

8 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation



GRAMMAR

1 Write the present continuous form of the verb in parentheses.

Example: Noah is reading (read) a book in his room.

- Pete and Jerry _____ (do) their homework.
- We _____ (have) a great time in San Francisco.
- Sandra _____ (stay) in a hotel near our office.
- Kevin _____ (make) dinner for us.
- I can't talk right now. I _____ (drive) to work.

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2 Underline the correct verb form.

Example: I usually read / **am reading** the newspaper in the evenings.

- Betsy **sleeps** / **is sleeping** right now.
- Tara and Danny usually **eat** / **are eating** breakfast at home.
- Greg **writes** / **is writing** an email to his sister.
- That's my brother over there. He **wears** / **is wearing** a black shirt.
- Linda **works** / **is working** at an Italian restaurant on the weekends.

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Grammar total 10

VOCABULARY

3 Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

cloudy ~~hot~~ raining snowing sunny windy

Example: I like winter. I don't really like hot weather.

- We can't play tennis today. It's windy and it's _____.
- It's _____ and hot today. Let's go to the beach!
- It's _____ today. I can't see the sun.
- It's _____ today! It's cold outside, but it's beautiful.

5 Please wear a jacket. It's not cold, but it's very _____ today.

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4 Underline the correct word to complete the email.

Hi Mom,

I'm ¹ **taking** / **having** a great time in Rio de Janeiro. I'm ² **paying** / **staying** in a nice hotel. I can see Copacabana beach from my room! Every morning I wake up and ³ **enjoy** / **carry** fresh fruit for breakfast. I'm ⁴ **meeting** / **learning** a lot of new people here, too. One of my new friends is ⁵ **staying** / **waiting** for me downstairs. Talk to you later!

Love,
Charles

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Vocabulary total 10

PRONUNCIATION

5 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: English

- tra|ve|ling
- va|ca|tion
- en|joy|ing
- win|dy
- u|su|a|lly

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6 Match the words with the same sound.

woman you singer walk snowing ~~take~~

Example: email take

- eating _____
- student _____
- cold _____
- always _____
- book _____

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Pronunciation total 10

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total 30

8 Reading and Writing **A**

READING

1 Read the message and check (✓) true or false.

Raising money for the art club

Our university art club is raising money for our activities this year. We need money for trips to museums. We usually go to art museums four times a year. We choose a different museum each time, and we see a lot of different kinds of art. It's really interesting.

Today is one of our big fundraising days. Members of our club are doing different things to raise money. The first-year students are washing cars in the park downtown. People pay us ten dollars for each car. It's nice and sunny today, so they're having fun!

The second-year students are selling muffins, brownies, and cookies in the student center at the university. Cookies and brownies are two dollars each, and muffins are three dollars. Oh, and they're selling coffee, too. I think it only costs one dollar.

Third-year and fourth-year students are raising money in the park, too. They're drawing pictures of people. It only takes about fifteen minutes to draw a person's picture. For twenty dollars, you can have a black-and-white picture. Or for twenty-five dollars, you can get a picture in color.

We usually raise about six hundred dollars on our fundraising day. Raising money is hard work, but it's fun, too.

Example: Students in the art club are raising money today.

True False

- It's raining and windy today.
True False
- The art club visits a different museum every month.
True False
- All the members are raising money in the park today.
True False
- First-year students are washing cars.
True False
- Second-year students are selling sandwiches.
True False
- Third-year and fourth-year students are taking pictures.
True False

- The club is selling coffee for three dollars.
True False
- It takes about an hour to draw a person's picture.
True False
- It's easy to raise \$600 in one day.
True False

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2 Read the text again and complete the answers to the questions.

Example: **A** Which club is raising money?

B The *art club* is raising money.

- How much does a car wash cost?
It costs _____.
- How much does a brownie cost?
It costs _____.
- How much does a color picture cost?
It costs _____.
- What's the weather like today?
It's _____.
- Which students are working at the student center?
The _____ students are working at the student center.
- How much money do they usually raise?
They usually raise _____.

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Reading total 15

WRITING

1 Answer the questions about the weather.

- What's the weather like today?

- Is it sunny today?

- Is it raining now?

- Is it windy outside?

- Is it cold today?

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8 Reading and Writing **A**

2 Now answer the questions about you.

1 What are you doing now?

2 What are you studying?

3 What is your teacher doing?

4 What do you usually do before class?

5 What do you usually do after class?

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Writing total 10

Reading and Writing total 25

8 Listening and Speaking **A**

LISTENING

1 Listen to Kelsey and her roommate Beth talking about changes in Kelsey's life. Put a check (✓) if the information is correct. Write an X if the information is incorrect.

- 1 Kelsey usually makes dinner at home.
- 2 Kelsey eats pasta every night near her university.
- 3 Kelsey is making a fresh, green salad for dinner.
- 4 Kelsey wants to play tennis tonight.
- 5 It's raining outside.

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2 Listen to five conversations and answer the questions. Check (✓) A or B.

- 1 What is Allan doing now?
 - A He's going to Haley's office.
 - B He's talking on the phone.
- 2 What's the weather like in Seattle now?
 - A It's cloudy.
 - B It's raining.
- 3 Why isn't Erika watching the soccer game?
 - A She doesn't usually watch soccer.
 - B Her TV isn't working.
- 4 What is Carla doing now?
 - A She's studying for a test.
 - B She's walking on the beach.
- 5 What does Marissa want to do?
 - A She wants to play her game.
 - B She wants to play in the snow.

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Listening total	10
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SPEAKING

1 Ask your partner these questions.

- 1 What's the weather like today?
- 2 What's the weather usually like in January?
- 3 What are you doing now?
- 4 What do you usually do in the mornings?
- 5 What do you usually do on Mondays?

2 Now answer your partner's questions.

3 Your partner has information about a hotel. Ask your partner questions and complete the form.

Hotel: _____

Today's weather: _____

Breakfast: _____

Activities: _____

4 Read the information. Answer your partner's questions.

Hotel: San Francisco Chinatown Hotel

Today's weather: Cloudy and windy

Breakfast: We are serving breakfast in our downstairs dining room from 6:30–9:00 a.m.

Activities: Chinatown tour leaves at 10:30 a.m.

Speaking total	15
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Listening and Speaking total	25
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