

UNIT 7, VERB PARTENS AND ARTICLES

2 Read the text and answer the questions.

- 1 Where is the house?
- 2 Who are the people in the picture?
- 3 Why do they live there?

Living the dream

Have you ever imagined escaping city life and moving to a desert island? Well, meet the family who did just that.

Karyn von Engelbrechten wanted to travel the world after she became tired of her three-hour commute to London, where she worked as an IT manager. She left her job and her home and, with husband Boris and their three children, decided to start a new adventure.

They bought some land on a tiny island in the South Pacific and started to build a house with materials they found on the island. Everything was done by hand. They learned how to cut down trees to make floors and doors. Electricity was generated using solar panels, and rainwater was collected so the family had water in the bathrooms and kitchen. They even started growing their own fruit and vegetables. Now the family runs their home as a guesthouse for other travelers. If you don't feel like swimming in the beautiful clear ocean, you can sit on the balcony and enjoy watching whales and turtles. The kitchen is basic, but it has most things you'd need, like a refrigerator and oven.



There's no air-conditioning, but the bedrooms are cool and comfortable, and there are extra blankets and comforters in the closet for the colder months. From the house, steps go down to your own private beach, or if you're feeling brave, you can explore the island.

It sounds like paradise, but there are some disadvantages. Apart from the fruit and vegetables that Karyn and Boris grow, they need to buy other things, and the nearest store is a three-hour boat trip away. The island is also very near a volcano, and they often have earthquakes and tropical storms. And their eldest son, Jack, has gone away to school in New Zealand because he missed being with other children his own age.

However, if you're tired of your daily routine, the message is clear—follow your dreams!

3 Which of these things does the house have? Yes (✓), No (X) or Don't know (?). Read the text again and check.

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|---|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1 air-conditioning ☐ | 3 central heating ☐ | 5 refrigerator ☐ | 7 washing machine ☐ | 9 oven ☐ |
| 2 blankets ☐ | 4 dishwasher ☐ | 6 closet ☐ | 8 comforters ☐ | 10 faucets ☐ |

5 A Choose the correct form of the verbs to complete the sentences. Check your answers in the text.

- 1 Have you ever **imagined** to escape / escaping city life?
- 2 Karyn von Engelbrechten **wanted** to travel / traveling the world.
- 3 She **decided** to start / starting a new adventure.
- 4 You can sit on the balcony and **enjoy** to watch / watching whales and turtles.

8 A Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

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| 1 She's planning _____ science. (study) | 4 Do you feel like _____ for pizza tonight? (go out) |
| 2 My doctor suggested _____ less coffee. (drink) | 5 We can't afford _____ on vacation. (go) |
| 3 I haven't forgotten _____ the customer. (call) | 6 We should spend more time _____. (study) |

B 7.5 In pairs, practice saying the sentences. Pay attention to the sentence stress. Listen, check, and repeat.

1 Look at the picture. Have you ever seen a kitchen like this? If so, where?



2 Complete the man's list of chores with the words in the box.

do (x2) clear take out load mop water wash

- 1 _____ the dishes 3 _____ the ironing 5 _____ the table 7 _____ the trash
2 _____ the dishwasher 4 _____ the laundry 6 _____ the plants 8 _____ the floor

3 Complete the chart about you. In pairs, compare your charts and explain your answers.

Housework I hate doing	Housework I don't mind doing	Housework I enjoy doing

4 A  7.7 In pairs, decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F). Watch or listen to the first part of *Learning Curve* and check.

- 1 It's a fact that everyone hates doing housework. _____
2 The majority of us usually prefer to do other activities in our free time. _____
3 Today, robots that can do the housework for us really exist. _____
4 Robots will never have arms and legs. _____
5 In Japan, there's a robot that can pick up heavy things. _____

2 Label the picture with the materials in the box.

cotton leather wood denim wool metal



4 Look at pictures a–c. What do they show? Read the text and match them with descriptions 1–3.

WEARABLE TECHNOLOGY

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b

c

Our houses are full of technology, but how much do we have in our closets? You might think you don't have any, but get ready for that to change. Experts predict that the amount of money we spend on wearable technology will reach \$74 billion a year by 2025. You're probably already familiar with smart watches and fitness bracelets, but what are some of the other things coming our way?

1 MATERIAL THAT CAN COMMUNICATE

In the U.S., Google and Levi's® are developing a new kind of material that is touch sensitive, like the screen on a smartphone. The material is made by running thin metal wires through cotton, denim, or silk. Designers can then use this material to create

2 ACCESSORIES THAT CONTROL YOUR TEMPERATURE

Have you ever been in a place where half the people are complaining about the cold, and the other half are too hot? The solution is *Wristify*, a bracelet that can heat or cool your skin at the touch of a button. It's perfect for a trip to the gym, a day at the beach, or for keeping you warm at

3 CLOTHES THAT CHARGE YOUR PHONE

Pauline van Dongen is an exciting new designer who specializes in wearable technology, and uses both traditional and new materials to create amazing clothes. Her stylish T-shirts and jackets have solar panels that can charge a cell phone

6 Complete the sentences with the articles *a*, *an*, *the*, or – (no article). Check your answers in the text.

- 1 The amount of money we spend on wearable technology will reach \$74 billion ____ year.
- 2 People will be able to control ____ machines just by touching their pants legs!
- 3 The solution is *Wristify*, ____ bracelet that can heat or cool your skin.
- 4 Perfect for a trip to ____ gym...
- 5 ... or for keeping you warm at ____ home.
- 6 ____ bracelet could also save you money on energy bills.
- 7 Pauline van Dongen is ____ exciting new designer.
- 8 ... when ____ sun is shining, of course.

7 Match sentences 1–8 in exercise 6 with rules a–h. Then read the Grammar box.

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| a We use <i>a/an</i> to talk about a person or thing for the first time. | _____ |
| b We use <i>the</i> when we have already mentioned the person or thing before. | _____ |
| c We don't use an article to talk about things in general (plural or uncountable nouns). | _____ |
| d We use <i>a/an</i> to talk about a person's job. | _____ |
| e We use <i>a/an</i> in some measurement expressions. | _____ |
| f We use <i>the</i> if there is only one of the thing. | _____ |
| g We use <i>the</i> with specific places in a town. | _____ |
| h We don't use an article with some places we go to regularly. | _____ |

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Complete the text with *a*, *an*, *the*, or *–* (no article). Listen and check.

A BRIGHT IDEA

Christina Mercado is ¹ _____ businesswoman and ² _____ inventor. She started ³ _____ company in ⁴ _____ U.S. named Ringly. Her first product was ⁵ _____ ring that connects to your smartphone. When ⁶ _____ phone receives ⁷ _____ text or e-mail, ⁸ _____ ring lights up. ⁹ _____ idea came to Christina when she was having ¹⁰ _____ dinner with friends. She didn't want to miss any important calls on her phone, but she didn't want to put her phone on ¹¹ _____ dinner

table. It's ¹² _____ common problem for ¹³ _____ women who keep ¹⁴ _____ phones in their handbags or purses, where they may not hear them. ¹⁵ _____ rings are made in China, and Christina talks with the factory once ¹⁶ _____ week. It's ¹⁷ _____ exciting time for Christina, and ¹⁸ _____ future is definitely bright!

