 1 your friends / be / to South Africa before (?)

- 2 Tom / hear / Anna sing before (-)

- 3 we / see / this movie three times (+)

- 4 you / ever / eat / Mexican food (?)

- 5 we / buy / any books recently (-)

- 6 Sue / fall / in love again (+)

- 7 anyone / find / my iPod (?)

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- 3 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 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, John. John's an actor, too.

A Really? ⁷ _____ (he / be) on TV?

B No, he usually works in the theater.

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Grammar total

20

VOCABULARY

- 4 Find the odd word out.

Example: hall study sofa kitchen

1 cupboard lamp ceiling couch

2 sister daughter nephew aunt

3 journalist book magazine newspaper

4 tall tired hungry bored

5 nurse assist vet dentist

6 chef architect lawyer garage

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- 5 Write the past participle of the verbs.

Example: hear heard

1 know _____

2 drink _____

3 pay _____

4 sing _____

5 meet _____

6 fall _____

7 think _____

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

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

Example: Oh no! You've broken my favorite cup.

- 1 Have you ever _____ a race?
- 2 He's _____ in lots of countries and he's never had an accident.
- 3 Have you _____ all your money on clothes?
- 4 I haven't _____ the coat I bought in Los Angeles.
- 5 We've _____ some donuts. Would you like one?
- 6 The restaurant is empty. Everyone has _____.
- 7 She's _____ her phone. She can't find it.

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Vocabulary total ☐ 20

PRONUNCIATION

- 7 Match the words with the same sound.

home friend hour earn wait station

Example: say wait

- 1 first _____
- 2 shower _____
- 3 many _____
- 4 happy _____
- 5 profession _____

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- 8 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: peo|ple

- 1 re|lax
- 2 bro|ken
- 3 for|go|tten
- 4 ex|pe|ri|ence
- 5 re|cen|tly

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Pronunciation total ☐ 10

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total ☐ 50

12 Reading and Writing **B**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 talked to a journalist.

A True ☒ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

- 1 Paul has been married before.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 2 He wrote his first novel when he was a student.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 3 He goes to a gym near his office.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 4 He doesn't check his emails in the morning.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 5 He doesn't have any pets.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

- 6 He doesn't like going to parties.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 7 He has another house in Maine.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

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2 Read the text again and answer the questions.

- 1 What are the titles of Paul's books?

- 2 Where does he live?

- 3 What did he do before he became a writer?

- 4 How does he relax at home?

- 5 Who is his favorite author?

- 6 Why does he go to Vermont?

- 7 What musical instrument can he play?

- 8 Where does he want to buy a house?

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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 **B**

LISTENING

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

- 1 Mike has been to the US before.
A True ☐ B False ☐
- 2 He made some movies about vampires.
A True ☐ B False ☐
- 3 He's writing a book at the moment.
A True ☐ B False ☐
- 4 He doesn't have any children.
A True ☐ B False ☐
- 5 He hasn't been to college.
A True ☐ B False ☐

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

- 1 John met a TV announcer at the _____.
A theater ☐ B post office ☐
- 2 Sally has seen _____.
A *The Hobbit* and *Mr. Bean* ☐
B *The Hobbit* and *Johnny English* ☐
- 3 Brian hasn't tried _____ food.
A Chinese ☐ B Greek ☐
- 4 Neil has recently decorated his _____.
A bedroom ☐ B living room ☐
- 5 Mary has been to the south of Italy _____.
A once ☐ B more than once ☐

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SPEAKING

1 Ask your partner these questions.

- 1 What was the title of the last movie you saw?
- 2 Did you enjoy it?
- 3 Have you seen any movies in English?
- 4 Have you ever been on TV? When?
- 5 Would you like to be a TV star? Why? Why not?

Now answer your partner's questions.

2 Read the information about a Hollywood movie star and answer your partner's questions.

Angelina Martin

Lives – Hollywood

Favorite place – beach (Santa Monica)

Favorite actor – Johnny Depp

Pets – a dog

Ambition – to be in a play in a Broadway theater

3 Your partner has information about a British TV star. Make questions and ask your partner.

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

Speaking total ☐ 15Listening and Speaking total ☐ 25