

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 *use* / *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.