

Mind and behavior

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LANGUAGE

GRAMMAR: Subject-verb agreement

1 Check (✓) the sentences that are correct.

- 1 Everyone was able to come to the party. _____
- 2 Some of the sandwiches has been eaten. _____
- 3 The information were very useful. _____
- 4 Everyone, including you, has to help. _____
- 5 Several of the plants have died. _____
- 6 One of the plates are broken. _____
- 7 Our teacher is great, and most of the students enjoy her lessons. _____
- 8 My friends, except for Josh, all has cars. _____

2 Complete the conversation with the simple present or present continuous form of the verbs in parentheses.

- A Hey, Mia, one of my friends ¹_____ (plan) a picnic this Saturday. Do you want to come?
- B Sounds great, but my sister and I ²_____ (go) to the movies that day. There's a movie that both of us really ³_____ (want) to see.
- A What time ⁴_____ the movie _____ (start)?
- B Not until 7:30.
- A Well the picnic starts at four, so why ⁵_____ you, and your sister _____ (come) for an hour or two? Oh, by the way, everyone ⁶_____ (bring) food and something to drink.
- B OK. I love picnics – food always ⁷_____ (taste) better outside! What should I bring?
- A Anything you'd like. If each person ⁸_____ (bring) something to share, there should be plenty.

VOCABULARY: Personality and behavior

3 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 She's so *unreasonable* / *bossy* / *responsible* – she's always telling people what to do.
- 2 Alvin was very *arrogant* / *stubborn* / *bad-tempered* today. He yelled at me several times.
- 3 Our boss wants us to work the whole weekend. I think he's being totally *bossy* / *foolish* / *unreasonable*.
- 4 I would definitely trust Becky to babysit. I know she's only 15, but she's very *responsible* / *stubborn* / *bossy*.
- 5 Mia's so *bad-tempered* / *arrogant* / *unreasonable*. She thinks she's better than everyone else.

- 6 Leo let his friend use his credit card. It was a very *foolish* / *clumsy* / *responsible* thing to do.
- 7 Pilar is so *foolish* / *bad-tempered* / *stubborn*. It's hard to persuade her to change her mind.
- 8 Luke is really *clumsy* / *unreasonable* / *arrogant* – he's always breaking things.

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box. Add prepositions where necessary.

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- 1 Yesterday my English teacher _____ me _____ criticizing my accent in front of the whole class. I really don't think that's the best way to _____ students _____ try harder.
- 2 My brother's always _____ how good he is at soccer. I have to leave the room when he does that because I just can't _____ it.
- 3 My cousin persuaded my sister to give him a lot of money even though she doesn't have much herself. I can't _____ him _____ doing that. In my opinion, he _____ advantage _____ her because she's so kind.
- 4 It _____ my nerves when people litter. If I see someone picking it up, I always _____ them _____ it.
- 5 One of my colleagues is always trying to _____ credit _____ work that I've done. It _____ me crazy!

Pronunciation: of

5 4.1 Check (✓) the correct sound for the word of in each sentence. Listen, check, and repeat.

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1 My grandparents keep a lot of animals.		
2 Some of our customers are very nice.		
3 Many of my friends still live with their parents.		
4 You need to turn off both of the lights.		
5 I think that's one of Aunt Maria's earrings.		
6 I've already done most of my homework.		