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Family & Friends

Unit 1



Reading

Read the article about reunions to find the following information.

Which person mentions

- an annual yearly event?
- talking about old times?
- people who knew each other as pupils?
- that people's interests do not change a lot?
- that the reunion included the activity that first brought them together?
- that the reunion always happens in the same place?

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Getting back together with old friends:

Reunions are more popular than ever

Reunions are a chance to see people after some time apart. Here four people talk about why reunions are important to them.

A

Every two years, Peter, who is 35, goes back to school. 'I never miss the school reunion. In fact I'm one of the people who organise it. We have been doing it since we left school in 1996. We have a big party in the school and invite everyone from our year. Most of us have children of our own and they come along, too. It's brilliant to see all our old classmates again. Of course, we talk about our schooldays a lot, but we also find we make new friendships with people we hardly knew at school. The old place has changed quite a lot, and so have we; I hope for the better!'

**B**

Alison was in the volleyball team at school. 'When I was about fourteen, we used to go all over the country for matches and we made some really good friends. This year I searched for our team members on the Internet and I found them all, so we decided to have a reunion this year. It was so much fun to see people again after ten years! A lot of them are still very sporty and many looked almost the same, although maybe a bit more serious! We all exchanged telephone numbers and email addresses and promised to get together again in another five years.'

**C**

Celia studied music at university over eight years ago. 'I played the violin in the university orchestra. I loved it and I still play for pleasure. I think people who love music never really give it up. At a concert recently, I met an old friend from the orchestra by chance and we decided to organise a reunion. It was hard work, but we finally got everyone together and we even found someone to conduct us and played a few pieces of music! It was lovely. I felt sad about losing contact with all these great people, but happy that I had found them again. We spent all day talking. Everyone remembered their time in the orchestra as a great period in their life, even those who are now quite famous!'

**D**

John talks about a special reunion in his family. 'It's a pity that families usually only meet up for weddings, birthdays and anniversaries. These celebrations are great, but they are always for one or two people. In our family, we have a reunion once a year for my father's side of the family. We take it in turns to organise a big party. We hold it in the summer, because that's when most people are free. Four generations of our family meet to exchange stories. The older ones give the younger ones photos and share their memories so that they are not forgotten. An important tradition is the big group photo with people in the same positions, so every year we can see how the family has grown!'



Unit 1

**Vocabulary 1**

1 Find and circle thirteen family words. Then write the words in pairs to show which ones go together.

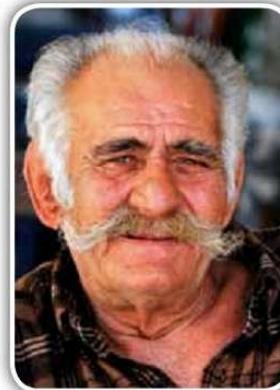
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1 daughter-in-law and _____
 2 _____
 3 _____
 4 _____

5 _____
 6 _____
 7 _____

2 Complete the words in the sentences.

1 Grandad has got a huge m _____, but he hasn't got a beard.
 2 I didn't like the bride's dress because it was o ____-f _____.
 3 It was a gold ring with a big s _____ diamond.
 4 The groom looks very h _____ next to the bride.
 5 Mum isn't very old, but she's got a few w _____ around her eyes.
 6 Do you prefer straight hair or c _____ hair?

**Grammar 1**

Complete the sentences with these verbs. Use the present simple or the present continuous.

always complain bark get go not come set watch usually be

1 Alan _____ to work at seven o'clock every morning.
 2 They _____ married next June.
 3 Pam _____ about her sister-in-law.
 4 The sun _____ behind our new house.
 5 The Andersons _____ to dinner this evening because they're ill.
 6 The neighbour's garden _____ neat and tidy.
 7 _____ the children _____ TV at the moment?
 8 _____ the dog _____ a lot?



Use Your English 1

1 Read the text below and decide which answer (a, b, c or d) best fits each gap.

My mother-in-law's new toy

There's no doubt we are ¹ ___ in times of great change. Even the most ² ___ people are finding it difficult to survive. As a result, some families ³ ___ moving abroad in order to find work. When my ⁴ ___ and his family moved to Canada last year, we were all sad to see them go. It was worse for my mother-in-law because she couldn't bear to see her son leave the country. Then she discovered Skype. My wife had been feeling ⁵ ___ and had bought her a laptop for her birthday. Now, thanks to Skype, my mother-in-law ⁶ ___ misses the chance to go online to see and talk to her family abroad. 'Being able to see them helps a lot. I feel less ⁷ ___ about them being so far away,' she told me the other day. 'I ⁸ ___ worry as much because I can see that they're OK. And I can see my granddaughter, Lucy, changing as she's ⁹ ___ up.' Sometimes, though, I wish my mother-in-law wasn't so ¹⁰ ___ and so able to use technology. 'What is that?' I heard her shouting last week when she saw Lucy's newly ¹¹ ___ arm. Sometimes I think the old-fashioned telephone ¹² ___ the best way to communicate after all!

1	a live	b living	c lived	d to live
2	a relaxed	b plump	c hard-working	d lazy
3	a have	b do	c be	d are
4	a nephew	b husband	c brother-in-law	d son-in-law
5	a generous	b mean	c fair	d fit
6	a now	b never	c every day	d at the moment
7	a weak	b anxious	c dark	d shy
8	a don't	b haven't	c am not	d doesn't
9	a grow	b grown	c growing	d grows
10	a elderly	b modern	c overweight	d impatient
11	a ugly	b well-built	c tattooed	d pierced
12	a is	b is being	c are	d be



2 Read the text and complete each gap with one word.

All friends together!

Do you ¹ ___ lonely and want someone to talk to? ² ___ you trying to meet new friends in your area? Then visit www.friends.inc.com – you might make the friendship of a lifetime. Sometimes making friends ³ ___ hard, especially when you don't ⁴ ___ where to begin looking. We ⁵ ___ an up-to-date list of people like you who are in search of friendship.

How much ⁶ ___ it cost to join?

Our members pay a small fee ⁷ ___ year. This year, membership costs €30. At the ⁸ ___ we're offering a special 10% reduction to new members who join before 31st of May.

What do ⁹ ___ get for your money?

All members receive information about people in their area with similar interests. You will also get a free copy of our member's magazine once a month.

How safe ¹⁰ ___ it?

In a word: very! We check all members' details carefully and we ¹¹ ___ reveal details such as email addresses and telephone numbers. Members are put in touch with each other through our safe server and can leave messages for each other there.

So, what ¹² ___ you waiting for? Join today.

Unit 1

**Vocabulary 2****Circle the correct words.**

- 1 The babysitter played a game with Amanda to break **friends / the ice**.
- 2 Are you really engaged **to / with** Sandy?
- 3 Don't forget to keep **a promise / in touch** with me when you move house.
- 4 Young people need the **support / communication** of older relatives.
- 5 Olga never **does / makes** anyone a favour.
- 6 Kim is fun to be with. She **has / gets** a great sense of humour.
- 7 Everyone congratulated Mike **for / on** his success.
- 8 Teenagers tend to be quite **protective / rebellious** and their behaviour sometimes causes arguments.

**Grammar 2****1 Answer the questions with complete sentences.**

1 Do you and your best friends belong to any clubs?

2 What do you prefer to do at the weekends?

3 Which relatives do you feel closest to?

4 Who are you seeing at the weekend?

5 How do you usually feel at family parties?

6 Do you look more like your mum or your dad?

7 What do you hope to do in the future?

8 Is your family having a reunion this year?

2 Complete the text with these verbs. Use the present simple or the present continuous.

hate have need realise remember see think want

Jan,

Help!¹ _____ you _____ that I told you I have a doctor's appointment tomorrow? Well, I² _____ to ask for a favour. I³ _____ the doctor at lunchtime, but Grandma⁴ _____ a little party for some of her friends and she⁵ _____ me to drive old Mr Armstrong to and from the party. I⁶ _____ this is a lot to ask, but⁷ _____ you⁸ _____ you could do it instead? I⁹ _____ to let Grandma down, but there's no way that I can do it.

Let me know as soon as possible.

Samantha



Use Your English 2

1 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word in bold. You must use between two and five words, including the word in bold.

1 Daniel plays football very well.

AT

Daniel _____ football.

2 I don't understand what you're trying to say.

MEAN

I don't understand what _____.

3 Sally doesn't have to rely on anyone and she likes that.

INDEPENDENT

Sally _____ and she likes that.

4 They became husband and wife last year.

GOT

They _____ last year.

5 People sometimes do the wrong thing.

MISTAKES

People _____.

6 You should try your hardest to support those you love.

DO

You should _____ to support those you love.

7 I can't wait to see my cousins next week.

ABOUT

I'm _____ my cousins next week.

8 Mum will be heartbroken if you move abroad.

HEART

It'll _____ if you move abroad.



2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words given.

- 1 Do you have a good _____ with your brother?
- 2 Harry says _____ isn't for him and that he prefers to stay single.
- 3 I wish my parents were more _____ of my choices.
- 4 The class has started a _____ and is refusing to do any homework.
- 5 _____ is extremely important in all families.
- 6 My grandma doesn't want to come and live with us; her _____ is very important to her.
- 7 Their house needed _____, so they got an alarm system.
- 8 It's hard to _____ someone who has such a good sense of humour.

RELATE

MARRY

SUPPORT

REBEL

COMMUNICATE

DEPEND

PROTECT

LIKE

Unit 1

**Listening**

Headphones icon You will hear a radio interview with a psychologist. For questions 1-7, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

- 1 The listener who asked the question is _____ years old.
- 2 Popular people are often members of _____.
- 3 Dr Lee says that the way people _____ is most important.
- 4 Having 'people skills' means having the ability to _____ with people.
- 5 Dr Lee advises people to learn to talk about _____, such as the weather.
- 6 If you want people to see that you are friendly, then _____ and say 'hello'.
- 7 Dr Lee says that if someone is lonely or unpopular, they may be _____.

**Writing**

Read this writing task and then use the plan on page 15 of your Student's Book to help you write your article. When you have finished your article, check your work carefully.

You have seen this announcement in your school magazine:

Have you ever thought that you knew what someone was like?
Were you wrong about them?
What made you change your mind about them?

We are looking for articles about relationships that have changed.
The best one will appear in our magazine next month.

Write an article describing a relationship that changed and explain why.
(120-180 words)

REMEMBER

- Before you write, make a list of adjectives to describe the person's personality and examples to support these adjectives.
- Give your article a title.
- Get the reader's attention by writing a good introduction. Start your introduction with something interesting or surprising.



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