# O American Language Hub

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	present a company for an award SPEAKING HUB
listen to a business podcast about marketing	

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READING • LISTENING	SPEAKING • WRITING
ead an article about the sport of snowball fighting in Scotland isten to a talk about eSports <b>KEY SKILL</b> Listening for main and supporting points	describe a sport or a game and discuss sports <b>SPEAKING HUB</b> give a persuasive talk about a sport or a game
isten to a radio show about hobbies and free time activities ead about a person who tries something new every month for six months <b>KEY SKILL</b> Identifying tone	SPEAKING HUB interview your classmates about their free time activities SPEAKING HUB talk and ask about new activities
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Natch a video about a movie	describe a favorite movie

read an article about thinking rationally and decision making listen to a conversation between two friends about a failed shopping trip KEY SKILL Listening for phrases that support an argument	discuss different outcomes of past events <b>SPEAKING HUB</b> discuss past mistakes
listen to a conversation on the power of habit read about the psychology of the to-do list KEY SKILL Bridge sentences	talk about wishes, hopes, regrets and dreams SPEAKING HUB make a wish list into a to-do list
🜔 watch a video about an apology	act out conversations to make and accept apologies

# GRAMMAR

### Verb tenses and structures

- A Choose the correct verb forms to complete the conversation.
  - A: Excuse me. 1<sup>1</sup>*look / 'm looking* for room 14. I have an English class today, but 1<sup>2</sup>*don't know / 'm not knowing* where to go.
  - B: Room 14? It's right here. It looks like we're <sup>3</sup>being / going to be in the same group. My name's Diego, by the way.
  - A: Hi, Diego. I'm Yulia. So <sup>4</sup>*did* / *have* you studied at this school before?
  - B: Yes. I <sup>s</sup>was / 've been in the same group last year. The teacher, Helena, is really nice. <sup>6</sup> You / You'll like her, I'm sure. So ... why <sup>7</sup> did you decide / were you deciding to join this school, Yulia?
  - A: Well, about two weeks ago, I <sup>8</sup> ve tried / was trying to help my son with his English homework, but I couldn't remember anything! So I decided to come back to school, after all these years!
- B Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences or questions. The first one has been completed as an example.
  - 1 How many time do you spend doing homework every day?
  - 2 It's an online course, so all the answers are check by a computer.
  - 3 Everybody make mistakes when they speak English even English speakers!
  - 4 It's important to learn a lot of new words, but I don't really enjoy to study vocabulary.

#### **C SPEAK** Work in pairs and discuss the questions.

- 1 Why did you decide to join this class? Use the ideas from the conversation in Exercise A to help you.
- 2 What is the best way to learn English? Use the ideas in Exercise B to help you.

# VOCABULARY

# Describing places, illnesses and transportation

A Complete the table with the words in the box.

attract	ive	bus	s <del>cold</del>	<del>dirty</del>	head	ache	helico	pter
modern	noi	sy	<del>plane</del>	temper	ature	toot	nache	trolley

Describing places	Illnesses		Transportation	
dirty	а	cold	a	plane
	a		a	
	а		a	
	а		a	

## Collocations

#### B Choose the correct words to complete the collocations.

- 1 Is it better if somebody helps you by / for / to / with your homework, or should you always work alone?
- 2 When was the last time you *did / made / took / went* a day off from school or work?
- 3 Are you good *at / in / from / on* cooking?
- 4 Is it better to *borrow / earn / lend / pay* money from your friends or from the bank?
- 5 Is it possible to *have / stay / make / play* in shape without spending a lot of time or money?
- 6 Do you prefer to pay *by / on / for / with* your shopping by card or in cash?
- 7 What is the best way to fall / get / meet / win a good job in your country?
- **C SPEAK** Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions in Exercise B. Ask your partner to explain his/her answers.

A: I think it's better to do your homework with someone. B: Really? Why do you think so?

# PRONUNCIATION

#### Listen and choose the words you hear.

- 0.1 1 where / were
- 5 have/of
- **2** can/can't
- **6** this/these
- 3 work/walk
- 7 cap/cup
- 4 mouth/mouse

# **FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE**

#### Match the sentences (1-9) with the responses (a-i).

- 1 My name's Adam, by the way.
- 2 What a nice surprise. Long time, no see!
- 3 What do you think I should do?
- 4 Would you like me to check it for you?
- **5** Are you doing anything this evening?
- 6 Do you feel like watching a movie this weekend?
- I feel really sick today ... and I have an exam later.
- 8 In my opinion, young people these days are incredibly rude.
- 9 It was really nice to see you again.

- a Why don't you try to find a new job?
- **b** Sounds great. I'll just check that I'm free.
- c You, too. See you later. Take care.
- d Nice to meet you.
- e Some are, but then some adults are, too.
- f No. Why? Should we go out?
- **g** Oh, no! Poor you! That sounds terrible.
- h Yeah, I know! What are you doing these days?
- i Yes, please. That would be really helpful.

# COMMUNICATION

Wise men speak because they have something to say; fools because they have to say something. Plato

A young woman enjoys her walk outdoor:

### **OBJECTIVES**

- update your status on social media
   make a short podcast
   plan and conduct an interview
   use rhetorical questions in a presentation
   ask for, offer and respond to help
- write a report about trends

#### Work with a partner. Discuss the questions.

- 1 How does 21st century technology make it easier or harder to communicate with other people?
- 2 Read the quote. To what extent do you agree with Plato?
- 3 Which forms of communication do you use most often: face-to-face or electronic; written or spoken communication? Which do you prefer and why?

# **1.1** Communication today

G— simple present and present progressive

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G—listening to check predictions

## READING

#### A SPEAK Work in groups and discuss the questions.

- 1 Do you ever use social media sites? Which ones?
- 2 What sort of information do people usually post on social media?
- **B PREDICT** Match the pictures (1–3) with the social media status updates (a-c). How do you think the people in the pictures are feeling? What can you guess about their lives?
  - a On my way to the top! Looking forward to an amazing view!
  - b Can't believe we're on vacation again! We're having a wonderful time!
  - c Our beautiful new kitchen! Looks good, doesn't it?
- c READ FOR GIST Read the social media posts quickly to check your predictions from Exercise B. Write about the true stories behind the pictures.

# My perfect online life



@Katia ... is feeling confused 6 hours ago

Had a very strange experience today. I met my old school friend @Elisa for the first time in eight years. 'You're so lucky!' she said. 'You have such a perfect life! I'm so jealous!'

A perfect life? Me? I have a very normal life: I get up early every day, take the bus to work, watch TV ... and that's all. In fact, Elisa seems to have a perfect life: her pictures always show her wonderful family relaxing in the sunshine on a beautiful beach. But now that I'm writing this post, I think I understand what happened: on social media, our lives look perfect, but the reality is very different.

For example, last week I posted a selfie from the top of a mountain. In the picture, you can see I'm smiling. But in fact, I felt absolutely exhausted and just wanted to go home as quickly as possible! But you can't see that in the picture!

And did you see the picture of our new kitchen a few weeks ago? Well, yes, it's beautiful, but I didn't mention that it took six months to finish. Six months without a kitchen! And it cost us twice as much as we expected, so now we're getting worried about money. But no one ever talks about money problems on social media, do they? I'm not complaining, though. I'm very happy with my life! I love being normal ... and I don't mind that my life is becoming a little boring! In fact, I'm thinking of staying at home this evening - just me, my husband and a takeout pizza! Perfect!



Q Reply from @Elisa 4 hours ago

Hey, @Katia! Great to see you this morning. I know what you mean about our 'perfect lives'. I guess I need to explain about all those beach pictures. You see, I work really hard all year, and the only time I use social media is when I'm on vacation. That's why I'm sitting on the beach in all my pictures! It usually rains for most of the week we're on vacation, but of course we only take pictures when the sun's shining!

#### Glossary

jealous (adj) unhappy because someone has something that you would like or can do something that you would like to do

**D** READ FOR DETAIL Read again and answer the auestions.

Update your status on social media

Make a short podcast

- 1 How do Katia and Elisa know each other?
- 2 Why was Katia confused?

P- schwa /ə/

- 3 When did Katia go to the top of the mountain?
- 4 How does Katia feel about her new kitchen?
- 5 How does Katia feel about her 'boring' life?
- 6 Why doesn't Elisa post pictures when she isn't on vacation?





#### **E** SPEAK Work in pairs and discuss the questions.

- 1 Does your life look perfect on social media? What about your friends' lives?
- 2 Do you ever feel jealous when you see other people's status updates?

### GRAMMAR

#### Simple present and present progressive

A Look at the underlined verbs in the social media posts. Which verbs are in the simple present? Which are in the present progressive?

# **B** WORK IT OUT Match the sentences (a–f) with the rules (2–5).

- a In the picture, you can see I'm smiling.
- b I know what you mean about our 'perfect lives'.
- c But now I'm writing this post, ...
- d You have such a perfect life!
- I get up early every day.
- f So now we're getting worried about money.

#### Simple present and present progressive

- 1 Dynamic verbs (talk, go) usually describe actions.
- 2 We use the simple present with dynamic verbs to talk about actions that always, usually or never happen.
- 3 We use the present progressive with dynamic verbs:
  - **a** to talk about actions that are in progress at the moment of speaking or writing.
  - **b** to describe actions in a picture, video, etc.
  - c to describe trends (e.g. something is happening more and more these days).
- 4 Stative verbs (*want, seem*) frequently describe feelings and ideas. We use the simple present with stative verbs.
- 5 A few verbs (*have*, *look*, *speak*, *think*) have two or more meanings. They are sometimes dynamic verbs and sometimes stative verbs.
- C Find at least one more example of each rule (2–5) in the posts.
- D Go to the Grammar Hub on page 122.

#### E Are the verbs stative verbs (S) or dynamic verbs (D)?

- 1
   contain
   \$
   7
   include

   2
   cost
   8
   mean

   3
   depend
   9
   own

   4
   deserve
   10
   relax
- 5 enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ 11 seem \_\_\_\_
- 6 happen \_\_\_\_\_ 12 shine \_\_\_

#### **F** SPEAK Work in groups and discuss the questions.

- 1 Why are you studying English? Why do you need English?
- 2 How is this week different from your normal weekly routine? What are you doing differently this week? What do you normally do?
- 3 What are people doing more and more these days? What are some trends in your own life?

### **SPEAKING**

- A Work in groups. If you have some pictures on your phone, choose two or three to discuss with your group. If you do not, think about some of your favorite pictures of you and your friends or family.
- **B** Tell your group:
  - · What's happening in the pictures?
  - Does your life seem perfect or exciting in the pictures? What's the real story behind the pictures?
  - Do you have any pictures of you doing normal things, e.g. watching TV? Why/Why not?
- C Write a short social media status update for one or two of your pictures. Decide whether to make your life seem perfect or normal.

#### Writing a status

We frequently leave out the subject and *be* from the beginning of status updates when it's easy for the reader to guess the missing words.

- (It) Looks good, doesn't it?
- (I) Had a very strange experience today.
- (It was) Great to see you this morning.
- D Read some of your classmates' social media status updates. Do their lives look perfect or normal?