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	Video	Reading	Vocabulary
UNIT 1 Self Page 7 • Three student profiles • Chat transcript: Are you free?	Campus life	Skim to get a general idea of the topic	Organize words by topic to remember them better
Page 17 • Article: It's 5:54—time for dinner! • Six survey reports: Family traditions	Around the dinner table	Scan texts to find important information quickly	Find words quickly in a dictionary
UNIT: Stuff Page 27 • Web page: Make it personal! • Encyclopedia entry: The White House	Messy desk, messy mind	Preview a text to get an idea of what it is about	Use context to understand new words
UNIT 4 Money Page 37 • Web article: Money types • Five product reviews: Rate our products	At the shops	Notice topic sentences to find main ideas in paragraphs	Pair adjectives with their antonyms to expand your vocabulary
UNIT 5 Taste Page 47 • Feature article: Food careers • Restaurant profiles: Let's try something different tonight!	Eat out or eat in?	Highlight text to identify and remember key information	Write true sentences with new words to remember them in context

Grammar	Writing	Study skills	Unit outcomes
Use to be in present tense writing	Write simple sentences with compound subjects or verbs	Read about and discuss setting goals	Use skimming when reading simple texts
	Plan and write a personal profile		Write simple personal information on your profile
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Use subject and object pronouns (1, you, me, him) to	Use pronouns to avoid repetition in writing	Learn how to make and use flashcards	Practice scanning simple articles or reports
talk about people and objects	Prepare, write, and edit a paragraph about your family		Write and edit a single paragraph about your family
Notice and use articles (a, an, the) in reading and writing	Organize and write paragraphs Plan, write, and revise a paragraph describing a room	Read and think about organizing your study space	Preview simple texts to improve reading and understanding Compose and edit a descriptive paragraph about a place
Use adjective word order to organize your descriptions	Use commas with adjectives for correct and effective sentences Brainstorm, compose, and edit a paragraph describing a product	Learn to use an online dictionary effectively	Find topic sentences when reading articles Prepare and write a paragraph about a product
Use simple present tense to describe general truths and regular actions	Notice and use commas in sentences Prepare, compose, and revise a restaurant review	Explore different ways of learning grammar	Highlight key information in texts Prepare and write a review expressing likes and dislikes

	Video	Reading	Vocabulary
Page 57 Survey: Fitness survey Interview: Going the extra mile	Taking hobbies to the extreme	Read and annotate texts to remember important details	Find correct definitions for key words in a dictionary
UNIT7 Places Page 67 • Three place descriptions: Cool neighborhoods • Essay: A greener Seoul	In the city	Use charts to organize information from texts	Label pictures or things with their names
UNIT 8 Fun Page 77 • Popular science article: Traveler types • Tour brochure: Tip Top Tours	Time for vacation!	Recognize different text types to know what information they offer	Notice and use collocations with go to write about actions or journeys
UNIT 9 Plans Page 87 • Résumé: Katie Lee • Three professional interviews: Tell me about your job	Career choices	Identify examples that support main ideas	Use the suffixes -er and -or to write about jobs and roles
UNIT 10 Celebration Page 97 • Essay: Mother's Day • Blog entry: Unusual festivals	In celebration of food	Take notes when reading to remember information more effectively	Change verbs into nouns with the suffix -tion

Grammar	Writing	Study skills	Unit outcomes
Use adverbs and phrases to write about how often you do things	Combine sentences with <i>and</i> or <i>but</i> Brainstorm, write, and edit a paragraph about free time activities	Read about methods for creative learning	Read and annotate simple texts Compose and edit a paragraph about your free time
Use prepositions of place (in, on, behind, etc.) to describe what is around you	Use capital letters correctly with names and places and in sentences Plan, write, and share a description of your neighborhood	Read and discuss test- taking strategies	Use charts to organize reading notes Prepare and write a paragraph about your neighborhood
Use both and neither to identify what people, places, or things have in common	Use transition words (and, too, also, in addition) to add ideas when you write Discuss, compose, and edit a paragraph comparing two travel styles	Use graded readers to read English more confidently	Recognize different text types when reading Write and edit a comparison paragraph
Describe people and preferences with like, be like and would like	Give reasons to support ideas in your writing Brainstorm, plan, and write about a job or profession	Explore strategies to start a writing project	Read to find examples in support of main ideas Write a persuasive paragraph with support for your ideas
Use correct subject- verb agreement with compound subjects and indefinite pronouns	Use transition words (but, though, however) to contrast ideas Prepare, write, and revise a paragraph describing a festival	Learn to organize your notes	Read and take notes to prepare for writing Compose and edit a descriptive paragraph about a festival

READING

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Skimming

VOCABULARY

Organizing words

by topic

GRAMMAR WRITING Present tense of be

Making simple sentences



Discussion point

Discuss these questions with a partner.

- 1 Are you a full-time student?

 Yes, | am a ... No, | m not a ...
- **2** Where do you study? *I study at ...*
- **3** What languages do you speak? *I speak ... and a little ...*

TYPES OF SCHOOLS

college high school language school preparatory school university

vocational college

LANGUAGES

Arabic Japanese Russian Chinese Korean Spanish French Portuguese Turkish

Vocabulary preview 1

 In each set of four, match the words with their meanings. freshman (n.) a a first-year student junior (n.) b a second-year student senior (n.) c a third-year student sophomore (n.) d a fourth-year student
5 campus (n.) e not full-time 6 club (n.) f main area of study 7 major (n.) g land around a college or university 8 part-time (adj.) h a group with a common interest
 2 Complete these sentences. Use the words in exercise 1. 1 It's Rafael's first year of college. He's a 2 Sang-mi is in her second year of high school. She's a 3 Greta is in her third year of university. She's a 4 It's Salim's last year of high school. He's a 5 Jennifer's is Education. 6 Ben is taking only one class. He's a student.
7 Sylvie is a member of the English 8 Joel is a student but lives with his parents. He lives off READING 1 Student profiles
Work with a partner. Discuss these questions. 1 Where do you live? / live in 2 Who do you live with? / live with Global reading
When you skim a text, you don't read every word. You look over the text quickly to get a general idea of the topic. Look at the title, pictures, captions, and the first line of each paragraph. Skimming a text first makes it easier to understand the material when you read it more closely.
Skim the text Student profiles. Check (/) what it is about. a social networking site for college students descriptions of students at Lucas College

NOTE

U.S. English: major Brit. English: degree (subject)

TYPES OF STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

an apartment

- a dormitory
- a guesthouse
- a (shared) house
- a studio (room)
- full board / half board

profiles of three college seniors

1 Read Student profiles. Complete the chart.

	Abdullah	Hotaru	Sarah
Age	20	22	2
Year	freshman		
Country	Saudi Arabia	Japan	
Major(s)		,	Elementary Education
Language(s)		Japanese, English	
Club(s)	Debate		2

2 Write the first names of the students to complete these sentences.

1	lives alone off campus.
2	doesn't live off campus



STUDENT PROFILES

Every month, Lucas College profiles three students. If you see these students on campus, be sure to say hello!

Abdullah Al-Dossari is a freshman from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He's 20 years old, and his major is Engineering. He speaks Arabic, English, and German. He's a member of the Debate Club. He lives on campus in a dormitory, but wants to get an apartment next year. Abdullah plans to live with his brother. His brother is a junior here at Lucas College.

Hotaru Watanabe is a senior from Osaka, Japan. She's 22 years old. She's excited about her last year here. She has a double major in English and Business Administration. She speaks Japanese and English. She's a member of two clubs—the Drama Club and the Film Club. She shares an apartment off campus with two friends.

Sarah Clerci is 21 years old. She's a junior from Geneva, Switzerland. She speaks French, German, Italian, and English. Her major is Elementary Education. She lives alone in a small apartment off campus. She plans to live on campus next year. Sarah belongs to the Italian Club. She has a part-time job as a French tutor in an elementary school.

Over to you

Discuss these questions in a group.

- 1 Which student are you similar to? How? 1 think I'm similar to ... We both ...
- 2 What majors are popular in your country? ... is a popular major. Also, ...

TOP 5 MAJORS IN THE U.S.

- 1 Business Administration
- 2 Psychology
- 3 Nursing
- 4 Biology
- 5 Education

Vocabulary preview 2

1 Write the words under the pictures.

languages literature movies shopping

social networking sports

travel video games

















2 Work with a partner. Which things in exercise 1 are you interested in? Which aren't you interested in?

I'm interested in ...
I'm not interested in ...

READING 2 Are you free?

Before you read

Which of these do you use to communicate with friends? Which don't you use? Discuss with a partner.

chat online

email

talk face to face

text

use social networks

1 ... a lot / sometimes.

I don't ... much / at all.

Global reading

Skim the text *Are you free?* Check (/) the relationship between Ying and Bianca.

friends

colleagues

teacher and student

Read these sentences about Ying and Bianca. Write T (true) or F (false).

Bianca is watching TV in her room.

2 It's 10:15 p.m. in Bangkok.

Ying is taking five classes this semester.

4 Both Ying and Bianca think college is hard.

5 Bianca's major is Economics.

6 Bianca speaks Japanese very well.

Bianca, Ying, and Achara are all sophomores.

Bianca's friend Isabel is interested in video games.



Over to you

Discuss these questions in a group.

What topics do you talk about with friends? What don't you talk about? Why?

We talk / don't talk about ... because ...

2 What do these sayings mean? Which is true for you and your friends? Do you have similar sayings in your own language?

Opposites attract.

Birds of a feather flock together.

I think ... means your friends are similar to / different from you.

Are you free?







ying: Hi Bianca. I see you're online. Are you

Hi Ying. Sure. I'm not busy. bianca: What time is it in Mexico City? ying:

bianca: 10:15. And in Bangkok?

Here, too. But a.m. not p.m. 😃 ying:

bianca: Ha! Are you at home? Yeah, I'm in the kitchen. ying:

bianca: How's school?

Not bad. I have five classes this semester, ying:

so I'm busy. College is hard!

bianca: I know! My grades aren't very good this

Same here. And we're only sophomores. ying:

Do you have a major? I do! Economics. You? ying:

bianca: English.

ying: That's good. You're good at languages.

bianca: You think so?

Sure. You speak English, Spanish, and ying:

Japanese. That's amazing!

bianca: I'm a member of the Japanese Anime

Club. I don't really speak Japanese.

BTW my friend wants an e-pal. Do you ying:

have a friend for her?

bianca: What's she like?

Her name is Achara. She's 20, a ying:

freshman, and very nice.

bianca: What is she interested in?

ving: Literature and travel.

bianca: My friends aren't interested in literature.

She likes video games, too. ying:

bianca: My friend Isabel loves video games.

Maybe her?

Ask her. Please! ying:

bianca: OK.

I think I'm late for class. Look for me ying:

online and let's chat again soon.

bianca: OK. Bye for now.



books jobs clothes money

cooking movies family music food school

friends sports

Vocabulary skill

ORGANIZING WORDS BY TOPIC

One way of organizing new words is by topic. List new words in a vocabulary notebook under their general topic. As you learn new words, add them to the correct topic.

COMMON INT	ERESTS		
languages	movies	social networking	travel
literature	shopping	sports	video games

You can also list new topic words under different sub-topics.

COMMON IN	TERESTS		notice appropriate british the
Things I like:		Things I don't lik	ke:
movies	shopping.	languages	video games
travel	sports	literature	social networking

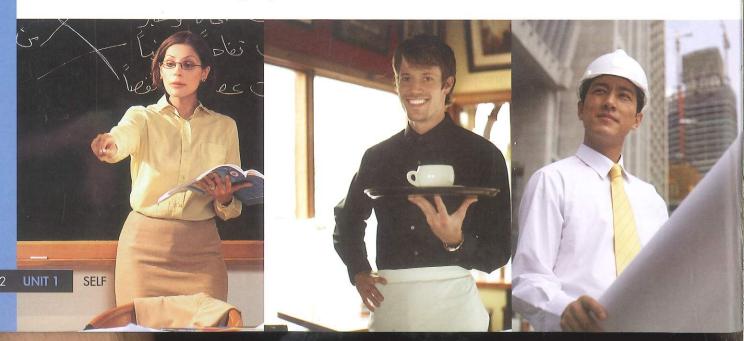
1 Underline the topic word in each group.

1	clothes	shopping	books
2	senior	students	sophomore
3	homes	dorm	apartment
4	text	email	communication
5	college	schools	university
6	debate	clubs	English

2 Write the topic word for each group of words.

1	2	3	4
Spanish	baseball	teacher	Education
English	soccer	server	Engineering
Chinese	tennis	engineer	Economics
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3 Add two more items to each group of words in exercise 2.



WRITING Writing an online profile

You are going to learn about the verb be and making simple sentences. You are then going to use these skills to write an online profile describing yourself.

Grammar

PRESENT TENSE OF BE

The simple present tense of *be* has three forms. We use the simple present to talk about facts and things that are generally true.

Form	Example
l + am (not)	l am not a student.
he/she/it + is (not)	It is a city in Saudi Arabia.
you/we/they + are (not)	They are not good friends.

1 Read this email. Correct the mistakes with be. (There are five more mistakes.)

Hi Rachid, is

What is new in California? School are OK. I is a member of the Drama and Chess clubs this year. The Drama Club is really fun, but the Chess Club not is very interesting. I am not good at chess, I guess.

Our English teacher is really nice. Her name are Mrs. Parker. She is from San Francisco. Santa Cruz is near San Francisco, right? You is neighbors!

I have a new phone number. It am 339-555-0178. Call me sometime! Your friend,

Jared

2 Complete the student profile with the correct form of be.

Achara Wattana (1)	from Bangkok, Thailand. She	
	rs old and a junior at King Mongkut's University	
of Technology. Her major (3) Engineering. Her favorite	
classes (4)	_ Geometry and English.	
Achara (5)	interested in many things. She loves technology,	A SWIFT
of course, but (6)	also interested in sports and social	
networking. Her friends and	d family (7) very important to	
her. Her best friend (8)	Ying Nantakam.	
When people ask Achara	a about her plans after graduation, she	
answers, "I (9)	not sure." She often says, "I am so busy!"	
But she (10)	happy with her life.	

Writing skill

MAKING SIMPLE SENTENCES

A sentence expresses a complete thought. A simple sentence has a subject and a verb, and often (but not always) an object.

I know. (subject + verb)

Ying likes languages. (subject + verb + object)

A simple sentence can have a compound subject, verb, or object.

Bianca and Ying are friends. (compound subject)

Bianca <u>reads and writes</u> Japanese. (compound verb)

Achara likes literature and travel. (compound object)

1 Draw a line (/) between the subject and verb in each sentence.

- I Hotaru / speaks two languages.
- 2 Abdullah's first language is Arabic.
- 3 English and French are easy subjects for Sarah.
- 4 Hotaru has two majors.
- 5 Adbullah and his brother are from Saudi Arabia.
- 6 Sarah lives and works off campus.
- **7** Hotaru lives off campus.
- **8** Family is important to Abdullah.

2 Combine the two sentences.

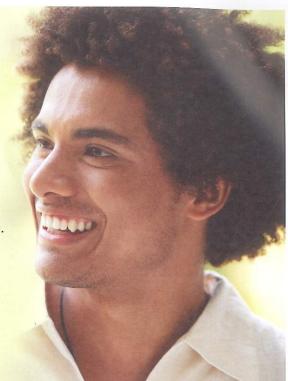
- l Bianca is a sophomore. Ying is a sophomore.
 - Bianca and Ying are sophomores.
- 2 Bianca speaks English. Bianca speaks Spanish.
- 3 Achara watches soccer. Achara plays soccer.
- 4 Bianca is online. Bianca is free.
- 5 Isabel works hard Isabel studies hard

		a lot.		
and		are my best friends		
ľ	m interested in	and		
I	and	English.		

WRITING TASK

Read this student profile. <u>Underline</u> the forms of *be*. Circle any compound subjects, verbs, or objects.

My name is Carlos González. I am 20 years old. I am a university student. I am a sophomore in Maracaibo. It is a city in Venezuela. I live with my mother and father. I speak Spanish and English. I read and understand French. My major is Latin American Literature. My favorite writers are Gabriel García Márquez and Isabel Allende. I am very interested in sports. I like soccer and baseball. I am also interested in movies and social networking. My friends and I are online every day. Nice to meet you!



BRAINSTORM

Complete the chart about yourself.

Name				
Age				
Year in school				18
City/Country				
Major			2.	
Interests				
Other information				

PLAN

Plan an online profile. Look back at your brainstorm and choose the information to include.

WRITE

Write your profile. Pay attention to your use of the verb be. Write complete sentences. Your profile should be 50–75 words long.

SHARE

Exchange your profile with a partner. Read the checklist on page 109 and give feedback to your partner.

REWRITE AND EDIT

Consider your partner's comments and rewrite your profile.

STUDY SKILLS Setting goals

Getting started

Discuss these questions with a partner.

- 1 Look at these examples of language goals. Which one is a general goal? Which three are specific goals?
 - I will add 10–20 words to my vocabulary notebook each week.
 - I will create and use flashcards for difficult words before every test.
 - I will increase my English vocabulary.
 - I will organize words by topic this year.

I think this one is a ... goal. What do you think?

2 Do you think setting language goals is important? Why or why not? I think setting language goals is/isn't important because ...

Scenario

Read this scenario. Think about what Nina is doing right and what she is doing wrong.

Consider it

Read these tips on how to set language goals. Discuss each one with a partner. Why do you think each one is important?

- 1 Look at the "big picture." Think about what you want to achieve. Be realistic about what you can achieve.
- **2** Break your general goal into several specific goals. Write down these goals in clear, positive statements.
- 3 Plan what you need to do to achieve each goal. Include how long you think each goal will take. Then follow that plan.
- 4 Review your specific goals. If you achieve a goal too easily, make the next goal harder. If it took you a very long time to achieve a goal, make the next goal a little easier.
- 5 Reward yourself when you achieve a goal.

Over to you

Discuss these questions with a partner.

- 1 What are your general language goals? / will ...
- 2 Think of two or three specific language goals. Write them down.

goal /gəul/

NOUN [COUNT]

something that you hope to achieve

Nina is starting a reading and writing course. She wants to learn to write well in English, so she sets some language goals.

She decides to write down three specific goals:

- I will learn to write a paragraph in English.
- I will use more academic words in my writing.
- I won't make any grammar mistakes.

Nina gives herself a time period of eight months to achieve these goals. Each month, she looks at the goals again. She achieves her first goal in the first month. She is happy that she only has two more goals to achieve.

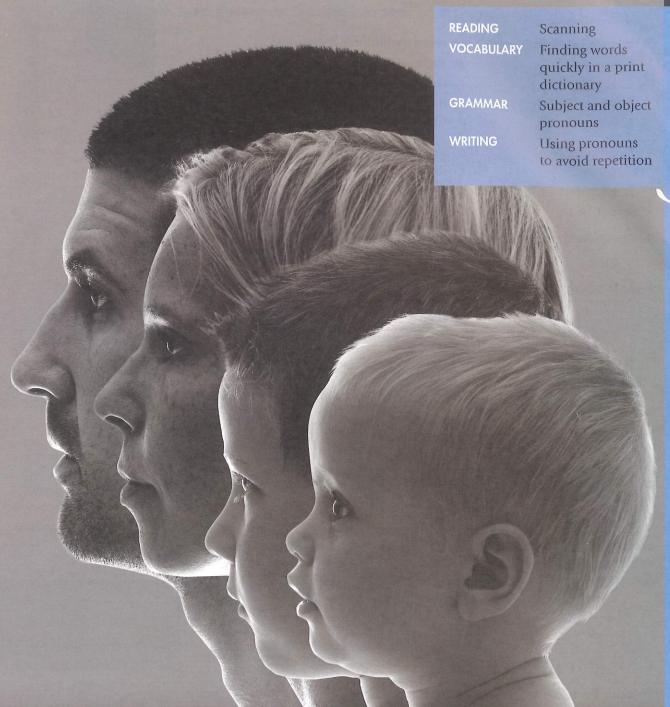


THINK ABOUT

reading writing listening grammar

pronunciation vocabulary

speaking tests



Discussion point

Discuss these questions with a partner.

- 1 Do you live with your family?

 1 live / don't live with my family.
- 2 How many people live in your home? There are ... people in my home.
- 3 Who are the people in your family? *In my family, I have ...*

FAMILY MEMBERS

FAMILY MEMBERS					
Male	Female				
grandfather	grandmother				
father	mother				
brother	sister				
son	daughter				
husband	wife				

V	OC	abulary preview 1				
1	In	each set of four, match the words wi	th their meanings.			
	1	argue (v.) u the morn				
	2	breakfast (n.) b the evening				
		() /	ep your home clean and neat			
			e and speak angrily			
	5	laundry (n.) e the midd	Fig. Control C			
	6	lunch (n.) f dirty cloth neighbor (n.) g an anima				
	7		l you keep at home			
	8		who lives near you			
2	and the second s					
	1	Our across the street	isn't friendly.			
	2	It's 12:15 p.m. It's time for	·			
	3	Cleaning and cooking are examples	of			
	4	I don't have any clean clothes. It's time	me to do the			
	5	I have a goldfish. It's my first	·			
	6	Let's not I'll wash th	e dishes instead of you.			
	7	I wake up at 7:00 a.m. I have coffee	and cereal for			
	8	I get home at 6:30 p.m. Then I have	with my family.			
0	E	ADING 1 It's 5:54—tin	me for dinner!			
B	ef	fore you read	等海里加州			
		k with a partner. Read this				
		nition. How is your family	typical /ˈtɪpɪk(ə)l/ adjective			
		ypical?	like most things of the same			
		t families like, but my family	type			
A	typ	oical family, but my family	Saturday was a typical			
		obal reading	winter day—cold and snowy.			
1	S	kim the text It's 5:54—time for dinne	r! Check (🗸) the best sub-title.			
	Г		pical British family			
			al meals			
		SCANNING				
		When you scan a text, you look for spec	cific information. As in skimming			
	(Unit 1), you do not read every word. When scanning, you move your eyes quickly over the text to find only the information you need.					

THINK ABOUT appearances interests personalities hobbies

2	<u>Underline</u> the ke and answer the		sentence.	Then	scan	the text
	r = 2000000					

- How many children are in a typical British family?
- 2 What percentage of daughters aged 20–24 live at home?
- 3 What do British families eat on Fridays?

Read It's 5:54—time for dinner! Check (1) what is typical for British families.

- ☐ live in an apartment ☐ go to a restaurant two times a month
- ☐ have a pet ☐ shop for groceries on Friday
- wake up at 5:15 wash 4.5 loads of laundry a week
- watch TV after dinner feel they are happy



IT'S 5:54-TIME FOR DINNER!

According to a recent study, a typical family in the U.K. is a father, mother, and two children. They live in a house, not an apartment. Both parents work outside the home. They carry just £10.50* in cash. They spend about £76 on groceries each week, and they own a pet. Almost 63% of sons and 55% of daughters aged 20–24 still live at home with their parents.

The typical British family wakes up at 6:57. They eat breakfast together only two times a week. The parents drive to work. They each have a car. They get home from work at 5:15 and have dinner at 5:54. Because of their busy lives, they eat dinner together at home only three times a week. They go out to eat two times a month. On Mondays, they typically eat spaghetti bolognese. On Fridays, they bring home fish and chips from a local chip shop. After dinner, they watch TV for a total of nine hours each week. They go to bed at 10:39.

The family exercises 2.5 times a week, and does housework for 4.5 hours. The mother does most of the housework. They wash 5.3 loads of laundry a week.

About 70% of British families feel they are normal.

*GBP£1 ≈ US\$1.5



But, is the typical British family happy? In short, yes. Just over 80% say they are "happy" or "very happy." However, they typically argue two times a week!

Over to you

Discuss these questions in a group.

- 1 What information about typical British families surprises you? *It surprises me that a typical British family ...*
- 2 Do you think families in your country do these things more or less than families in the U.K.?

argue eat dinner together go out to eat watch TV

In my country, I think families ... more/less.

Vocabulary preview 2

- 1 Read the sentences. Circle the correct meaning of the words in bold.
 - 1 I always give my mother a small gift on Mother's Day.
 - a job

- **b** present
- 2 All of these cakes look good. It's difficult to pick just one.
 - a choose

- b cook
- 3 Your socks don't match. You look very silly!
 - a serious

- b not serious
- 4 Today is special because it's my last day in high school.
 - a different
- b typical
- **5** That family is **strange**. They eat out for every meal.
 - g normal

- **b** unusual
- 6 Let's take turns washing the dishes.
 - a alternate
- b stop
- 7 My family eats together every Sunday.
 - a alone

- **b** with each other
- **8** In our office, it's a tradition to wear casual clothes on Fridays.
 - a bad behavior
- b the way a group has done something for a long time
- 2 Work with a partner. Discuss what you do on a typical day, and what you do on a special day.

On a typical day, I get up at 7. On a special day, I get up late.

READING 2 Family traditions

Before you read

Which of these things do you like to do ... alone? with your friends? with your family? Complete the chart. Then tell your partner.

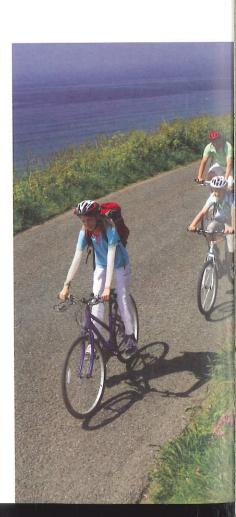
celebrate holidays cook eat go to movies play games shop travel watch TV

Alone	With my friends	With my family

I like to ... alone / with my friends / with my family. How about you?

Global reading

- 1 Skim the text Family traditions. Check (1) what it is about.
 - how family traditions are changing
 - family traditions from our readers
 - family traditions vs. holiday traditions



2	Scan the tex	xt Family	traditions.	Match	each	person	with	the
	correct trad	ition.				0. - 0.		

	Jared		a	cooks breakfast for his/her mother
2	Winnie		b	goes out to eat with the whole famil
3	Danni	-	C	watches movies and eats pizza
1	Greg		d	plays board games
5	Suzie		е	enjoys a favorite meal at home
5	Rob		f	doesn't use electronics

Read Family traditions. Answer these questions.

- Who picks the movies in Jared's family?
- What is Winnie's father's favorite meal?
- When does Danni's family go out to eat?
- How does Greg describe his family tradition?
- How many games does Suzie's family play each Friday?
- What does Rob put on the tray?

FAMILY TRADITIONS—WHAT OUR READERS SAY:

- Once a month, we have movie and pizza night. We take turns picking a movie to watch together. It's fun because I watch something my parents like, and they watch something I like. My mother likes old black and white movies, so I see a lot of them! We also make pizza and eat it in front of the TV. - JAREL
- On our birthdays we get our favorite meal. My favorite meal is spaghetti and meatballs. My mom usually cooks, but my dad and sister help. On my sister's birthday we eat pizza. On my mom's birthday we have chicken, and on my dad's birthday we have steak. Of course, we always have a birthday cake, too. - WINNIE
- My family is really busy. We have a large family, and it's not easy for everyone to get together at the same time. So we go out to eat together on the first Saturday of every month. We go to a nice restaurant, and we talk and talk and talk. - DANNI
- We have an interesting tradition in our home, or maybe it's a rule. At dinnertime there are no TVs, computers, phones, tablets—nothing electronic! We don't even answer the door if someone rings the doorbell! Isn't that strange? I understand why my parents do it, but I don't like it. -GREG

- Every Friday night, we have games night. After dinner, we go to the living room and play a board game, such as Scrabble® or Monopoly. We have about seven different ones we play, but we only play one game a night. I plan to keep this tradition after I start my own family.
- Every year, on Mother's Day, I make breakfast for my mother. I get up early and make something special, such as a mushroom omelet with fruit salad. Then I put it on a tray with a newspaper and a flower, and bring it to my mother for breakfast in bed. She always acts surprised, but I do it every year. - ROB



Over to you

Discuss these questions in a group.

- 1 Which tradition sounds fun? Why? I think Jared's tradition sounds fun because ...
- 2 What family traditions do you have? In my family, we usually ...

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