

## 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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