5 Home and away

Reading

1 Read the two emails on page 33. Are Jenny and Kaz living in the same country?

Yes, they are. No, they aren't.

2 Read the emails again. Circle the correct opinion to complete the sentences.

1 Kaz thinks the weather is *good / bad* where she lives.

2 Kaz *likes / doesn't like* staying home in the winter.

3 Kaz *loves / hates* her blanket.

4 Jenny's neighbor thinks it's *a little / very* hot.

5 Jenny *likes / doesn't like* cold weather.

6 Jenny *loves / hates* the view from her apartment.

7 Jenny thinks green tea is *the best tea / OK*.

4 Read the emails again. Match these words from the emails with their definitions (1–6). Use the text around each word to help you understand the meaning before you use a dictionary.

awful	balcony	blanket	bite
fan	heater	horrendous	

1 _____, _____: very bad

2 _____: an object that people lie under to keep warm

3 _____: a machine used to heat the air in a room to keep it warm

4 _____: a machine used to move air around and help a room feel cool

5 _____: part of an apartment where you can sit outside

6 _____: to make a small hole in the skin

New Message

Hi Jenny,

How are you? I miss you! Tell me all your news! It's cold and dark here. I think this is the coldest winter in years. I didn't leave the house all weekend because the weather was so horrendous!

But it's OK—staying home is great when it's awful outside. You know me, I love sitting under a blanket and reading a good book! We got new heaters and windows last year and now the house is really warm, but I still use that blanket you made me. It's so soft and comfortable. It's awesome.

I hope you are doing well and you're not missing home too much! If there's anything you want from here, just let me know. I can send it to you.

Lots of love,

Kaz

Hi Kaz,

Thanks for your email. It's great to hear from you. Your house sounds nice and warm. Sorry to hear the weather is awful. It's the opposite here. My neighbor says this is the hottest summer in a long time!

I need to sleep with the fan on and the window open every night. It's great to have fresh air, but it's noisy. Plus, there are lots of insects and they like to bite me! I actually miss the cold weather.

I really love my new apartment, though. It's beautiful. It has the most incredible view of the park and a big balcony. It's such a great place to live.

I'm enjoying my classes, but I'm missing home a little. I'd love to see everyone and to have a nice cup of tea! If you want to send me something, you can mail me teabags! You know the best ones to buy. The ones here are nice, but nothing is better than green tea!

Love,

Jenny

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Grammar

Zero conditionals

1 Match the beginnings of the sentences (1–6) with the endings (a–f).

1 If they don't want to come, _____
2 If the trains are canceled, _____
3 When the weather is good, _____
4 When we don't cook dinner, _____
5 When the house is messy, _____
6 If it's noisy outside, _____

a we don't open the windows.
b we get takeout.
c I clean up.
d we take the bus.
e I go to the beach.
f they can stay at home.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct verb forms.

1 When he _____ (go) for a walk, he _____ (be) out all day.
2 When she _____ (visit) us, we always _____ (have) fun.
3 We always _____ (watch) a movie if we _____ (be) home on Saturday night.
4 She _____ (get) sick when she _____ (travel) by car.
5 My brother _____ (not like) staying inside when it _____ (be) sunny.
6 When we _____ (not have) much money, we _____ (not go) on vacation.

First conditionals

3 Circle the correct option to complete each sentence.

1 If she cleans the house, I'll *cooks* / *cook* dinner.
2 If your desk *is* / *be* organized, it will be easier to study.
3 We'll complain if the air conditioning *doesn't work* / *not work*.
4 If you can't do it, he'll *help* / *helps* you.
5 They'll see her when they *got* / *get* to Lima.
6 If we help them, they *not get* / *won't get* lost.

4 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences. Add the correct punctuation.

1 If / it's / I'll / angry / be / messy

_____

2 we'll / visits / If / she / be / happy

_____

3 they / won't / go / out on the boat / it / isn't / windy / If

_____

_____

4 call / she / doesn't / We'll / stay home / if

_____

5 arrives / they'll / us / When / the bus / call

_____

6 a balcony / she'll / If / there's / be / excited

_____

7 won't / if / we / have to / don't / move house / We

_____

_____

8 pass / We'll / have / when / you / your finals / a party

_____

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Pronunciation

Understanding contractions of auxiliary verbs

1 5.1 Listen and complete the sentences with *'ll* + verb, or a verb in the simple present.

1 If the bus doesn't come, we _____ home.

2 They _____ if you email them.

3 If it's warm, we _____ in the ocean.

4 I _____ if you put the heater on.

Vocabulary

Extreme adjectives

1 Complete the phrases with these adjectives.

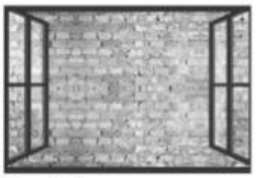
awful	disgusting	filthy
freezing	spectacular	tiny



1 a(n) _____ sunset



4 a(n) _____ window



2 a(n) _____ view



5 a(n) _____ room



3 a(n) _____ floor



6 a(n) _____ smell

2 Circle the correct options to complete the conversation.

A: How's your new apartment?

B: It's [1]*amazing / awful*. We have the most [2]*enormous / spectacular* view of the mountains.

A: We want to move too. Our apartment is [3]*tiny / enormous*. The heat doesn't work well. It's [4]*filthy / freezing*.

B: That sounds [5]*tiny / awful*.

A: Yes, and our neighbor always leaves his [6]*filthy / tiny* trash bags outside his door. They smell [7]*disgusting / amazing*. I saw a(n) [8]*enormous / spectacular* rat in the hall yesterday too.

B: Oh, no! I hope you can move soon!

Listening

1 5.2 Listen to a podcast interview about home hosting. Circle the best summary of the interview.

a Home hosting has advantages for everyone.

b Home hosting has advantages and disadvantages for hosts.

2 5.2 Listen again. Circle the advantages or disadvantages they don't talk about.

1 Advantages for guests:

cheap good locations meet people
can cook food

2 Advantages for hosts:

extra money meet people
practice English own space

3 Disadvantages for hosts:

broken things mess cost
staying away from home

4 Disadvantages for local people:

higher rent mess
hard to find somewhere to live

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Grammar

Comparatives and superlatives

1 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

1 Our apartment was in _____ part of town.
a safer b safer than c the safest

2 The park was _____ the street.
a busier b busier than c the busiest

3 This is usually _____ restaurant in town.
a more crowded b the crowdedest
c the most crowded

4 The campground was _____ place to stay.
a less expensive than b the less expensive
c the least expensive

5 The weather on our vacation was _____ at home!
a worser b the worst c worse than

2 Correct the mistakes in the text (1–6).

We looked at lots of places before we found our new home. It's not perfect, but it's [1]**the better** place we saw. It's [2]**more expensive** other places, but it's [3]**more closest** to downtown than the other ones. Plus, it has the [4]**bigest** windows and the [5]**more beautiful** views of all the apartments we saw. There is one problem. There isn't any air conditioning right now, so it is [6]**more hot** than our last place.

1 *the best* _____ 4 _____

2 _____ 5 _____

3 _____ 6 _____

Pronunciation

Saying /f/ and /v/

1 53 Listen and number the words in the order you hear them.

a _____ few c _____ view e _____ ferry

b _____ very d _____ have f _____ half

2 53 Listen again and repeat.

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