

Lesson 1A

GRAMMAR | narrative tenses

VOCABULARY | describing possessions; materials

PRONUNCIATION | auxiliary verbs: weak forms

VOCABULARY

describing possessions

1 Choose the correct words to complete the texts.

One of my favourite possessions is my travel bag. It's made of soft brown ¹wood / leather and it's about thirty years old. It was a birthday present from my parents. Each time I use it, it reminds me of past journeys and the adventures I had when I was young. It's a bit ²damaged / genuine now and it isn't ³special / worth a lot, but it's very ⁴special / inherited to me.

My favourite item of clothing is a ⁵genuine / worth Mary Quant dress from the 1960s. It ⁶inherited / belonged to my mother and I ⁷inherited / damaged it from her – she was a fashion model in the 1960s and had lots of amazing clothes. It has a bright orange design. I think it's really ⁸leather / cool!

materials

2A Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- The house was at the end of a long drive with large _____ gates.
a iron b rubber c glass
- She was wearing black jeans and a light blue, _____ jacket.
a stone b silver c denim
- I always take my own bag to the supermarket instead of using a _____ one.
a rubber b wood c plastic
- Lin doesn't wear any jewellery apart from a _____ chain his mother gave him.
a rubber b gold c denim
- Chris lives in an old house with beautiful _____ floors.
a stone b iron c rubber
- I bought some new _____ knives last week. They're really sharp.
a steel b leather c diamond

B Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

cotton diamond glass rubber silver wood

- Petra's engagement ring is gold with a big _____.
- This new _____ ball I bought for the dog bounces high.
- Their school uniform is black trousers and a white _____ shirt.
- Our table is made of _____ taken from a local forest.
- His ring is made from _____, not gold.
- The _____ in this window is difficult to see through.

GRAMMAR

narrative tenses

3A The sentences below have a mistake. Choose the best option to correct the mistake.

- Freddie was on his way to the airport when he realised he wasn't bringing his passport.
a didn't bring b brought c hadn't brought
- When I was a student, I work as a waiter in a Greek restaurant.
a had worked b am working c worked
- While I travelled around Mexico, I met my best friend.
a was travelling b am travelling c had travelled
- I getting the bus to work yesterday morning because it was raining heavily.
a had got b got c am getting

B Complete the story with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

A few years ago, I cycled from London to Istanbul! I ¹_____ (just / finish) university and I ²_____ (try) to decide what to do next. I had the idea one evening while I ³_____ (watch) a TV programme about a chef who travelled from Italy to Turkey by boat. I ⁴_____ (never / make) a long journey on my bike before, but I thought a bike trip would be a great way to spend the autumn!

I set off at the end of August and ⁵_____ (arrive) in Istanbul in November. It was an amazing experience – I ⁶_____ (meet) lots of interesting people and saw some fantastic places. My favourite part of the trip was cycling along the River Danube in Austria – it was the most beautiful place I've ever been.

There were challenging parts of the trip, too. Sometimes I felt lonely or bored of camping. One night, while I ⁷_____ (camp) near Budapest, there was an enormous storm and my tent ⁸_____ (blow) away! That was definitely the worst part of the trip.

In November, while I was cycling into Istanbul, I suddenly ⁹_____ (realise) that my trip was almost over and I ¹⁰_____ (not want) it to end.

PRONUNCIATION

4 1.01 | auxiliary verbs: weak forms | Listen and complete each sentence with two words.

- They _____ in Argentina.
- I realised I _____ my passport.
- Eunho _____ around the USA.
- They _____ the film already.
- We _____ in a small flat.
- My sister _____ me the camera.
- She _____ Spanish at university.
- He _____ to Paris three times before.

LISTENING

5A  **1.02** | Listen to the introduction to a radio programme. What is the programme about?

- a Possessions that people have had for a long time.
- b Things that people find hard to throw or give away.
- c Why people shouldn't have too many possessions.

B  **1.03** | Listen to the whole programme. Match the callers (1–3) with the topics (a–f). Some topics match more than one caller.

- a a musical instrument
- b an item of clothing
- c something that was given to them
- d something they got in another country
- e something that is damaged
- f something that makes them think of their friends

C  **1.03** | Listen again. Answer the questions.

- 1 What does Caller 1 say about the band on her T-shirt?
 - a She still enjoys their music.
 - b They're still her favourite band.
 - c She doesn't like their music now.
- 2 Why is it hard for Caller 1 to throw away her T-shirt?
 - a It makes her think about a happy time.
 - b She still wears it a lot.
 - c It is worth a lot of money.
- 3 Where did Caller 2 buy his drum?
 - a in a music shop
 - b at a market
 - c from a university friend
- 4 What does Caller 2 say about the drum?
 - a He plays it all the time.
 - b He repaired it after it broke.
 - c He doesn't know how to play it well.
- 5 Why did Caller 3's husband give her a cat statue?
 - a Because she loves cats.
 - b She doesn't know.
 - c Because she collects statues of animals.
- 6 Why did Caller 3 feel bad about throwing the statue away?
 - a Because it made her husband sad.
 - b Because her husband really liked it.
 - c Because it was a present.

WRITING

an advert to sell an item online

6A Match the items in the adverts (A–D) with the topics below (1–6).

- 1 something that is in almost perfect condition
- 2 something that doesn't cost anything
- 3 something that is in very bad condition
- 4 something that is only a few months old
- 5 something that weighs a lot
- 6 something that is very comfortable

A Three-seater sofa

Large brown leather sofa in good condition. ¹**A few marks, but no tears. Easy to fall asleep on!**

Price: £450

Size: 220 cm x 90 cm

Location: Brighton. Can deliver locally for a small fee.



B Piano

Very old piano (approximately 200 years old).

²**Beautiful dark wood, but damaged and needs some love! Free.**

Collection only from EH16



C Dark red rug

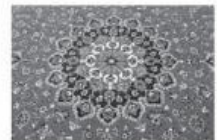
Large cotton rug. Dark red with a flower pattern.

³**Only three months old.**

Size: 200 cm x 300 cm

⁴**Condition: as new**

Price: £120



D Outdoor table and chairs

Solid iron garden furniture. ⁵**Very strong and heavy. Round table and four chairs.**

⁶**Table legs slightly damaged – need repairing.**

Price: £300



B Read the adverts again. Match the descriptions in note form (1–6) with the full sentences (a–f).

- a It is in the same condition as when it was new.
- b The legs are slightly damaged and need some repairs.
- c They are very strong and heavy.
- d It has marks on it, but it doesn't have any tears.
- e It is made from beautiful dark wood, but it is very damaged and needs some love!
- f It is only three months old.

7A Rewrite the descriptions (1–4) in note form by removing between one and four words.

- 1 It is in very good condition.
- 2 The price includes two chairs.
- 3 It is new and in perfect condition.
- 4 This is in used condition. The zip is slightly damaged.

B Choose three or four items that you could sell online. Write short descriptions using note form.