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Starter unit

Reading and Vocabulary

- 1 (1) 1.01 Read and listen to the blog. What was the reason for the people meeting in the three situations? Choose one.
 - 1 a shared interest
 - 2 a shared friend
 - 3 a professional problem
- Read the blog again and answer the questions with text A, B, or C.

W	hich story involved ?
1	a threat to someone's position
2	using a place that belonged to the family
3	judging another person's abilities
4	bad working conditions
5	activities not related to their future work
6	discrimination

Replace the underlined words with the adjectives

	n the box.					
1.	ledicated enthusiastic outgoing esponsible supportive sympathetic					
1	Jason is very <u>sociable</u> and <u>friendly</u> with new people.					
2	Kylie's bosses have been <u>helpful and encouraging</u> while she's been preparing the project.					
3	We were all really <u>interested in and excited</u> about going on the trip to Paris					
4	The new laptop was designed by a very hardworking					
	and committed team					
5	Dan will be <u>understanding and caring</u> about your problem					

6 Jessica is <u>trustworthy and reliable</u> and always gets her

Vocabulary practice

work done. _

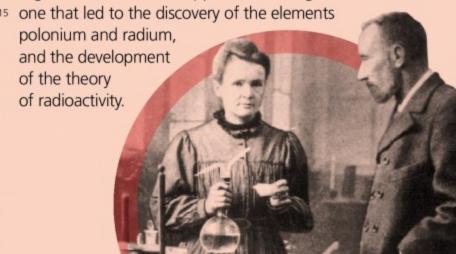


The English language has a special word to describe interesting things that happen by chance: serendipity. Some of the most exciting examples of serendipity are chance meetings between people who have then changed the world together. In this week's blog, we look at three famous encounters.

Marie Skłodowska and Pierre Curie

If Marie Salomea Skłodowska had been born in a different country, she would never have met Pierre Curie and formed one of the most important partnerships in world science. She was a responsible school student with excellent grades,

- but women weren't allowed to go to university in 19th century Poland. Fortunately, Marie was accepted at the Sorbonne, in Paris, where she obtained degrees in both physics and mathematics. Marie then started work in a laboratory, but the normally enthusiastic scientist was disappointed by the
- laboratory's poor equipment. A sympathetic friend introduced her to a well-known scientist who could help her find better instruments: Pierre Curie. Attracted to each other's intelligence, the couple soon got married and started working together. Theirs was a supportive working environment and



Paul McCartney and John Lennon

- 20 If you ask any music expert to name the most influential band in pop music history, they will almost always say The Beatles. However, the group only existed because of a chance meeting. In fact, it almost didn't exist at all, because of the incredibly outgoing personality of Paul McCartney. It was July 6, 1957,
- a Saturday. One of the members of 16-year-old John Lennon's band, The Quarrymen, had invited his 15-year-old friend, McCartney, along to a concert they were performing in a church garden. After the introductions, McCartney asked if he could sing a few classic rock and roll songs. He wanted to show what
- he could do, as he was interested in joining the band. He also showed Lennon how to adjust his guitar so that it produced a better sound. McCartney then joined the audience and was impressed by Lennon's performance. Lennon, too, had been impressed by McCartney's. He had heard his singing talent, and
- 35 from speaking with him, he realized that he was a dedicated music fan. He wanted him in the band, but would the outgoing newcomer threaten his position as leader of the group? He decided to take a risk, and one 40 of the greatest partnerships in music was born.



Today, if you go to any major city in the U.S., you can find an Apple store. However, if Steve Jobs hadn't gone out for a walk with his friend Bill Fernandez in 1971, Apple might never have been founded. As they were walking around 45 their neighborhood, Fernandez saw another of his friends, Steve Wozniak, washing a car. Bill introduced the two Steves, guessing they would become friends because of their love of technology. They did, and they soon created their first computer, using Jobs' parents' garage as a workshop. From those humble beginnings, the technological giant Apple grew. If it didn't exist, we wouldn't have iPhones or iPads – nobody can deny that Jobs' and Wozniak's company has made a significant contribution to the development of technology.



Grammar Conditionals

4 Read the sentences from the blog. Match sentences 1–4 to definitions A–D.

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- 2 If you ask any music expert to name the most influential band in pop music history, they will almost always say The Beatles. _____
- 3 Today, if you go to any major city in the U.S., you can find an Apple store.
- **4** If it didn't exist, we wouldn't have iPhones or iPads ...
- A When we talk about the result of something that is always true, we use the zero conditional.
- **B** When we talk about possible future situations, we use the first conditional.
- C When we talk about imaginary situations in the present or future, we use the second conditional.
- **D** When we talk about imaginary situations in the past, i.e. that didn't happen, we use the third conditional.

5	Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the
	verbs in parentheses.

- If The Beatles _____ months
 playing in clubs in Hamburg, maybe they wouldn't
 have become such good musicians. (not spend)
- 2 If you _____ an Apple iPhone, the operating system updates automatically. (have)
- 3 If you _____ about Marie Curie, you'll realize that she had a difficult time because she was a woman scientist. (read)
- 4 The Beatles ______ some of the most famous songs in pop music history if John Lennon hadn't let Paul McCartney join his group. (not write)
- 5 If a patient is treated with radiology, they

to radium.	(be /	expose

- 6 I _____ a tablet if I buy a big, new smartphone. (not need)
- 7 We wouldn't be able to fight cancer with radiotherapy if we ______ about the powers of radium. (not know)
- 8 If The Beatles got together today,
 _____ as successful?

(they still / be)

Name the conditionals in sentences 1–8 in exercise 5.

⊕ Grammar practice

Vocabulary and Speaking

7 Use the nouns in the box to talk about the qualities of two people that you admire.

affection aggression bravery compassion intelligence joy sympathy trust

One person I admire is my mom.

The qualities I'd say she has are affection, compassion, and sympathy because ...

Vocabulary practice



Vocabulary and Listening

1 Put the expressions in the box with the correct verb in the table.

a ball a good nose for an eye for an open mind it easy it from me no idea note of your breath away your mind off

have	take

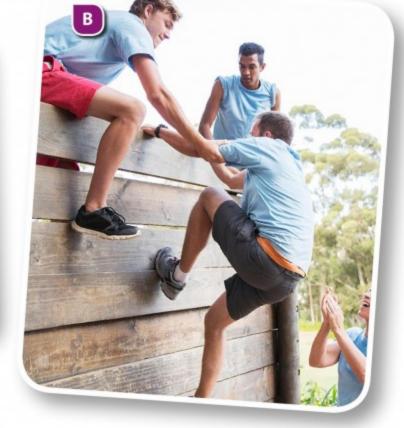
2	Complete the sentences with expressions from
	exercise 1 in the correct form.

e	tercise i in the correct io	rm.
1	I have	what time the concert
	starts. I'll check the tickets	
2	We're going to relax this w	eekend and take
3	Ethan had	at the summer
	camp – he loved it!	
4	My first view of the island	from the plane was
	incredible – it took	<u> </u>
5	Madison has	and she's always
	happy to try new things.	
6	We're going to the movies	to try to take

our exams for a while.

♦ Vocabulary practic	е
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C	

3 1.02 Listen to a conversation between two friends, Grace and Logan. Match the opinions in the box to pictures A-C.

matches her interests	
nothing new	
too expensive	

- 4 1.02 Listen again. Answer the questions.
- 1 Whose birthday is it?
- 2 How much is the skydiving group price for each person?
- 3 What three things does the party bus have?
- 4 Why does the bus stop?
- 5 When did one of Eva's best friends e-mail Logan?
- 6 What does Eva currently enjoy doing?
- 7 Who went on a military assault course recently?
- 8 What is there at the end of the military assault course?

Grammar

Present perfect simple and continuous

- 5 Read the sentences from the conversation and answer the questions.
 - A I've been searching the Internet ...
 - **B** My mom and dad have given me a budget ...
 - C ... they've already been on a party bus ...
 - D ... what has she been doing in her free time ...?
 - E She's run in a few 5 k races ...
 - F ... and recently she's been training for a 10 k.
 - 1 Which sentences focus on an action that is unfinished?
 - 2 Which sentences focus on the present result of an action that is finished?
- 6 Choose the correct option.



Hi Emma,

I've ¹(just arrived / been arriving) back from my vacation and I'm already preparing for the new school year. I've ²(shopped / been shopping) all week for books and writing materials, but I haven't ³(found / been finding) everything I need. I've ⁴(bought / been buying) some new running gear so I'm ready for the school track team. I've ⁵(trained / been training) all vacation for next week's tryouts: I hope the new coach will want me on the team!

Anyway, what have you ⁶(done / been doing)? Have you ⁿ(gotten / been getting) home yet, or are you

still at your cousin's place?
Write me and let me know what's 8(happened / been happening) in your life since we last saw

Take care.

each other!

Jacob

Grammar practice

Vocabulary

7 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *get* or *make*.

Don't complain: GET UP AND DO SOMETHING!

The 10 things our readers would like others to do!

1 If you want something to better, don't complain; do something!	7 When someone a mistake and apologizes, we should
2 Everybody can a difference: we shouldn't just hope that politicians will do a good job.	appreciate their honesty rather than criticize them. The world would be a better place if more people took responsibility for their actions.
3 People should an effort to talk quietly when they talk on their cell phone in public.	8 After a walk in the park, I the feeling that pet owners need to learn how to clean up after their dogs!
4 If more people involved with volunteering, society would work better.	9 School kids should the most of their education.
We can things done if people take part and don't just sit at home.	10 You should a person's permission before you upload their
6 You don't a good impression on people just by wearing brands: it's what you say and do that's important!	picture to the Internet.

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Vocabulary practice

Speaking

8 Read the Speaking strategy. In pairs, give your opinions on three of the topics in exercise 7.

Speaking strategy

Making yourself clear

When we explain our opinions, we often want to clarify what we have said, or explain it further. To do this, we can use phrases like:

I mean, ... / What I mean is ... What I'm getting at is that ... By (...), I'm referring to ...

I think you're giving free publicity to companies by wearing brands. I mean, everybody can see the brand name you're wearing, so in a way you become a walking ad for that company.

Writing

9 Write a paragraph about a rule you were told as a child, but later discovered most adults don't follow. What was the rule? Use the ideas in the box to help you.

don't cheat don't curse don't jaywalk don't lie don't sniff; use a handkerchief don't watch TV while you eat eat everything on your plate hold the door open for others say *please* and *thank you*

Vocabulary and Listening 1 Write the correct preposition in the box next to the verb.

)
7 interested
3 participate
prepare _
specialize .
succeed _

Vocabulary practice

2 1.03 Listen to a conversation between Olivia and Ewan. Which six verb and preposition combinations from exercise 1 do they use?

1	4	
2	5	
3	6	

3	1.03	Listen again. Answer the questions.
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1	What	will	Ewan	be	doing	on	Th	an	ksg	ΙV	ng	!

2	What will	Olivia	be	doing	on	vacations	and	weekends?	
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3	What wil	l Ewan	and	Olivia	have	done	by July	y 4?

What won't Olivia	have d	done by	Christmas?

Language point

Future continuous and future perfect

I'll be eating dinner with my family on Thanksgiving.

I'm looking forward to July 4, when we'll have finished school.

We use the future continuous for actions that will be happening at a certain time in the future. We use the future perfect for actions that will be completed by a certain time in the future.

Language practice

4 1.04 DICTATION Listen and write the six sentences that you hear. Listen again and practice saying them.

Speaking



All in the mind

In this unit, we

- discuss how our brains work
- search online for information
- write a report

Warm-up

Vocabulary

- ♣ Vocabulary presentation
- Look at the pictures of different countries. How happy do you think the people from these countries are? Put the countries in order, from happiest to least happy.
- Read descriptions 1–5. Then match them to pictures A-E.
 - 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 ___
- 3 Use the bold adjectives to write a short description of your country and its levels of happiness. Read your description to a partner and then discuss whether you think your partner's description is accurate.
- Vocabulary practice
- Watch the video.
 - Warm-up video





A Australia



Famed for its beautiful scenery, snowy winters, and laidback lifestyle, this country has one of the longest life expectancies in the world. It's a place where friendliness and diversity are valued characteristics. This country has become known as a sanctuary for exasperated immigrants, eager to escape miserable economic conditions at home.

There is certainly plenty of space for new arrivals!

- This country has a system of social services that makes most other countries envious. The gap between the rich and most vulnerable members of society is one of the smallest in the world. People also often live into their eighties and enjoy fulfilled lives.
- This is the most peaceful nation on earth, but inhabitants sometimes have to deal with the violence of nature. Houses and farms close to two volcanoes have recently been devastated by eruptions. If the weather was warmer, billionaires would be thrilled to live here because residents pay very low taxes.



- A flat country where everybody seems to travel by bicycle. Around 50 percent of the inhabitants work fewer than 36 hours a week, and they spend their free time enjoying nature and outside activities. It's a content nation!
- Residents of this country are generally perceived as upbeat because of the lifestyle that the excellent climate allows them to enjoy. People generally seem very friendly. However, in the past, the original inhabitants of the country weren't treated very well by the new arrivals. Some people are ashamed by the way their culture treated the original inhabitants.







Stative and dynamic verbs

Reading and Vocabulary

	1.05 Read and listen to the article. Match headings 1–6 paragraphs A–E. There is one extra heading.
1	The reality of life 4 What influences happiness?
	How to be happier 5 An unsuccessful experiment
	Rate your happiness 6 Why scientists want to know
	ead the article again and answer the questions.
1	Why are scientists now interested in knowing more about how happy people are?
2	How are we able to affect our own levels of happiness?
3	What are the consequences of faking a smile?
4	What conclusion can we arrive at thanks to a famous experiment?
5	What does the last paragraph suggest about life?
	omplete the text with the correct form of the highlighted words
	the article.
	hen psychologists do ¹ to find out what makes people appy, they use ² to ask questions. This is the only way t
	st their ³ because happiness is a personal experience.
	ne next stage is ⁴ of the ⁵ the psycholog
	eve collected. This allows them to look for patterns in the answers and
	raw conclusions. One such conclusion is that there is clear

Vocabulary practice

Grammar Stative and dynamic verbs

Grammar presentation

- 4 Read the rules. Then add the base forms of the blue verbs in the article to the table.
 - 1 Dynamic verbs describe actions. They can be used in both the simple and continuous form.
 - 2 Stative verbs describe states. We use them in the simple form and almost never in the continuous form.

Dynamic verbs	Stative verbs
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Recycle <

They believe that he is lying.

Miguel hates running.

I've owned a cell phone for three years.

This soup tastes really good!

Most stative verbs can be put into one of four categories: verbs of thinking and perception, verbs of feelings, verbs of being and having, and verbs of the senses.

A HOME

Don't worry, be happy!

How are you feeling today, taking into account that the summer vacation is over and you are back at school? If you were doing a survey on your current level of happiness, what score would you choose on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 5 representing "miserable" and 10 "very happy"?

Until recently, scientists hadn't been very eager to carry out analyses of people's state of happiness, but that is changing. Why? Well, there are two reasons. Firstly, data from research into the use of technology shows that

- o it increases stress, anxiety, and loneliness. We have more and more electronic devices, but the more we use them, the less likely we are to feel happy in our daily lives, and for a world in which technology is becoming extremely important, that is not good news. Secondly, a review of more than 160 studies
- 5 has found clear evidence that upbeat people enjoy better health and live longer than unhappy people: nine years longer

But what happens if you are not a permanently happy type of person? What if you possess a more pessimistic outlook? 20 Psychologists now advance the theory that our happiness depends on three things: our genes (50%), our daily activities and thoughts (40%), and our environment (10%). Conclusion: we can make choices about what we do and think; therefore, we can influence how happy we are. The question is: how?

Psychologists think there are various ways in which we can make ourselves happier. Their first suggestion is to fake it. The department of psychology at Lund University in Sweden believes that a false smile can change our mood. When we

5 Complete the sentences with the correct simple or continuous form of the verbs in parentheses.

1	When I feel sad, I	to eat
2	chocolate. (want) The world's population	rapidly.
_	(increase)	rapidiy.
3	My baby nephew	too
	grown-up! (become)	
4	They	their project all day!
	(write)	
5	My dad	his first day at school.
	(not remember)	
6	Amv	that aliens exist! (believe)



force ourselves to smile, our bodies release the same natural 30 chemicals that real smiles produce and our false smile soon becomes real, and has the same positive emotions. We also feel happier when we see smiles on other people's faces, whether they are false or real. Maybe that's why we feel better when we are regularly seeing someone who is happy. Psychologists think 35 that people who are having a good time influence those around them positively. Another suggestion is to do something nice for others. A famous experiment involved psychology students who

they helped others. Helping others made the students feel 40 much happier and continued to produce positive feelings when they looked back and remembered what they had done months after the event.

participated in a pleasant activity and then in an activity where

Of course, although we all want to be happy, we all know that life is not just about being content. Feeling exasperated by 45 our failures, vulnerable to dangers, and devastated by the loss of friends and family is also part of the human experience. However, although genes and experiences affect our happiness, when we are thinking about what to do about something, we can make

choices that will have positive or negative effects. If we make the 50 right choices, then we should find that when answering surveys about our levels of contentment, we are soon writing numbers closer to ten than to zero.

Happiness

6	Some verbs can be both stative and dynamic but with
	different meanings. Match the verbs in the underlined
	sentences in the text to definitions 1-6.

1 to believe or have an opinion about somet	hing
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2	to	conside	er so	met	nino
_	w	COLISION	CI 30	HICH	IIII

- 3 to become aware of something by using your eyes
- 4 to spend time with someone
- 5 to own or possess
- 6 (part of an expression) to enjoy yourself

7 Choose the correct option.

- 1 My sister has been seeing / seen her boyfriend for a year.
- 2 | am thinking / think this is Amy's cell phone.
- 3 Jessica is having / has a very slow Internet connection at home.
- 4 What is Raul thinking / does Raul think of studying at college next year?
- 5 Alice is having / has a great time in New York City and she doesn't want to come back!
- 6 | am seeing / see a lot of my friends when I go to
- 8 Complete the text with the correct simple or continuous form of the verbs in the box.

depend have (x3) see think (x2) want

HOME

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Wealth and happiness

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	Wealthy people are generally happier than the less well off.
	However, although it helps to 1 money, our
	happiness also ² on a lot of other factors.
	Professor Howell at San Francisco State University says that
	when people ³ about what to spend money on,
	as a gift to themselves or others, they should choose experiences,
	not material goods. Psychologists 4 that when
	we are doing an enjoyable activity and ⁵ a good
	time, we are creating long-term, happy memories. With expensive
	products, the feel-good effect soon disappears, so although we still
	6 them, we don't appreciate them anymore. So
	what can a rich person who 7 to be happier do?
	According to the psychologists, he or she should give some money
	away and 8 how it makes a positive difference in
	other people's lives!

Grammar practice

Language in action

Write a list of things that make you happy using the words in the box or your own words. Then write a paragraph about an activity that you recently did that made you happy. Which of your verbs are stative, dynamic, or both?

a pet a vacation dancing family occasions meeting friends passing a test going shopping sports volunteering

I feel the best occasions are when we are with our family or friends. At my sister's wedding a few months ago, we really had a good time. The best moment was when my dad ...

10 Compare your list and paragraph with your partner. Do similar things make you happy?

Vocabulary and Listening

♣ Vocabulary presentation

Complete words 1-12 in the podcast guide with the prefixes in the box.

mis- over- re- under

2 Answer the questions with the prefixes in exercise 1.

W	hich prefix means ?
1	not do something sufficiently
2	do something again, maybe in a different way
3	do something too much
4	do something wrongly or badly

- ♣ Vocabulary practice
- Listening preparation
- 3 1.06 Listen to the podcast and correct the factual mistakes in the podcast guide. There are two mistakes in each track.

Track one:	
Track two:	
Track three:	

4 1.06 Listen again. Choose the correct option.

- 1 Where did Sara González most likely misplace her car keys?
- A at home
- B at the studio
- C at her sister's apartment
- 2 How should we think of our search for a missing item?
 - A It's an investigation.
- **B** It's an experiment.
- C It's a competition.
- 3 How did they discover that the courtroom evidence was wrong?
- A The witnesses changed their minds.
- **B** Thanks to new scientific understanding.
- C They arrested the real criminals.
- 4 What does Nancy Weber suggest about Nima's reaction to meeting his first girlfriend?
- A He regrets meeting her.
- B It had a big effect on him.
- C It was a short relationship.
- Read the Learn it! box and translate the sentences into your language.

Learn it!

Common error

You remember a person or a place. You also remember doing a past action and you remember to do a future action.

You remind someone to do something. Something can remind you of someone or something else.

- 1 Do you remember that great cafe on West Avenue?
- 2 Do you remember losing your cell phone?
- 3 Please remember to bring that book tomorrow.
- 4 Remind Ava to call her sister.
- 5 My teacher reminds me of that actor.

This brain of ours from RDLA

THIS WEEK 324: Jog my memory

Three very different stories about how our memories work ... and sometimes don't!



rack one. Lost property	rack one: I	Lost property
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We often 1	place things because	we ² loa	ad our
brains with infor	nation. If you lose someth	ing, don't ³	do
the searching. It	s better to stop and 4	create wha	t you
were doing when	you lost the item. Also re	mind yourself of	what
you were talking	about, because the conte	ext helps. Follow	these
tips and the obje	ect will soon 5ap	pear!	

Track two: Mistaken identity

Over 100 defendants who went to	o prison becaus	se of evidence
given by witnesses have had thei	r cases ⁶	considered. It
seems that the witnesses had uni	intentionally 7 $_$	informed
the courts because they 8	interpreted e	vents when
remembering the crimes. Lawyers	s say our memo	ories don't work like
video recordings.		

Track three: A perfect memory

Nima has had Highly Superior Autobiographical Memory (HSAM)
since he met his first girlfriend fifteen months ago. He remembers
past events in great detail. People tend to ⁹ rate HSAM,
10 estimating the problems it can cause. It helped Nima
with his job, but people with HSAM often 11 achieve. Nima
says HSAM 12mines his confidence quite often because h
is unable to forget embarrassing or difficult times from the past.

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Memories

Grammar Simple vs. continuous forms

Grammar presentation

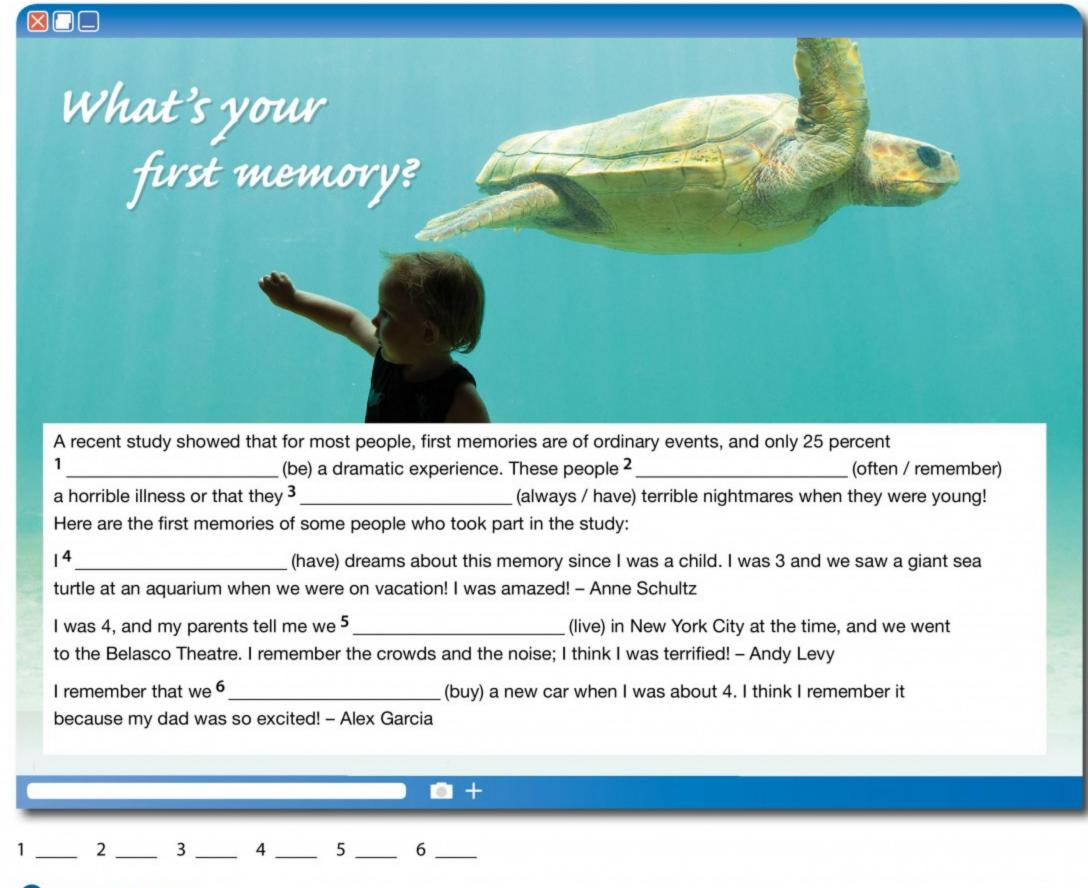
Read the sentences from the podcast. Name the underlined tense in each sentence. Then answer the questions below.

1	I was staying overnight at my sister's apartment
2	<u>I'm always forgetting</u> where I leave things
3	We often misplace things
4	they had simply misinterpreted what they had seen.
5	Psychologists who have been studying memory for years
6	Sufferers of HSAM remember events from their past in extraordinary detail
W	hich sentence talks about ?
Α	repeated actions, habits, or routines
В	a completed action
C	a fact or something permanent
D	annoying habitual behavior
E	something in progress and not complete
F	a temporary situation

7 Choose the correct option.

- 1 Hailey lives / is living on Lynford Road. She has lived there for a long time.
- 2 Mason stays / is staying over at a friend's house this evening.
- 3 I read / was reading an article about mistaken witness accounts when Chloe called.
- 4 My mom and dad always went / were always going to the movies on the weekends.
- 5 I don't think Jordan is a very happy person, because he frowns / is always frowning.

8 Complete the article with the correct simple or continuous form of the verbs in parentheses. Then match each one to a rule (A-F) in exercise 6.



Grammar practice

Language in action

- 9 Think of your first memories and talk about two or three of them. Use exercise 8 as a model.
 - · Where were you?
- What were you doing?
- Who were you with?
 What happened?

My first memory is of kindergarten. I was sitting with some other kids and we were drawing. Then ...

Focus on ... science

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Developing technology

Reading and Vocabulary

1 1.07 Read and listen to the text. Why are the numbers in the box important?

700	
5,800	
11 th	
10 percent	
30	
2,300	

- Read the text again. Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.
 - 1 MIT students now ...
 - A continue to work for the university once they graduate.
 - B have skills in other areas as well as in technology.
 - C take six years to study a degree.
 - D have the same image as in the past.
 - 2 Successful MIT candidates ...
 - A are able to collaborate with others.
 - **B** find the beginning of their degree courses easy.
 - C account for just one in four of MIT's applicants.
 - D are obligated to work at the university in the summer.
 - 3 The MIT Lab encourages ...
 - A the development of technology that replaces human labor.
 - B the creation of important new inventions.
 - C students studying the same subjects to work together.
 - D students to work on projects that just benefit the U.S.
 - 4 MIT is a world leader ...
 - A because all courses at the university are free.
 - **B** in teaching high school students.
 - **C** in different types of education.
 - **D** in offering educational material on the Internet at no charge.

Reading extension



The Latin motto of MIT is *Mens et manus*. What does it mean in English? Do you think it is a good motto for the university?

Bootcamp for the brain

MIT

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A new type of MIT student

Until recently, an MIT student was seen as a computer nerd whose idea of fun was staying up late at night, studying equations and figuring out how to write

computer code. Not anymore. Today's MIT students are still tech savvy, but they have added business skills to their impressive talents in engineering, science, and technology. Last year, MIT students came up with nearly 700 inventions – inventions that they can then go

and sell. In fact, over a six-year period, MIT graduates started more than 5,800 companies. According to one study, companies created by former MIT students earn \$2 trillion every year – the equivalent of the 11th-biggest economy in the world.

20 Making it as an MIT student

Naturally, you need excellent high school grades to be accepted into an undergraduate program at MIT. Most years, fewer than 10 percent of the 18,000

applicants receive an offer. However,
MIT doesn't accept candidates just on
their smarts. They are looking for people
with initiative, intellectual curiosity, and who can
work as a team. Of course, being accepted is just the

beginning. The workload is demanding, and from the first week, students have writing assignments, sets of problems, and presentations to do. If students don't want to fall behind, they have to learn to get on with their work from day one. Despite the pressures, MIT students

are generally enthusiastic about their studies and eager to learn. While most university campuses are empty in the summer, the MIT buildings are full of life, with students working voluntarily on numerous projects.

The idea factory

For the last 30 years, the MIT Lab has promoted the development of new technologies that have created the high-tech world we live in today. GPS navigation systems for cars, touchscreens for smartphones and computers, e-ink for e-book readers, and robotic arms

and legs that substitute for human arms and legs are just some of the innovations that have been invented in the Lab. Students from a wide variety of subject areas work in teams to share their know-how and carry out research together. Much of the work focuses on the

interaction between technology and humans, and on bringing technology to the developing world through projects such as One Laptop per Child.



Critical thinking

MIT is not just a world leader in the classroom; it is also a world leader in providing free online courses. MIT OpenCourseWare offers

more than 2,300 courses from MIT departments and degree programs, and many of these courses provide video lectures, online course materials,

and exercises. There is also a page aimed at high school students and teachers, which has instructional material for use in the classroom or for self-study. So why not check it out and give your science and technology homework the edge before you hand it in?

3 Choose the correct option to complete the definitions of the highlighted words in the text.

If you ...

1 are a nerd, you are

A a university student. B interested in technology.

2 are savvy, you

A have knowledge or understanding of something.

B are good at math.

3 have smarts, you are

A successful. B intelligent.

4 have know-how, you know

A what something is. B how to do something.

5 have the edge, you have

A an advantage. B a problem.

Vocabulary practice

4 1.08 Listen and repeat the sentences. Now look at the words that are connected with a . When do we normally connect the words?

Say it!

Connected speech 1

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- 2 Who can work as a team.
- 3 Get on with their work.
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Word builder Phrasal verbs and studying

5 Find the blue phrasal verbs in the text. Write the correct prepositions next to the verbs below.

1	behind	in	on	out (x3)	up with		
1	carry			_		5 figure	
2	check					6 get	
3	come			_		7 hand	
4	fall						

6 Replace the underlined words with the correct form of the phrasal verbs in exercise 5. There is sometimes more than one possible answer.

1	We have to give the assignments to the teacher
	on Friday.

- 2 I was sick last week and I've <u>failed to do the work we</u> had to do.
- 3 Let's have a quick coffee break and then we'll <u>continue</u> with our work.
- 4 We are <u>doing</u> a survey on people's experiences with technology.
- 5 Kevin has thought of a new idea for the problems we were having with the experiment.
- 6 Mia spent a long time <u>thinking about how to</u> <u>understand</u> the problem, and eventually found a great solution.
- 7 I was <u>looking at</u> these books to see if they would be useful for my course.
- ♣ Vocabulary practice

Language in action

- 7 Give a short talk about a college or other institution that you would like to go to. Say:
 - where it is
 - why you think it's interesting
 - what you would like to do there
- 8 Tell other students about the college or institution that you would like to study at. Explain why it interests you. Ask them questions about the colleges or institutions that they are interested in.



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