

2 The way we live

Present tenses • *have/have got* • Collocation – daily life • Making conversation

These flags all belong to English-speaking countries. Write the name of the country.

1 	2 	3 	The United States Canada Australia New Zealand South Africa Scotland
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PEOPLE AND PLACES

Present tenses and *have/have got*

Read the texts. Match a country from the Starter with a text and a photograph. Complete the texts with the words from the boxes.

a exports enjoy immigrants huge

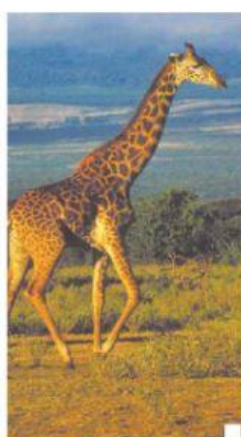
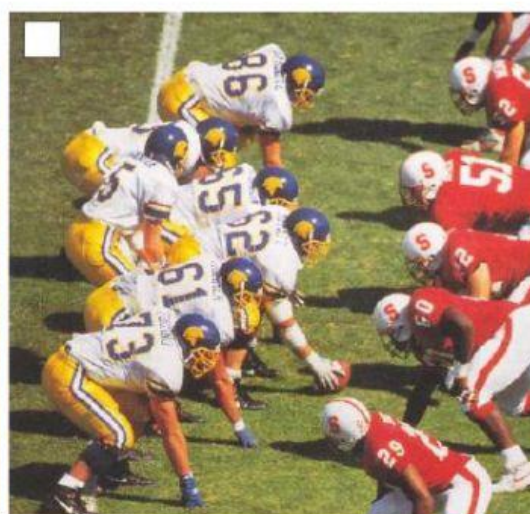
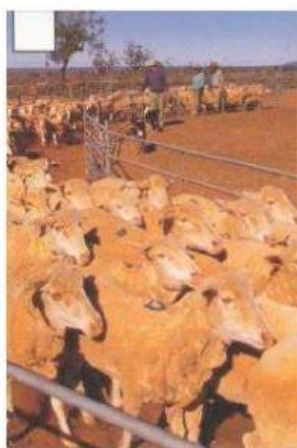
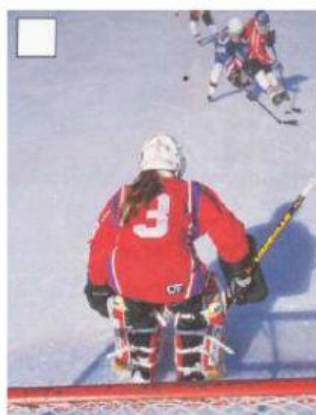
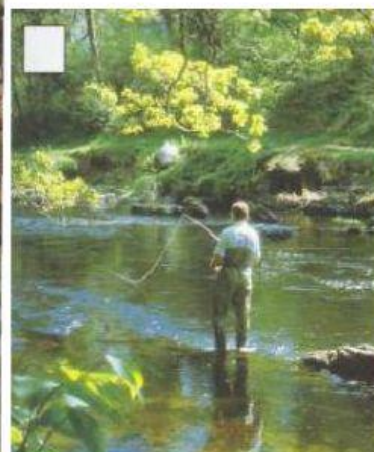
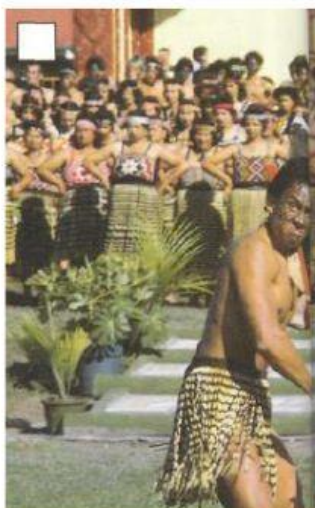
This country has quite a small population, just 16 million, but the country is _____. The people are mainly of European descent, but there are also aborigines and a lot of south-east Asian _____. People live in towns on the coast, not so much inland, because it is so hot. They live a lot of their lives outdoors, and _____ sports, swimming, and having barbecues. This country _____ wine and wool – it has more than 60 million sheep!

b favourite variety has only

This is the second biggest country in the world, but it has a population of _____ 30 million. It is so big that there is a _____ of climates. Most people live in the south because the north is too cold. It is famous for its beautiful mountains and lakes – it _____ more lakes than any other country. Their _____ sports are baseball and ice hockey.

c ☐ elephants grows black climate

This country has a population of about 45 million. Of these, 76 per cent are ☐ and 12 per cent white. It has a warm ☐. Either it never rains, or it rains a lot! It is the world's biggest producer of gold, and it exports diamonds, too. It ☐ a lot of fruit, including oranges, pears, and grapes, and it makes wine. In the game reserves you can see a lot of wildlife, including lions, ☐, zebras, and giraffes.



☐ T2.1 Listen to three people describing the other countries.
Match a country from the Starter with a description and a photograph.

d ☐ e ☐ f ☐

VOCABULARY

Daily life

Match the verbs and nouns

have wash watch talk	a film on TV to my friends my hair breakfast	make listen relax do	to music my homework a cup of tea on the sofa
have clear up do have/put	posters on the wall the mess a shower the washing-up	cook go put on read	magazines a meal make-up to the toilet

Match the activities from exercise 1 with the correct room.

Kitchen

Bathroom

Living room

Bedroom

READING AND SPEAKING

Living in the USA

Think of the United States. Write down the first five things you think of.

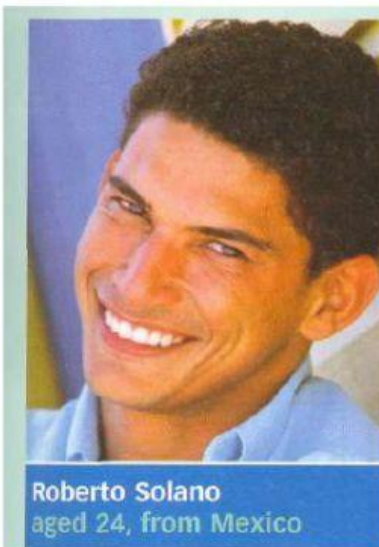
The Empire State Building
Cheeseburger and fries

LIVING IN THE USA

The people of the United States are nearly all immigrants, or descendants of immigrants. It is a young country, and much of the population has relatives who live in other parts of the world.

But how do they find the US when they first arrive? What do they think of the people, the culture, the way of life?

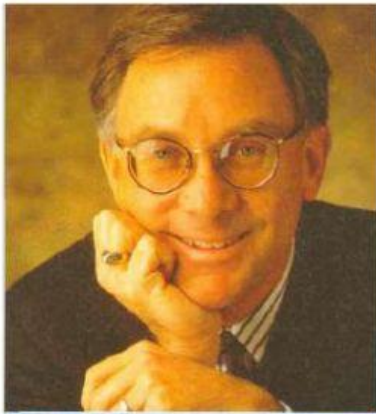
Jamie Peterson spoke to three of them.



Roberto Solano
aged 24, from Mexico

Roberto came from Acapulco to New York ten years ago. At first he missed everything - the sunshine, the food, his girlfriend. But now he has a successful business with his three brothers and his sister. They run a soccer store in New Brunswick. Roberto's girlfriend is now his wife, and they have two children who go to American schools.

When asked why he came to the US, Roberto says without hesitation, 'Because I want to work hard and be successful.' He certainly works hard. He's at the store all day, then works as a driver in the evening. That's why I like America,' he says. 'You can be what you want.' 'When I first came here, I didn't speak the language, and it was winter, it was so cold! There was snow! Now nearly all my family are here, not only in New York, but also in California, and in Texas. We meet about once a month and have a huge Mexican meal that takes about five hours! We're all happy here.'



Endre Boros
aged 45, from Hungary

Endre is a mathematician at Rutgers University, New Jersey. He came from Budapest thirteen years ago. 'I had an opportunity to come here for two years.' After a year, his wife came to join him, and since then they've had a daughter, so they decided to stay.

'At first it was very strange. Everything is so big here,' he says. 'I started to feel happy when I bought a car. Now I go everywhere by car. In Hungary, we only use the car at weekends, but here your car is part of your life. Nobody walks anywhere.'

How does he find the people? 'Very friendly. The first question everybody asks you is "Where are you from?" People talk to you here, they start conversations. I like the fact that there are people from all over the world.'

What about the way of life? 'The thing I like best is the independence. Nobody tells me what to do. Here you can do what you want, so you learn to make decisions for yourself. I feel in control.'



Yuet Tung
aged 31, from Hong Kong

Yuet Tung is her Chinese name, but in English she's known as Clara. She came to the US eight years ago and studied fine art. Now she works on Madison Avenue for a publisher. She married a Vietnamese American three years ago, and they live in Long Island. They don't have any children yet. What does she think of living in New York? 'It's very similar to Hong Kong. It's a busy city, very exciting, and people walk very fast! I like the stores here. They're huge, and it's cheaper than Hong Kong. But you need a car here. In Hong Kong everyone uses public transportation, because it's good and it's cheap. At first I hated driving here, but it's OK now.' What does she like best? The space. Here I live in a house with a yard. In Hong Kong it is so crowded. And the people are friendly. When I go jogging, everyone says "Hi!" And the food is from every country in the world.'

Answer the questions with your group.

- 1 What do the people have in common?
- 2 Are they all happy living in the US?
- 3 Who has other members of their family living there?
- 4 Do they all have children?
- 5 Who married someone from their own country?
- 6 What do Roberto and Endre like about the US?
- 7 What do they say about their own country?
- 8 Do they like the people?
- 9 What do they say about Americans and their cars?

What do you think?

- What do you like best about living in your country? What would you miss if you lived abroad?
- Do you know any foreigners living in your country? What do they like about it? What do they find different?

LISTENING AND SPEAKING

You drive me mad (but I love you)!

Complete these sentences about the people in your life. Tell a partner.

- My mother/father drives me mad when she/he ...
- I don't like people who ...
- I hate it when my boyfriend/girlfriend ...
- It really annoys me when friends ...

Choose one person in your life. What annoying habits does he/she have?

Does he/she ... ?

- always arrive late
- talk too loudly
- leave things on the floor

Is he/she ... ?

- untidy
- always on the phone
- never on time

What annoying habits do you have? Discuss with your teacher.

You are going to listen to a radio programme called *Home Truths*. Two couples, Carol and Mike, and Dave and Alison, talk about their partner's annoying habits. Look at the pictures below. What are their annoying habits?

T2.5 Listen and write the correct names under each picture below.



Are these sentences true (✓) or false (X)? Correct the false sentences.

- Carol and Mike never watch television.
- Mike doesn't listen when his wife speaks to him.
- Carol makes the decisions in their house.
- Mike shouts at his wife when she's driving.
- Dave never does any jobs at home.
- Dave is bad at his job.
- Alison tidies up Dave's mess.
- Alison is very organized.

What do you think?

- 1 Do men or women typically complain about their partners doing these things?
 - watching sport on TV
 - driving badly
 - taking a long time to get ready
 - not tidying things away
- 2 What do you think men are generally better at? What are women better at?

Script for *Home Truth*

T 2.5 Home Truths

P = Presenter C = Carol M = Mike

D = Dave A = Alison

P Hello and welcome to the programme. Today we're going to hear just what couples really

think of each other. What drives you mad about your partner? Here's Carol, talking about her husband, Mike.

C Well, there are a lot of arguments about television in our house. He gets the remote control and he's always changing channels, so I never see what I want to. All he wants to watch is football, football, football. When I try to talk to him, he doesn't listen because he's watching the TV. And ... something else ... he never remembers anything – birthdays, when we're going out – nothing. I have to do it all. I decide where we're going on holiday, what car to buy. He can't make a decision to save his life.

P So there we have Carol's opinion. What does Mike say about her?

M When we're out in the car and she's driving, she doesn't change gears. She's talking about somebody or other, and not thinking about driving at all. I want to shout at her 'Change gear now!' but I don't. When I want to watch something on television, like ... the news, she always wants to watch a soap or a film. And another thing. She's always on the phone. She spends hours talking to our daughter, and do you know where she lives? Just round the corner.

P But what do they think of their marriage? Here's Carol.

C Well, I can't change him now, so I'll just have to put up with him.

P And Mike?

M We've been married for twenty-five years, and she's the only one for me!

P And now we have another couple, Dave and Alison. Oh, and by the way, Dave's an electrician.

A What drives me absolutely mad is that he starts a job and never finishes it. At work he's so professional, but at home, if I want a light in the bedroom changed, it takes him months. And he's so untidy. He just drops things on the floor. I keep saying that I don't want to be his mother as well as his wife. When we go out, he looks so scruffy, even when I'm all dressed up. His clothes are so old-fashioned. He never throws anything away.

P Oh, dear. Now what does Dave have to say about Alison?

D Well, she's never ready on time. She always finds something to do that means we're always late, wherever we go. She's usually doing her hair or her make-up while I'm saying 'Come on love, it's time to go.' And she loses things. She forgets where she parked the car, she leaves the car keys in the most stupid places. But what is most annoying about Alison is that she's always right!

P And their final opinions about each other?

A He's great. He's good fun, and he's one in a million.

D See? As I said, she's always right!

P So, there we are. My thanks to Carol and Mike, and Dave and Alison.

EVERYDAY ENGLISH

Making conversation

T2.6 Listen to two conversations. Maria and Jean-Paul are foreign students in Britain. Their teachers are trying to be friendly. Which conversation is more successful? Why?



3 Match a line in A with a reply in B and a further comment in C.

A	B	C
1 What a lovely day it is today!	I'm enjoying it.	Was it a good game?
2 It's very wet today.	Yes, no problems.	That's very kind of you.
3 How are you today?	I'm very well, thanks.	We had a pub lunch and went for a walk.
4 Did you have a nice weekend?	No, I missed it.	The plane was a bit late, but it didn't matter.
5 How are you finding living in London?	Thank you.	Makes you feel miserable, doesn't it?
6 Did you have a good journey?	Thank you very much.	I got it in Paris last year.
7 Did you watch the football yesterday?	Yes.	How about you?
8 What a lovely coat you're wearing!	Yes, it was lovely.	It was a bit strange at first, but I'm getting used to it.
9 If you have any problems, just ask me for help.	Mm. Horrible.	Beautiful, isn't it?

••M Listen and check.