

# 2 KEEPING IN TOUCH

## GRAMMAR



**1** 04 Listen to the conversation between Katie and Patrick, who have just started their first jobs after leaving university. Are the statements True or False?

- 1 Patrick has fully adjusted to working life.
- 2 Katie is happy with her salary.
- 3 Patrick and Katie were short of money when they were students.
- 4 They waited a long time to get cheap theatre tickets.
- 5 Katie used to get up early for her university lectures.
- 6 Patrick finds it easier to get up for work than Katie does.
- 7 As students, Patrick and Katie had to dress smartly.
- 8 Patrick has always worn a tie.

**2** For each sentence, choose the correct form of the verb.

- 1 In the past, people didn't *used* / *use* to lock their front doors when they went out.
- 2 When my parents arrived in Europe from Jamaica, they found it hard to get *use* / *used* to the cold.
- 3 I'm from a large family. I'm *used to* *share* / *sharing* a room.
- 4 In my town, people *used to* *putting* / *put* their babies out in the garden all morning. I'm glad they don't do that anymore!
- 5 Families *used* / *use* to be much larger – having seven or eight children was quite normal.
- 6 Society is gradually *being* / *getting* used to the idea of men staying at home to bring up children while their wives go out to work.
- 7 *Were* / *Did* you *use to* cycle to school?
- 8 I *do* / *am* not *used to* walking so much. I usually drive everywhere.

**3** Why do you think each speaker decided to use the passive? Choose the correct options. For some sentences, both may be possible.

- 1 My parents' house was broken into a couple of years ago.  
**A** The speaker doesn't know who did the action.  
**B** It's not important who did the action.
- 2 Flour is sieved and added to the mixture.  
**A** To show that it is a formal situation.  
**B** To describe a process.
- 3 Manchester United were knocked out in the first round by Liverpool.  
**A** The speaker doesn't know who did the action.  
**B** The speaker is mainly focused on Manchester United.
- 4 Milk used to be delivered to almost every house in England.  
**A** Because we already know that milkmen deliver milk.  
**B** Because this is no longer true.
- 5 *A Christmas Carol* was written by Charles Dickens. It's the story of an unhappy man called Ebenezer Scrooge.  
**A** The speaker is focused on *A Christmas Carol*.  
**B** The speaker is focused on Charles Dickens.
- 6 I would like to inform you that your loan repayments have not been made for the last two months.  
**A** It's a formal situation.  
**B** The speaker wants to be indirect.





- 4** Can these sentences be changed to the passive voice? Write in the passive those that can be changed. Put a cross (X) next to those that cannot. There are two examples (A and B) to help you.

Examples

- A** My mum grew these tomatoes – *These tomatoes were grown by my mum.*  
**B** The plane arrived at 15.35. **X**  
**1** Amesh cooked this delicious curry.  
**2** I think all the students will understand the lesson.  
**3** I belong to the local tennis club.  
**4** The teacher has told me off three times now.  
**5** Joachim first came to the United Kingdom in 2009.  
**6** When did they discover those ruins?  
**7** I slept through my alarm this morning.  
**8** They are going to make a new version of the film *Titanic*.

## PUSH YOURSELF C1

Rewrite the sentences using hedging language. The first one has been done for you.

People have said that social media has had a negative impact on our lives.

*It has been said that social media has had a negative impact on our lives.*

- 1** People have suggested that online friends aren't real friends.  
**2** People argue that friendship is less sincere nowadays.  
**3** People have said that families are growing further apart.  
**4** People believe that social media will become less popular in the future.

## VOCABULARY

- 1** Complete each gap with a word for a family relationship.

- 1** My brother has a son. He is my \_\_\_\_\_.  
**2** Tim married Rosie, who already had a daughter called Chloe from a previous marriage. Chloe is Tim's \_\_\_\_\_.  
**3** Ana is married to Claudio. Claudio's father is Santiago. Santiago is Ana's \_\_\_\_\_.  
**4** My aunt Emilia has two children, a boy and a girl. They are my \_\_\_\_\_.  
**5** My husband has a sister called Julia. Julia is my \_\_\_\_\_.  
**6** My uncle Tobias died last year. He was married to Surekha, who is now his \_\_\_\_\_.  
**7** I've got two \_\_\_\_\_, one brother and one sister.  
**8** Alberto's daughter has a daughter called Sofia. Sofia is Alberto's \_\_\_\_\_.

- 2** Match the questions to the answers.

- 1** Have you ever fallen out with a friend?  
**2** Do you get on well with the other students in your class?  
**3** Who do you take after in your family?  
**4** Who do you look up to in your family?  
**5** What do you get up to at weekends?  
**6** Have you ever met up with someone you met online?  
**A** No, I'm not sure that would be a good idea.  
**B** My dad, definitely. We're both tall with dark, curly hair.  
**C** I usually hang out with my friends.  
**D** Yes, I once stopped talking to Derek for a month!  
**E** Yes, we often go out for a coffee together after the lesson.  
**F** My older sister. She's a really brilliant student.