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Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with *a*, *an*, *the* or 0 (no article).

1 Can you turn ..... television on? *X-Factor* is on in five minutes.
2 Jan's got ..... new baby. She's beautiful!
3 Do you enjoy studying ..... English?
4 I'd like to be ..... engineer when I'm older.
5 Come in! My dad's in ..... kitchen. He's cooking.

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2 Write complete sentences. Use the present simple or the present continuous.

1 you/know/my friend Susie?
.....

2 Jack/not work/on his computer/right now
.....

3 we/study/present tenses/this week
.....

4 I'm afraid /I/not understand/this homework
.....

5 your grandmother/stay/with you/at the moment?
.....

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3 Complete the sentences with the correct present simple or present continuous form of these verbs.

go • have • stay • study • work

1 Our family ..... dinner together every evening. I think it's important.
2 I ..... at my best friend's house in the countryside this weekend.
3 At the moment, my cousin ..... at a college in England. He's having a great time.
4 We ..... on holiday to Spain twice a year. We love hot countries!
5 My dad ..... in a bank in the city centre. He drives in every day.

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Vocabulary

4 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

1 I really like my *brother-in-law/stepbrother*. I'm happy that my sister married him.
2 My mum married again and my new *husband/stepfather* is very nice.
3 Helen is *a single/an only* child and she doesn't like it.
4 Brett and Beth aren't very happy together. I think they're going to get *single/divorced* soon.
5 My uncle has two children who are the same age as me – they're my sons/cousins.

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5 Complete the sentences with the correct noun form of the verbs given.

1 We asked the teacher for ..... (inform) about the new drama club.
2 We guarantee an ..... (improve) in your English.
3 My grandmother isn't enjoying her ..... (retire). She says she's bored.
4 Can you give me a ..... (describe) of your bag? What does it look like?
5 You need a lot of ..... (confident) to be an actor and perform in front of crowds of people.

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6 Complete the sentences with words related to the stages of a person's life.

baby • middle-aged • senior citizen teenager • young adult

1 My grandfather's 70. He's a ..... .
He's retired and lives with his wife in Spain.
2 My aunt is 48. She's a ..... woman.
She's a teacher in a secondary school.
3 My cousin Mary is 25. She's a ..... .
She wants to get married next year.
4 My sister's 17. She's a ..... .
She lives with my mum and stepfather.
5 My little brother's one. He's a ..... .
He doesn't sleep much at night!

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Use of English

7 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

Family life (1) ..... changing a lot these days. In some countries, all the members of a family (2) ..... in the same place, sometimes in the same home. However, in other countries, people often have to move away from their home town to find a job when they are ready to start work. They get married and start (3) ..... family away from their parents, and then their children do exactly the same thing. Grandparents sometimes live hundreds of miles away from their grandchildren. Sometimes they are even in (4) ..... different country! This can cause a lot of problems when people (5) ..... older. Sons and daughters can't help their parents when they are ill and they have to go into hospital or special homes. The grandparents are (6) ..... there to help with the grandchildren when they are young. Some parents have to send (7) ..... children to special schools at a young age if they need to go to work. In many countries, this problem is getting worse (8) ..... people are worried that family life is never going to be the same again.

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Reading

8 **Read the article about a new kind of mobile phone. The headings are missing from the article. Choose from the headings A–E the one which fits each gap.**

1 .....
Mobile phones are an important part of our lives and most of us can't imagine life without one. They keep us in contact with friends and family at all times and when we have a problem we can call immediately for help. Now parents can buy a special mobile phone for their four-year-old children. Is this a way to help protect our young children or is it a silly idea?

2 .....
The phone is called 'My Moby' and it looks like a toy, but it isn't. It comes in many colours and young children love it. It has five buttons and two of them call 'Mum' and 'Dad'. Of course, the parents control all the numbers in the phone and the idea is that the child can call their parents when they want to. And of course the parents can call the child too.

3 .....
Many parents like the idea and they think it's good for their children's safety. For example, if they're worried, the parents can phone their child, and if the child gets lost, they can call home! They also think it's a good idea if children learn how to use modern technology like mobile phones.

4 .....
However, not everyone agrees that it's a good idea and some people are angry about the idea. They think children today are growing up too fast. They want to be like adults when they are very young and this isn't good for them. They believe that children need to enjoy their childhood and they think it's a very bad idea to give a four-year-old a mobile phone. They say it's unnecessary and it can be dangerous for their health. They also say that young children don't need a phone because they are always with an adult.

5 .....
So, is it a good idea or not? Can phones be good for protecting our children or are they just good for the phone company? What do you think? Send us your comments.

A Tell us what you think
B A new mobile phone
C Designed for children
D Do children need mobile phones?
E Good for parents and their children

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9 **Read the article again and choose the best answers, A, B or C.**

1 The writer says mobile phones
- **A** are important for many people.
- **B** protect young children.
- **C** cause problems for many people.

2 The writer says
- **A** My Moby is a silly idea.
- **B** My Moby is a toy.
- **C** children like My Moby.

3 The writer says children
- **A** can call their parents with My Moby.
- **B** can't make calls with My Moby.
- **C** can call anyone with My Moby.

4 Many parents think My Moby
- **A** will make them worry.
- **B** will get lost.
- **C** helps keep children safe.

5 Some people believe
- **A** many children are angry.
- **B** it's important to enjoy childhood.
- **C** children don't like adults.

6 These people also believe that
- **A** mobile phones can be bad for children's health.
- **B** young children need a mobile phone.
- **C** young children don't need adults.

7 The writer asks readers to
- **A** protect their children.
- **B** give their opinions.
- **C** talk to their phone company.

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Listening

10 **Listen to four teenagers talking about family life. Match the speakers (1–4) with the comments (A–D).**

1 .....
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....

A Many teenagers disagree with their parents.
B I understand why my parents worry.
C We have too many rules at home.
D We don't agree on many things.

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11 **Listen again. Are these statements True (T) or False (F)?**

1 Speaker 1 doesn't go home late. T/F
2 Speaker 1 goes out a lot in the week. T/F
3 Speaker 2 always looks after her little brother. T/F
4 Speaker 2 cleans her bedroom on Saturday mornings. T/F
5 Speaker 3 doesn't like eating with his family. T/F
6 Speaker 4 watches TV with her mum and dad. T/F

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Writing

12 Read this email from Patsy, an English friend, and write a reply. Remember to answer all her questions.

Hi,
How are you? I know you're on holiday at the moment. Who are you with? What's the weather like? Are you doing anything interesting? And do you like the food?
Write soon!
Patsy

In your email you should talk about:
- the people you're with.
- the weather.
- what activities you are doing.
- the food.

Write 100–125 words.

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Speaking

13 Role-play the situation with your partner.

You meet an old friend after a long time. Tell him/her about yourself and find out about him/her. Use the ideas in the box to help you.

- friends and family
- what you're studying at school
- what you do in your free time

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