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specific in	formation				

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All about you

I'm at university.

What do you do? >

G word order in questions
 V common verb phrases
 P the alphabet

- 1 VOCABULARY & SPEAKING common verb phrases
- **a** Complete the questions in *Getting to know you* with a verb.
- Getting to know you

You and your family

1 Where <u>are</u> you from?

1A

- 2 Where were you born?
- 3 What languages do you _____
- 4 Where do you _____?
- 5 Do you ______ any brothers or sisters?
- 6 Do you _____ any pets?

Your occupation and routine

- 7 What do you _____?
- 8 What time do you _____ up during the week?
- 9 Where do you usually _____ lunch?

b Video Watch five people answer questions from **a**. Write the numbers of the questions they answer.



- 10 What do you usually _____ in the evening?
- 11 What time do you usually ______ to bed?
- 12 Where did you _____ English before?

Your free time

- 13 What kind of music do you _____ to?
- 14 What TV programmes or series do you _____?
- 15 Do you ______ any sport or exercise?
- 16 What kind of books or magazines do you ____?
- 17 How often do you ______ to the cinema?
- 18 What did you _____ last weekend?

- **c** Watch again. Then look at the question numbers and try to remember their answers.
- **d** Have a conversation with a partner. Ask and answer the questions in **a**. Try to 'return' some of your partner's questions.

Where are you from?

I'm from Cuenca, in Spain. And you?

'Returning' a question

When you are having a conversation, you often 'return' questions, for example, ask somebody the same question that they asked you. You can do this by:

- saying And you? or What about you?
- 2 repeating the question, but stressing *you*, e.g.
 - A Where are you from?
 - B I'm from Rome. Where are you from?



word order in questions

- Look at the highlighted phrases in questions 1–6. Task (r) the three current questions. Browler the incorrect questions.
 - Can you play a musical histophenetry?
 - 2 Afters works pour signed
 - 3 falves you at this soluted (and year)
 - 4 Is they a supermaniet cost here?
 - Have you call fee for breakfast?
 - 6. Murrar allely you go for your last holiday'
- B Grannar Bank U. p. n.
- Look at the two propo of questions.
 What are the releasing words in the second constituent.





d Ask different students the first question until somehody says "Neil Then ask the second question. Continue with the other questions.

Do you shink a lot of ray or coffeet me, 1 drink o lat af coffee Now more capt do you shink a dark **2 PRONUNCIATION** the alphabet



ABCO EFGH LINL MINOP QEST UNW XYZ

 Control Look at the sound pictures, what are the sound words and venuel sounda? Watch and check.

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800		1-	-	
	2			

- Add three briters to the shart.
 E. G. J. F. M. D. K. G. S. F.
- 4 213 Linken and check. Mustike saying the Mitters in each croup.
- O Communication Alphalant spire & prior E prior Ank and answer the specificne.

4 LISTENING & SPEAKING

 O M Listen to extracts from six conversations. Write the lotters and numbers you hope.

- b O to how listen to the conversations. Match 1–8 in a to should be A-F.
 - A ituging semathing
 - E E sheating track hated
 - C 37mg 30-pit 64p
 - D giving a student direction
 - E. girleg a slass sama information
 - F answing at a restaurant
- 4. Interview another student and complete the form.
 - where your first name?

Stadent information find caree	pottade
surtane	phone number
address	enul attres

Looking good

G present simple describing people: appearance and personality P final -s / -es

What does she look like?

She has grey hair and green eyes.

1 VOCABULARY describing people

B

1.8 Listen to two people describe a family member. a Which man is Adam? Which woman is Mel? What words did you hear that helped you to identify them? What are Adam and Mel like?



Vocabulary Bank Describing people p.158 b

Video Watch and say which person in the photo is С described, A, B, or C. What are they like?

READING & SPEAKING 2

a Look at the photos of Sarah Harris and Bruno Mars. Then complete the headings with two of the adjectives from the list.

generous gold grey short shy slim

b Work in pairs, A and B. Each read your article. Find the answers to the questions.

A G

В

S

is great!

In the past, some people, especially women, felt bad when their hair started to go grey, and even today some people continue to dye their hair until their 80s or even 90s. But in fact, now grey hair is in fashion for men and women, young and old. One reason for this is film. Some film stars, for example, Meryl Streep and Salma Hayek, look fantastic



editor of British Vogue

with grey hair. Another reason is that during the Covid-19 pandemic, hairdressers were closed, so older people went back to their natural colour, and then realized that it looked good. And now, younger people are also dyeing their hair grey. For them, it's a way of saying that they are independent people who want to look different. Fashion magazine Vogue reports that all over the world they are seeing more and more young men and women at fashion shows who are silver-grey. For people who are naturally grey, there are other advantages of not dyeing your hair. You don't need to go to the hairdresser every two or three months, and you save a lot of money!

is super!

Your height is a biological fact that you can't really change. Many people think it's an advantage to be tall. But is it really? Of course, in some sports like basketball, you need to be tall. If you have long legs you can run faster, and with long arms you can stretch further. But in some sports, being short can be a bonus. Short people often have quicker reactions and are more agile, which is important in, for example, martial arts and gymnastics. Tall people also often have more accidents and are more likely to get injured if they fall. And several studies also show that short people live longer; in one village in Sardinia, the very tall people live for about two years less than their shorter neighbours. Of course, there are always exceptions, but in the end, it's not how tall or short you are that matters, it's how you live Bruno Mars, your life.

- **A** 1 What did many older women do when their hair went grey?
 - 2 What are the two reasons why grey hair is more popular now?
 - 3 Why are young people dyeing their hair grey?
 - 4 What have Vogue journalists noticed?
 - 5 What are the advantages of stopping dyeing your hair?
- **B** 1 In which sport is it an advantage to be tall? Why?
 - 2 In which sports is it an advantage to be short? Why?
 - 3 What examples does the article give of a disadvantage of being tall?
 - 4 What are the health advantages of being short?
 - What does the article say is what really matters? 5
- c Tell your partner about your article. Use the answers to your questions to help you.
- Did either of the articles surprise you? Describe d someone you know who you think looks good.



Adapted from the BBC website

3 GRAMMAR present simple

a Complete the chart.

	I / you / we / they	he / she / it
+	I have grey hair.	My mother grey hair.
-	I don't mind being bald.	My brother being bald.
?	you like being tall?	your sister like being tall?

- **b** Tick (\checkmark) the correct sentences. Then check in article B.
 - a Short people often have quicker reactions.
 - b Short people have often quicker reactions.
 - a There always are exceptions. 2
 - b There are always exceptions.
- c G Grammar Bank 1B p.134

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4 PRONUNCIATION

final -s / -es

Video Watch and repeat the sounds and sentences.



She looks quite serious. He likes all sports.



He has long arms and legs. She's tall, with blue eyes.

5 LISTENING



In The Guardian newspaper 'Blind Date' feature, two strangers who are looking for a relationship meet at a restaurant. Then they report how it went, and give a score out of 10. Jemma, 31, a gardener, met Pietro, 25, a PhD student.

- **a** Look at the photo and describe the people.
- **b** Read about Jemma and Pietro. What is a blind date? Do you think they are going to get on?
- **c** ① 1.14 Listen to them describe the date. What score do you think they gave?

Pietro 📕 /10 Jemma 🗕 /10

- d Listen again and circle the adjectives that Jemma uses to describe Pietro, and that Pietro uses to describe Jemma.

Jemma about Pietro

clever extrovert funny hard-working interesting kind polite talkative well-dressed

Pietro about Jemma

adventurous friendly generous interesting polite serious shy talkative young

e 🕦 1.15 Now listen and check your answer to c. Have you ever been on a blind date? Would you like to?

/IZ/

She uses reading glasses. He watches a lot of football matches.

Pronunciation of final -s / -es: verbs and nouns

The final -s is pronounced /s/ or /z/. The difference is quite small.

The final -es is pronounced /IZ after ch, c, g, *sh*, *s*, *z*, and *x*.

b 1.13 How do you say the *he / she / it* form of these verbs and the plural of these nouns? Listen and check.

choose cook go live stop teach verbs book boy class friend language nouns shop

6 SPEAKING

a Think of somebody you know well who would like to meet new people. Look at the list and make notes about him / her.

name age job appearance personality + / - likes / doesn't like

b Work in pairs. **A** describe your person to **B**. **B** listen and ask for more information. Do you know anybody who would be a good friend for A's person? Then change roles.

His name's Mario, and he's about 30 years old.

- **7 WRITING** a personal profile
 - Writing Bank 1 p.115 Write your personal profile.

Remakes



What's the woman doing?

She's pouring milk into a bowl.

1 VOCABULARY clothes

- a Look at the painting and a 'remake' photo. Do you think the photo is a good remake? Why (not)?
- **b** What are the people in the painting and photo wearing? Match the clothes to the pictures. Write **W** for the woman and **M** for the man.
 - 1 📃 a blue apron

1C

- 2 📃 blue trousers
- 3 📃 a brown skirt
- 4 📃 a yellow and green blouse
- 5 📃 a yellow T-shirt
- 6 📃 a white cap
- c 🛛 Vocabulary Bank Things you wear p.159
- d Video Watch and try to remember three things that each person is wearing.
- 2 PRONUNCIATION /ə/ and /3x/

a Video Watch and repeat the sounds and words. Which sound is only in unstressed syllables?



computer <u>swea</u>ter <u>car</u>digan bracelet necklace



The Milkmaid by Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer



b Under<u>line</u> the stressed syllable in the multi-syllable words below. Which sound do the pink letters have, 1 or 2?



- c 🕦 1.17 Listen and check.
- **d** Ask and answer the questions with a partner. What clothes do you usually wear...?
 - for work / university / school
 - when you go out at night
 - when you want to relax at the weekend
 - for a special occasion

3 GRAMMAR present continuous

- a Look at some sentences about the painting and the photo. Complete them with He's, She's, or They're.
 - _____ wearing yellow and blue clothes.
 - 2 _____ wearing a cap.

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- 3 _____ pouring milk from a bottle.
- 4 _____ pouring milk from a jug.
- 5 _____ looking at the milk.
- 6 ______ standing near a window.
- **b** Circle the correct form of the verb, present continuous or present simple.
 - 1 In the photo the man *isn't wearing / doesn't wear* a cap.
 - 2 People often wear / are wearing aprons in the kitchen.
 - 3 **A** What do you do / are you doing now?
 - B I do / I'm doing an exercise.
 - 4 A What does your sister do / is your sister doing?
 - **B** She's a teacher.
- **G Grammar Bank 1**C p.134



Remake of *The Milkmaid* by Justine Rioufrait

4 LISTENING

- **a** You're going to listen to an art expert talking about Vermeer and *The Milkmaid*. Look at the painting again. With a partner, try to answer the questions.
 - 1 What century did Vermeer live in? a 15th b 17th c 19th
 - 2 Where was he from?

5 VOCABULARY prepositions of place

a Look at the photo again. Complete the sentences with a word or phrase from the list.

above behind between $\frac{1}{100}$ in front of in the corner in the middle of next to on the left of on (x2) under

- 1 The young man is in the kitchen.
- 2 There's a table _____ him.
- 3 _____ the table there are some eggs, some bread, and some strawberries.
- 4 The bread is _____ the table. It's _____ the eggs and the strawberries.
- 5 There's a board _____ the bread.
- 6 _____ the man, there's an old washing machine.
- 7 There's a window _____ the photo.
- 8 _____ of the room there's a sink and some cleaning products.
- 9 There's a flower _____ the wall _____ the sink.
- 10 The sink is _____ the window.
- **b** ① 1.21 Listen and check. Then look at the Vermeer painting again. Say where the woman and things are.

6 SPEAKING

- a Video Watch American Gothic remake. Then remember three things that are the same and three things that are different in the two photos.
- **b** Complete the sentences about



- a Holland b Germany c Russia
- 3 What kind of things did he usually paint? a everyday scenes b rich people c nature
- 4 What is the milkmaid probably making? a butter b bread c a pudding
- 5 How many of Vermeer's paintings exist today? a 4 b 34 c 304
- 6 Why was the painting expensive to make?
 - a Because it's very big.
 - b Because the paints cost a lot.
 - c Because he rented an expensive studio.
- **b 1.20** Listen and check your answers.
- c Listen again and make notes about 1-6.
 - 1 Delft It's a city in Holland. Vermeer was from there.
 - 2 light coming through windows
 - 3 his wife, his daughter, and his servant
 - 4 Girl with a Pearl Earring
 - 5 the milkmaid's apron
 - 6 175 Dutch guilders

- the remake.
 - 1 On the right of the photo, _____ a man.
 - 2 He _____ jeans.
 - 3 He ______a a garden fork in his hand.
 - 4 In the background, you _____ the city.



- **c Communication** Remakes **A** *p.104* **B** *p.110* Describe two more paintings and remakes.
- d In small groups, ask and answer the questions.
 - Which of the remakes in this lesson do you think is the best? Why?
 - Have you ever done a remake? Would you like to try? Which painting would you choose?
 - What pictures or posters do you have on the wall in your bedroom or living room?
 - Do you have any favourite painters or paintings? Who or what are they? Why do you like them?

A visit from the USA

THE STORY SO FAR

OF

YOU

PICTURES

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Video Watch *The story* so *far*. What do you find out about these people?

Practical English calling Reception









1 SIX MONTHS LATER

- **a** Look at the photos. What are Ben and Izzy doing now?
- **b** Video Watch *Six months later* and check. Who is Emma? What's going to happen in the evening?



2 CALLING RECEPTION

- a Video Watch Calling Reception. Tick (1) the problems she has.
 - The room is very cold.
 - The air conditioning isn't working.
 - There aren't any towels.
 - She can't connect to the wi-fi.
 - There isn't any hot water.



- Watch again. Mark the sentences T (true) or
 F (false). Correct the F sentences.
 - 1 Emma is staying with Ben.
 - 2 She's Ben's twin sister.
 - 3 Carla asks Ben if he is nervous.
 - 4 Ben thinks Emma and Izzy are very similar.
 - 5 At first, Izzy doesn't accept Max's invitation to go for a drink.
 - 6 Izzy decides to go because the Managing Director is going.

b Watch again. Complete the **You hear** phrases.

You hear	You say		
Conversation 1			
Hello, Reception.	Hello, this is room 13.		
How can I ¹ you?	There's a problem with the air conditioning. It isn't working and it's very hot in my room.		
I'm sorry. I'll ² somebody up to ³ at it right now.			
Conversation 2			
Good ⁴ , Reception.	Hello. I'm sorry to bother you again. This is room 13.		
How can I help?	I have another problem. I can't connect to the wi-fi.		
I'm sorry. I'll ⁵ you through to my colleague. She can help you.	Thank you very much.		

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Video Watch and repeat the **You say** phrases. <u>Copy</u> the <u>rhy</u>thm. Then practise the conversations with a partner.

Offers with I'll

I'll = I will. We use I'll + verb to offer to
do something.

A There's a problem with the air conditioning.B I'll send somebody up to look at it.

3 IZZY AND EMMA MEET

- Look at the photo.
 Do you think the meeting between
 Emma and Izzy was
 a success? Why (not)?
- b Video Watch Izzy and Emma meet and check. Was it a success? Why (not)?



Watch again. Who says these things and who to?
 Write B (Ben), E (Emma), or I (Izzy).

1	'Are you eating enough?'	to
2	'Right now, I'm working on a really big project.'	to
3	'Wow, that's a really cool jacket!'	to
4	'Are you going to come with us?'	to
5	'I booked a table for three.'	to
6	'Everyone is going.'	to
7	'It's just you and me, then.'	to
8	'But you just got here.'	to

4 SOCIAL ENGLISH

a Match a phrase from **A** with a response in **B**.

Α	В	
1 Are you free to go for a drink this evening?	It's great.	
2 It's nice to meet you.	But you just got here.	
3 How's the photography course going?	It's nice to meet you, too.	
4 I've heard a lot about you.	Oh. I'm sorry, I can't.	
5 Actually, I need to go now.	Me too.	

- **d ROLE-PLAY** Work in pairs. Have conversations. Then change roles.
 - A You are the receptionist. B is a guest at the hotel. B calls you. Begin: Good morning, Reception. Can I help you?
 - B You are a guest (give your room number). Use your first name and surname. You have a problem in your room – explain your problem.
 - **A** Offer to do something about **B**'s problem.



- Video Watch and check.
- **c** In pairs, practise the phrases and responses. Then change roles.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

In pairs, talk about Izzy, Ben, and Emma. Why is the meeting important for Ben? Do you think that Izzy was right to go to the work drink? Do you think that Emma and Izzy are going to get on well?

Lost...and found?

Where did you go for your last holiday? >

I went to Paris with some friends.

1 READING

- **a** Read the title and the introduction to a story on a travel website. Which of the four things do you think is the worst to lose when you're on holiday?
- **b** Read the story sent by a reader. What did Ryan lose? Did he find it?

HOME DESTINATIONS GUIDES STORIES

Q SEARCH

'Passport, tickets, money, phone'

SHOP

It's the mantra we always say to ourselves when we go on holiday to make sure we haven't forgotten anything. But what happens when one of those things is suddenly missing? **Email us your stories or send us an audio file...**



Last year, I went on holiday with a group of friends. One day, we climbed a mountain – well, it wasn't really a climb,

- **c** Read the story again. Then cover it and correct the **bold** information.
 - 1 Ryan went on holiday with his family. Ryan went on holiday with his friends.
 - 2 One day, they went cycling.
 - 3 It took three hours to get to the top of the mountain.
 - 4 They had **a snack** at the top of the mountain.
 - 5 The view wasn't very good.
 - 6 Ryan wanted to take another photo, but he couldn't find **his camera**.
 - 7 He went back up the mountain with **one of his friends**.
 - 8 They spent **an hour** looking for the phone.
 - 9 It started to get warmer.
 - 10 He found his phone in his bag.
 - 11 His friends were **angry** about it.
- **d** Have you ever lost anything important on holiday? What was it? What happened?

2 GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular verbs

a Write the past simple form of these verbs. Are they regular or irregular? Check in Ryan's story.

go		want	
climb		think	
he	/	decide	

but it was a long walk – and it took about two hours to get to the top. When we got there, we had lunch. The view was amazing – we could see the sea in the distance. We took photos and just sat in the sun for a while.

Then we went down again, and when we got back to the car, I wanted to take another photo, but I couldn't find my phone – it wasn't in my bag. I thought, 'Oh no! It's probably at the top of the mountain, where we had lunch.' I couldn't call the phone because it was on 'silent', so I decided the only thing to do was to go back up the mountain to get it, because I didn't want to leave my phone up there. My friends said, 'OK, but you can't go on your own', so in the end we all went up again, which was another two hours.

When we got to the top, we spent about half an hour looking for the phone, but we couldn't find it anywhere. Then it started to get colder – it was now late afternoon – so I took my jacket out of my bag, and...my phone was in my jacket pocket!

I felt terrible, and really stupid! My friends were very nice about it, but they never let me forget it!

Ryan, from Dublin



- **b** Complete the negative verbs. Then check in Ryan's story.
 - 1 It _____ really a climb, but it was a long walk.
 - 2 I wanted to take another photo, but I ______ find my phone.
 - 3 I ______ want to leave my phone up there.
- **c** How do you make and ? in the past simple...?
 - with was / were
 - with could
 - with other verbs

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