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Dear Students,

We hope you are having a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September! Now, before the school starts, we just want to provide you with some simple exercises, in preparation for the next school year. Please, note that these activities cover some grammar rules that you are expected to know.

LET'S START!

1. Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verb TO BE.

1. My favourite actor..... Robert Pattinson.
2. Bruno Mars..... American.
3. I.....Spanish, I..... Italian.
4. The girls in that class very nice.
5. Cats..... my favourite animals.
6. My best friendItalian, he..... German.
7. We hungry, can we have something to eat?
8. Fiona at school today, she doesn't feel very well.

2. Ask questions and write short answers using the verb TO BE.

1. Barack Obama/American?
2. It/8.00 o'clock?
3. You/at home?
4. Your father/at work?
5. Your mother/a nurse?
6. Dogs/your favourite animals?
7. Your best friends/in your class?
8. Katy Perry/Spanish?



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3. Read some information about Susan and tell your friend Paul about her.



Hi! I'm Susan and I'm sixteen. I'm Scottish. My parents are John and Beth. My house is in Glasgow. My best friends are George and Robert. My English teacher is Miss Murphy.

Hi Paul, this is Susan.

She ... _____

Yours, _____

4. WHAT TIME IS IT? Read the example and complete, writing the time.

Example: 08.50= It's ten to nine a.m.

16.45=

11.15=

23.00=

06.30=

10.20=



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5. Fill in the gaps with the correct plural form.

1. We've got two German (teacher) this year.
2. Jake's got three (box) in his bedroom.
3. There are four football (pitch) at school.
4. There are three (baby) with their mother.
5. There's an old house full of(mouse).

6. Write sentences: from singular into plural OR vice versa.

- 1.This book is heavy.
- 2.These sandwiches are delicious.
- 3.Look at those pencils.
- 4.Open these windows, please.
- 5.This is an English CD.

7. Fill in the gaps with A/AN, SOME, ANY.

1. There are books on my desk.
2. There isn't sugar in my coffee.
3. Are there tablets in your class?
4. There aren't flowers in this garden.
5. I've got umbrella in my car.
6. She's got friends in London.

8. Complete the sentences with the correct personal pronouns.

1. I need a calculator. Can you pass that one.
2. These are my new trainers. Do you like?
3. We're lost. Can you help?
4. This is a photo of Bill. Do you know?
5. My mum's angry. I can't speak to
6. "..... am hot. Can open the window, John?"



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7. Mary and Bob are teachers. teach in my school. I like very much.
8. Susan and I are good friends. often go out together.
Why don't you come with?
9. Steven and Bob are at home tonight? I'd like to visit for a chat.
10. I like adventure films. often watch on TV.

9. POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES: Choose the right answer.

1. Mary is 15 and **her/his** brother is 12.
2. I'm Marco and this is **my/his** brother Stefano.
3. Tommy's my friend and **his/their** number is 3584462.
4. My cat's black and **my/its** eyes are blue.
5. Silvia and John are in my class. **Their/Our** parents are Italian.

10. POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES and PRONOUNS: Choose the correct option.

1. Is this cap **your/yours**, John? – Yes, it's **mine/my** new cap.
2. Whose ball is that? – It's **our/ours**.
3. This is Mark, and these are **his/its** brothers.
4. Those are **theirs/their** friends.
5. That's my CD and the DVD is **mine/my**, too.
6. Is this Mary's bag? – No, it isn't **her/hers**. **Her/Hers** bag is on the sofa.

11. Complete the sentences with the correct form of HAVE GOT.

1. Carol two dogs.
2. My children good teachers.
3. They (not) a big classroom.
4. My city a new cinema.
5. My brother (not) a red jacket.
6. She..... beautiful eyes.
7. The maths teacher a nice class.



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8. Susan..... three children.
9. The students their laptops.
10. My parents..... a new car.

12. Write questions using HAVE/HAS GOT.

1. your mother/a new dress?
2. they/a cat?
3. you/a large garden?
4. Robert/a nice girlfriend?
5. your house/a garage?

13. PRESENT SIMPLE. Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs.

My sister Janet(like) a very unusual sport for a girl – boxing! She
..... (go) to the local boxing club about three times a week and
..... (train) with a very good coach. There aren't many girls there so she
sometimes (box) with boys - and she often (win). She
..... (spend) a lot of time studying and usually (pass) all her
exams so my mum is happy. But my mum (not go) to see Janet's matches
and I (not like) watching them either. Only my father
(watch) her matches because he (be) a fan of boxing.

14. Now write questions referred to the text.

1.? She likes boxing.
2.? Three times a week.
3.? She trains with a very good coach.
4.? Yes, she usually passes her exams.
5.? No, Janet's mother never goes to see her matches.



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15. PRESENT CONTINUOUS. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs.

1. I (read) a book now.
2. Simon and Susan (travel) around Italy.
3. He (think) about his test.
4. The boys (not watch) a tennis match on TV.
5. My dad's in the garden and he (cut) the grass.
6. Mary is at home now but she (not do) her homework.
7. What (David / eat)? – I think he (have) fish.
8. What (you / do)? – We (cook) dinner.
9. Look! It (rain).
10. Janet (not make) a call, she (text) her friend.

16. PAST SIMPLE. The following are the most common irregular verbs according to Level A2 of the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)*. Complete the table with the missing forms.

Infinitive	Simple Past	Past Participle	Italian translation
be		been	
	became	become	
		begun	iniziare
break		broken	
	brought	brought	
		built	costruire
burn		burnt	
		bought	comprare
catch	caught		
choose	chose		
	came		venire
cost			costare
		cut	tagliare
do			fare
draw		drawn	disegnare



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dream			sognare
drink			bere
drive	drove		
		eaten	mangiare
	fell		cadere
		felt	sentirsi
fight			combattere
		found	trovare
	flew		volare
forbid	forbade		
forget		forgotten	
forgive			perdonare
get	got		
	gave	given	
	went		andare
grow	grew		
have			avere
	heard		udire
hide			nascondere
		hit	colpire
	held	held	
hurt			ferire
	kept	kept	
know			conoscere
	learnt	learnt	
leave			partire
	let	let	
lie			giacere
		lost	perdere
		made	fare
mean	meant		
meet			incontrare
pay			pagare
	put		mettere
		read	leggere
ride			cavalcare
run		run	
	said		dire



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see			vedere
sell			vendere
		sent	spedire
show		shown	
sing			cantare
sleep	slept		
speak			parlare
steal		stolen	
swim	swam		
take			prendere
teach			insegnare
		told	dire
think	thought		
throw		thrown	
understand			capire
wake	woke		
wear			indossare
		won	vincere
	wrote		scrivere

17. Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verb TO BE (simple past).

1. _____ it cold this morning? - No, it _____.
2. _____ David and Daniel born in the same year? - Yes, they _____.
3. _____ you at school yesterday? - No, I _____. I _____ sick.
4. _____ George in the park this afternoon? - No, he _____. He _____ at his uncle's house.
5. _____ your best friend angry with you? - Yes, she _____.



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18. Complete the sentences with correct PAST form of the verbs in the box.

**see - become - sing - go - buy - hear - stand - begin -
think - do - choose - make**

1. Last week we a really good film.
2. His name is Bill. Really? I it was Brian.
3. We met last year. We really good friends.
4. It was my brother's birthday. I him a CD.
5. Last night I my homework.
6. My dad played the guitar and I a song.
7. He to the cinema twice last month.
8. I liked the blue shirt and the black one. In the end Ithe blue one.
9. We had a party last night. We a lot of noise.
10. We a strange noise but it was only the wind.
11. When he came into the room, everyoneup.
12. The matchat 3.00 o'clock.

19. Complete the conversation with the correct PAST form of the verbs in brackets.

- Jason: I (go) to a party at Peter's house on Friday. It was great.
- Toby: Good. I'm happy you (like) it. Peter's parties are good fun.
- Jason: Yes, they are. I (dance) with Alison. We(have) a great time there.
- Toby: Yes, Alison's nice. I (take) her to the cinema last week. We (see) a great film.
- Jason: That's nice. But you (not go) to Peter's party!
- Toby: Peter..... (not invite) me. He (have) a party two months ago and he (invite) me to that.
- Jason: Two months ago? I (not know) that! Now I AM annoyed!
- Toby: Ops! I (say) the wrong thing.



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20. Write questions about the conversation.

1.? On Friday.
2.? With Alison.
3.? To the cinema
4.? Two months ago.



If you need any further explanation about grammar, please visit: [A1-A2 grammar | LearnEnglish Teens \(britishcouncil.org\)](#).

If you want to improve your reading and listening skills, surf: [Skills | LearnEnglish Teens \(britishcouncil.org\)](#).

See you at school and do not forget some simple advice to have the right attitude at school:

1. Listen to the teacher
2. Do your homework
3. Take notes during the lesson
4. Ask the teacher if you do not understand
5. Don't be afraid of failing because FAIL means

F **first**
A **attempt**
I **in**
L **learning**

