

Starbucks, summer, and other things I ♥ love about Britain



Mark Vanhoenacker, an American journalist who lives in London, says the UK's not just OK – it's paradise. **These are some of his reasons...**



Walking

Britain isn't a good place for cyclists. But for pedestrians it is wonderful. When you walk on a zebra crossing, all the drivers stop.

Banks

British banks are great – you do everything online, and you don't pay when you take money out of an ATM. And if you want to change banks, the banks do all the work, not you.



Drivers

The British are very polite when they drive. They don't hoot, and they are patient with other drivers. They always say thank you when you let them pass.

Boots the Chemist

Chemists in the UK are wonderful, friendly shops and completely different from US pharmacies. Boots sells everything you want, not just medicine, and the shop assistants give you good advice.

No ID Cards

Britain is one of the only places in the world where people don't have ID cards. In the US you need ID when you buy a drink, go to a club, use a credit card, or take an intercity train.



Summers

I love British summers! A good summer day in Britain is dry and warm, but not very hot.

Starbucks

Starbucks isn't British, of course, but I prefer the Starbucks in Britain. They are nice, friendly places where people read the newspaper and drink good coffee. And the waiters don't write your name on the cups – I feel stupid in America when the waiter calls 'Mark, your tall cappuccino with extra chocolate!'



4 READING & SPEAKING

a Look at the photos. In which one can you see...?

- ☐ a cash machine (ATM in American English)
- ☐ a cup of coffee
- ☐ a chemist /'kemɪst/
- ☐ a waiter
- ☐ a zebra crossing
- ☐ a cyclist /'saɪklɪst/
- ☐ a pedestrian
- ☐ a driver

b (2 7)) Read and listen to the article. Mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false). Say why the **F** ones are false.

1 Britain is a good country for cyclists and pedestrians.
2 It's expensive to use ATMs in Britain.
3 British drivers are nice to other drivers.
4 Boots the Chemist only has medicine.
5 In Britain people don't have ID cards.
6 Summers in Britain are very hot.
7 In Starbucks in Britain waiters don't use your first name.

c Underline these verbs in the text. What do they mean? Compare your ideas with a partner.

walk pay drive sell give need
buy use prefer feel call

d Look at each paragraph again. Say if it's the same or different in your country or city.

Naples isn't a good place for cyclists or pedestrians, because people drive very fast!

Useful words: *Why?* and *because*
Use *because* to answer the question *Why?*
Why isn't Naples a good place for cyclists?
Because people drive very fast.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

G present simple ?
V jobs
P /ɜː/

3B Work and play



1 VOCABULARY jobs

a Order the letters to make words for jobs.

1 ACTEHRE T_____
2 ROCAT A_____
3 TRIEWA W_____
4 AXTI RREDIV T_____ D_____
5 PTIREONICEST R_____

b ➤ p.154 Vocabulary Bank *Jobs.*

c What do you do? Ask five other students in the class.



His job, her job

2 LISTENING

a 2 10, 11 Listen to a game show called *His job, her job.* A team of three people ask Wayne questions about his job and his wife Tanya's job. Write **W** next to the questions they ask Wayne about his job, and **T** next to the questions they ask about Tanya's job.

b Listen again. What are Wayne's answers? Write ✓ (yes), ✗ (no), or **D** (it depends) after each question.

c Look at the answers. What do you think his job is? What do you think her job is?

d 2 12 Listen to the end of the programme. What do Wayne and his wife do?

Where? work
- outside ☐
- in the street ☐
- inside ☐
- in an office ☐

When? work
- in the evening ☐
- at night ☐
- at the weekend ☐

How? work
- with computers ☐
- with other people ☐
- long hours ☐

- have special qualifications ☐
- speak foreign languages ☐
- travel ☐
- drive ☐
- make things ☐
- wear a uniform or special clothes ☐
- earn a lot of money ☐

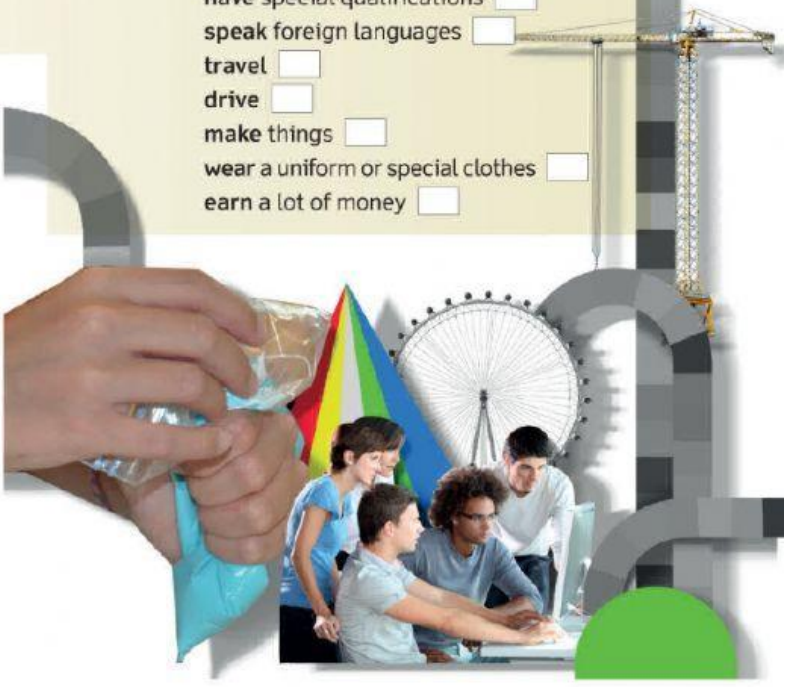
3 GRAMMAR present simple ?

a 2 13 Complete the questions. Listen and check. Why are questions 3 and 4 different?

1 _____ you work with other people?
Yes, I _____.
2 _____ you work in an office?
No, I _____.
3 _____ she work with computers?
No, she _____.
4 _____ she work at the weekend?
Yes, she _____.

b ➤ p.128 Grammar Bank 3B. Learn more about present simple ? and practise it.

c In groups of four, play *His job, her job.* Choose jobs from p.154 Vocabulary Bank *Jobs.* Ask questions to guess the jobs.



LIVEWORKSHEETS