American ENGLISH FILE 4

2 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

GRAMMAR

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

Example: In some towns there isn't enough entertainment for **young**/ the young.

- 1 The **Italian** / **Italians** really enjoy their food.
- 2 **Poor** / **The poor** are getting poorer it seems to me.
- 3 The **Chinese** / **Chineses** are traveling as tourists more and more.
- 4 An **Irish / Irishman** walked into a bar and looked at the barman.
- 5 If life expectancy increases, **elderly** / **the elderly** will become a majority.
- 6 **The French** / **French** are very enthusiastic about their movies.

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2 Order the words to make sentences.

Example: steak / like / juicy / nice / feel / I / a / big *I feel like a nice big juicy steak.*

- 1 little / found / stay / hotel / lovely / we / French / a / in / to /.
- 2 the / some / black / I / scarves / market / nice / at / bought / silk / very / .
- 3 little / was / on / wooden / hill / beautiful / there / old / a / the / house / .
- 4 yesterday / horrible / hat / what / was / red / wearing / a / big / Celia / !
- 5 brother | gorgeous | had | linen | my | on | a | jacket | younger | new |.
- 6 brand / has / sports / orange / a / Jack / new / got / car / Italian / .

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3 Complete the sentences with the present perfect simple or continuous form of the verbs in parentheses.

Example: <u>Have you ever had</u> (you | ever | have) an operation? 1 How long _____ $\underline{\hspace{0.1in}}$ (you / learn) to play the piano? 2 I _____(know) Judith since we met in college. 3 This is the third time I _____ (hear) that excuse. I don't believe you! 4 The light in my study _____(go) on and off all evening. (not post) on his blog very often in the 5 Jeff_ last couple of months. 6 I'm really tired because I _____ (garden) for my mother all morning. 7 We _(just / notice) that you've gotten a new car! 8 How many years _____ (your parents / have) this apartment?

VOCABULARY

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

Example: I only like natural materials – I never wear nylon/linen.

Grammar total

- 1 I'm going to get some **lycra** / **velvet** shorts for my cycling vacation.
- 2 It's going to be warm tonight so I can wear my new long-sleeved / sleeveless top.
- 3 The school bus will be here in twenty minutes get dressed / dress up!
- 4 Do you have this jacket in a bigger size it's too **loose** / **tight**?
- 5 That skirt is the perfect color it **suits / matches** that cardigan.
- 6 I love your **checked** / **striped** shirt, the one with the pink and black squares.

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5 Complete the words in the sentences.	PRONUNCIATION
Example: Sally doesn't like sharing her friends. She's very p ossessive.	7 <u>Underline</u> the stressed syllable. Example: <u>co</u> tton
1 We don't feel safe in the city center at night. We feel v	1 fa shio na ble
2 Julia is very w She's obviously learned from all her experiences in life.	2 car di gan 3 un con scious
3 I don't enjoy going to new places – I'm just not a very a person.	4 poi son ing 5 head ache
4 Sarah can be happy one moment and sad the next – she's incredibly m	5
5 I keep walking into things – I'm so c this morning.	8 Match the words with the same sound.
6 Sophie is such a strong character. Compared to her I feel w	h oo ded aller g y choking cou gh l oo se s er ious
7 Tony is so s He doesn't change his mind, even if he knows he's wrong.	Example: cl o thes <u>choking</u>
8 Are you sure you want to go on this picnic? You seem very un	1 off 2 boots 3 woolen 4 injection
6 <u>Underline</u> the word that does not belong.	4 injection 5 ear
Example: bruise blister <u>cough</u> rash	5
1 painkillers drugs medicine symptom 2 flu a cold injection asthma	Pronunciation total 10
3 sneeze cough headache sunburn 4 bleed wound diarrhea bandage 5 bacteria blister virus infection	Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total 50
6 earache dizzy faint pass out	

Vocabulary total

2 Reading and Writing

READING

Read the article about an historical discovery about fashion. Five sentences have been removed. Which sentence (**A–F**) fits each gap (**1–5**)? There is one extra sentence you do not need to use.

Fashion in the Stone Age

For more than 40 years, fashion experts have argued over the origins of the mini skirt. (— 1 —) However, others think it was a man from France called André Courrèges. And some experts even believe it made its first appearance in Hollywood 10 years earlier.

But now archaeologists say the true origins of the mini skirt go back to the very beginning of civilization. (—— 2 ——) The trend at the time was to wear them with short tops and bracelets.

(— 3 —) This is a community that's situated between rivers, mountains, and forests in what is now southern Siberia. The findings in this ancient village date back to before the origins of fashion and art in Europe hundreds of years ago, to a time when our ancestors were actually just learning about farming. "According to the statues we found, young women were beautifully dressed, like today's girls," said archaeologist Julka Kuzmanović-Cvetković.

The unnamed tribe of people lived between 5,400 and 4,700 BC in the 120-hectare site at what is now Plocnik in Serbia. Various things found at the site show us that they knew about trade, art, and how to sew. (——4——) According to Dr Kuzmanović, these not only represent the things they respected but also things they got enjoyment from. Women, it seems, have always paid attention to their appearance.

Little is known about the life of the people – known as the Vinca – who made the statues. The Vinca culture developed quickly between 5,500 and 4,000 BC in Bosnia, Serbia, Romania, and Macedonia. It got its name from the present-day village of Vinca on the Danube River near Belgrade where eight villages have been found.

The latest discoveries suggest these early farmers were more advanced than we think. The dead were buried in a tidy cemetery, houses had stoves, and there were special holes for rubbish. (— 5 —) It seems that they were especially fond of children. This is clear because some of the things found include toys, such as animals and rattles of clay, and small, badly crafted pots apparently made by children at playtime. One of the most exciting finds for archaeologists was the discovery of a sophisticated metal workshop.

"This might prove that the Copper Age started in Europe at least 500 years earlier than we thought," Dr Kuzmanović said. The Copper Age represents the first use of tools by humans. It is thought to have started around 4,000 BC in south-east Europe, and earlier in the Middle East. The discovery of Europe's oldest underground mine at the nearby Mlava river suggested at the time that Vinca could be the first place in Europe to use metal, a theory which seems to be supported by the Plocnik site.

- A A series of stone statues wearing the prehistoric fashions were found at one of Europe's oldest known villages.
- B Some say British designer Mary Quant came up with the design in the 1960s.
- C It was first discovered in 1927.
- D People slept on rugs and fur, made clothes of wool and leather, and kept animals.
- E They celebrated beauty and produced 60 different forms of wonderful pottery and statues.
- F They have uncovered evidence that Stone Age women were, in fact, wearing them more than 7,500 years ago.

Reading total 10

WRITING

Write an email to your friend telling him / her about a historic place of interest in your country.

Write 140–180 words. Include the following information:

- say how old the place is
- describe the place
- explain why you like / don't like the place

Writing total 10

Reading and Writing total 20

2 Listening and Speaking

LISTENING

1 Listen to five young people talking about following fashion. Choose from the list (A–F) which problem each person mentions. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter you do not need to use.

A the narrow range of sizes there is to choose from

B the time it takes for delivery

C the selection of clothes there is to choose from

D items of clothing that are not well made

E the price of fashion

F the colors there are to choose from

Speaker 1: Speaker 2: Speaker 3: Speaker 4: Speaker 5: Speaker 5:



- **2** Listen to a young woman talking about setting up a fashion company and <u>underline</u> the correct answer.
 - 1 The business that Anna set up sells **male** / **female** / **children's** fashions.
 - 2 To get started in business, Anna used **money she** had saved / money her family gave her / money a friend lent her.
 - 3 Anna worked from her bedroom / the garage / an office in the early days.
 - 4 Anna's success is due to the support she's had / her own hard work / people she knows.
 - 5 Anna suggests that the thing of most value to people who want to start a business is to **study business** / **get lots of information** / **get some experience**.



Listening total 10

SPEAKING

1 Answer your partner's questions.

Now make questions and ask your partner.

- 1 What / favorite / type / clothes?
- 2 Do / buy / clothes / online? Why / Why not?
- 3 Is / important / look / fashionable? Why?
- 4 Do / think / famous designers / charge / fair prices / their clothes? Why / Why not?
- 5 What / do / old clothes / don't wear anymore?
- **2** Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

"A positive attitude is the best way to stay healthy."

3 Listen to your partner talking about the importance of clothes and appearance. Do you agree with him / her?

Speaking total 20

Listening and Speaking total 30