### **American** ENGLISH FILE 2

# 5 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

### **GRAMMAR**

1 Complete the sentences with the correct word or phrase. Example: The café is *busier* this week than it was last week. the busiest busier more busy 1 Tessa dances \_\_\_\_\_than Jane. worser worse more bad 2 The Yankees didn't play \_\_\_\_\_ the Red Sox last night. so good than well than as well as \_\_\_\_than John. 3 Kevin is as generous generouser more generous \_\_\_ Carl. Carl takes too many breaks! harder than as hard as more hard than 5 This test isn't difficult as last week's test too more as 6 My boots were \_\_\_\_\_ than yours. I got mine on sale. lesser less expensive as expensive 7 You drive than me. carefuller as carefully more carefully 2 Write the superlative form of the adjective in brackets. Example: Is Russia *the biggest* (big) country in the \_\_\_\_\_(far) we've ever been is Canada. 2 They ate at \_\_\_\_\_\_ (expensive) restaurant in town. 3 It was \_\_\_\_\_ (bad) book I've ever read. 4 Erik's \_\_\_\_\_(funny) person I know. 5 Yesterday was \_\_\_\_\_ (hot) day of the year. 6 Who's \_\_\_\_\_(good) teacher you've ever had? 7 This is \_\_\_\_\_\_(exciting) game I've ever played.

3 <u>Underline</u> the correct word(s).

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Example: These shoes aren't big too | enough | very.

- 1 We're **too** / **much** / **little** tired to go out.
- 2 Can I have **much / many / a few** of your carrots?
- 3 She has **too many / too much / too** money. She can't spend it!
- 4 I usually have a little | enough | few sugar in my coffee.
- 5 Do you buy a **many** / **little** / **lot of** books?
- 6 The children eat too many / much / little sweets.

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Grammar total

20

### **VOCABULARY**

4 Complete the sentences with the correct	-
word or phrase.	

hı	ırry	waste	save	take	spend	on time	
Ez	xamp		v long c lework		<u>ake</u> you 1	to do your	
1	Hov	v much t	ime do	you_		_watching T	V
2	Don	i't be late	e. Try to	o arrive	e	·	
3		can h quicke		_time i	f we take	e the freeway.	It'
4	I'm a	always ir	1 a		I nevei	have time to	

relax. \_\_your time on computer games!

Do something more useful!

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5 <u>Underline</u> the correct word(s).

Example: When you go to the beach, take some <a href="mailto:sunshine"><u>sunscreen</u>/sunlight/sunshine</a> with you.

- 1 Kev has a(n) **anxious** / **active** / **lazy** lifestyle. He plays a lot of tennis.
- 2 She doesn't have a very **bad / thin / healthy** diet. She eats lots of sweets.
- 3 It's a bad idea to eat a lot of **slow** / **fast** / **quick** food.
- 4 Too much sunbathing is bad for your **skin / bones / feet**.
- 5 Playing computer games can stimulate your **time** / **activity** / **brain**.
- 6 Drinking coffee can help to **prevent** / **protect** / **save** some illnesses.
- 7 I'm putting on **illness** / **diet** / **weight** because I eat a lot of chocolate.

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**6** Complete the sentences with the correct word.

Example: Not many people go to the beach in winter. It's usually completely *empty*. crowded noisy empty

1 There's a lot of traffic in Los Angeles, so it's very

clean polluted safe

2 Boston is a big city \_\_\_\_\_ the Charles River.

in on over

3 Our town has a \_\_\_\_\_ of around 2,000.

population department store coast

4 Kyoto is an old city with lots of \_\_\_\_\_ buildings noisy modern interesting

5 This is the \_\_\_\_\_ where the royal family lives. palace temple town hall

6 We usually buy vegetables at the \_\_\_\_\_because it's cheaper.

market library church

7 There's a \_\_\_\_\_ of Nelson Mandela near the town hall.

mosque cathedral statue

8 On Saturdays the streets are \_\_\_\_\_ with shoppers. It's difficult to move.

quiet crowded boring

Vocabulary total 20

### **PRONUNCIATION**

B

7 Under line the stressed syllable.

Example: ro man tic

- 1 in te res ting
- 2 ex|ci|ting
- 3 pa lace
- 4 ca|the|dral
- 5 im pa tient

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8 <u>Underline</u> the word which does not contain the sound at the beginning of the line.

Example: /k/ <u>cent</u> castle cathedral mosque

- 1 /u/ good fruit food statue
- 2 /aɪ/ smile illness wine exciting
- 3 /e/ empty egg museum health
- 4 /n/ polluted up money much
- 5 /อบ/ know most phone modern

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Pronunciation total

10

50

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total

# 5 Reading and Writing

### **READING**

1 Read the article about three lifestyle changes and check (✓) A, B, or C.

# Changing lifestyles

### Maggie, age 35

"I got skin cancer last year. It was very frightening. I'm better now, but I realized I needed to change my lifestyle. You see, I loved the sun. Every vacation, I went to the beach and spent too long in the sun. I didn't wear sunscreen. I didn't visit the sights like the other tourists. I wasn't interested. I just spent my time at the beach. When I go on vacation now, I spend more time at museums and art galleries. It's safer and more interesting."

#### Vincent, age 31

"I was a doctor and I loved my job. But I worked too much. And that's unhealthy. I had no time for my family or friends. I wasn't getting enough sleep and I wasn't getting enough exercise. I felt irritable and stressed. I needed to slow down and change my lifestyle. So I decided to work four days a week, not seven! Now I spend much more time with my children. I sleep better and I play more sports. I have slowed down and I feel happier."

### Clare, age 24

"I work in a department store in the capital city. This city has the best restaurants I've ever been to. It has the best-dressed people I've ever seen. And it has the most expensive stores. So, although I like my job, I don't have enough money to live here! Before, I spent too much money on things I didn't really need. I've changed my habits now. I try to eat at home, not in restaurants. I don't try to look like the people who come into the department store. And I don't go into the expensive stores. I'm much less frustrated now!"

E)	xample: Maggle always went to when she wa
	on vacation.
	A beaches ✓ B art galleries ☐ C museums ☐
1	On vacation, Maggie spent too much time  A in the sun    B with other tourists    C wearing sunscreen
2	She didn't like visiting  A cafés  B restaurants  C tourist sights
3	Now she visits more when she goes on vacation.  A shops B museums and art galleries C restaurants

	4	Vincent worked too much and didn't spend any time
		with A playing golf  B his family and friends
		C doing the housework
	5	He felt impatient and not at all
		A relaxed B stressed C tired
	6	He changed his work hours from seven days a week
		to
	_	A two B three C four C
	/	Clare bought too many
		A things she didn't need  B expensive clothes
		C presents for her friends
	8	Now, she tries to eat
		A in cafés B at home
		C in cheaper restaurants
	9	She feels happier with her life because she
		A looks better  B lives in a different city  C doesn't visit the expensive stores
		doesn't visit the expensive stores
2	W	Frite $M$ for Maggie, $V$ for Vincent, or $C$ for Clare.
	E	xample: I decided to work fewer days. <u>V</u>
	1	I live in an expensive city.
	2	I had a serious illness last year.
	3	I didn't get enough exercise.
	4	I have a more interesting lifestyle now
	5	I see my children more now
	6	I liked eating in restaurants.
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		Reading total 15

### **WRITING**

Write a short article about your lifestyle. Answer these questions. (100–150 words)

- Do you have a healthy lifestyle? Why (not)?
- Do you play / get enough sports / exercise? What do you do?
- Do you eat enough healthy food? What do you eat?
- Do you work too much / study too hard? How many hours a day do you spend working / studying?

	Writing total	10
Reading ar	nd Writing total	25

Listening total

# **5** Listening and Speaking

### **LISTENING**

1	Н	isten to the conversation about Edinburgh and avana. Fill in the blanks with $E$ (for Edinburgh) $H$ (for Havana).
	1	The architecture in is less interesting than in
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	2	doesn't have as many modern buildings as
	3	is more romantic than
	4	's nightlife isn't as good as's.
	5	The people in are friendlier than the people in
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	CG CG A B C D E F	hat they think of their town (A–G). There are wo answers you don't need.  onversation 1
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### **SPEAKING**

1 Answer your partner's questions.

Now ask your partner these questions.

- 1 Which is the most interesting town / city you've ever been to? Why?
- 2 Where do you live? What do you think about it?
- 3 Where's the best place you've eaten at in this country?
- 4 Who's the friendliest person you've met here?
- 5 What's the most exciting sport you've ever tried?
- 2 Write questions and ask your partner about Harry's town.
  - what / name?
  - where / it?
  - how many people?
  - what / like?
  - what / see and do?
- 3 Now read the information about Sara's town and answer your partner's questions.

Name of town: Nashville

Location: on the Cumberland River in northern

Tennessee

Population: about 600,000

Description: traditional, popular, pretty

Things to see and do: shopping, parks, restaurants,

live country music shows at the Grand Ole Opry

Speaking total

Listening and Speaking total

15