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# **9** Grammar, Vocabulary, Pronunciation, and Practical English

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# GRAMMAR

1 <u>Underline</u> the correct word.

Example: There  $is / \underline{are}$  forty people in the hotel.

- 1 There aren't **some** / **any** books in Sonia's living room.
- 2 Are there **some** / **any** pictures on the wall?
- 3 There **is** / **are** a wonderful view of the mountains from here.
- 4 Is there **a** / **some** café near here?
- 5 There **isn't** / **aren't** any beds in the room.
- 2 <u>Underline</u> the correct simple past form.

Example: They **wasn't** / <u>weren't</u> famous.

- 1 Washe / Were he late?
- 2 Where were you / you were last weekend?
- 3 Suzanne **was / were** a waitress a long time ago.
- 4 Ted and I was / were here at 9:00 this morning.
- 5 Was / Were you in Canada last summer?

Grammar total 10

### VOCABULARY

3 Complete the description with *in*, *at* or *on*.

Mike lives <u>in</u> a small apartment <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Boston. He usually works <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ home. Yesterday morning, he called his friends. Everyone was busy! Tyler was <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the gym, Catherine was <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ her car, and Alison was <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the airport.

4 Match the places in the box to what the people want to do.

<del>post office</del> swimming pool airport pharmacy bank hotel

Example: Kay wants to send a letter. *post office* 

- 1 David wants to fly to New York.
- 2 Vickie wants to swim.
- 3 Sue wants a room with a TV and shower.
- 4 Harry is sick and wants to buy some medicine.

5 Joe wants some money.

Vocabulary total 10

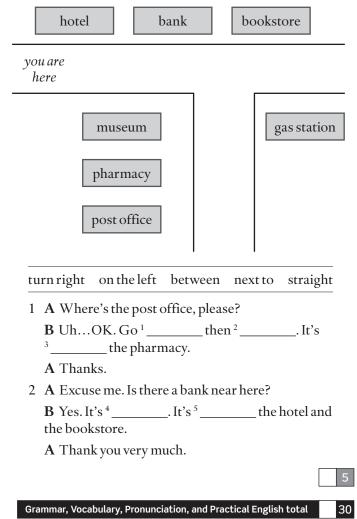
## PRONUNCIATION

5 Match the words with the same sound.

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1 whe	re				
2 enj <b>o</b>	у				
3 <b>u</b> p	-				
4 w <b>or</b>	k _				
5 n <b>ea</b> i	r _				
				Pronu	nciation

## PRACTICAL ENGLISH

6 Look at the map then complete the two dialogues with the words in the box.



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# 9 Reading and Writing

#### READING

1 Read the text and complete the sentences with the correct number.

# A fantastic hotel

Last summer, my wife and I were in Las Vegas for a week. For the first five days, we were with our friends, Jimmy and Diane. They live in Las Vegas. For the last two days, my wife and I were in a beautiful hotel. It was the Venetian Resort Hotel on the Las Vegas strip. The Venetian is modern, luxurious, and very big! There are 7,000 rooms and suites in the hotel, and there were three TVs in our suite – one in the bedroom, one in the living room, and one in the bathroom.

You can find everything at the Venetian. There is a casino in the hotel and there are 17 restaurants. Our first dinner there was at the Bouchon restaurant. It was fantastic – but very expensive!

The hotel is really great! There is a small lake near the entrance, and on the fourth floor there are three swimming pools and a spa. On the second floor, there is a big shopping center with canals and gondolas. We went on a gondola. I thought I was in Venice!

There are a lot of things to do at the Venetian. You can visit Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum with statues of famous Hollywood actors. You can go to the nightclub or see a show at one of the theaters. There are three of them! We weren't interested in the wax museum or the nightclub, but on Sunday evening there was a great show at the Blue Man Theater, and an art exhibition at the hotel's art gallery.

Example: They were in Las Vegas for <u>seven</u> days.

- 1 In a suite at the Venetian hotel, there are \_\_\_\_\_ TVs.
- 2 There are \_\_\_\_\_ restaurants in the hotel.
- 3 There is a spa on the \_\_\_\_\_ floor.
- 4 You can ride on a gondola on the \_\_\_\_\_ floor.
- 5 There are \_\_\_\_\_ theaters in the hotel.
- 6 In the museum were statues of Hollywood

2 Read the text again and check ( $\checkmark$ ) True or False.

- 1 The writer and his wife were with Jimmy and Diane for a week.
  - True 🗌 False 🗌
- 2 The writer was on vacation for a week. True False

3 The writer was at the Venetian Resort hotel for five nights.

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True False

4 The writer's dinner on Saturday was at a restaurant at the hotel.True False

5 The hotel pool is on the second floor. True False

- 6 There's no shopping center at the hotel. True False
- 7 You can see many famous Hollywood actors in the hotel.

True False

- 8 The writer and his wife were interested in the nightclub.True False
- 9 There was an art exhibition at the Blue Man Theater. True False

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Γ	Reading total	15

#### WRITING

Answer the vacation questionnaire and write a description of your last vacation and the place you stayed in.

VACATION QUESTIONNAIRE

#### The vacation

Where were you on your last vacation?

When were you there?

Who were you with?

#### The hotel

Where was the hotel?

Can you describe the place?

Was it a nice place? Why (not)?

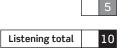
	Writing total	10
Reading and	Writing total	25

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# 9 Listening and Speaking

#### LISTENING

- 1 Listen to Roger and Sylvia talking about their lunch today. Put a check (✓) if the information is correct. Write an X if the information is incorrect.
  - 1 Today is Roger's birthday.
  - 2 Roger was with Nancy at lunchtime.
  - 3 Roger and Chandler were at a Mexican restaurant at lunchtime.
  - 4 The Mexican restaurant is near the park.
  - 5 Roger is hungry now.
- 2 Listen to five conversations. Check (✓) True or False.
  - 1 The pool and gym are open now. True False
  - 2 There are three pictures on Jack's wall. True False
  - 3 There is a good Chinese restaurant in Jenny's town. True False
  - 4 The woman is using Tom's cell phone. True False
  - 5 There was a television in Donna's room at the hotel. True 🗌 False 🗌



#### SPEAKING

- **1** Ask your partner these questions.
  - 1 Can you describe the house you lived in when you were a child? Where was it? What rooms were there in the house and where were they?
  - 2 Can you remember your bedroom? What was there in the bedroom? Where was the bed, table, etc.? What was on the walls?
- 2 Now answer your partner's questions.

**3** You're new in your partner's town. Ask your partner questions about what there is in the town and complete the fact file. *Is there a...?* 

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Are there any ...?

Where | it? Where | they?

Town Fact File		
What is there?	Location	
good coffee shops		
good restaurants		
an interesting museum		
nice parks		
expensive clothing stores		
a big supermarket		
a good, cheap hotel		

**4** Your partner is a new student at your school. Answer his/her questions about your school with true information.

	Speaking total	15
Listening and Speaking total		25