

2 KEEPING IN TOUCH

GRAMMAR

1  04 Listen to the conversation between Katie and Patrick, who have just started their first jobs after leaving university. Are the statements True or False?

- 1 Patrick has fully adjusted to working life.
- 2 Katie is happy with her salary.
- 3 Patrick and Katie were short of money when they were students.
- 4 They waited a long time to get cheap theatre tickets.
- 5 Katie used to get up early for her university lectures.
- 6 Patrick finds it easier to get up for work than Katie does.
- 7 As students, Patrick and Katie had to dress smartly.
- 8 Patrick has always worn a tie.

2 For each sentence, choose the correct form of the verb.

- 1 In the past, people didn't *used* / *use* to lock their front doors when they went out.
- 2 When my parents arrived in Europe from Jamaica, they found it hard to get *use* / *used* to the cold.
- 3 I'm from a large family. I'm used to *share* / *sharing* a room.
- 4 In my town, people used to *putting* / *put* their babies out in the garden all morning. I'm glad they don't do that anymore!
- 5 Families *used* / *use* to be much larger – having seven or eight children was quite normal.
- 6 Society is gradually *being* / *getting* used to the idea of men staying at home to bring up children while their wives go out to work.
- 7 *Were* / *Did* you use to cycle to school?
- 8 I *do* / *am* not used to walking so much. I usually drive everywhere.

3 Why do you think each speaker decided to use the passive? Choose the correct options. For some sentences, both may be possible.

- 1 My parents' house was broken into a couple of years ago.
A The speaker doesn't know who did the action.
B It's not important who did the action.
- 2 Flour is sieved and added to the mixture.
A To show that it is a formal situation.
B To describe a process.
- 3 Manchester United were knocked out in the first round by Liverpool.
A The speaker doesn't know who did the action.
B The speaker is mainly focused on Manchester United.
- 4 Milk used to be delivered to almost every house in England.
A Because we already know that milkmen deliver milk.
B Because this is no longer true.
- 5 *A Christmas Carol* was written by Charles Dickens. It's the story of an unhappy man called Ebenezer Scrooge.
A The speaker is focused on *A Christmas Carol*.
B The speaker is focused on Charles Dickens.
- 6 I would like to inform you that your loan repayments have not been made for the last two months.
A It's a formal situation.
B The speaker wants to be indirect.





- 4** Can these sentences be changed to the passive voice? Write in the passive those that can be changed. Put a cross (X) next to those that cannot. There are two examples (A and B) to help you.

Examples

- A** My mum grew these tomatoes – *These tomatoes were grown by my mum.*
- B** The plane arrived at 15.35. **X**
- 1** Amesh cooked this delicious curry.
- 2** I think all the students will understand the lesson.
- 3** I belong to the local tennis club.
- 4** The teacher has told me off three times now.
- 5** Joachim first came to the United Kingdom in 2009.
- 6** When did they discover those ruins?
- 7** I slept through my alarm this morning.
- 8** They are going to make a new version of the film *Titanic*.

PUSH YOURSELF C1

Rewrite the sentences using hedging language. The first one has been done for you.

People have said that social media has had a negative impact on our lives.

It has been said that social media has had a negative impact on our lives.

- 1** People have suggested that online friends aren't real friends.
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- 2** People argue that friendship is less sincere nowadays.
.....
- 3** People have said that families are growing further apart.
.....
- 4** People believe that social media will become less popular in the future.
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VOCABULARY

- 1** Complete each gap with a word for a family relationship.

- 1** My brother has a son. He is my
- 2** Tim married Rosie, who already had a daughter called Chloe from a previous marriage. Chloe is Tim's
- 3** Ana is married to Claudio. Claudio's father is Santiago. Santiago is Ana's
- 4** My aunt Emilia has two children, a boy and a girl. They are my
- 5** My husband has a sister called Julia. Julia is my
- 6** My uncle Tobias died last year. He was married to Surekha, who is now his
- 7** I've got two, one brother and one sister.
- 8** Alberto's daughter has a daughter called Sofia. Sofia is Alberto's

- 2** Match the questions to the answers.

- 1** Have you ever fallen out with a friend?
- 2** Do you get on well with the other students in your class?
- 3** Who do you take after in your family?
- 4** Who do you look up to in your family?
- 5** What do you get up to at weekends?
- 6** Have you ever met up with someone you met online?
- A** No, I'm not sure that would be a good idea.
- B** My dad, definitely. We're both tall with dark, curly hair.
- C** I usually hang out with my friends.
- D** Yes, I once stopped talking to Derek for a month!
- E** Yes, we often go out for a coffee together after the lesson.
- F** My older sister. She's a really brilliant student.

LISTENING PART 4



05 You will hear an interview with psychologist Antonia Russo, who is talking about the influence of birth order on personality. For questions 1–7, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1 What led Dr Russo to become interested in birth order and personality?
 - A her own two children
 - B her childhood experiences
 - C her role as a psychologist
- 2 One possible reason for the success of firstborn children is that
 - A they get more attention from their parents.
 - B they are naturally more gifted.
 - C they tend to be more interested in creative activities.
- 3 According to Dr Russo, the youngest child may
 - A have problems with their identity.
 - B be lacking in self-confidence.
 - C be good at getting their own way.
- 4 How did being the middle child affect Dr Russo?
 - A She became very close to her sisters.
 - B She didn't get noticed by her family.
 - C She sometimes went against her parents.
- 5 What does Dr Russo say about only children?
 - A They are generally the most spoiled.
 - B They share similar characteristics to firstborns.
 - C They are usually the best leaders.
- 6 What does Dr Russo think about the role that gender plays in influencing children's personalities?
 - A She feels that not enough research has been done in this area.
 - B She believes that parents need to consider this when raising their children.
 - C She doubts whether it affects the way that children develop.
- 7 Dr Russo sums up by saying that
 - A birth order strongly influences personality.
 - B the development of personality is complex.
 - C further studies on birth order are needed.



WRITING PART 1

1 Look at the Writing Part 1 question.

In your English class you have watched a documentary about families with lots of children. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay giving your opinion on large families.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of being a member of a large family?

Notes

Write about:

- 1 having a ready-made social network
- 2 the problem of lacking space and privacy
- 3 ... (your own idea)

Which opening paragraph (A, B or C) is the best as the start of an answer to the question?

- A** If you are part of a large family, you will have a ready-made social network. You are sure to get on well with at least some of your siblings. The problem would be if you didn't have a big enough house because you wouldn't get enough space to keep your things. You might be interrupted by your little brothers and sisters when you were trying to do your homework.
- B** In the past, it was common for families to have many children. Nowadays, though, the average in developed countries is between one and two children per family. However, there are some couples who choose not to follow this trend and have large numbers of children. What would it be like to be a child with many siblings?
- C** My opinion is that when it comes to families, it's a case of 'the bigger, the better'. I am from a family of six children myself and we do have lots of fun together. It teaches you to be less selfish and to be satisfied with less. It can be quite chaotic but I wouldn't have it any other way.

2 Read the rest of the essay. Complete the gaps with words or phrases from the box. Add capital letters to the words if necessary.

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one of the main drawbacks there is no doubt that

(1) children with many siblings are never lonely. They do not need to arrange to meet up with friends or join clubs because there is a ready-made social circle at home. Furthermore, small children will be cared for by older brothers and sisters as well as by their parents.

(2) of life in a big family would be the lack of space and privacy. It might be difficult to find a quiet spot to do your homework and it would not really be possible to invite friends round to such a crowded home. (3), sharing a room with one or more siblings would be the worst part and I believe this would cancel out the positive aspects.

(4), growing up in a large family develops positive characteristics. Children will not be spoilt by being given everything they want. They have to share and help others from an early age.

In my opinion, (5) your family is big or small. What matters is that it's a happy family.

