

GRAMMAR

1. Complete the sentences with the or – (no article).

- Billy is _____ best footballer on the team.
- Pedro is _____ teacher in my Spanish class.
- We had _____ lunch in a café today.
- Did Lisa eat all of _____ crisps you bought?
- I never eat _____ meat because I'm a vegetarian.
- Can you say _____ alphabet in English?

2. Complete the sentences with to and a verb from the box.

drink - get - have - meet - play - do - cook
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Example: I'm trying to do my homework but it's difficult.

- 'What would you like _____?' 'A glass of mineral water, please.'
- I don't want _____ dinner tonight. Let's get a takeaway pizza.
- 'Hello, I'm Effie.' 'Nice _____ you.'
- Daisy learned _____ tennis when she was a child.
- 'I don't have any money.' 'You need _____ a job!'
- Olivia decided _____ a party and invite all her family.

3. Underline the correct word or phrase.

Example: Please speak slow / slowly. I don't understand you.

- That's a beautiful / beautifully sweater. Is it new?
- Hussein worked hard / hardly and passed the exam.
- I don't have a very healthy / healthily lifestyle.
- She speaks perfectly Russian / Russian perfectly.
- Don't walk home. It isn't safe / safely there at night.
- Matteo sings quite good / well.
- It's raining. Please drive real / really carefully.
- This exercise is incredibly difficult / difficult incredibly.
- Our neighbours play their music loudly / loud every night.
- The children waited patient / patiently for the bus.

VOCABULARY

4. Underline the correct verb.

- Example: There's a new book by Ian Rankin that my husband wants / goes / would to read.
- Oh no! I promised / liked / would to phone my mum but I forgot.
- Charlie was tired and he decided / would / learned to go to bed early.
- I don't like working in this shop. I would / forget / hope to get a new job next year.
- Would you plan / like / hope to have lunch with me?
- Esther is liking / planning / being to move house. She wants a house with a garden.

READING

5. Read the internet blog and write T (true), F (false) or DS (doesn't say).

Do you have a bucket list?

Today's topic on our message board asks about your hopes and dreams. Add your comments and we'll post the best ones here. Here are some responses from our website team.

Jonah

I'm only 18 so there are a lot of things I would like to do in my life. However, I don't just want to write a list of dreams so I'm thinking about things I can really do. For example, I decided to learn the guitar when I was sixteen and finally last week I booked some lessons. Also, I promised to learn to cook because my mum came to stay in my flat and I could only make toast so she bought me a cookbook! Now once a week I read the cookbook carefully and make a new dish. My mum's really happy and I'm eating more healthily, too.

Diana

My twin sister and I wrote bucket lists last year when we were 30 but not all the things are the same. She would like to be a vegetarian but I don't especially want to stop eating meat. We both plan to go to a big outdoor concert in the next year or two so we can do that together. We also want to travel but she would like to see Africa and I hope to go to India. On my list I wrote 'meet Rihanna' but I don't think that's going to happen so instead I really hope to learn to swim. I'm very frightened of water so it isn't something I can do easily but I want to try.

Liam

My girlfriend, Haruko, is half Japanese and she's teaching me her language. It's a difficult goal for me but I'm taking it seriously. I don't think I'm ever going to speak it fluently but I'm going to try to speak it well by Haruko's 25th birthday. I want to talk to her father then because I hope to make her my wife.

- Jonah's bucket list has a lot of dreams in it. ____
- He promised his mum to learn to cook. ____
- He makes food for his mum once a week. ____
- Diana and her sister's lists are different. ____
- Diana's sister wants to stop eating meat. ____
- They are both going to go to an outdoor concert. ____
- Diana's sister can swim well. ____
- Liam doesn't think it's easy to learn Japanese. ____
- He plans to speak Japanese fluently. ____

6. Read the text again and write Jonah, Diana, or Liam.

Example: Diana is 31 years old.

- _____ can't swim.
- _____ needs to talk to his girlfriend's father.
- _____ is going to have music lessons.
- _____ has a sister.
- _____ can cook better than before.
- _____ needs to learn another language.

WRITING

7. What would you like to do? Answer the questions with complete sentences.

- Do you want to change your job? Why?

- Why are you learning English?

- Are there any other skills that you want / need to learn? Which ones?

- Is there a sport that you would really like to try? What?

- Do you want to move house? Why? / Why not?

- Would you like to live in another country? Which one?

- Are you hoping to have a holiday soon? When?

- Which country do you really want to visit? Why?

- What are you planning to do at the weekend?

- Is there anything in your life that you would like to change?

LISTENING

8. Listen to Rodrigo describing life in Oxford. Underline the correct word / phrase.

- Rodrigo is a teacher / student.
- He speaks / writes English well.
- The British students at his college are busy / not friendly.
- Shopping for food in Oxford is quite expensive / quite cheap.
- Rodrigo thinks that British students cook badly / well.

9. Listen to five people talking about how they use their smartphones. Match the sentence halves.

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| • Speaker 1 _____ | A skypes friends in other countries. |
| • Speaker 2 _____ | B listens to music on it. |
| • Speaker 3 _____ | C spends time on social media on the phone. |
| • Speaker 4 _____ | D uses the phone for work. |
| • Speaker 5 _____ | E uses the phone to get fitter. |

SPEAKING

10. Ask your partner these questions. Then change turns.

- When did you first use a smartphone? What kind was it?
- What are your favourite social media sites?
- How often do you listen to music on your phone?
- How much time do you spend on your smartphone each day?
- Do you have any new apps? What do you use them for?