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Home and away

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- **Language focus** The tense system & informal language
- **Vocabulary** Compound words
- **Everyday English** Casual conversations
- **Reading** Saroo's story
- **Listening** Things I miss from home
- **Writing** Informal writing

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- 1 Why do you think the dog is leaving home? Why and when do people leave home?
- 2 Read the quote. Do you agree with Terry Pratchett? Have you experienced this? In what ways did your home seem different with new eyes?

‘Why do you go away? So that you can come back. So that you can see the place you came from with new eyes.’

Terry Pratchett



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Language focus

Tense review and informal language

TEST YOUR GRAMMAR

- 1 Which of these time expressions can be used with the sentences below? Make sure the sentences sound natural.

when I was born	in the 1990s	tonight
frequently	for ages	years ago
the other day	next month	recently
during a snowstorm	for a year	since 2015
later	sometimes	

- 1 My parents met in Paris ...
 - 2 They travel abroad ...
 - 3 They were working in Canada ...
 - 4 I was born in Montreal ...
 - 5 My grandfather has been retired ...
 - 6 I wrote to my grandmother ...
 - 7 My sister's going to work in Peru ...
 - 8 She's been learning Spanish ...
 - 9 I'll see you ...
- 2 Talk to a partner about yourself and your family using some of the time expressions. Tell the class some things you've learned about each other.

Jacob's parents met at a party over twenty years ago. His brother ...

Far from home

- 1 **1.1** Listen to and read **Nancy's** email home. Is the text formal or informal?
- Where is she?
 - Who is she with?
 - Are they working or on holiday?
 - What are some of their experiences so far?
- 2 Form the questions about **Nancy** and **Kiri**. Notice the variety of tenses. Ask and answer them with a partner.
- 1 How long / they / travel / round South America?
 - 2 Which countries / visit / so far?
 - 3 When / arrive / Santa Cruz?
 - 4 What / do / that morning?
 - 5 What / sea lions / doing?
 - 6 Why / go / San Cristóbal / tomorrow?
 - 7 Why / Kiri not looking forward / journey?
 - 8 What / particularly / want / see on Isabela Island?

- 1.2** Listen and check your answers.



From: Nancy Baines
Date: Monday, 20 March 6.56 pm

Hi Mum! Hi Dad!

Thanks for yours – always love news from home.

So, at last, the **Galapagos Islands**! A dream come true! We've been travelling for two months now – **Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, Peru**. It's been a-maze-ing!! Can't believe I've seen Machu Picchu and camped in the mountains of Torres del Paine! Ma – you'd go mad for the views! But the Galapagos are a different planet!

We flew to **Santa Cruz** last Friday – it's one of the biggest islands. And get this! This morning we snorkelled with sea turtles! Probably the best experience of my life! **Kiri** and I actually swam alongside them! Also saw sea lions and their pups relaxing on the rocks – so cute! Oh – and some sharks! Don't freak, Mum! They were just babies.

Tomorrow we're taking the ferry to **San Cristóbal** – time to start work! **Kiri's** worried because she always gets seasick and it'll be a hot, cramped ride. Our work at the volunteer centre is just for one week – it's going to be mainly farm work. After that, it's on to **Isabela island**. It's wildlife heaven – penguins, flamingos, pelicans, and ... coolest of all, the mega-famous giant tortoises! Can't wait to see them!

Missing you loads – but I'll be sad to leave this paradise. Definitely going to come back one day!

Love and hugs,

Nancy XXX 🐼🐼🐼🐼
(**Kiri** sends love, too.)



3 Read 'Tyler's Tweets'. Where is Tyler from? Who is Dave? Who are the Wilsons? What does Tyler find strange in London?



Tyler's Tweets

Tuesday, September 4, 1:42 p.m.

Still sitting in the airport in NYC. Been waiting three hours, but seems like FOREVER!

Tuesday, September 4, 3:20 p.m.

Just boarded the plane for London. My first trip abroad except for a week in Mexico last year. I'm going to stay with my buddy Dave for a few days in north London before I meet my host family. Dave lives in a place called 'Chalk Farm'. I don't get it – a farm in London?

CHALK FARM

Thursday, September 6, 4:35 p.m.

It's fun here, but kind of weird. Dave doesn't live on a farm. His folks have a large apartment in a big old house. They call it a 'flat'. I asked for the 'bathroom' – they thought I wanted a bath. I'm learning fast.

Friday, September 7, 10:30 a.m.

Dave and I are hanging out together today. We're on a bus! Upstairs! Amazing! Just drove past Buckingham Palace. But they drive on the WRONG side of the road here. Crazy! Also, people say 'cheers' all the time. Isn't that for making toasts? A guy just said it to me when I'd let him pass.

Saturday, September 8, 7:19 p.m.


First night with my host family, the Wilsons. They seem very nice, but their house is a million-mile walk to the subway! (They call it 'The Tube' here!)

Saturday, September 8, 11:10 p.m.

Big day tomorrow. We're visiting Shakespeare's hometown. He wrote plays and stuff hundreds of years ago. He's mega famous.

4 Read 'Tyler's Tweets' again and complete the questions. Then ask and answer them with a partner.

- Where is Tyler spending the year?
'In London.'
- Is this his first trip abroad?
'No, it _____. He _____ abroad once before. Last year he _____ to Mexico.'
- Where _____ Dave _____?
'In north London.'
- How long _____ Tyler _____ to stay with Dave?
'A few days.'
- Why _____ the guy _____ "cheers" to Tyler?
'Because he _____ him pass.'
- What _____ he _____ of his host family?
'He _____ they're very nice.'
- What _____ they _____ do on Sunday?
'They _____ Stratford-upon-Avon, Shakespeare's birthplace.'

 1.3 Listen and check your answers.

LANGUAGE FOCUS

- Name the **tenses** you used in 2 and 4. Why are they used?
- Informal writing** often has a lot of colloquial language and missing words.

And get this! = You won't believe this!

kind of weird = fairly strange

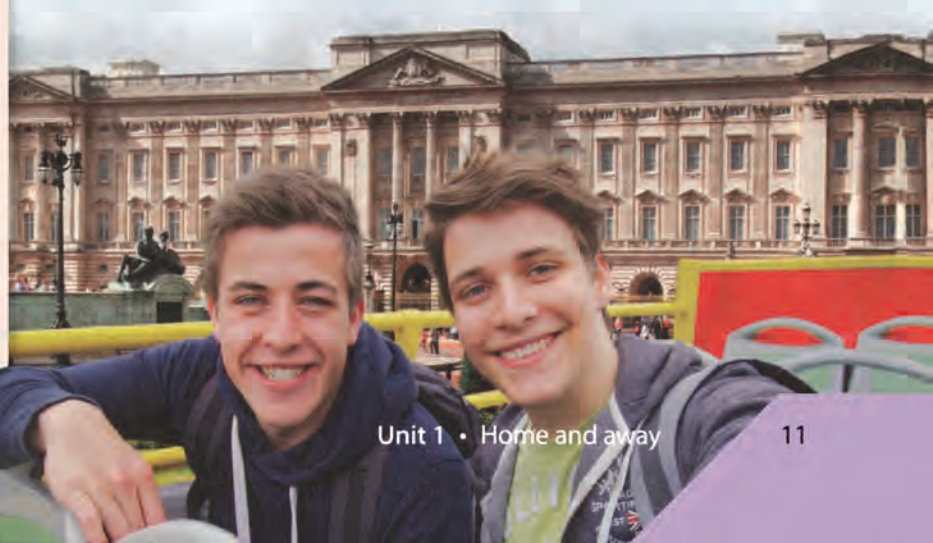
Always love news from home. = I always love news from home.

Still sitting in the airport. = I'm still sitting in the airport.

- Read the email and the tweets again.

- What do 'You'd go mad for the views!', 'Don't freak, Mum!', 'coolest of all' mean?
- What do 'my buddy', 'I don't get it', 'hanging out together', 'he wrote plays and stuff', and 'mega famous' mean?
- Find examples in both texts where words are missing.

 Grammar reference 1.1–1.2 **pp151–152**

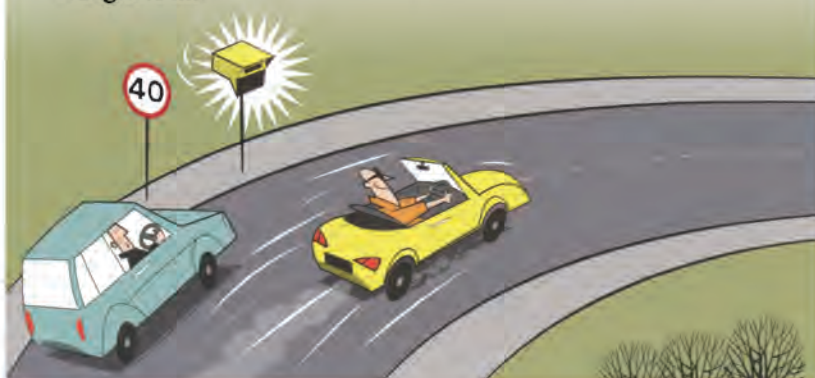


Practice Identifying tenses

- 1 Complete the tense charts. Use the verb *work* for the active and *make* for the passive.

ACTIVE	Simple	Continuous
Present	he <u>works</u>	we <u>are working</u>
Past	she _____	I _____
Future	they _____	you _____
Present Perfect	we _____	she _____
Past Perfect	I <u>had worked</u>	you _____
Future Perfect	they _____	he <u>will have been working</u>
PASSIVE	Simple	Continuous
Present	it <u>is made</u>	it <u>is being made</u>
Past	it _____	it _____
Future	they _____	
Present Perfect	they _____	
Past Perfect	it _____	
Future Perfect	it <u>will have been made</u>	

- 2 Read these lines from conversations. Work with a partner. Discuss what the context *might* be. Identify the tenses in each line.
- I've heard that Hannah's been seeing a lot of Patrick recently.
It might be two friends gossiping about another friend's relationship.
Present Perfect Simple and Continuous.
 - Are you being served, sir?
 - I'll be seeing Bill this afternoon. I'll tell him the good news then.
 - Do you have any idea which address it was sent to?
 - I hadn't seen her since she was a little girl and she'd changed beyond all recognition.
 - Nobody will believe him. He's the kind of guy who isn't believed by anyone.
 - I haven't been told yet if I've got it. I'll be told in writing sometime next week.
 - Apparently, he was overtaking on a bend at 70 mph when they caught him.



- 3 **1.4** Listen to the complete conversations. Were you right about the contexts? Try to remember and practise some of them with your partner.

Discussing grammar

- 4 Compare the meaning in the pairs of sentences. Which tenses are used? Why? Discuss your answers with a partner.
- Klaus **comes** from Berlin.
Klaus **is coming** from Berlin.
 - You're very kind. Thank you.
You're **being** very kind. What do you want?
 - What **were** you **doing** when the accident happened?
What **did** you **do** when the accident happened?
 - I've **lived** in Singapore for five years.
I **lived** in Singapore for five years.
 - When we arrived, he **tidied** the flat.
When we arrived, he'd **tidied** the flat.
 - We'll **have** dinner at 8.00, shall we?
Don't call at 8.00. We'll **be having** dinner.
 - I **didn't teach** English very well.
I **wasn't taught** English very well.
 - How much **are** you **paying** to have the house painted?
How much **are** you **being paid** to paint the house?

Check it

- 5 There is *one* tense mistake in each of these sentences. Correct them. Then check your answers with your partner.
- How long have you learned English?
 - I know what Sarah's doing. She's a lawyer.
 - I stayed with my uncle when suddenly he fell ill.
 - He was breaking his leg and was taken to hospital.
 - I'm going to Leo's party, too. I see you there.
 - I've checked my emails and I haven't finished yet.
 - I can't use my car – it's repairing at the garage.
 - When we were introduced, I realized we met before.

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Talking about you

- 6 Complete these sentences with your ideas. Compare in small groups.
- 1 At weekends, I often ...
 - 2 My parents have never ...
 - 3 I don't think I'll ever ...
 - 4 I was saying to a friend just the other day that ...
 - 5 I hate Mondays because ...
 - 6 I'd just arrived home last night when ...
 - 7 I was just getting ready to go out when ...
 - 8 I've been told that our teacher ...
 - 9 In my very first English lesson I was taught ...
 - 10 The reason I'm learning English is because ...

1.5 Listen and compare ideas. What are the responses?

Informal language

SPOKEN ENGLISH Missing words

- 1 Which words are missing in these lines from conversations?
- 1 Heard about Jane and John? Thought not.
 - 2 Leaving already? What's wrong?
 - 3 Failed again? How many times is that?
 - 4 Sorry I'm late. Been waiting long?
 - 5 Doing anything interesting this weekend?
 - 6 Like the car! When did you get it?
 - 7 Bye, Jo! See you later.
 - 8 Just coming! Hang on.
 - 9 Want a lift? Hop in.
 - 10 Seen Jim lately?

Read the lines aloud to a partner and think of a suitable response.

1.6 Listen and compare.

- 2 Read the conversation. Which words can you leave out to make it more informal?

A Good morning!

B Good morning. It's a lovely day, isn't it? Are you on your way to the park?

A No, unfortunately I'm not. I'm just off to work.

B You're working on a Saturday! That is a shame.

A I know. It just can't be helped.

1.7 Listen and compare. Practise with a partner.

Writing p130 Informal writing – Correcting mistakes

Listening and speaking

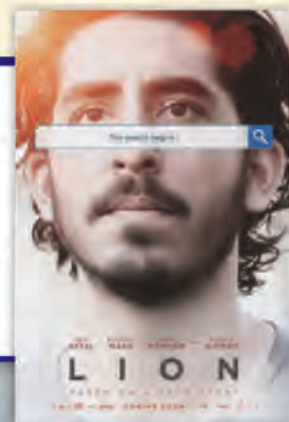
'Lion' – the remarkable story of Saroo Brierley

- 1 Saroo Brierley became famous worldwide when his incredible life story was made into a film. Look at the photos and read the **Fact File**.

- What nationality is Saroo?
- Where was he born?
- What was his birth name?
- Where does he live now?
- What is his book called?
- What is the film called?
- Who starred in the film?
- Have you seen it?

FACT FILE Saroo Brierley

Born	Sheru Munshi Khan, 1981 in Ganesh Talai, India
Home	Hobart, Tasmania, Australia
Nationality	Indian and Australian
Occupation	Businessman and author
Books	<i>A Long Way Home</i> – autobiography, made into a film, <i>Lion</i> , starring Dev Patel, Sunny Pawar and Nicole Kidman.



- 2 Why do you think he changed his name? What happened to him? Discuss with a partner.

- 3 1.8 Listen to some of the things Saroo said about his story in an interview with the **BBC World Service**. Answer the questions.

- 1 Where did Saroo fall asleep?
- 2 He says: 'We got off the train.' Why do you think he was on a train? Who do you think he was with?
- 3 Where was he? Why was he so scared?
- 4 How do you think he ended up in Australia?
- 5 What do you think is the significance of '14 hours' and '1,200 km'?
- 6 'I zoomed down and bang – the waterfall where I used to play.' How did he 'zoom down'? What did he find?
- 7 Why didn't he recognize his mother at first? What had his mother believed?
- 8 Why was Saroo heartbroken?

Now turn to the next page to find out more about Saroo

Reading and speaking

Saroo's story

- 1 Look at the pictures and read Saroo's full story. Were your ideas correct?
- 2 Read the story again. Are these statements true ✓ or false ✗? Correct the false ones. Check with a partner.
 - 1 Saroo and his brother both had jobs cleaning the trains.
 - 2 Saroo fell asleep at the station in Calcutta.
 - 3 He lived on the streets and continued to work on the trains.
 - 4 He was given food and shelter by a man.
 - 5 He was adopted from an orphanage by an Australian family.
 - 6 He had a happy childhood in Tasmania.
 - 7 When he found his hometown, his mother was still living in the family home.
 - 8 He moved back to live with his birth family.

Vocabulary

- 3 Try to work out the meanings of the highlighted words or phrases in the text. Replace the underlined words below with the highlighted words.
 - 1 Crowds of people poured out of the stadium after the football match.
 - 2 I had some difficulty understanding what the professor was saying.
 - 3 My grandpa always has a short sleep after lunch.
 - 4 He was very lucky with his first novel. He made a fortune.
 - 5 When he went away to university, he had to learn to look after himself.
 - 6 There are too many homeless people sleeping on the streets these days.
 - 7 We soon became accustomed to our new home.
 - 8 The police didn't know if the man's death was a crime or an accident.
 - 9 I was invited to a celebrity-packed charity event.

What do you think?

- Why was it important to Saroo to find his family?
- Would he be happy living back in his hometown now? Why/Why not?
- Why do you think his story made a good film?
- How important is it to know your ancestry?
- Who in your class has ever used Google Earth? What for?



Lost Indian boy finds his mother

Saroo Brierley was only five years old when he got lost. He was working with his older brother as a sweeper on India's trains. Together, they travelled hundreds of miles up and down the vast network.

"It was late at night. We got off the train, and I was so tired that I just sat down at the train station, and I ended up falling asleep."

That fateful nap would determine the rest of his life. He thought his brother would come back for him, but when he woke up the brother was nowhere to be seen. There was a train in front of him. Perhaps his brother was on board. He got on it to look for him. However, Saroo did not meet his brother on the train. Instead, he fell asleep again and when he woke up 14 hours later, he had a terrible shock. There were hordes of people, pushing, rushing, speaking in an unfamiliar tongue. He had arrived in Calcutta (Kolkata), India's third biggest city and notorious for its slums. He was nearly 1,500 kilometres (930 miles) from his home. Soon, he was sleeping rough.

"It was a very scary place to be. I do not think any mother or father would like to have their five-year-old wandering alone in the slums and train stations of Calcutta. I was scared. I didn't know where I was."

The little boy learned to fend for himself. He became a beggar, one of the many children begging on the streets of the city. Once he was approached by a man who promised him food and shelter. But Saroo was suspicious and ran away. In the end, Saroo was taken in by an orphanage and put up for adoption. He was adopted by the Brierleys, a couple from Tasmania.

"I accepted that I was lost and that I could not find my way back home, so I thought it was great that I was going to Australia."



after 25 years – using Google Earth.

Saroo settled down well in his new home. But, as he got older, the desire to find his birth family became increasingly strong. The problem was that as an illiterate five-year-old he had not known the name of his hometown. All he had to go on were his vivid memories. So, he began using Google Earth to search for where he might have been born.

It was difficult, but eventually Saroo hit on an effective strategy.

“I multiplied the time I was on the train, about 14 hours, with the speed of Indian trains and I came up with a rough distance, about 1,200 km.”

He drew a circle on a map with its centre in Calcutta, with its radius about the distance he thought he had travelled. Incredibly, he soon discovered what he was looking for: the town of Khandwa.

“When I found it, I zoomed down and bang – the waterfall where I used to play.”

He journeyed to Khandwa. He found his way around the town with his childhood memories. Eventually, he found his home. But it was not what he had hoped for. It looked old and shabby, as if nobody had lived there for a long time. A neighbour said that his family had moved. Then he struck gold, another neighbour said he knew where his mother lived now. The man guided Saroo to where three women stood waiting. He stared at them blankly. Only the woman in the middle seemed remotely familiar. The man gestured towards her. ‘This is your mother,’ he said.

She had been young, in her 30s, the last time he saw her. She looked so much older now. But behind the weathered face, there was something unmistakable, unforgettable, his mother, **Fatima**.

“The last time I saw her she was 34 years old and a pretty lady. I had forgotten that age would get the better of her. But then I recognised her and I said, ‘Yes, you are my mother.’ She grabbed my hand and took me into her house. She could not say anything to me. She had a bit of trouble grasping that her son, after 25 years, had returned. She had long feared I was dead.”

Fatima had searched the train stations for her missing son, but she had never ventured as far as Calcutta. She couldn’t imagine he had gone so far. However, she had never lost hope – a fortune teller had told her that one day she would see her son again.

And what of the brother with whom Saroo had originally gone travelling? Unfortunately, the news was not good.

“A month after I had disappeared, my brother was found in two pieces on a railway track. We were extremely close. When I left my mother to return to Tasmania, I was heartbroken knowing that my older brother had passed away.”

His mother had never known whether foul play was involved or whether the boy had simply slipped and fallen under a train.

Saroo Brierley’s lifelong wish had been to see his birth mother again. He feels incredibly grateful that this wish was granted. He has kept in touch with his newly found family. And now Hollywood studios have made a star-studded, award-winning film about his amazing story.

Fatima and Saroo reunited



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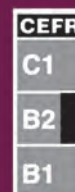
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