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No place like home

The tense system • Informal language • Compound words • Social expressions



TEST YOUR GRAMMAR

1 Which time expressions from the box can be used with the sentences below?

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| 1 My parents met in Paris. | 6 I wrote to my grandmother. |
| 2 They travel abroad. | 7 I'm going to work in the US. |
| 3 They were working in Canada. | 8 My brother's flying to Argentina on business. |
| 4 I was born in Montreal. | 9 He's been learning Spanish. |
| 5 My grandparents have lived in Ireland. | 10 I'll see you. |

when I was born never in the 1970s
tonight frequently for ages ages ago
the other day in a fortnight's time
recently during a snowstorm for a year
since I was a child later sometimes

2 Talk to a partner about yourself and your family using some of the time expressions.

WRITING HOME

Tense revision and informal language

- Read the letter. Who is writing? Who to? Where is he? What is he complaining about? How old do you think the writer is?
- Complete the questions. Then ask and answer them with a partner.
 - 'How long _____ Max _____ at summer camp?'
'Just _____.'
 - '_____ he _____ a good time?'
'No, not really. He _____ very homesick.'
 - 'Is this his first time at summer camp?'
'No, it _____ . He _____ once before. Last year he _____ to Pine Trees.'
 - '_____ he like it at Pine Trees?'
'Oh, yes, he _____ , very much.'
 - 'Why was that?'
'Because _____.'
 - 'What _____ tomorrow?'
'He _____ pancakes.'
 - 'Why _____ his cell phone?'
'Because _____.'
- T.I.1** Listen and check your answers.



Tuesday, 9:00pm

Hi Mom, Hi Dad!

Been here two days but seems like FOREVER - it's kind of boring and I'm feeling very homesick - more homesick than last year 'cause at Pine Trees we had more exciting stuff to do. Here we have an activity called 'extreme sun tanning', where you sit outside for two hours and do nothing. We also have an activity called 'sitting around playing cards'. Last year we did stuff like archery and mountain biking. I'm still hanging in there, though. Got to go to sleep now. We're making chocolate chip pancakes for breakfast tomorrow.

Love you lots, **Max** xxxxxx

P.S. Could you send me more money? Oh, and my cell phone. ALL the other kids have their cell phones!

Expatriates

IAN WALKER-SMITH IN CHILE

Ian Walker-Smith comes from Crewe, England, but now lives and works in Chile. He's married to a Chilean woman, Andrea, and works for a European astronomical agency in the town of Paranal.



Ian says: I work shifts of eight days in Paranal, and get six to rest at home - in my case, the mining town of Antofagasta, a harrowing two-hour drive away on the coast. It takes a real toll, being so far from Andrea. I miss her when I'm away.

Where he works

I work at Paranal Observatory, where every night the boundaries of our universe are probed by four of the world's largest telescopes. I'm part of a 12-strong I.T. team which looks after everything from satellite ground stations to desktop support. My role is to make sure the computers run 24/7. As Paranal is in the middle of nowhere - up a mountain in the desert - the sky is truly amazing. As we're 2,600 m above sea level, I easily get puffed when I'm exercising and each time I arrive for a week on shift, I can't think straight or fast for the first day or so.



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Language work

Study the texts again and answer the questions about these expressions. Explain the meanings to a partner who read the other text.

Ian in Chile

- 1 *It takes a real toll, ...* L10
What takes a toll? On what or who?
- 2 *... the computers run 24/7.* L16
How long do the computers operate?
- 3 **I easily get puffed ...* L18
When and why does he get puffed?
- 4 **... itchy feet ...* L24
Why did he get itchy feet?
- 5 *... winter gloves ...* L48
What still fits him like winter gloves?

Thomas in Korea

- 1 **... I'm really into soccer.* L07
Is he a soccer fan?
- 2 **... a really big deal ...* L08
What is a really big deal? Why?
- 3 **... doesn't get it.* L09
Who doesn't get what? Why not?
- 4 **... a big shot.* L17
Who is a big shot? What makes him a big shot?
- 5 **... the bad guy is beating him up.* L53
Who is the bad guy beating up?

Express all the lines marked with an asterisk (*) in more formal English.

What do you think?

Work in groups.

- Close your eyes and think about your country. What would you miss most if you went to live abroad? Compare ideas.
- Make a list of the disadvantages of moving abroad. Then for every disadvantage (-) try to find an advantage (+).

⊖ *The language barrier – maybe you don't speak the language.*

⊕ *But this is an opportunity to learn a new language.*

- Have any of your friends or family gone to live in a foreign country? Why?
- Do you know anyone who has come to live in your country from another country? Why? Do they have any problems?
- Which other countries would you like to live in for a while? Why?

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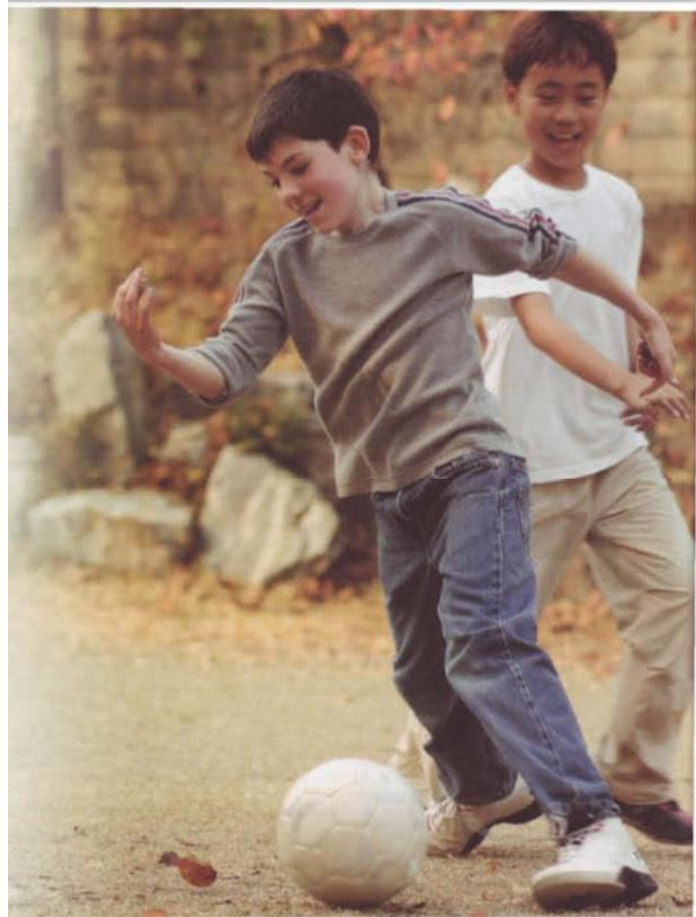
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2 Been there, done that!

Present Perfect • Simple and continuous • Hot verbs – make, do • Exclamations



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- What is strange about these sentences? What should they be?
 - Columbus has discovered America.
 - Man first walked on the moon.
 - I travelled all my life. I went everywhere.
 - I've learnt English.
 - I've been losing my passport.
- Which of these verb forms can change from simple to continuous or vice versa? What is the change in meaning?
 - What do you do in New York?
 - I know you don't like my boyfriend.
 - I had a cup of tea at 8.00.
 - Someone's eaten my sandwich.
 - I'm hot because I've been running.

EXPLORERS AND TRAVELLERS

Present Perfect

- Look at the pictures. Why did people go exploring hundreds of years ago? Why do young people go travelling these days?
- Read the first and last paragraphs of two articles about Marco Polo and Tommy Willis. Then match the sentences with the correct person. Put **MP** or **TW** in the boxes.
 - He was born in Venice, the son of a merchant. When he was 17, he set off for China. The journey took four years.
 - He's visited royal palaces and national parks in South Korea, and climbed to the summit of Mount Fuji in Japan.
 - He's been staying in cheap hostels, along with a lot of other young people.
 - His route led him through Persia and Afghanistan.
 - He was met by the emperor Kublai Khan. He was one of the first Europeans to visit the territory, and he travelled extensively.
 - 'I've had diarrhoea a few times.' Apart from that, his only worry is the insects. He's been stung all over his body.
 - He stayed in China for seventeen years. When he left, he took back a fortune in gold and jewellery.
 - He's been travelling mainly by public transport.

T 2.1 Listen and check. What other information do you learn about the two travellers?



MARCO POLO 1254-1324

MARCO POLO was the first person to travel the entire 8,000 kilometre length of the Silk Route, the main trade link between Cathay (China) and the West for over two thousand years.



He wrote a book called *The Travels of Marco Polo*, which gave Europeans their first information about China and the Far East.





6 Making it big

Expressions of quantity • 'export and ex'port • Business expressions and numbers



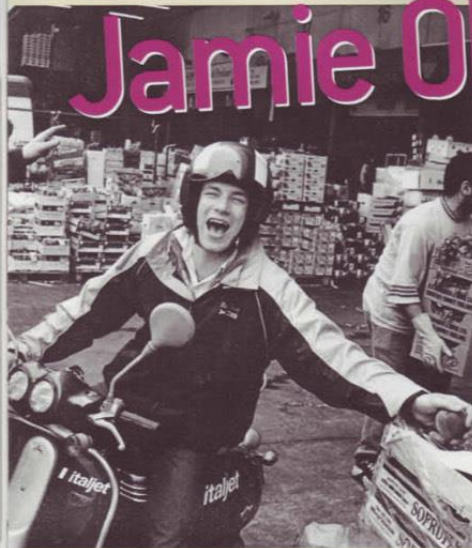
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- Underline the words that can complete the expressions of quantity.
a few ... cars/traffic/hold-ups/pollution
not many ... crimes/criminals/violence/accidents
several ... times/letters/paper/rooms
very little ... time/room/hope/spaces
not much ... jobs/unemployment/work/experience
a bit of ... luck/opportunity/fun/help
a lot of ... enthusiasm/energy/people/ingredients
enough ... chairs/food/herbs/cutlery
plenty of ... fresh air/fluids/sleep/walks
hardly any ... money/experience/clothes/friends
- What do you notice about the three groups of quantifiers?

THE NAKED CHEF

Expressions of quantity

- Jamie Oliver is a famous British chef. Read the article. Why do you think he is called *the Naked Chef*?
- Answer the questions.
 - How many TV series has he made?
 - How many books has he written?
 - How many live shows does he do a year?
 - How much did he earn cooking at his parents' pub?
 - How long did he spend in catering college?
 - How much time did he spend in France?
 - How many chefs did he work under in London?
 - How much experience did he have when he was first on TV?
 - How many fresh ingredients and herbs did he use?
 - How much interest in food programmes did his audience have previously?



Jamie Oliver

At only 28, JAMIE OLIVER is now an extremely successful and well-known chef, with his own acclaimed restaurant in the centre of London. He has made five TV series, written several books, and still does around twenty live shows a year. He doesn't have much free time any more. How did he make it big?

Well, his rise to fame and fortune came early and swiftly. By the age of eight he had already started cooking at his parents' pub. It was an easy way to earn a bit of pocket money! After two years in catering college, and some time spent in France, he started working in restaurants. He worked under three famous chefs in London before he was spotted by a TV producer at 21, and his life changed.

Even though he had very little experience, he had a great deal of enthusiasm for cooking, and was very natural in front of the camera. His first TV programme featured him zipping around London on his scooter buying ingredients and cooking for his friends, all to a rock and roll soundtrack. The recipes were bare and simple – they didn't involve complicated cooking techniques and used plenty of fresh ingredients and herbs. It attracted a completely new audience that previously had no interest in food programmes. Jamie Oliver became an overnight success.

So what's his recipe for success? 'A little bit of luck, a little bit of passion, and a little bit of knowledge!' he says.

THE K.I.P.P.E.R.S



MARTIN GIBBS, 28, lives with his parents Kathy, 52, and Robert, 54.

I HAVE TO admit that I'm spoiled at home, so it's hard to imagine moving out. My mum always has my tea on the table when I return from work. We all get on really well together – although my parents can get on my nerves when they tell me what to do. I'm sure I get on their nerves as well sometimes.

At 23, I moved out for two years. I lived with a friend for a short time, then went travelling in Australia. It was a brilliant experience but I got into debt, about £2,000, and I had to come back and live at home again so that I could afford to pay it off. My parents don't charge me rent, so I can spend all of my salary on enjoying myself. Sometimes girls call me a 'mummy's boy', but I think they like it. It's a lovely, cosy place to bring girls back to because there is always an open fire and something cooking in the oven.

THE PARENTS

BILL KENNEDY tells why his children, Anna, Simon, and Andrew can stay as long as they like!

NO ONE TOLD ME, but it seems I was the father of Kippers for years, without knowing it. My three children all lived at home well into their late 20s. I know there'll be some parents at their wits' ends with their 'lazy kids sponging off them'. Actually, we don't want an empty nest.

What puzzles me is why parents should ever want their children to leave home at 18. My wife, Judy, and I made it very easy for them to stay with us. It allowed them to postpone growing up. And it helped us postpone getting old. Honestly, I would happily forfeit any number of retirement perks – golfing, snorkelling holidays in Portugal, Paris, Peru or wherever, for just a few more years with our children at home. And why? Because money isn't everything. Family is.



SANDRA LANE, 49, says it's domestic hell with her son, Alan, 27.

THE FRIDGE IS the main issue, he's always helping himself to some titbit that I've been saving for dinner and he puts empty milk cartons back. The phone is another cause for complaint – he's always getting in touch with his mates, but when I get angry he just says I should get a mobile phone. And he borrows the car without asking and so I suddenly find myself unable to go out. He's been living at home since he graduated from university five years ago. By the time he finished his studies he had accumulated £4,000 in debt. I can't charge him rent, there's no point. He couldn't and wouldn't pay it. But he's always got money for clothes and nights out. I'm at my wits' end with it all. I had been planning to go on a dream cruise as soon as Alan left home. Now that's all it can be – a dream.





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VOCABULARY AND PRONUNCIATION

House and home

Compound nouns and adjectives

Words can combine to make new words.

- 1 Look at the examples. Which are nouns and which are adjectives?

life lifestyle lifelong life-size

