

# 11 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation, and Practical English



## American ENGLISH FILE Starter

### GRAMMAR

#### 1 Complete the questions with pronouns.

Example: **A** I gave it to you yesterday.

**B** Oh yes, I put it in my room.

- A** Do you like \_\_\_\_\_?  
**B** Yes, I do. She's very nice.
- A** When did Paul meet \_\_\_\_\_?  
**B** Last month. Paul was in a café when they walked in.
- A** We're lost. Can you help \_\_\_\_\_?  
**B** Of course.
- A** Sam gave \_\_\_\_\_ his grandmother's ring.  
**B** Really? Lucky you!
- A** Do you know Jack?  
**B** Yes, I met \_\_\_\_\_ at Dave's birthday party.

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#### 2 Complete the sentences with the correct simple past form of the verb in parentheses.

Example: Sheila came back early from her holiday yesterday. (come)

- Tom \_\_\_\_\_ a coffee and a cake in the café. (buy)
- Jane \_\_\_\_\_ to Houston in her new car. (drive)
- Joe \_\_\_\_\_ the new James Bond movie last night. (see)
- Simon \_\_\_\_\_ a terrible noise. (hear)
- Rory \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of pictures on vacation. (take)

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Grammar total ☐ 10

### VOCABULARY

#### 3 Underline the correct word to complete the dialogue.

**Sue** What's the last movie you saw?

**Jim** It was *Remember Me*.

**Sue** *Remember Me*? What did you think of / at it?

**Jim** Oh, I <sup>1</sup> very / really didn't like <sup>2</sup> her / it. The film was <sup>3</sup> fantastic / awful.

**Sue** Oh, my. Who was in it?

**Jim** Tom Dillon.

**Sue** Tom Dillon? Oh, I like <sup>4</sup> him / it. He's <sup>5</sup> terrible / great!

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#### 4 Complete the sentences with the opposite of the verb in bold.

Example: **A** Did the train **arrive** at 9:00?

**B** No, it left at 9:00.

- A** Did Tom **lose** his wallet?  
**B** No, he \_\_\_\_\_ his wallet.
- A** Did you **send** an email?  
**B** No, I \_\_\_\_\_ an email.
- A** Did he **turn on** the lights?  
**B** No, he \_\_\_\_\_ the lights.
- A** Did they **like** the movie?  
**B** No, they \_\_\_\_\_ the movie.
- A** Did you **go** to Jen's house?  
**B** No, she \_\_\_\_\_ to my house.

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Vocabulary total ☐ 10

### PRONUNCIATION

#### 5 Look at the letters in bold. Write a check (✓) if they are silent. Write an X if they are not silent.

Example: wrote ✓  
think X

- bought \_\_\_\_\_
- listen \_\_\_\_\_
- what \_\_\_\_\_
- drove \_\_\_\_\_
- knew \_\_\_\_\_

Pronunciation total ☐ 5

### PRACTICAL ENGLISH

#### 6 Complete the dialogues with words from the box.

~~drink~~ bring like party brought came

Example: **A** The party starts in 30 minutes.

**B** Oh! I want to go buy something to drink.

- A** This Saturday is my sister's birthday \_\_\_\_\_.  
Would you like to come?  
**B** Sure. I'd love to.
- A** I'm glad you \_\_\_\_\_ tonight, Paul.  
**B** Me too. I'm happy to be here.

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3 **A** Here. I \_\_\_\_\_ some flowers.

**B** Thanks, Andrea. They're beautiful!

4 **A** Do you need anything for the party?

**B** Oh, can you \_\_\_\_\_ some sandwiches?

5 **A** I'm going to the café. Would you \_\_\_\_\_ a coffee?

**B** That sounds great. Thanks!

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11 Reading and Writing **A**

## READING

1 Read the text and check (✓) True or False.

**An amazing musician**

My name is Fred Stevens, and I'm a musician. Actually, I'm a classical musician. I started playing the cello when I was six years old. Now I play with the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. I love classical music, but I listen to a lot of other things, too. My mp3 player has more than 500 songs on it. I like rock, pop, and hip hop – all kinds of music. Last week I went to a Coldplay concert. They're really fantastic. They're one of my favorite bands. I have three of their albums.

My favorite classical musician is—you guessed it—Yo-Yo Ma. He's probably the most famous cello player in the world, but he doesn't only play the music of Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms. In 2003, Yo-Yo Ma made an album called *Obrigado Brazil*. In this album he mixed classical cello together with Brazilian music. It's really amazing.

In 2011, he made an album called *The Goat Rodeo Sessions*. In this album, Yo-Yo Ma played his cello with American bluegrass musicians. Some people didn't like this album. But many musicians loved it. Mixing classical music with other kinds of music is really interesting, I think.

You can also hear Yo-Yo Ma's music in movies. He played music in the movie *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* in 2000, *Master and Commander* in 2003, and *Memoirs of a Geisha* in 2005. Sometimes I ask myself, "What kind of music does Yo-Yo Ma have on his mp3 player?" I don't know. But I think he listens to all kinds of music – just like I do!

- 1 Fred Stevens is a classical musician.  
True ☐ False ☐
- 2 Fred's favorite classical musician is Yo-Yo Ma.  
True ☐ False ☐
- 3 Fred listens to hip hop on his mp3 player.  
True ☐ False ☐
- 4 Fred can't stand Coldplay's music.  
True ☐ False ☐
- 5 Fred only listens to Bach and Beethoven.  
True ☐ False ☐
- 6 Yo-Yo Ma's albums sometimes mix classical music with other kinds of music.  
True ☐ False ☐

7 Many musicians liked *The Goat Rodeo Sessions*.True ☐ False ☐

8 You can hear Fred's music in some movies.

True ☐ False ☐

9 Fred saw Yo-Yo Ma's mp3 player.

True ☐ False ☐☐ 9

2 Read the text again and choose the correct number or year to complete the sentences.

Example: Fred started playing cello when he was six years old.

- 1 There are more than \_\_\_\_\_ songs on Fred's mp3 player.
- 2 Fred has \_\_\_\_\_ of Coldplay's albums.
- 3 Yo-Yo Ma made an album in \_\_\_\_\_ called *Obrigado Brazil*.
- 4 The album *The Goat Rodeo Sessions* came out in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 *Memoirs of a Geisha* came out in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* came out in \_\_\_\_\_.

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## WRITING

1 Answer the questions about an album you like.

- 1 What is the name of the album?
- 2 Who is the musician or group?
- 3 When did this album come out?
- 4 What's your favorite song on the album?
- 5 Why do you like this album?

Writing total ☐ 10Reading and Writing total ☐ 25

11 Listening and Speaking **A**

## LISTENING

1 Listen to Neil and Rachel talking about Rachel's weekend. Write a check (✓) if the information is correct. Write an X if the information is incorrect.

- 1 Rachel went to the movies with her brother on the weekend.
- 2 It was Matt's idea to go and see the movie.
- 3 Rachel saw a movie called *End of the Day*.
- 4 Matt didn't like the movie very much.
- 5 In the movie, Tom loved Mary.

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2 Listen to five conversations. Check (✓) True or False.

- 1 Sarah really liked the play.  
True ☐ False ☐
- 2 Bob likes classical music a lot.  
True ☐ False ☐
- 3 Abbey likes the new album from Adele.  
True ☐ False ☐
- 4 Kyle wants to read the new book by J.K. Rowling.  
True ☐ False ☐
- 5 Donna liked her dinner at the City Grill.  
True ☐ False ☐

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Listening total	10
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3 You're looking for a new book to read. Ask your partner questions about a book review.

<b>Book review by:</b> _____ <b>Name of book:</b> _____ <b>Author:</b> _____ <b>Came out in:</b> _____ <b>Review:</b> _____
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4 Your partner is looking for a new book to read. Answer his/her questions with information from this review.

<b>Book review by:</b> Brian McMaster <b>Name of book:</b> <i>The Hunger Games</i> <b>Author:</b> Suzanne Collins <b>Came out in:</b> 2008 <b>Review:</b> This book is amazing!
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Listening and Speaking total	25
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## SPEAKING

1 Ask your partner these questions.

- 1 Can you describe a book you like a lot?
- 2 Who wrote it?
- 3 When did you read it?
- 4 Do any of your friends like this book? Who?
- 5 Why do you like it?

2 Now answer your partner's questions.