

## GRAMMAR

### 1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *can*, *could*, or *be able to*.

Example: We were so hungry we couldn't wait for dinner, so we ordered pizza.

- 1 I \_\_\_\_\_ swim when I was five. My dad taught me.
- 2 We're very sorry but we \_\_\_\_\_ attend the wedding. We'll be on holiday.
- 3 Would you like \_\_\_\_\_ play a musical instrument?
- 4 He opened his present before his birthday because he \_\_\_\_\_ wait!
- 5 After living here for four months, I \_\_\_\_\_ understand a lot of Greek now.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ you lend me a pen, please? I've forgotten mine.
- 7 I've never \_\_\_\_\_ sing well, but my brother has a beautiful voice.
- 8 I \_\_\_\_\_ read this menu without my glasses. Can you read it to me, please?
- 9 We're free tonight, so we'll \_\_\_\_\_ come and help you if you like.
- 10 My sister \_\_\_\_\_ ride a horse since she was four!

### 2 Complete the sentences with *have to*, *don't have to*, *must*, *mustn't*, *should*, or *shouldn't*.

Example: We'll have to leave early tomorrow morning.

- 1 I always \_\_\_\_\_ stand up on the train because there are no seats.
- 2 You really \_\_\_\_\_ eat in class, but I'll let you do it this time.
- 3 Where do you think we \_\_\_\_\_ stay in London? In a hotel or a B&B?
- 4 There's a lot of rubbish in that lake. You \_\_\_\_\_ swim in it!
- 5 You \_\_\_\_\_ pay to get into that museum – it's free.
- 6 We \_\_\_\_\_ leave early in the morning if we want to get home before dark.
- 7 It's a great film. You really \_\_\_\_\_ go and see it.
- 8 Great! It's a holiday tomorrow – we \_\_\_\_\_ go to work.
- 9 You \_\_\_\_\_ drive on the right in Europe (except in the UK).
- 10 Do we \_\_\_\_\_ get up early tomorrow?

## VOCABULARY

### 3 Choose from the pairs of adjectives to complete the sentences.

embarrassed / embarrassing   bored / boring  
frightened / frightening   tired / tiring  
depressed / depressing

Example: The match was really boring. There weren't any goals.

- 1 It was so \_\_\_\_\_ when my mobile rang during the play.
- 2 That's possibly the most \_\_\_\_\_ film I've ever seen. Nothing happened.
- 3 I was very \_\_\_\_\_ when the door suddenly opened on its own.

- 4 It rained every day on my holiday. I couldn't do anything and was so \_\_\_\_\_.  
5 Why is travelling so \_\_\_\_\_ when most of the time you're just sitting down?  
6 I find most horror films too \_\_\_\_\_ so I keep my eyes closed half the time.  
7 I'm not surprised Ian's \_\_\_\_\_! He's just lost his job, and his dog's just died.  
8 She was so \_\_\_\_\_ when she called him by the wrong name!  
9 We're incredibly \_\_\_\_\_. We've spent all day sightseeing in London.  
10 I find it \_\_\_\_\_ that most people don't really care about climate change.

#### 4 Complete the word in the sentences.

Example: I didn't hang **up**. I dropped my mobile and it broke.

- 1 What **scr**\_\_\_\_\_ do you have for the display on your phone?  
2 I like **i**\_\_\_\_\_ messaging. It's quick but you have time to think of a reply.  
3 My phone was on **v**\_\_\_\_\_ mode during the meeting.  
4 Hi, I phoned you but the line was busy. Send me a **m**\_\_\_\_\_ when you're free.  
5 You must **sw**\_\_\_\_\_ off your mobile when you're in a cinema.  
6 I have to go to a meeting now. Can you call me **b**\_\_\_\_\_ in an hour?  
7 Kasia sent you a **t**\_\_\_\_\_ message this morning – didn't you get it?  
8 I'm trying to call Marco, but his line's been **e**\_\_\_\_\_ for half an hour.  
9 Sorry about the noise. My mobile's new and I need to choose a new **r**\_\_\_\_\_.  
10 Sorry, I think I've **d**\_\_\_\_\_ the wrong number.

## READING

### 1 Read the article and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

#### The end of the phone call?

Is the phone call becoming a thing of the past? New research suggests we are now more likely to text or email friends or family than dial their number.

The amount of time we spend talking on our mobile phones has gone down by 5% and by twice that for landline calls, whereas the number of text messages we send has doubled in the last few years.

The reasons for this may, in part, be because so many more people have smartphones, which means we can communicate using social networking, instant messaging, and email instead. In fact, we prefer to use our phones to play games, watch films, and look up information rather than make a phone call and speak to someone!

Whatever the reason, there is no question that we have changed the ways we use the telephone. These days we often feel we shouldn't call someone without making an arrangement to call first. Many people are frustrated if they are disturbed by an unexpected phone call. We want to be able to choose when we reply and we don't want to have to chat when we are busy with something else. Written communication allows us to respond quickly and economically. It also means we can think about what we want to say before we get in touch. Phones can also be noisy in open-plan offices, and many people won't call back if you leave a message on their voicemail. They will email instead.

On the other hand, some psychologists say text and email are less rich and 'colder' because you lose the tone and expression of conversation. Others would disagree and say you don't have to hear someone's voice to have an interesting and intimate conversation.

It isn't surprising that research has found that for the over-65s, phoning friends and family on a landline is still the most popular way of getting in touch. Many of us hearing the phone ring know it is probably our mother! You probably won't be amazed either to learn that the great majority (83%) of adults of all ages said they still prefer to communicate face to face.

Example: Many people text or email \_\_\_\_ they talk on the phone.

A as often as ☐ B less than ☐ C more than ☒

- 1 We are making \_\_\_\_ landline calls these days.  
A 5% fewer ☐ B 10% fewer ☐ C 10% more ☐
- 2 We phone less because we have \_\_\_\_.  
A no time ☐ B other ways to communicate ☐ C fewer friends ☐
- 3 The writer says we use our smartphones for \_\_\_\_.  
A finding things out ☐ B listening to music ☐ C speaking to friends ☐
- 4 When we're \_\_\_\_ we don't like talking on the phone.  
A out ☐ B at home ☐ C busy ☐
- 5 We like to \_\_\_\_ before we reply to something.  
A plan our ideas ☐ B talk to friends ☐ C take a long time ☐
- 6 Some people who receive a phone call prefer to reply by \_\_\_\_.  
A text ☐ B phone ☐ C email ☐
- 7 Psychologists say that a spoken conversation is \_\_\_\_ than a written one.  
A colder ☐ B warmer ☐ C less interesting ☐
- 8 Older people prefer the \_\_\_\_.  
A mobile phone ☐ B landline phone ☐ C written letter ☐
- 9 Most people like making contact \_\_\_\_.  
A in person ☐ B by phone ☐ C by Skype ☐

## 2 Read the article again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

Example: We make 5% fewer mobile calls these days. T

- 1 We are sending twice as many texts. \_\_\_\_
- 2 People are happy to call someone without arranging it first. \_\_\_\_
- 3 We like using our phones to watch movies more than to talk. \_\_\_\_
- 4 We prefer to be surprised by phone calls. \_\_\_\_
- 5 Written communication takes more time. \_\_\_\_
- 6 Everyone agrees that speaking is better than writing. \_\_\_\_

## LISTENING

### 1 Listen to the conversation about playing a musical instrument. Who said the following? Write I (Ian) or K (Kate) or N (Neither).

- 1 I found it difficult to produce sounds when I started. \_\_\_\_
- 2 My teacher wasn't impressed by the sound I made. \_\_\_\_
- 3 I used to play in a band when I was a teenager. \_\_\_\_

- 4 I'm going to join an orchestra. \_\_\_\_
- 5 Some of the musicians I play with are fantastic. \_\_\_\_

**2 Listen to five conversations. Tick (✓) A, B, or C.**

- 1 You should say 'Don't worry' if \_\_\_\_.
- A the other person is apologizing ☐ B the other person hasn't hurt you ☐
- C you walk into someone ☐
- 2 If you're having dinner at someone's house \_\_\_\_.
- A you shouldn't take a present ☐ B you must be punctual ☐
- C you can take a present ☐
- 3 Helen says you don't have to leave a tip \_\_\_\_.
- A at the hairdresser's ☐ B in a taxi ☐ C if it's part of the bill ☐
- 4 Rick \_\_\_\_.
- A wants Janet to ring back ☐ B decides to ring back the next day ☐
- C makes an appointment to see Janet ☐
- 5 Liam hasn't replied to \_\_\_\_.
- A an email ☐ B a Facebook message ☐ C a text ☐