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Progress Test Files 1–6  
Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation A

American  
**ENGLISH FILE 2**

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

Example: I've never read (read) a book in English.

- 1 Be careful. We \_\_\_\_\_ just \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) that door.
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) your brother at the pool when I was swimming.
- 3 We \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) to Malaysia at 10 o'clock next Tuesday.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (be) to Moscow before?
- 5 My sister \_\_\_\_\_ (study) photography at the moment.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for your bus when I saw you yesterday?
- 7 When they got to Paris, they \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out for a meal.
- 8 I \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) late tomorrow. That's a promise.
- 9 Let's eat Japanese food. I \_\_\_\_\_ never \_\_\_\_\_ (try) it.
- 10 When \_\_\_\_\_ Pavol \_\_\_\_\_ (go) back to Warsaw? Is it tomorrow?

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2 Underline the correct form.

Example: When have you finished / did you finish your work?

- 1 I'm going to / 'll see you at the movie theater at six o'clock.
- 2 What did you do / were you doing for your last vacation?
- 3 My room is more clean / cleaner than my sister's.
- 4 When did he get / has he got back from Russia?
- 5 Katya didn't run enough fast / fast enough to win the race.
- 6 Tai's girlfriend is someone who / which loves dancing.
- 7 That's the most / more difficult question you've ever asked me.
- 8 We've finished our homework, but / so we're going out for a walk.
- 9 Who did you see / saw at the post office?
- 10 Does your brother stay / Is your brother staying with you this weekend?
- 11 Megan always is / is always late to school.
- 12 I was sitting / sat on a bench when the bus arrived.
- 13 Mr. King will meet / is meeting someone at four, but he can see you at three.
- 14 I don't think it'll snow / 's snowing tomorrow.
- 15 We haven't had nothing / anything to eat today – we're really hungry.

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3 Complete the sentences with one word.

Example: Sorry, what did you say? I didn't hear.

- 1 I've \_\_\_\_\_ heard that joke. Kim told it to me yesterday.
- 2 The concert wasn't as good \_\_\_\_\_ the one I saw last week.
- 3 She had a party \_\_\_\_\_ it was her birthday.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ it was raining, we went to the beach for a picnic.
- 5 It was \_\_\_\_\_ worst movie I've ever seen!

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- 6 This hotel is less expensive \_\_\_\_\_ the last one.
- 7 A passenger is someone \_\_\_\_\_ travels on a bus or train.
- 8 We haven't been to the new museum \_\_\_\_\_. What's it like?
- 9 I'm sure she \_\_\_\_\_ call me soon.
- 10 Leo \_\_\_\_\_ the competition. His singing was the best.

READING

- 1 Read the article and check (✓) A, B, or C.

## CouchSurfing – a different kind of travel experience

by Emma Jackson

I love traveling abroad, but two years ago I didn't have much **cash** to spend on my vacation. At first, I was planning to go camping again, but then a friend suggested an **alternative**: CouchSurfing. I had no idea what that was, so she explained. "CouchSurfers" are people who stay as **guests** in other people's homes **for free**, and visit **the sights** in the local area. You can do the things that most tourists do, like sunbathe on the beach or go sightseeing downtown. Or your **host** could give you a language lesson, teach you how to cook local **delicacies**, or take you to places that visitors never find. It sounded much more fun than my other vacations, so I joined the website and sent emails to about twenty hosts in France and Spain **right away**.

A few days later, I already had ten replies. After a week or two of emails, I made arrangements with four hosts in three different cities. I'm really talkative and they seemed very friendly, so I wasn't **concerned** about spending time with strangers. Two weeks later, I was arriving in Paris, and meeting my first host, Claudette.

Over the next ten days, I stayed in four very different homes, **improved** my foreign languages, and made some great new friends. Sometimes the places where I stayed were basic – a sofa to sleep on, or even just a floor, but sometimes they were luxurious – much nicer than the hostels that I usually go to. I think it was probably the cheapest and most interesting vacation I've ever had!

I've done CouchSurfing again twice since then: in Italy, and here in the US. I'll definitely do it again. In fact, I'm going on a trip to South America next year. And I've had five visitors at my place, including Claudette. I've discovered that hosting is as much fun as **exploring** a new place. CouchSurfing is a fantastic experience. Try it sometime!

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Reading and Writing A

Example: Emma started CouchSurfing because she wanted to save money.

A True  B False  C Doesn't say

- 1 It was her first vacation in another country.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 2 Emma's friend was a regular "CouchSurfer."  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 3 "CouchSurfers" can spend time with the homeowners.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 4 Half of the people who Emma emailed didn't reply.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
  
- 5 Two of the people she visited lived in the same city.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 6 Emma went on vacation about a month after joining the website.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 7 Emma is very shy.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 8 Emma had a nice bed to sleep in at all the places where she stayed.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 9 Emma has now had three CouchSurfing vacations.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 10 Claudette was Emma's favorite host.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say

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**WRITING**

Answer these three questions. Write 25–35 words for each question.

- 1 Describe a town or city in your country.
- 2 What plans or arrangements have you made for next weekend?
- 3 Describe a good friend.

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Listening and Speaking A

LISTENING

1 Listen to Claire talking about her favorite photo. Check (✓) A or B.

- 1 The photo is of a 16<sup>th</sup> birthday party.  
A True  B False
- 2 Lisa and Tom were at the party.  
A True  B False
- 3 Claire's mom is popular with Claire's friends.  
A True  B False
- 4 Jamie isn't talkative.  
A True  B False
- 5 Claire has no younger brothers or sisters.  
A True  B False

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2 Listen to five conversations. Match them with places A–E.

- Conversation 1   
Conversation 2   
Conversation 3   
Conversation 4   
Conversation 5

- A at work  
B at an airport  
C at a restaurant  
D at a party  
E in a clothing store

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