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1A

DO YOU PLAY ANY SPORTS?

1 VOCABULARY Common adjectives

a Underline the correct words to complete the sentences.

- The new building in front of the university is *rude* / ugly / *all right*. I hate it!
- Our new teacher is always very *serious* / *silly* / *rude*. We work very hard in her class, and she never smiles or laughs.
- The cakes at the new bakery are *silly* / *serious* / *delicious*!
- My brother's new girlfriend is *ugly* / *beautiful* / *delicious*. I think she's a model.
- We played a lot of *silly* / *horrible* / *perfect* games at Sarah's birthday party. I have some really funny photos on Facebook.
- Lily's a *perfect* / *strange* / *wonderful* person. Her grandchildren love visiting her.

b Complete the sentences with the adjectives in the box.

~~boring~~ all right awful amazing
delicious rude strange perfect

- I'm not interested in soccer. It's so boring.
- Thanks for the chocolates. They were _____!
- Look at this beautiful weather – it's a _____ day to go to the beach.
- The movie we saw last night was really _____. I didn't understand it at all.
- A How was the restaurant?
B Oh, it was _____. There are better Italian restaurants in my town.
- The weather in Seattle was _____. It rained every day.
- The band was _____! It was the best concert I've ever been to.
- The server at the hotel was _____. He said he couldn't help us because we're vegetarian.



2 GRAMMAR Question forms

a Underline the correct words to complete the questions.

- How many children *he does have* / does he have / *does have he*?
- Where *did you meet* / *did meet you* / *you met* your husband?
- Did he grow up* / *He grew up* / *He did grow up* in this area?
- What *was like the movie* / *was the movie like* / *the movie was like*?
- How much *paid you* / *you did pay* / *did you pay* for your smartphone?
- Why she go* / *Why she went* / *Why did she go* to the U.S.?
- How many movies *he made* / *did he make* / *did make he* last year?
- How *was your vacation* / *your vacation was* / *did your vacation be*?

b Put the words in the correct order to make questions.

- you / Sarah's friend / are ?
Are you Sarah's friend?
- work / a bank / he / does / in ?

- you / last month / to New York / go / did / why ?

- like / that new Brazilian / what / restaurant / is ?

- with your sister / who / that man / was ?

- TV shows / you / do / watch / what kind of ?

- go to / did / which university / you ?

- did / how much / cost / the tickets ?



1 VOCABULARY Adverbs

a Put the words in parentheses in the correct place in each sentence.


- They see their grandchildren now that they live in Australia. (hardly ever)
They hardly ever see their grandchildren now that they live in Australia.
- I enjoy watching old Hollywood movies. (particularly)
- She hates it when people are late for meetings. (absolutely)
- We go to Italian restaurants, but sometimes we go to Mexican ones. (usually)
- We're sure his flight arrives at terminal 2, but I need to check. (pretty)
- I hope he brings his beautiful sister to the party! (really)

b Underline the correct adverbs to complete the sentences.

- I love rock music, but I absolutely / especially / fairly like the Foo Fighters. They're my favorite band.
- He hardly ever / never / especially calls his mother – maybe once or twice a month.
- I rarely / pretty / usually enjoy horror movies, but this one was awful!
- She's fairly / absolutely / rarely good-looking, but I don't think she's beautiful.
- I never / really / hardly ever hate math. I just don't understand it!
- She usually / particularly / rarely takes her family out for dinner – only when it's her birthday.
- They love all sports, but they're fairly / really / pretty interested in baseball. They watch all the games on TV.
- It's pretty / usually / rarely cold today, so why don't you take your gloves?

2 PRONUNCIATION

Long and short vowels

a  01.01 Listen to the words. Do the letters in **bold** make long or short vowel sounds? Check (✓) the words with long vowel sounds.

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bank | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> hotel |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> awful | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> often |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> perfect | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> arrive |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> music | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> university |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> ugly | 10 <input type="checkbox"/> favorite |

3 GRAMMAR

Simple present and present continuous

a Underline the correct verb forms to complete the sentences.

- She is loving / loves / love reading fashion magazines at the hairdresser's.
- We usually are going / goes / go to the café across from the hotel.
- I 'm reading / read / reading a great book in English right now.
- He 's wanting / does want / wants to call his family in Tokyo. Can he use the Wi-Fi?
- Why are you waiting / do you wait / you waiting for the bus? Let's walk home.
- I hardly ever am visiting / visit / visits my cousins in Ireland.
- She studies / studying / 's studying French politics at college this semester.
- Yes, they're here. They play / 're playing / playing a video game in the living room.

b Complete the conversation with the simple present or present continuous forms of the verbs in parentheses. Use contractions where possible.

MEGAN What ¹ 's Andrea doing (Andrea, do) in that store?

NAOMI She ² _____ (buy) some postcards to send to her family.

MEGAN Really? I ³ _____ usually ⁴ _____ (not send) postcards. I usually ⁵ _____ (write) a message on Facebook. And sometimes I ⁶ _____ (post) a few photos of my vacation on Instagram.

NAOMI Yes, me too, but Andrea's grandparents ⁷ _____ (not use) social media, so she ⁸ _____ (send) them postcards instead.

MEGAN Oh, and what ⁹ _____ (Marco and Jack, do) this morning?

NAOMI They ¹⁰ _____ (spend) the day at the beach.

MEGAN But Marco ¹¹ _____ (not like) swimming in the ocean. He says the water's too cold.

NAOMI Yes, but it ¹² _____ (be) really hot today!

c  01.02 Listen and check.



1 USEFUL LANGUAGE

Greeting people; Ending conversations

- a Underline the correct words to complete the conversation.

SAM Hi, James! ¹*Much / Long / Very* time no see! How are you?

JAMES Hi, Sam. I'm fine, thanks. ²*What a / What / How* nice surprise! Great to see you!

SAM Yes, it's really nice ³*see you / to see you / you see*, too.

JAMES Where are you living ⁴*today / this day / these days*?

SAM Oh, not ⁵*far from / far of / far away* here. On Park Road, near the baseball stadium.

JAMES Oh, ⁶*what / how / who* nice!

SAM And ⁷*she is / it is / this is* my wife, Jess.

JAMES Your wife – wow! That's wonderful ⁸*new / news / notices*! Nice to ⁹*meet / meat / meeting* you, Jess.

JESS Nice to meet you, ¹⁰*two / too / to*.

- b **01.03** Listen and check.

- c Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

surprise hello meet news again
time last nice need call

- 1 Sea View Road? Oh, how nice!
- 2 Your husband – wow! That's wonderful _____!
- 3 I really _____ to go. I'm late.
- 4 What a nice _____!
- 5 Say _____ to Carlos for me.
- 6 Long _____ no see!
- 7 It was really nice to _____ you.
- 8 I'll give you a _____.
- 9 It was great to see you _____.
- 10 When did we _____ see each other?

- d **01.04** Listen and check.

2 PRONUNCIATION

Sentence stress

- a **01.05** Listen to the sentences and underline the stressed words.

- 1 I'm pretty sure it was two months ago.
- 2 What a nice surprise!
- 3 It was really nice to meet you.
- 4 I'm sorry, but I really need to go.
- 5 Where are you living these days?
- 6 I'm late for a meeting.

1 READING

a Read Nandeep's email to Hannah and check (✓) the correct answer.

- a ☐ Nandeep is staying at the Taj Mahal hotel in Delhi.
 b ☐ Nandeep is visiting his cousins in Boston.
 c ☐ Nandeep is on vacation at his aunt and uncle's house in Delhi.

b Read the email again. Are the sentences true or false?

- 1 Nandeep mainly speaks in Hindi to his cousins.
- 2 He's visiting a lot of places while he's in India.
- 3 The Taj Mahal is in Delhi.
- 4 Nandeep didn't enjoy visiting the Taj Mahal.
- 5 Nandeep often uses his aunt and uncle's pool.
- 6 Nandeep isn't enjoying his vacation.

2 WRITING SKILLS

Correcting mistakes

a Correct the sentences.

- 1 I'm having a wonderful time here in france.
I'm having a wonderful time here in France.
- 2 Yesterday we visitted the Palace of Versailles near Paris.
Yesterday we visited the Palace of Versailles near Paris.
- 3 In the mornings, I usually going to the beach with my Portuguese friends.
In the mornings, I usually go to the beach with my Portuguese friends.
- 4 I hope your having a great time in Canada with your family.
I hope you're having a great time in Canada with your family.
- 5 Their English are very good, but we always speak in German.
Their English is very good, but we always speak in German.

3 WRITING

a Read the email from Paul. Use the notes in parentheses to write Maria's reply.



Hi Maria,

Hope you're having a nice vacation.

Tell me all about it! (*Describe my vacation*)

What's the hotel like? (*Not in a hotel – staying with my family!*)

What do you do every day? (*Explain and send a photo*)

See you soon! (*he OK? Ask.*)

Love,
Paul



Hi Hannah,

I hope you're enjoying your stay in Boston.

I'm spending a month in India on vacation. I'm staying with my aunt and uncle and my two cousins in Delhi. I don't speak much Hindi, but they all speak English very well, so communication isn't a problem. They're taking me to see a lot of really interesting places. Yesterday we drove to Agra and visited the Taj Mahal. It took two hours to get there. This is a photo I took – what an amazing building!

It's really hot here all the time, but my aunt and uncle have a swimming pool, so we spend a lot of our time in the water – it's so relaxing! In the evenings, I usually go to cafés with my cousins and their friends.

I'm having a great time here in India!

See you soon.

Nandeep

UNIT 1

Reading and listening extension

1 READING

a Read the article. Match the statements 1–3 with the people a–c.

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| 1 Living abroad is different from living in the U.S. | a Vanessa |
| 2 Not everyone would love working abroad. | b Juan |
| 3 It's important to see new places often. | c Emma |

WORKING ABROAD: IS IT FOR YOU?

Are you looking for a new challenge at work? Do you want to meet new people and travel? A lot of people work abroad to experience a new culture. Americans especially have a positive experience — 74% of Americans who live abroad say they feel at home in their new country! I talked to some young people from the U.S. about their experiences.

EMMA, 27, MEXICO CITY

I work as an English teacher in Mexico City. It's an amazing city! It's cheap to live here, so I'm saving a lot of money. Working abroad is not for everyone. I love Mexico, but I miss home, too. My plan is to return home in three months. One year abroad is enough for me!

VANESSA, 25, SÃO PAULO

I've been in São Paulo for two years. I work in IT. My job is sometimes boring, but the city is exciting! I've also traveled to other parts of the country. It's cheap to travel in Brazil, so I try to see a new city or town once a month. I'd like to stay here for a long time and never stop seeing new places.

JUAN, 24, PARIS

Living in Paris is very different from back home, but I love my life here. I'm studying basic French and working as an event planner for an American company. I travel all over Europe for work and have friends and coworkers in many countries — my life is very exciting!

There might be some difficulties with living abroad, but a lot of people are doing it these days. It helps you grow professionally and personally. Why don't you see what opportunities are outside your country?

b Read the article again and check (✓) the best endings for the sentences.

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 Americans living abroad ...
a <input type="checkbox"/> rarely feel comfortable in their new countries.
b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> often have a positive experience.
c <input type="checkbox"/> always want to return home after a year. | 5 The writer of the article thinks that ...
a <input type="checkbox"/> living abroad is easy.
b <input type="checkbox"/> living abroad can help you with future jobs.
c <input type="checkbox"/> there are many opportunities to work abroad. |
| 2 Emma ...
a <input type="checkbox"/> has been in Mexico three months.
b <input type="checkbox"/> thinks Mexico City is wonderful.
c <input type="checkbox"/> wants to stay abroad more than a year. | c Write a paragraph about the good and bad parts of living and working abroad. Think about: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• family and friends• some problems with the new language and culture• the stories on the website• your own experience. |
| 3 Vanessa ...
a <input type="checkbox"/> thinks that São Paulo is a cheap city.
b <input type="checkbox"/> thinks her job is exciting.
c <input type="checkbox"/> often travels outside of São Paulo. | |
| 4 Juan ...
a <input type="checkbox"/> doesn't speak a lot of French.
b <input type="checkbox"/> works with only Americans.
c <input type="checkbox"/> travels to the U.S. for work. | |



2 LISTENING

a **01.06** Listen to the podcast. Match 1–3 with a–c to make true sentences.

- | | |
|----------|--|
| 1 Sophia | a sees people from a school club every week. |
| 2 Carson | b is friends with the people he lives with. |
| 3 Luis | c meets people in a café every week. |

b **01.06** Listen to the podcast again and check (✓) the best endings for the sentences.

- 1 The podcast is about ...
 - a ☐ starting college.
 - b ☐ moving to a new city.
 - c ☒ how people make friends.
- 2 Carson doesn't ...
 - a ☐ usually go out at night.
 - b ☐ like making friends with new people.
 - c ☐ find it difficult to meet people at college.
- 3 Carson likes ...
 - a ☐ going to parties with his friends.
 - b ☐ people who like similar things to him.
 - c ☐ the nature near where he lives.
- 4 Sophia is interested in ...
 - a ☐ making friends with people studying acting.
 - b ☐ joining a club.
 - c ☐ meeting a lot of different people.
- 5 Luis doesn't ...
 - a ☐ use the Internet to meet people.
 - b ☐ like the people he lives with.
 - c ☐ usually go out at night.
- 6 Which of the sentences is true about the students?
 - a ☐ The college is helping all the students make friends.
 - b ☐ The students are making friends in different ways.

c Write questions and answers about what you do in your free time and who you spend it with. Think about these questions:

- Where do you spend your free time?
- What do you do and how often?
- Who do you spend your free time with?



Review and extension

1 GRAMMAR

Correct the sentences.

- 1 Where you went on vacation last year?
Where did you go on vacation last year?
- 2 At the moment, she works at the café by the bus station.
- 3 Why you missed the bus?
- 4 I can't talk to you now because I do my homework.
- 5 What kind of music you usually listen to?
- 6 They waiting for the bus to Dallas.

2 VOCABULARY

Correct the sentences.

- 1 The new Batman movie is amazing!
The new Batman movie is amazing!
- 2 We very enjoyed the movie last night.
- 3 We had a wonderfull time at the party last night.
- 4 I think our Italian class is so borring.
- 5 I think that man's a little exrange. Look, he's talking to himself.
- 6 New York's allright, but I prefer to live in Los Angeles.

3 WORDPOWER *like*

Match 1–8 with a–h to make sentences.

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e | We can go for a walk in the park |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | What was the party |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | What amazing weather! It looks |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | The boy in the white T-shirt looks |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | He loves movies with superheroes, you know, |
| 6 <input type="checkbox"/> | I absolutely love this singer. She sounds |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> | I want to buy a computer |
| 8 <input type="checkbox"/> | Thanks for your email. It sounds |
-
- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| a | like the perfect day for the beach. |
| b | like this one. How much is it? |
| c | like Jacob. They have the same smile. |
| d | like you're having a great vacation. |
| e | if you like. |
| f | like Katy Perry. |
| g | like Batman or Spider-Man. |
| h | like last night? |



REVIEW YOUR PROGRESS

Look again at Review Your Progress on p. 16 of the Student's Book. How well can you do these things now?
3 = very well 2 = well 1 = not so well

I CAN ...

ask and answer personal questions	<input type="checkbox"/>
talk about how I communicate	<input type="checkbox"/>
greet people and end conversations	<input type="checkbox"/>
write a personal email.	<input type="checkbox"/>