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Friends

GRAMMAR



1 Find examples in the text of the tenses below.
I grew up in Canada, but I 've been living in Mexico for about ten years. My wife is Mexican and I 've known her for a long time. Before we came here, we were living in Montreal. We speak English at home. In the evenings, I 'm learning Spanish.

- Simple present*
- a is _____
- b _____
- Present progressive*
- c _____
- Present perfect*
- d _____
- Present perfect progressive*
- e _____
- Simple past*
- f _____
- g _____
- Past progressive*
- h _____

2 Put the verbs in parentheses into the tense that is stated.

- a *Simple present*
My best friend's name _____ is (be) Roger.
- b *Simple present*
I _____ (like) reggae and hip-hop music.
- c *Present progressive*
I _____ (sit) at the desk in my room right now.
- d *Present perfect*
I _____ (visit) the USA three times.
- e *Present perfect progressive*
I _____ (live) in this town for eight years.
- f *Simple past*
I _____ (go) to Brazil on vacation last year.
- g *Past progressive*
I _____ (wear) jeans and a T-shirt yesterday.

3 Write questions that match the answers in Exercise 2.

- a What is your best friend's name? _____
- b What kind of _____
- c Where _____
- d How many times _____
- e How long _____

- f Where _____
- g What _____

4 Write true answers to the questions in Exercise 3.

- a _____
- b _____
- c _____
- d _____
- e _____
- f _____
- g _____

5 Complete with short answers.

- a Is your best friend the same age as you?
No, he/she isn't. _____
- b Is he/she from your town?
Yes, he/she _____
- c Were your parents' friends with his/her parents?
No, they _____
- d Is he/she studying English, too?
No, he/she _____
- e Has he/she been helping you with your homework?
Yes, he/she _____
- f Did you see him/her yesterday?
No, I _____
- g Was he/she working yesterday?
Yes, he/she _____
- h Have you ever been on vacation together?
No, we _____

6 Write true short answers to the questions in Exercise 5 about your best friend.

- a _____
- b _____
- c _____
- d _____
- e _____
- f _____
- g _____
- h _____

7 Underline the correct verb form.

- a Who **does live** / **lives** next door to you?
- b What **do they do** / **they do** for a living?
- c What kinds of movies **do you like** / **like you**?
- d What **does make** / **makes** you sad?
- e Which friends **do you see** / **see you** most often?
- f Who **does know** / **knows** you best?
- g Who **does send** / **sends** you the most text messages?
- h What **do they write** / **write they** about?



8 Write true short answers to the questions in Exercise 7 about your best friend.

- a _____
- b _____
- c _____
- d _____
- e _____
- f _____
- g _____
- h _____

9 Correct the grammatical mistakes in four of the sentences below. Check (✓) the sentences that are correct.

- a Fido and I usually get along very well together.

- b We have never arguments.

- c He always wakes me up in the morning.

- d We normally go for a walk together in the afternoon.

- e We enjoy often the same things.

- f I buy him now and then clothes.

- g I take him always on vacation with me.

- h However, he's occasionally more interested in other women.



10 Write the words in order to make sentences.

- a a am hurry I in usually .
I am usually in a hurry.

- b buy ever hardly I online things .

- c all friends I my text the time .

- d do from housework I the time time to .

- e a go I month once the theater to .

- f am class English for I late rarely .

g about don't I often things worry .

h always dreams I my remember .

i alone be I often prefer to .

Change the sentences to make them true for you.

VOCABULARY

1 Complete the text with the phrases in the box.

a lot in common	always be there	click
close friends	drifted apart	fought
got along really well	hit-it-off	
our separate ways	ups and downs	

Charlotte and I first met when we were in college and we (1) hit it off immediately. We were at a party and we spent the whole evening laughing and talking. Very soon, we became (2) _____. We had the same interests and the same taste in music so we had (3) _____. We did a lot of things together and we (4) _____. At the time, I was dating a girl named Mandy from my hometown. But we didn't see each other often, and slowly we (5) _____. When we finally decided to go (6) _____, it was no surprise to our friends that Charlotte and I started dating. But our relationship changed and we didn't (7) _____ in the same way. "Everyone has their (8) _____," Charlotte said to me, but I knew something was wrong. We (9) _____ about little things and we finally broke up completely after one fight. I can't even remember what it was about. The funny thing is that we're now the best of friends and we have been for more than ten years. We know we'll (10) _____ for each other.



002 Listen and check.



2 Match the questions (a-g) with the responses (1-7).

- a Do you have a lot in common with him/her?
- b Are your close friends the same as his/hers?
- c Did you hit it off immediately?
- d Are there any times when you don't get along well?
- e What kinds of things do you disagree about?
- f Do you think you will drift apart or become closer as you get older?
- g How sure are you that he/she will always be there for you?

- 1 No. At first, I didn't think she was interested in me at all. It was a long time before we clicked.
- 2 Not at all. She has her social life and I have mine.
- 3 One hundred percent. I believe that marriage is for life.
- 4 Politics. So we try not to talk about it.
- 5 We'll never go our separate ways. Every day, the love between us gets stronger.
- 6 Yes, we have our ups and downs. Especially when one of us is stressed.
- 7 In some ways, we're very different, but we share the same interests.

a	b	c	d	e	f	g
7						



3 Write the missing letters to complete the conversation.

- a **Tim:** Hey, Joe! Hi! How's it (1) g o i n g?
- b **Joe:** Not (2) b _ _. What (3) a _ _ _ _ you, Tim?
- c **Tim:** Good. What are you (4) u _ to these days?
- d **Joe:** Oh, not much, (5) t _ _ _ and that.
- e **Tim:** We (6) s _ _ _ _ _ go out for a drink (7) s _ _ _ time.
- f **Joe:** That (8) w _ _ _ _ be great. Look, I have to (9) r _ _. I'll give you a (10) c _ _ _.



003 Listen and check.



4 Complete the conversation with the phrases in the box.

better	keeping busy	pretty good
See you	things	up to

Nick: Hi, Sonya. How are (1) things going?

Sonya: Oh, (2) pretty good. And you?

Nick: Yeah, fine. What have you been (3) keeping busy lately?

Sonya: Oh, (4) up to, you know. Work, work, work.

Nick: Yeah, me too.

Sonya: Good to hear it. Anyway, (5) See you get back to the office. (6) See you!



004 Listen and check.

PRONUNCIATION

1 005 Listen and check. Listen to the recording and practice saying the different sounds.

/ɪ/	/i:/
fill	feel
his	he's
live	leave
sit	seat
this	these
will	wheel

2 006 Listen and check. Listen and write the words you hear.

- a _____
- b _____
- c _____
- d _____
- e _____
- f _____

WRITING

Writing emails

Email vocabulary

Punctuation

Select	From	Subject	Date
Compose Mail	<input type="checkbox"/> Zarina493@gmail.com	Hi, Philip. How are things? I got yo	9:43 pm
Inbox (11)	<input type="checkbox"/> sales@budgethotel.com	Confirmation Thank you for your or	8:07 pm
Sent mail	<input type="checkbox"/> delilmiernuir@mailbox.com	Vacations for \$1	6:55 pm
Drafts (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> nicky.podolski@sky.net (2)	Next week Good to hear from you	9:45 am
Spam	<input type="checkbox"/> clancy.lindfield@elx.org	(no subject) Give me a call when yo	9:28 am
Delete	<input type="checkbox"/> b.wragg@fnebank	Loan request Re: Account No. 017	9:01 am
Contacts	<input type="checkbox"/> sonjakerr@telnet.net	FW: Vacation pictures Got them thnx	Jul 22
	<input type="checkbox"/> mrssuzy@yahoo.com	YOUR URGENT RESPONSE NEE	Jul 22
	<input type="checkbox"/> info@buyonline.net	Re: yr order ref no KY7342	Jul 21
	<input type="checkbox"/> kpjones21@jnet.com (2)	No problem Just a quick note to sa	Jul 19
	<input type="checkbox"/> joe.wilson@dudes.com	Dinner Hi, Philip. See you on Friday	Jul 18

1 Look at the inbox of emails above. Which of these are probably:

- a personal messages?
- b business messages?
- c spam?

2 Which hyperlink on the left or at the top of the email inbox do you click if you want to:

- a read your emails? Inbox
- b end your email session? _____
- c write an email? _____
- d find a friend's email address? _____
- e look at an email that you started writing but did not finish? _____
- f report an email that you did not want to receive? _____
- g send an email to the trash? _____

3 Match the punctuation marks to the words.

- a . question mark
- b ' apostrophe
- c - exclamation mark
- d ? comma
- e ' dash
- f ! period

4 Rewrite the email on the right, above using the punctuation marks in Exercise 3 and capital letters where necessary.

5 Read Katy and Paul's reply to the email in Exercise 4. Write Philip's reply.

FROM: phillip@mail.com
TO: katy@globalprovider.com
SUBJECT: Visit

Dear Katy and Paul
 I havent written for a long time so I thought Id drop you a line are you on vacation now Im at the beach with my family but the weather is terrible rain rain rain I hope its better where you are let me know how things are going I hope youre well
 Best wishes
 Philip
 PS A friend of mine is going to be in Chicago next month he doesnt know anyone there is there any chance you could show him around for one day Id be really grateful

FROM: katy@globalprovider.com
TO: phillip@mail.com
SUBJECT: RE: Visit

Hi Philip,
 Just a quick note to say yes - no problem. We'd be really happy to show your friend around when he comes to Chicago. Can you tell us a little more about him? What's his name? What kinds of things does he like to do? When's he coming? Has he been here before?
 Love,
 Katy & Paul
 P.S. Could you send us a picture of him?