

13 Personal information

A Facts

Sandro is studying English in Cambridge. The **receptionist** needs some **information**.

- Receptionist** What's your family name? (OR What's your surname?)
Sandro Bertoli.
Receptionist And your first name?
Sandro Sandro.
Receptionist OK, Sandro. What's your address and postcode?
Sandro 45 Alfred Road, CB2 4TX.
Receptionist So, Sandro, where are you from? (OR Where do you come from?)
Sandro Italy.
Receptionist Whereabouts in Italy? (OR Where in Italy exactly?)
Sandro Pisa.
Receptionist What do you do in Pisa? (OR What's your job?)
Sandro I'm a doctor.
Receptionist And are you married or single?
Sandro I'm married. My wife is German.
Receptionist And how old are you?
Sandro I'm 34.



SPOTLIGHT information

Information [U] means facts about people or things, e.g. name, address, etc. **Information** is uncountable. Don't say *an information* OR *informations*. **Personal information** is information about one person.

1 In each sentence, one word is in the wrong place. Correct it.

- Are married you?
 1 I need some information personal. 3 Do what you do? 5 How old you are?
 2 Where do come from you? 4 What your postcode is? 6 Where the receptionist is from?

2 Write the questions with different words but with the same meaning.

- What's your family name? What's your surname _____?
 1 Where are you from? Where do _____?
 2 Whereabouts in Poland? Where in Poland _____?
 3 What's your job? What do _____?
 4 Where do you live? What's your _____?
 5 What's your age? How _____?

3 Complete the questions in the table.

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS	ABOUT YOU
► What's your <u>name</u> _____?	<u>Kovács</u>
1 And your _____ name?	Zsuzsa.
2 Where are you _____?	Hungary.
3 _____ in Hungary?	The capital, Budapest.
4 _____ your address?	Tarcali utca 27.
5 And the _____?	1113.
6 And what _____ you do?	I'm an engineer.
7 Are you _____?	No, I'm single.
8 How _____ are you?	I'm 27.

4 ABOUT YOU Write your answers to the questions in the table, or ask another student.



B Talking about your English course

Sandro has been in Cambridge now for two months and is talking to the receptionist again.

Receptionist So, Sandro. What's your English **level** now?

Sandro I'm intermediate.

Receptionist Yes, you **communicate** very well.

Sandro Thank you, but I still need to **improve**.

Receptionist Why's that?

Sandro Because I want to work **abroad** and **help** people in other countries. For that, my English has to be **perfect**.

Receptionist So **how long** are you **planning** to stay here?

Sandro I don't know.

Receptionist But you're enjoying your **course**?

Sandro Yes, it's **great**. I've made a lot of **progress**.

GLOSSARY

level	how high sth is, e.g. <i>an elementary/intermediate/advanced level of English</i>
communicate (with sb)	be able to say what you mean, or have a conversation with other people
improve	become better improvement <i>n</i>
abroad	in another country
help	do sth good for sb so their life is easier
perfect	so good it can't be better
how long?	how much time? (NOT <i>how long time?</i>)
plan (to do) sth	decide what you are going to do and how you are going to do it
course	a number of lessons
great	very good or nice SYNS fantastic, wonderful
progress	improvement

5 True or false? Write T or F.

- ▶ If you **help** someone, you make their life easier. T
- 1 **Perfect** means the same as good. _____
- 2 **Plan to do something** is the same as decide what to do and how to do it. _____
- 3 **Improve** means to make something different. _____
- 4 **Abroad** means in another country. _____
- 5 **A language course** means the same as **a language level**. _____
- 6 If you **communicate** something, you are able to say what you mean. _____
- 7 **How long?** means the same as **how far?** _____
- 8 **Great** means the same as **fantastic**. _____

6 Agree with the first speaker, but replace the words in *italics* with different words.

- ▶ The course is *really good*. ~ Yes, it's great.
- 1 She's *getting better*. ~ Yes, she's _____.
- 2 Her English is *very good* now. ~ Yes, it's at a high _____.
- 3 She can *express ideas* very well. ~ Yes, she _____.
- 4 She wants to work *in another country*. ~ Yes, she wants to go and work _____.
- 5 They're *thinking about* going to Spain. ~ Yes, they're _____ to go there.
- 6 I thought it was *fantastic*. ~ Yes, it was _____.
- 7 He's really *improving*. ~ Yes, he's making a lot of _____.
- 8 He wants to *make* people's *lives better*. ~ Yes, he wants to _____.

7 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or ask another student.

- 1 What's your English level? _____
- 2 How well do you communicate in English? _____
- 3 Do you want or need to improve? _____
- 4 Are you making progress? _____
- 5 Are you planning to go to an English-speaking country? If so, where? _____
- 6 Would you like to work abroad? _____



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