

8 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

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GRAMMAR

1 Underline the correct word(s).

Example: Karen offered **to lend** / **lending** me her car when mine was being repaired.

- Jack encouraged **me to try** / **that I try** a new hairdresser's.
- John regretted **not asking** / **to not ask** how much the hotel was before he booked it.
- Sheila insisted **on paying** / **to pay** for all our drinks.
- Peter convinced me **not to give up** / **not giving up** playing soccer.
- I suggested **to buy** / **buying** Anne some flowers, but Lisa said she'd prefer chocolates.
- My neighbor threatened **to cut** / **cutting** down the trees in the garden.

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2 Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verb in parentheses.

Example: Nobody has been told (tell) the time of the exam yet.

- It's difficult to avoid _____ (photograph) by paparazzi when you're famous.
- The gym is closed this week – it _____ (redecorate).
- I saw Miranda at the art exhibition. She _____ (show) around by one of the artists.
- Drivers shouldn't _____ (fine) for parking ten minutes longer than they've paid for.
- The Cubs refused _____ (beat) and ended up winning the game.
- The couple _____ (think) to have escaped to France.
- Fish and chips used to _____ (wrap) in old newspapers.
- That restaurant _____ (say) to be one of the best in Europe.

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3 Order the words to make sentences.

Example: my / the / taken / I / photo / outside / White / had / House
I had my photo taken outside the White House.

- to / valued / the / an / we / get / painting / expert / decided / by
- my / going / out / tooth / have / I'm / bad / to / tomorrow / taken
- it / my / checked / I / fully / sold / had / car / I / before
- house / you / same / exactly / your / will / painted / have / color / the / ?
- bigger / anyone / get / why / lips / to / made / would / want / their / ?
- our / installed / heating / two / we're / new / system / weeks / having / in

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Grammar total 20

VOCABULARY

4 Complete the words in the sentences.

Example: The man had **committed** several previous crimes for which he was also charged.

- The **v**_____ of the jury was that Mr. Anderson was guilty of all charges.
- The man was charged with **s**_____ after following Miss Stevens everywhere.
- Cigarettes are often **s**_____ into the UK because the tax is so high on them there.
- Two **w**_____ described seeing the attack from their bedroom windows.
- After being **q**_____ by police for several hours, the woman confessed to the crime.
- Both men were **s**_____ to three years in prison.
- The **j**_____ gave the woman a shorter sentence because she had pled guilty.
- The **k**_____ demanded \$50,000 for the safe return of the director's wife.
- Both women were **a**_____ because of a lack of reliable evidence.
- The politician was **b**_____ by a friend who knew some of his guilty secrets.

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5 Complete the sentences with the correct word.

freelance sensationalist reviews vows
commentator biased newsreader
gossip reporter censored ~~paparazzi~~

Example: Photographers who follow famous people around and sell photos to the newspapers are called paparazzi.

- 1 That news report isn't at all objective – it's very _____.
- 2 Critics have given the new show very favorable _____.
- 3 The internet isn't _____, so you can read stories there that aren't in the newspapers.
- 4 Bill doesn't work for one single newspaper. He's a _____ journalist.
- 5 Ellen was a war _____ until she had children. She writes about local politics now.
- 6 The _____ at the tennis final screamed with joy when Andy Murray won.
- 7 I read that magazine for all the celebrity _____ – it's fun, but I know it's not all true.
- 8 They use such strong language in their news stories – it's too _____ for me.
- 9 I loved it when that very serious _____ couldn't stop laughing as he read one story.
- 10 The government _____ to reduce taxes before the next election.

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PRONUNCIATION

6 Match the words with the same sound.

accuse score drugs
~~manslaughter~~ murderer jury

Example: fraud manslaughter

- 1 burglar _____
- 2 judge _____
- 3 court _____
- 4 community _____
- 5 tourists _____

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7 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: expand

- 1 co|mmen|ta|tor
- 2 pre|sen|ter
- 3 pa|pa|ra|zzi
- 4 man|slaugh|ter
- 5 kid|nap|ping

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Pronunciation total		10
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8 Reading and Writing **A****READING**

Read the article about a writer's life. 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.

A Writer's Life

My biggest dream has always been to become an author. As an enthusiastic reader since I was a toddler, books have been a steady influence, a friend, and an escape.

(— 1 —) To me, reading is second only to breathing. From cereal boxes to fiction, I devour anything and everything I can get hold of. I read from morning, while eating breakfast, to night, before going to sleep. Some of my favorite genres include contemporary women's novels and thrillers.

I guess this love of books is what drove me to become a writer. The fact that I am always talking, thinking, and plotting helped me with my ambition. I have a need to create and to put into words feelings, thoughts, and desires. To me, books should present a welcome break from the stresses of every day and be a way to relax and unwind. There are horrors all around us. (— 2 —) Novels can carry people away to another place and allow them to forget, for a short time at least, all the awful things in life. Any type of reading inspires the brain and gives a change of pace. Children require fantasy and play, and adults also need a break from reality.

Exciting as it is to be able to inspire others, an author's career is lonely and often dull. Writing requires self-control and determination, and writers, as well as having knowledge of the difficulty of getting published, need to be able to deal with criticism. For every potential writer that there is out there, many give up or fail. I kept trying with the burning desire to do well. (— 3 —) I needed to try to see if I could do it.

My first writing experience was as a reporter for a small newspaper, almost twenty years ago. I submitted two articles for each of the three months the paper was published. The first month, I was given a bridal show to cover, and I had to write an article on how to prepare an elegant, yet inexpensive, wedding. Two local newspapers gave me assignments for various topics, and I realized this is an excellent way to learn the basics as a writer.

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My goal was to write fiction. Whether creating short stories or "the great American novel," I enjoy fantasy and making up fictitious people and tales about their lives. Although I prefer genres suited to adults, I decided to try writing a children's book. I first started working on this in 1995, and after reading the extremely rough draft, I recognized the

text was a mix of information just thrown together and was too much for children to understand. I broke up the ideas, planning to turn them into four books.

Unfortunately, life took over, and I had to put the book on hold for a while. After my husband and I moved, I returned to reporting, receiving several assignments for a local magazine and two national and international food-trade magazines.

(— 5 —) The desire to complete and submit the book for publication was as strong as ever. Fortunately, I became a member of a wonderful group that offered support as well as excellent suggestions. My book, a children's book intended for ages 8–12, was accepted by a publisher and released three years ago. The sequel is almost completed for submission, and to this, I hope to add two or three more to the series, though all of the books work equally well on their own.

Between writing, reading, reviewing, and being with family I enjoy a busy and happy life. I may never become well-known, but my dream has been satisfied. I encourage anyone who wants to write to "just do it."

- A I could not go through life wondering if I would be successful or not.
- B Nevertheless, I kept returning to the children's novel I had in my head.
- C After all, we just have to pick up a newspaper or turn on the news to realize how much crime there is in society.
- D Meanwhile, four unfinished adult contemporary novels are calling to me, and I plan to get to them one day.
- E Although I found reporting enjoyable, I recognized this was not the type of writing I wanted to do.
- F I cannot imagine living without the written word.

Reading total **10**

WRITING

Write an essay on the following topic:

"Nowadays there is too much news about celebrities."

Write 140–180 words. Include the following information:

- explain if there is a lot of news about celebrities in your country
- give your opinion on this
- say why you think this situation exists

Writing total **10**

Reading and Writing total **20**

8 Listening and Speaking **A**

LISTENING

1 Listen to five people talking about catching up with friends. Choose from the list (A–F) what each speaker says about keeping in touch. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter you do not need to use.

- A Writing emails takes up far too much time.
 B Using social networking sites keeps everyone up-to-date.
 C Texting is really practical at times.
 D Nothing is better than chatting face-to-face.
 E Spending a weekend away together is better than meeting for coffee.
 F Texting is not as good as chatting on the phone.

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

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2 Listen to an internet security expert talking about ways to protect yourself while using the internet. Underline the correct answer.

- 1 According to Alison, people nowadays tend to use social networking sites **as well as the phone and email / more than the phone and email / instead of the phone and email.**
- 2 Friends who accidentally reveal information about others' **travel plans / future social events / new purchases** are actually putting them at risk.
- 3 Alison advises against **opening / saving / deleting** certain attachments in messages.
- 4 In terms of your online profile, it's a good idea to **give your family access to it / limit how much people can see / allow all your friends to see it.**
- 5 Alison suggests that people may get in trouble **at home / with friends / at work** because of an inappropriate comment.

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Listening total	10
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SPEAKING

1 Make questions and ask your partner.

- 1 Why / people / use / social networking sites?
 2 Is / important / limit / time / children / spend online? Why / Why not?
 3 Do / you / prefer / shopping online / or / visit / stores? Why?
 4 What / level / crime / your country?
 5 Should / criminals / commit / serious crimes / sent / prison? Why / Why not?

Now answer your partner's questions.

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

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

"Criminals in my country should receive more severe punishments."

Speaking total	20
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