

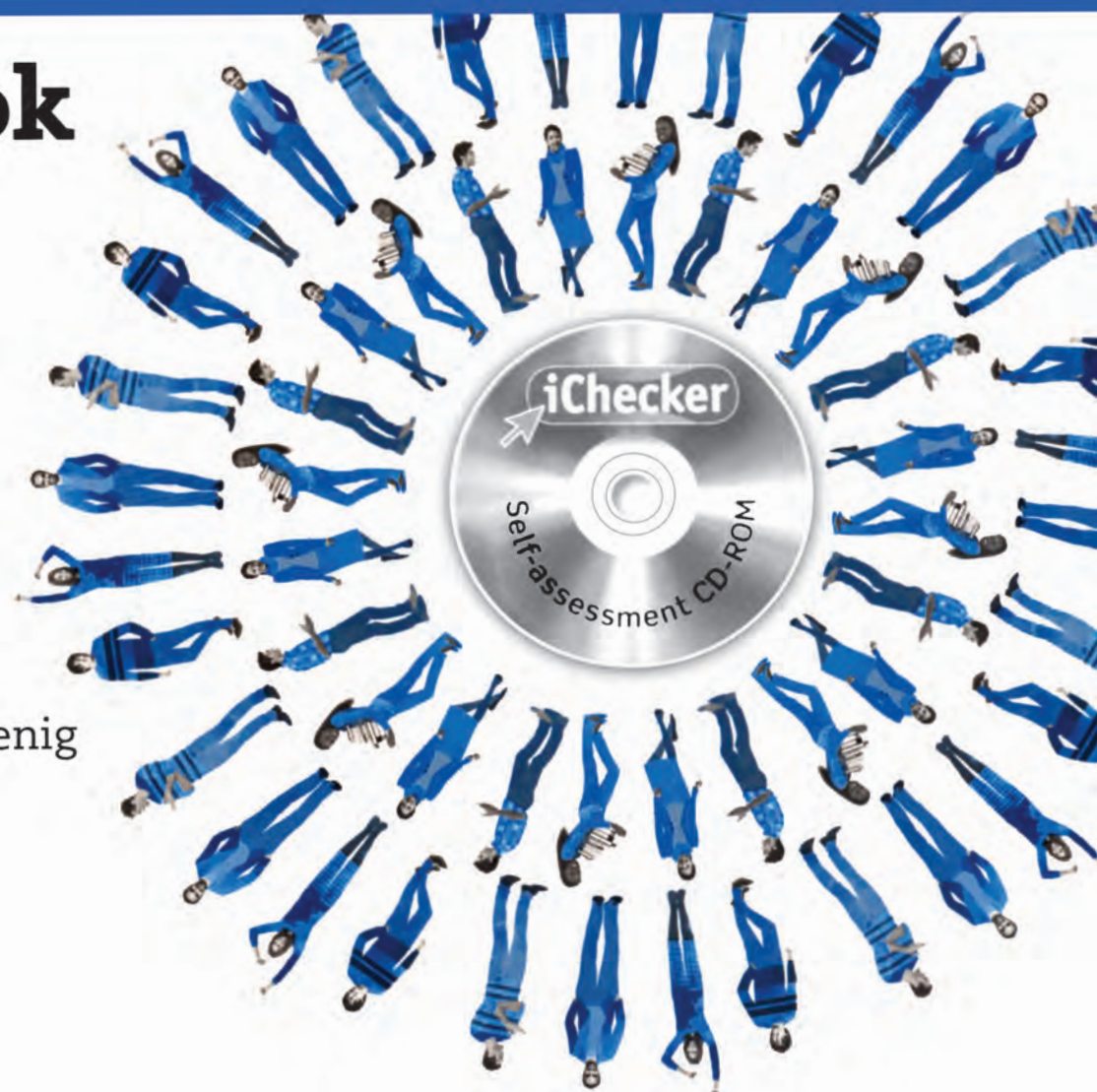
SECOND EDITION

# American ENGLISH FILE

## Workbook

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## 1

- 4 **A** Where are you from?
- 6 **B** Charlotte's choice
- 8 **C** Mr. and Mrs. Clark and Percy
- 10 **PRACTICAL ENGLISH** Hotel problems

## 2

- 11 **A** Right place, wrong person
- 13 **B** The story behind the photo
- 15 **C** One dark October evening

## 3

- 17 **A** Plans and dreams
- 19 **B** Let's meet again
- 21 **C** What's the word?
- 23 **PRACTICAL ENGLISH** Restaurant problems

## 4

- 24 **A** Parents and teenagers
- 26 **B** Fashion and shopping
- 28 **C** Lost weekend

## 5

- 30 **A** No time for anything
- 32 **B** Superlative cities
- 34 **C** How much is too much?
- 36 **PRACTICAL ENGLISH** The wrong shoes

## 6

- 37 **A** Are you a pessimist?
- 39 **B** I'll never forget you
- 41 **C** The meaning of dreaming

## 7

- 43 **A** How to...
- 45 **B** Being happy
- 47 **C** Learn a language in a month!
- 49 **PRACTICAL ENGLISH** At the pharmacy

## 8

- 50 **A** I don't know what to do!
- 52 **B** If something can go wrong...
- 54 **C** You must be mine

## 9

- 56 **A** What would you do?
- 58 **B** I've been afraid of it for years
- 60 **C** Born to sing
- 62 **PRACTICAL ENGLISH** Getting around

## 10

- 63 **A** The mothers of invention
- 65 **B** Could do better
- 67 **C** Mr. Indecisive

## 11

- 69 **A** Bad losers
- 71 **B** Are you a morning person?
- 73 **C** What a coincidence!
- 75 **PRACTICAL ENGLISH** Time to go home

## 12

- 76 **A** Strange but true!
- 78 **B** Gossip is good for you
- 80 **C** The American English File quiz
- 82 **LISTENING**



## STUDY LINK **iChecker** SELF-ASSESSMENT CD-ROM

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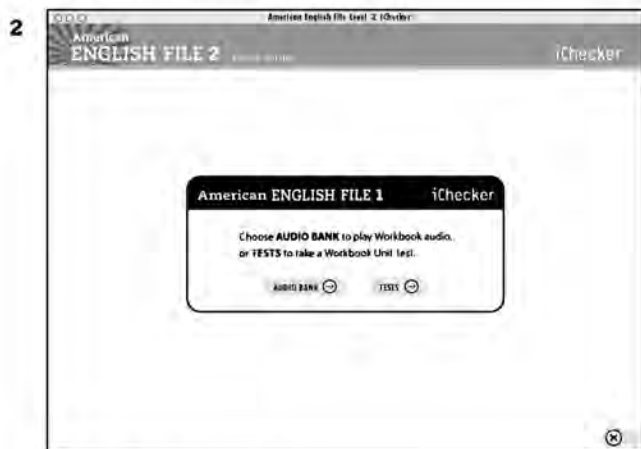
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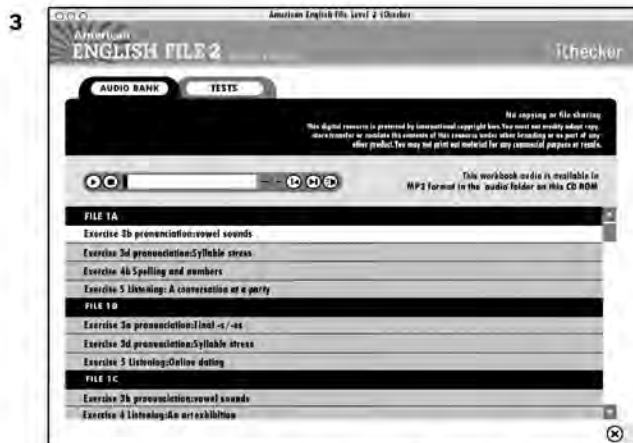
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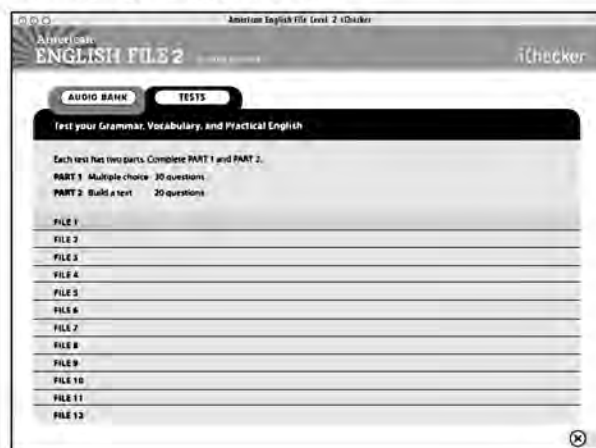
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Click on the exercise for the File. Then use the media player to listen.

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# 1A Where are you from?

## 1 GRAMMAR word order in questions

a Put the words in the parentheses into the correct place in the questions.

1 Where you born? (were)

Where **were** you born?

2 Do have any brothers or sisters? (you)

3 What college you go to? (do)

4 What languages you speak? (can)

5 Where you study English before? (did)

6 What kind of music do you listen? (to)

7 How do you exercise? (often)

8 Where did you last weekend? (go)

b Write questions in the simple present or past.

1 Where do you go to college ?

(you / go to college)

2 What \_\_\_\_\_ ?

(you / do last night)

3 What \_\_\_\_\_ ?

(TV shows / your family / watch)

4 When \_\_\_\_\_ ?

(your birthday)

5 Where \_\_\_\_\_ ?

(you / from)

6 Where \_\_\_\_\_ ?

(your friends / go / vacation last year)

7 What kind of books \_\_\_\_\_ ?

(you / read)

8 Why \_\_\_\_\_ ?

(you / angry yesterday)

## 2 VOCABULARY common verb phrases

Match the verbs and nouns.

1 be born

j

2 do

3 listen to

4 play

5 read

6 speak

7 live

8 watch

9 go

10 have

a MTV, a TV show

b in a house, with friends

c two sisters, a pet

d yoga, karate

e an email, a magazine

f to the movies, on vacation

g the guitar, basketball








h a foreign language, English

i dance music, R&B

j in Toronto, in Canada

## 3 PRONUNCIATION vowel sounds, the alphabet

a Circle the letter with a different vowel sound.

1  train	2  train	3  tree	4  tree	5  egg	6  egg	7  boot
A K E	H P J	G V R	M C D	N B F	X S K	Q I U

b iChecker Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the letters.

c Underline the stressed syllables in these words.

1 in|strument

2 bas|ket|ball

3 thir|teen

4 thir|ty

5 col|lege

6 week|end

7 ma|ga|zine

8 sis|ter

9 lan|guage

10 a|dress

d iChecker Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the words.

## 4 SPELLING AND NUMBERS

a Continue the series.

- 1 nine, ten, eleven, twelve
- 2 fifteen, sixteen, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 sixty, seventy, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 ninety-eight, ninety-nine, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 six hundred, seven hundred, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 three hundred and fifty, four hundred, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 one thousand, three thousand, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 ten thousand, twenty thousand, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

b **iChecker** Listen and write the words.

- |                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| 1 <u>parents</u> | 6 _____  |
| 2 _____          | 7 _____  |
| 3 _____          | 8 _____  |
| 4 _____          | 9 _____  |
| 5 _____          | 10 _____ |

## 5 LISTENING

a **iChecker** Listen to a conversation between two people at a party. Why does Ben leave?

b **iChecker** Listen again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| 1 Sandra is a nurse.                    | <u>T</u> |
| 2 Ben is a doctor.                      | —        |
| 3 Sandra likes dance music.             | —        |
| 4 Sandra didn't go to the Muse concert. | —        |
| 5 Sandra plays tennis.                  | —        |
| 6 Ben plays soccer.                     | —        |

### USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

get in touch with /get ɪn tʌtʃ wɪð/

go to bed early /ɡoʊ tə bɛd 'ɜːli/

have (sth) in common /hæv ɪn 'kɒmən/

last weekend /læst 'wiːkɛnd/

spend time on (sth) /spɛnd taɪm ɒn/

somewhere nice /'sʌmwɛr naɪs/

How often do you...? /haʊ 'ɒfn də ju/

What kind of (music)...? /wʌt 'kaɪnd əv/

Where were you born? /'wɛr 'wɛr ju 'bɔːn/





# 1B Charlotte's choice

## 1 GRAMMAR simple present

### a Write negative sentences.

- You get up early. You don't get up early
- It rains a lot here. \_\_\_\_\_
- We live in a house. \_\_\_\_\_
- I play tennis. \_\_\_\_\_
- He has a beard. \_\_\_\_\_
- They go to the gym. \_\_\_\_\_
- She writes a blog. \_\_\_\_\_

### b Complete the questions with *do* or *does*.

- When do you meet your friends?
- \_\_\_\_\_ your laptop have a webcam?
- What time \_\_\_\_\_ we need to leave?
- \_\_\_\_\_ your mother work from home?
- Which websites \_\_\_\_\_ you use most?
- \_\_\_\_\_ your best friend like action movies?
- \_\_\_\_\_ your brother spend a lot of time on Facebook?

### c Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

not come	earn	get along	study	invite	not like
live	prefer	not see	share	want	work



I am very different from my best friend, Tabitha. Tabitha <sup>1</sup> works as a nurse, and she <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money. I'm a student, and I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ music in college. I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to be a music teacher.

Tabitha <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in

a small house in the country, and I <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ an apartment with some friends in the city. We often <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ friends for dinner, but Tabitha <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. She's really shy, so she <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ being with other people. I'm very extroverted, so I <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to be in a group.

I <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Tabitha much because she's usually busy. But when we're together, we always <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ really well. Some people say that opposites attract, and for me and my best friend Tabitha, it's true.

## 2 VOCABULARY describing people

### Appearance

#### a Complete the sentences.

- Does your sister have brown eyes or blue eyes?
- Tanya's dad doesn't have any hair. He's b \_\_\_\_\_.
- My best friend's hair isn't str \_\_\_\_\_. It's c \_\_\_\_\_.
- Andy doesn't shave. He has a b \_\_\_\_\_ and a m \_\_\_\_\_.
- You aren't f \_\_\_\_\_ at all. I think you're very sl \_\_\_\_\_.
- When Jake was young, he was very th \_\_\_\_\_, but now he's a little ov \_\_\_\_\_.
- My hair isn't brown, it's r \_\_\_\_\_. And I'm not short, I'm m \_\_\_\_\_ h \_\_\_\_\_.

### Personality

#### b Complete the opposites.

- talkative \_\_\_\_\_ quiet
- shy \_\_\_\_\_
- generous \_\_\_\_\_
- friendly \_\_\_\_\_
- hardworking \_\_\_\_\_
- kind \_\_\_\_\_
- serious \_\_\_\_\_
- stupid \_\_\_\_\_

#### c Match the questions 1–6 with the answers a–f.

- What did you look like when you were a child? ☒ c
- What does your husband look like? ☐
- What's your best friend like? ☐
- What does your sister look like? ☐
- What's George like? ☐
- What were you like when you were at school? ☐

- She's tall and slim with long blond hair.
- He's very kind and hardworking.
- ~~He had short curly hair, and I was overweight.~~
- He has short dark hair and a mustache.
- She's smart and really extroverted.
- I was very talkative and a little lazy.

### 3 PRONUNCIATION final -s / -es

a **iChecker** Listen and circle the verb with a different sound.

1  snake	2  snake	3  zebra	4  zebra	5 /IZ/	6 /IZ/
works laughs <u>watches</u>	lives thinks drinks	knows rains likes	runs starts goes	leaves dresses washes	teaches cooks misses

b **iChecker** Listen again and repeat the words.

c Underline the stressed syllable.

- |                  |               |                |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 tal ka tive    | 4 ge ne r ous | 7 cur ly       |
| 2 ex tro ver ted | 5 mu stache   | 8 qui et       |
| 3 un fri end ly  | 6 seri ous    | 9 o ver weight |

d **iChecker** Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the words.

### 4 READING

a Read the article. What happens on "Singles' Day" in Shanghai?



November 11 is "Singles' Day" in Shanghai, and every year a dating event takes place where all the single men and women of the city have the chance to meet a partner. Last year, it was so popular that the organizers had to close online registration because there were no more places.

Between 10,000 and 40,000 people attend the event every year. It's held in a district of Shanghai called Thames Town. At least 50 dating agencies take part. They set up stands in the town hall with billboards displaying cards with the height, birth date, education, and annual income of thousands of clients. People who did not manage to register for the event organize their own unofficial dating system by writing their names and phone numbers on pieces of paper and attaching them to the fence outside the town hall.

More people take part in "Singles' Day" every year because of the growing number of single adults in Shanghai. In the city, more than 24 percent of people over the age of 15 are unmarried.

b Read the article again. Mark the sentence as T (true) or F (false).

- The people who take part in "Singles' Day" aren't married. T
- Many people register for the event on the Internet. —
- All of the dating events are in the town hall. —
- People who don't register for the event can't find a partner on "Singles' Day." —
- Every year, there are more single adults in Shanghai. —

c Underline five words you don't know. Check their meaning and pronunciation with a dictionary.

### 5 LISTENING

a **iChecker** Listen to a radio program about online dating. How many people call the program? \_\_\_\_\_

b **iChecker** Listen again and match the callers with the sentences A–F.

- |         |   |   |
|---------|---|---|
| 1 Alan  | C | — |
| 2 Kate  | — | — |
| 3 Paolo | — | — |

- A He / She doesn't have time for a social life.  
 B He / She made a mistake.  
 C ~~He / She got engaged with the partner he / she met online.~~  
 D He / She married someone who was married before.  
 E He / She doesn't like meeting new people.  
 F He / She is happily married now, but doesn't have any children.

### USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

- guy /gaɪ/  
 partner /'pɑːtnər/  
 single person /'sɪŋɡl 'pɜːsn/  
 smile /smaɪl/  
 sociable /'səʊʃəbəl/  
 be into (sth) /bi 'ɪntə/  
 feel like (doing something) /fiːl laɪk/  
 get along well (with) /ɡet ə'lon ɡwəl/  
 go on a date /ɡoʊ ɒn ə deɪt/  
 sense of humor /sens əv 'hyʊmər/



# 10 Mr. and Mrs. Clark and Percy

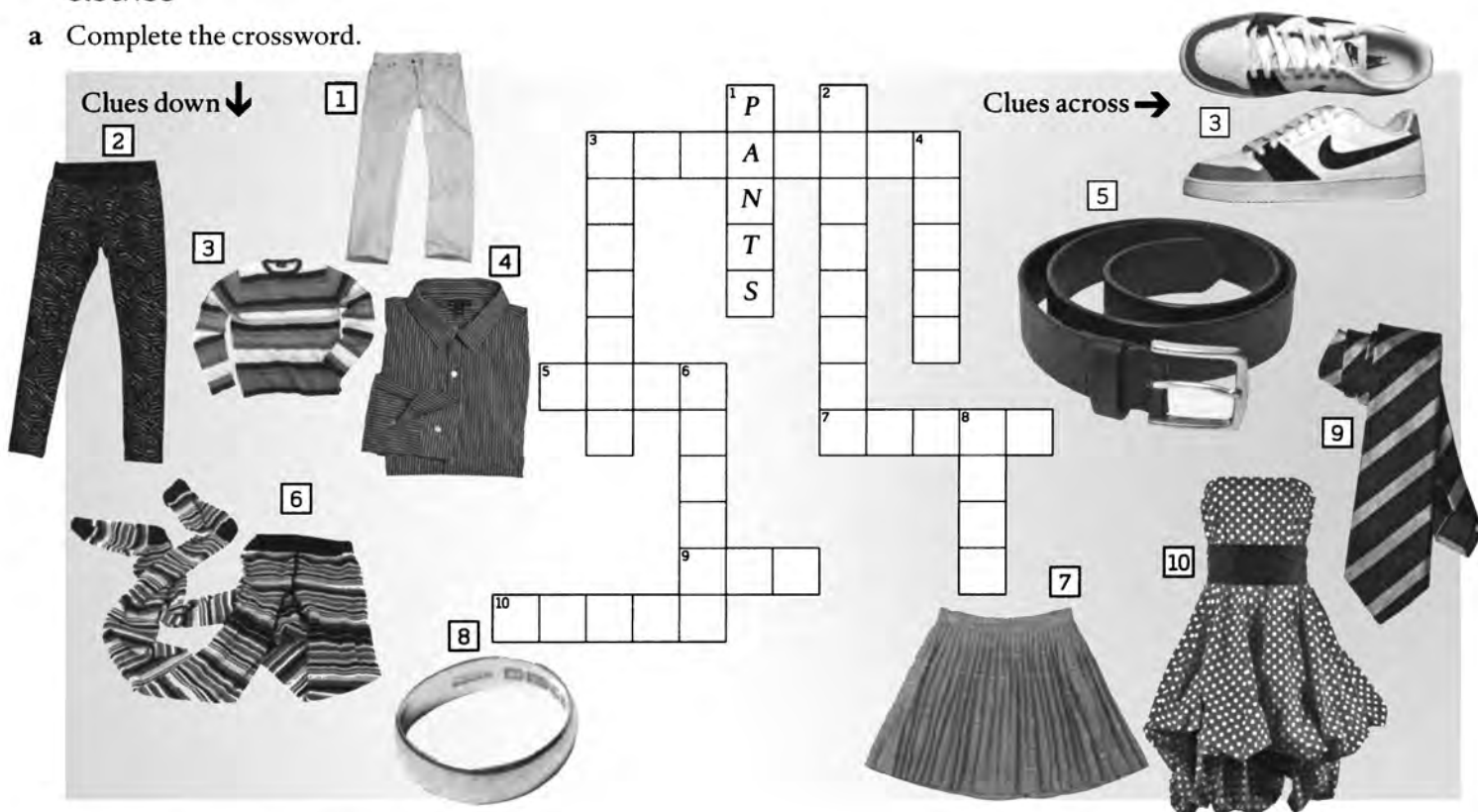
## 1 VOCABULARY

clothes

a Complete the crossword.

Clues down ↓

Clues across →



prepositions of place

b Look at the painting. Complete the sentences with these prepositions.

on the left    in    between  
in front of    next to    behind

- There are many people in the picture.
- There are some boats \_\_\_\_\_ of the picture.
- There are two small animals \_\_\_\_\_ the woman and man with an umbrella.
- A small girl in a white dress is \_\_\_\_\_ the woman in the middle of the painting.
- A black dog is \_\_\_\_\_ the man with a beard.
- There is a woman \_\_\_\_\_ the two men sitting down.





## 2 GRAMMAR present continuous

- a Look at the painting again. Read the museum guide's description of it. Write the verbs in the present continuous.



**Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte, 1884-86, Georges-Pierre Seurat**

As you can see, the sun <sup>1</sup> is shining in this picture, and the people <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (relax) by the Seine River in Paris. On the right of the picture, a man and a woman <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) their pets. On the left, a man <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (lie) on the grass. He looks like he <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (relax). In the middle of the picture, two girls <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) down. What <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (they / do)? Maybe they <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for some friends? Or maybe they <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the other people? On the right, near the trees, there is another girl. She <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (play) with someone, but we can't see who it is.

- b Complete the sentences with the simple present or present continuous form of the verbs in the box.



drink drive like listen live rain sleep study wear work

- 1 Sorry, I can't hear you. I am listening to music.
- 2 Charles always \_\_\_\_\_ to work.
- 3 "Shhhh! Be quiet! The children \_\_\_\_\_."
- 4 We can't play tennis today. It \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Fiona \_\_\_\_\_ four cups of coffee every day.
- 6 We \_\_\_\_\_ this picture very much.
- 7 My brother \_\_\_\_\_ in the music industry.
- 8 Kathy always \_\_\_\_\_ jeans at home.
- 9 They can't come to the movies because they \_\_\_\_\_ for the exam tomorrow.
- 10 My parents \_\_\_\_\_ in a big house.

## 3 PRONUNCIATION /ə/ and /ər/

- a Write the words in the chart.

attractive third cardigan skirt sweater bracelet  
prefer jacket necklace problem T-shirt world

 computer	 bird
attractive	prefer

- b **iChecker** Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the words.

## 4 LISTENING

- a **iChecker** Listen to an advertisement for an art exhibition. What is special about the pictures?
- b **iChecker** Listen again and answer the questions.
- 1 Where is the David Hockney exhibition?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - 2 What was the first picture he drew on his iPhone?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - 3 What does he do with his flower pictures?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - 4 When is the last day of the exhibition?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - 5 How much does the exhibition cost?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

feet /fi:t/  
knee /ni:/  
portrait /'pɔ:trət/  
poster /'pəʊstə/  
pregnant /'pregnənt/  
relationship /rɪ'leɪʃnʃɪp/  
unusual /ʌn'yʊʒʊəl/  
close together /kloʊs tə'geðə/

# Practical English Hotel problems

## 1 CALLING RECEPTION

Complete the conversation with a phrase from the box.

I have a problem with the Wi-Fi.  
I'll put you through to IT.  
I'll send somebody up right away.  
I'm sorry to bother you again.  
There's a problem with the shower.  
This is room 402.

- A Hello, reception.  
B Hello. <sup>1</sup> This is room 402.  
A How can I help you?  
B <sup>2</sup> There isn't any hot water.  
A I'm sorry, ma'am. <sup>3</sup>   
B Thank you.  
A Good morning, reception.  
B Hello. <sup>4</sup> This is room 402.  
A How can I help you?  
B <sup>5</sup> I can't get a signal.  
A I'm sorry, ma'am. <sup>6</sup>   
B Thanks.

## 2 SOCIAL ENGLISH

Complete the missing words in the conversation.

- 1 A So, here you are at last.  
B Yes. It's great to be here.  
2 A Do you have a g great v view?  
B Yes. I can see the Empire State Building from my window.  
3 A William is l late f for to meeting you.  
B Really? Who's William?  
4 A It's time to go. You m must b be really tired.  
B I guess you're right.  
5 A B But t that w with, it's great to see you again.  
B Yes. It's great to see you, too.

## 3 READING

a Read the advertisement and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

- 1 The Park Central New York is in the center of the city. T  
2 It's near major tourist attractions. —  
3 It's very comfortable. —  
4 All rooms have free Wi-Fi access. —  
5 The hotel's restaurant is not very expensive. —  
6 The hotel has a free parking lot. —  
7 The staff only speaks English. —

### Park Central New York Hotel New York

Our facilities and services:

- in-room safe
- in-room Wi-Fi (surcharge)
- electronic checkout
- parking garage (surcharge)
- room service
- on-site car rental
- gift shop

### "Great location and service"

Located in the heart of the city, the Park Central New York is in easy walking distance of Carnegie Hall, Broadway, and the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA). Central Park is only three blocks away. Fifth Avenue, with its international boutiques and huge department stores, is only a ten-minute walk from the hotel. For guests who want to travel farther away, there are seven subway lines located within three blocks of the hotel.

The Park Central New York offers great service, great comfort, and great value. The hotel's bistro, Cityhouse, provides the perfect setting for dinner before a concert or a Broadway show in the evening. Guests can enjoy the reasonably priced specials menu while watching the world go by on Seventh Avenue through the bistro's oversized windows.

Because of its central location, the Park Central New York is the ideal hotel for tourists visiting the city for the first time. Our multi-lingual staff at the front desk is always happy to provide tour assistance and answer any questions guests may have.

- b Underline five words you don't know. Use your dictionary to look up their pronunciation and meaning.





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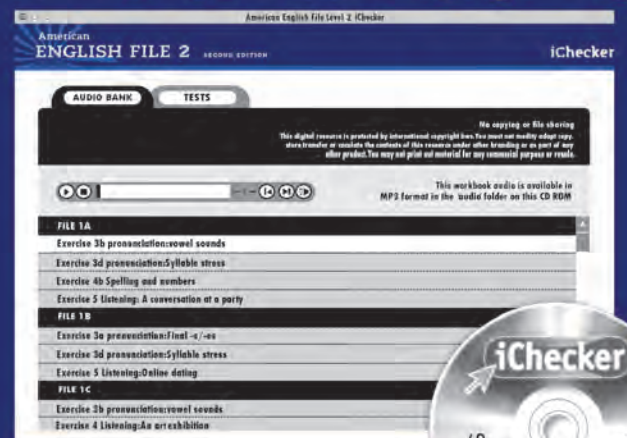
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