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#### Starting off

#### Work in pairs. Discuss these questions.

- Which of the activities in the photos look the most fun?
- Write a list of five activities you enjoy doing with your family and a list of five activities you enjoy doing with your friends. How different are the two lists? Why do you think this is?

#### Listening Part 1

- In Listening Part 1, you listen to people talking in eight different situations, which may be either conversations between two or more people, or just one person speaking.
- You answer one question for each situation by choosing A, B or C. You hear each piece twice.

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Work in pairs. You will hear people talking in eight different situations. Before you listen, read questions 1–8 and underline the main idea in each. The first one has been done for you.

- You hear part of a conversation between friends. The boy says <u>the reason his father cooks most of the</u> <u>time</u> is because
  - **A** the boy doesn't like exotic food.
  - **B** the boy has too much school work.
  - **C** the boy doesn't know what ingredients to buy.
- 2 You hear part of a conversation between friends. The girl says that she enjoys spending weekends with her family because
  - A her mother spends a long time researching places to visit.
  - **B** her mother often chooses entertaining activities to do at the weekend.
  - **C** her parents allow her to relax at home.

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- **3** You hear a girl talking to her brother on the phone. What has her brother done to annoy her?
  - **A** He hasn't done something he agreed to do.
  - **B** He has bought the wrong present.
  - **C** He has forgotten to buy a card.
- 4 You hear a boy taking part in a class discussion. His relationship with his brother
  - **A** was surprisingly better in the past.
  - **B** was bad because they argued.
  - ${\boldsymbol{\mathsf{C}}} \quad \text{improved because of their parents' actions.}$
- 5 You hear a girl talking to a friend. She says her sister didn't tell her mum that she had got two new kittens because
  - A her mother doesn't like cats.
  - **B** her room was too small for kittens.
  - ${\boldsymbol{\mathsf{C}}} \quad \text{her mother thought that one cat was enough.}$
- 6 You hear a boy leaving a message on his mother's phone. He is calling his mother because he wants her to
  - A tell his relatives that he can't see them tonight.
  - **B** allow him to stay at his friend's house.
  - **c** help him with his project.
- You hear an interview with a young chess champion.She says that the main reason for her success is that
  - A her father gave her a chess set when she was young.
  - **B** she has been very lucky.
  - **C** her family have helped her.
- 8 You hear a boy talking to a friend.
  - Why did the boy go to Denmark last summer?
  - **A** He likes trying new things.
  - **B** He always spends his holidays there.
  - **C** The climate is better there.

#### Listen and choose the best answer (A, B or C).

#### Work in pairs. Correct the mistakes in questions 1–6.

- **1** How often you do the cooking?
- 2 You usually spend your weekends with your family?
- **3** You have yet managed to get a present?
- **4** Parents should limit the amount of time their children spend in front of a screen?
- 5 How much pets you say you had at home?
- 6 How you have become so successful?

#### Vocabulary Phrasal verbs

Match the phrasal verbs (1–12) from Listening Part 1 to their definitions (a–l).

- 1 chill out c
- 2 come up with
- 3 set off
- 4 work (something) out
- **5** rely/depend on
- (someone)
- 6 fall out with (someone)
- 7 try (something) out
- 8 hit it off
- 9 look out for (someone/something)
- **10** take after (someone)
- **11** look up to (someone)
- **12** look back at (something)

**a** have an argument with someone

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- **b** immediately like each other and become friendly
- c relax and rest
- **d** experiment with an idea
- e be able to trust someone to do something
- **f** find an answer to something
- **g** respect or admire an older person
- **h** start a journey
- i think of (an idea or plan)
- j think about something in the past
- k try to notice
- l be like a parent or older sibling
- Complete the sentences with a phrasal verb from Exercise 1 in the correct form.
  - I used to \_\_\_\_\_\_ with my cousins all the time when I was younger, mostly because I didn't agree with their opinions, but now I'm a bit older we've started to really \_\_\_\_\_\_ as we seem to understand each other better.

  - 6 When Tomas has a problem, he often a few ideas before he finds the correct solution. It doesn't matter what the situation is, he usually it in the end.

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#### Reading and Use of English Part 6

Work in pairs. You are going to read an article giving advice to teenagers about how to get on better with their siblings (brothers and sisters). Before you read, write these adjectives in the correct column below.

<u>caring</u> cheeky childish cooperative critical energetic enthusiastic hardworking irritating mature organised patient reliable responsible self-confident sensitive sympathetic thoughtful



Add one of these prefixes *dis*-, *im*-, *in*-, *ir*-, *un*- to each of the words to make opposites.

cooperative uncooperative critical enthusiastic mature organised reliable responsible sensitive sympathetic

Work in pairs. Which of the adjectives in Exercise 1 do you think typically describe older siblings in relation to younger siblings? Why? Which describe younger siblings in relation to older siblings? Why?

#### Work in groups.

- Make a list of things teenage children sometimes say about their siblings.
  - He's really irritating!

My parents always praise her.

Discuss what you can do to live happily with your brothers and sisters.

Be kind to them and try to be cooperative.

- In Reading and Use of English Part 6, you read a text of 500-600 words with six gaps where sentences have been removed. You choose one sentence from a list of seven sentences (A-G) for each gap; there is one Exam sentence you will advice not need. 5 Read the article opposite carefully, ignoring the spaces, and make a note of the main idea of each paragraph. **First paragraph:** Getting on with your siblings can be difficult, but it is possible to have a good relationship. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences (A-G) the one which fits each gap (1-6). There is one extra sentence which you do not need. Use the underlined words in the sentences and in the text to help you. A It is also crucial that you are sensitive to the feelings of your siblings too. В Your siblings need to learn to take responsibility if they have done something wrong. **C** <u>These arrangements</u> will hopefully <u>make both of you</u> <u>more cheerful</u>. **D** It is only natural that <u>these developments</u> will <u>affect</u> your feelings towards members of your family. E But you should try not to let incidents like these have too big an effect on your relationship.
  - **F** Indeed, it <u>could seem impossible</u> to imagine that you <u>could ever be friends</u>.
  - **G** <u>This could be watching a series on television, joining</u> <u>an exercise class or even preparing a family meal</u>.



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# FROM WORST ENEMIES TO BEST FRIENDS

Everybody feels irritated by their siblings from time to time. Maybe your younger brother shows off and behaves in an immature way when you invite your friends to your house. Or perhaps your hardworking older sister gets a lot of praise from your parents, making you feel like you are not trying hard enough. At times, your brother or sister <u>can feel like your</u> worst enemy. 1 But your relationship can improve <u>greatly</u> with a bit of effort and understanding.

Sibling relationships can be especially difficult for teenagers, who are <u>experiencing many changes to</u> their preferences and personality. 2 For example, you may now find some of the activities that you used to enjoy doing with your younger brother childish or a waste of time. At times, the age difference can feel bigger than it really is, and this can have a negative effect on your relationship.

One way to solve this problem is to make sure you continue to include your brother or sister in your dayto-day life. Find an activity that you think you will both enjoy and suggest that you do it together. 3 If you do this activity regularly, you will soon remember how much fun it can be to spend time together, and you will start to get on better with each other. This can take some time, so it is important to be patient and enthusiastic.



Of course, it is perfectly normal for brothers and sisters to fall out with one another over small things. When you live together, it is only natural that you will get on each other's nerves from time to time. For example, <u>if</u> your younger sister is always borrowing your clothes without your permission and then loses or damages them, then of course it is your right to be annoyed with her. 4 It is important to learn to forgive your siblings for this kind of behaviour, just as you would forgive your close friends.

In situations like these, it is really important to let your sibling know how you feel. Rather than insulting



your sister when she takes your things, <u>tell her that</u> <u>it makes you feel angry, and that you would feel</u> <u>much happier if she asked you first</u>. **5** Your older brother may be more popular with your parents for his academic achievements, <u>but he may also feel sad</u> <u>that he is not so popular with you</u>. By making an effort to understand each other's feelings, your relationship will quickly improve.

Finally, it is important to learn how to compromise. It is understandable that you may not want to lend your favourite jumper to your unreliable sister, <u>but</u> <u>maybe you could offer her a less valuable alternative</u> <u>item of clothing</u>. Or if your brother likes to spend all his free time watching football and you find it boring, you could suggest a different sport that you follow <u>regularly together</u>. **6** And if you make the effort to make your sibling happy, he or she will do the same for you.

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Work in groups of four. Two students should take the role of Brother/Sister A and two students should take the role of Brother/Sister B.

- Read the role-play cards and decide as a group what the missing / borrowed item is going to be.
- Work with the student who has the same role as you. Read your role and prepare what you are going to say.
- When you are ready, change partners and have your conversations.

#### **Brother/Sister A**

You recently received a special gift for your birthday. When you looked for it the other day, it had gone missing. You think that your brother/ sister may have taken it. You are annoyed because

- they often take your things without asking
- this gift is very important to you as it is something that you had wanted for a long time.
   Have a conversation with your brother/sister.
   Find out what happened and decide how to avoid this situation in the future.

#### **Brother/Sister B**

You recently borrowed something belonging to your brother/sister without asking them. You sometimes do this because your brother/sister never lets you borrow their things.

Have a conversation with your brother/sister. Explain what happened and discuss how to avoid this situation in the future.



#### Grammar

#### Present perfect simple and continuous

- Page 162 Grammar reference
- Look at the pairs of sentences in *italics* and answer the questions that follow.
  - **1** a *I've broken my personal record playing virtual tennis.* **b** *I've been playing virtual tennis all evening.*

#### Which sentence (a or b) talks about ...

- **1** the result of an activity?
- 2 the length of an activity?
- **2 a** *I've been learning how to bake bread.* 
  - **b** *I've phoned her more than six times, but she never answers the phone.*

#### Which sentence (a or b) talks about ...

- 1 how many times something has been repeated?
- 2 changes or developments which are not finished?
- **3 a** *I've been helping my mum while her assistant is on holiday.* 
  - **b** We've lived in this house since I was a small child.

## Which sentence (a or b) talks about something which is ...

- 1 temporary?
- **2** permanent?
- Complete the sentences with the present perfect simple or continuous form of the verbs in brackets.
  - 1 l'ue been visiting (visit) friends, so I haven't spoken to my parents yet today.
  - 2 My mum ...... (ask) me to tidy my room several times.
  - **3** I..... (clean) the kitchen, so what would you like me to do next?
  - 4 Our neighbour ...... (play) the violin for the last three hours and it's driving me mad!
  - **5** Congratulations! You ...... (pass) the exam with really high marks!

  - 7 We ...... (spend) every summer in Crete since I was a child, so it'll be sad if we don't go there this year.
  - 8 I'm really tired because I ...... (cook) all day!

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Students often make mistakes with the present perfect
 simple and continuous. Correct the underlined verb
 which is wrong in each sentence.

- 1  $I \frac{was}{was}$  interested in it since  $I \frac{saw}{saw}$  a film about it.
- 2 In these last three weeks, I <u>learned</u> so many interesting things which I <u>didn't know</u> how to do before.
- **3** This <u>isn't</u> the first time I <u>fix</u> the brakes on my bike.
- **4** My name <u>is</u> Hannah and I <u>play</u> tennis for three years.
- 5 Since I <u>started</u> the project, I <u>had been doing</u> research on someone famous from my country.
- 6 They <u>had been talking</u> about it for weeks, but nothing <u>has been done</u> up to now.
- 7 Vicky and Kostas <u>are</u> friends for many years. They actually <u>met</u> at primary school.

#### Reading and Use of English Part 2

In Reading and Use of English Part 2, you read a text of 150–160 words with eight gaps where words have been removed.
 You write one word in each gap.
 You are given an example (0).

Work in pairs. You are going to read an article about how teenagers get and manage their money. Before you read, match the verbs (1–7) to the nouns (a–g) to make phrases related to getting and managing money. Some verbs may be used with more than one noun.

- 1 open a a budget
- 2 get **b** a bank account
- **3** set **c** pocket money
  - buy **d** essential items
- **5** receive **e** bills

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make

7 pay

- **f** a part-time job
- **g** choices
- Work in groups. Discuss these questions.
  - Which of the phrases in Exercise 1 are related to getting money? Which are related to managing money?
  - Which of the things in Exercise 1 have you done, or do you do?

I do housework every week to get pocket money from my parents.

- 3 Read the text quickly. How do teenagers get and manage their money?
- Think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. Make sure that you spell the word correctly.

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How (0) do young people manage their money? A recent survey asked teenagers (1) ..... their money comes from and about their spending habits. Just over 80% of the teenagers surveyed received regular pocket money (2) ..... their parents. About half of these had to (3) housework in return for their pocket money. Just under 10% received no money but said that their parents bought (4) essential items, such as clothes. A further 12% chose (5) get a part-time job. Reasons (6) ..... seeking employment included having more money to spend, saving up for a large purchase such (7) a car and wanting to be financially independent; that is to say, to make their own money. When asked about (8) ..... spending habits, about half of the teenagers surveyed said that they spent all their money each month. A quarter opened a bank account and saved a set amount each month and 10% set a monthly budget.



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## Now check or complete your answers by using these clues.

- 1 an adverb used to describe places
- 2 This preposition tells us who gives teenagers pocket money.
- **3** Which verb do we use with *housework*?
- 4 a pronoun which tells us who the parents buy everything for
- a preposition often used before the infinitive form of a verb
- 6 a preposition used with *reason* and often followed by the gerund (*-ing*) form of a verb
- 7 This preposition is used with *such* to mean *for example*.
- 8 Whose spending habits did the survey ask about?

Work in pairs. Is what the text says about how teenagers get and manage their money true in your country as well?



#### Vocabulary

#### Collocations with make and do

Put the words and phrases in the box into the third column of the table.

an activity an appointment an arrangement the bed business a change a choice the cleaning a course a decision an effort an excuse (an) exercise a favour friends homework housework an impression a job a mistake money a noise a phone call a plan progress a promise the shopping (a) sport work

verb	definition	common collocation
make	to create or produce something	an appointment
do	to perform an activity or job	an activity

- 2 Students often confuse *make* and *do*. Complete the sentences with the correct form of *make* or *do*.
  - 1 According to a recent study of teenagers, half of them do not ...... housework for pocket money.
  - 2 Many teenagers get a part-time job because they want to ...... money and be financially independent.
  - **3** If you want to \_\_\_\_\_ me a favour, could you \_\_\_\_\_ the shopping for tonight's dinner?
  - **4** A few changes have been .....to the computer game and the company say they'll try to avoid ......similar mistakes in the future.
  - 5 People who language courses tend to a lot of friends at the same time.
  - **6** I.....a big effort to be helpful around the house last week.
  - Work in pairs. Each choose five words/phrases from the table in Exercise 1 and think about when you did or made these things. Then take turns to tell your partner about them.

I had to make a choice between going away with my family or doing a language course during the summer. Although it was a difficult choice to make, I decided to do the language course and miss my holiday.

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Read a student's answer to the task, ignoring the spaces. Which of her ideas do you agree with, and which do you disagree with?

(1) most teenagers can rely on their parents for the things they need, learning how to manage money is an important skill. Many adults believe that teenagers simply waste their pocket money on clothes, computer games and fast food.
(2) J believe that parents can teach teenagers to manage their money effectively by giving them regular pocket money.

Some parents prefer to buy their children everything they need rather than give them their own money. It is true that young people may not spend their money on sensible things, (3) parents may know better what they need, but in my view, young people need to be given the independence to make their own choices.

People often argue that young people will find it difficult to make their money last for a whole month. **(4)** , if parents help their children to set a budget, and are strict about not giving them extra money, they will soon learn to manage their money sensibly in my opinion. They are likely to be more financially responsible when they are adults and will be less likely to borrow money from their parents.

For all these reasons, I think that teenagers benefit more from receiving pocket money from their parents than if their parents buy them everything they need. Complete this plan for the student's essay by matching the notes (a–d) to the paragraphs (1–4).

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introduction:
conclusion:

- **a** Who should decide what teenagers need and why?
- **b** Parents can help children to manage their money and why this is good
- c Most beneficial to give teenagers pocket money
- **d** Common belief that teenagers waste money + my opinion
- 5 It is important to express your opinions in an essay. Find four phrases which the student uses to introduce her personal opinions.
- <sup>6</sup> When you write an essay, you should try to present contrasting points of view. Complete the student's essay by writing *although*, *however*, *on the other hand* or *whereas* in each of the spaces 1–4.
- 7 Complete the sentences with *although*, *however*, *on the other hand* or *whereas*. In some cases, more than one answer may be possible.
  - 1 Adults tend to worry more about their health, young people are more concerned about money.
  - 2 I am happy to do some of the cooking, I don't want to do it all.
  - 3 My mum and dad have similar tastes. ....., mine are completely different.
  - **4** my parents give me a lot of freedom, I would prefer to have even more independence.
  - **5** Young people often spend many hours a week on their social life....., older people are often too busy.
  - 6 I enjoy making beds. ...., I'm not at all keen on doing the ironing.
- Write your own answer to the writing task in Exercise 1. Before you write, use the notes you made in Exercise 2 to write a plan. Write between 140 and 190 words.
  - Use the student's essay as a model, but express your own ideas and the ideas which came up during your discussion.



