

# Language in Practice

SERENDIPITY

ENGLISH, THE MOST FORTUNATE  
DISCOVERY

OPPORTUNITIES  
English!

Match the phrases to the pictures.










say sorry  
eat fast food  
listen to music  
cook dinner  
go to the cinema  
live in a flat  
drink mineral water  
watch TV  
read a newspaper  
speak German













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- 1) A lot of British people ..... tea.
- 2) It ..... a lot in my country.
- 3) You ..... in a beautiful house.
- 4) The weather ..... quickly in Britain.
- 5) My father .....
- 6) My boyfriend..... glasses.
- 7) People ..... ID cards in Britain.
- 8) We ..... a new computer.
- 9) My English friend..... good coffee.
- 10) I ..... exercise.

Complete the sentences.

- 1) I ..... (not play) tennis.
- 2) They..... (not go) to the cinema.
- 3) She ..... (have) two children.
- 4) Her father..... (not work) in an office.
- 5) It ..... (rain) a lot.
- 6) We ..... (live) in a big flat.
- 7) My girlfriend..... (not speak) English.
- 8) My friends ..... (study) at York University.
- 9) You ..... (not do) your homework.



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Read the text. Match the headings (A - D) to the paragraphs.

- A A nice cheap place to spend a morning
- B Have a nice meal and make new friends
- C Yes we can!
- D Shopping is so easy

## Things I love about the US

**Sarah Araf is British but she lives in Ohio, in the US. Here are some things she loves about living there.**

**1**

In the US, the customer is really important. When you walk into a store, the staff greet you with a smile and ask 'How are you?'. The customer is always right too. If you have a problem with something, you **take it back** and they solve the problem quickly. You don't need to complain. You don't even need to have the receipt.

**2**

I love real American coffee shops. Not chains like Costa and Starbucks, but those old-fashioned places where the waitresses **come** to your table and call you 'honey'. You pay a dollar for coffee, and you can drink as much as you like. You can also **stay** as long as you like. You can sit there all day and read a book for the price of a cup of coffee.

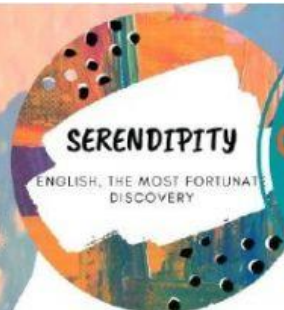
**3**

Eating out here isn't as expensive as in the UK, so we go out quite a lot. People are very friendly here too. When you go to a bar or a restaurant, you often have a conversation with the people at the next table. It's really nice.

**4**

Everyone is so optimistic here! They **believe** that everything is possible if you work hard. If you say 'We can't do that', they say, 'Why not?!'

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Listen to the three speakers talking about Britain. Answer the questions with H (Hannah), A (Anna), or R (Roberta)



Hannah, Korea



Anna, Poland



Roberta, Italy

Who...?

- 1 doesn't like the food
- 2 likes eating food from many different countries
- 3 likes the atmosphere at work
- 4 likes the parks
- 5 thinks the traffic is terrible
- 6 thinks that people are nice to foreigners

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