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1A

New start, new life

1 VOCABULARY

A **1-02** Two words are sometimes combined to express a new idea. The most common form is noun + noun; other common forms are adjective + noun and gerund + noun. Listen and read the words aloud.

job opening

roommate

small talk

full moon

dining room

Tip

In compound nouns, both components are stressed. Primary stress usually falls on the first word.

● ● ● ●
greenhouse bluebird

B Put the same word in all three boxes to form three compound nouns.

- break life tea
- sick town work
- glasses screen shine
- case shelf picture
- convenience grocery secondhand

C Combine words to make compound nouns. (There may be more than one option for some words.)

parking ware head
business ear living sales
credit cross post bed

card phones hours person
room walk road office
ache lot house

business card

business hours

2 LISTENING

A Three people are going to talk about some changes in their lives. Look at the pictures and guess what the changes might be.

B **1-03** Now listen to the people. What changes did each of them make? How do they feel about the changes?

- Rachel moved ...
- Sam got ...
- Lisa started ...

C **1-03** Listen again. Mark R (Rachel), S (Sam), or L (Lisa) next to the sentences each person is likely to say. Then decide what *this* or *here* refers to in each sentence.

- "My friend James helped me by explaining what *this* is like."
- "I am going to buy some furniture *here* because of my tight budget."
- "I'm going to decorate *this* first."
- "I'm happy that I can cook and invite friends *here* now."
- "I was depressed when I couldn't find *this* right after college."

1 Rachel



2 Sam



3 GRAMMAR

A 1-04 Listen and complete the sentences.

- 1 I _____ of decorating my own place beautifully for years.
- 2 I _____ every secondhand store in the city on weekends.
- 3 I _____ any jobs in my field.
- 4 I _____ my best to be a great salesperson!
- 5 I _____ to the convenience store to buy instant food for dinner every day.
- 6 I often _____ friends over to my house and _____ dishes I make.

B Name the tenses in the sentences above. Why do you think each speaker has chosen each tense?

Review verb tenses.

> Grammar Reference p. 66

C Complete the sentences with the correct tense forms of the verbs.

- 1 When James _____ (start) college a few years ago, he _____ (be) excited but also a little scared.
- 2 Amy _____ (live) on campus during her first year, but she _____ (live) off campus with a roommate now.
- 3 Victor _____ (major) in graphic design, but he doesn't like it much. So he _____ (change) his major to computer science next year.
- 4 Jay has a part-time job. Two days a week, he _____ (work) at a grocery store after class. He _____ (work) there for two years.
- 5 Dasha _____ (want) to study international relations after college. She _____ (study) for the entrance exam right now.

D Change the sentences and make them true for you.



3 Lisa

4 SPEAKING

A Walk around and find a classmate to match each description. Write his or her name in the blank and ask the follow-up questions.

FIND SOMEONE WHO



_____ has recently moved to a new house.

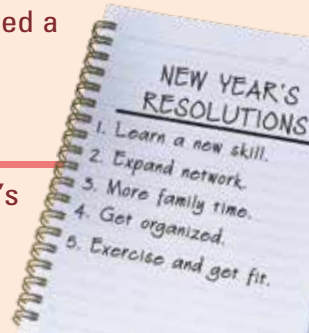
Q: When and where did you move?
How do you feel about it?

_____ has recently gotten a job.

Q: Where do you work? What do you do there? Do you like the job?

_____ has recently started a new hobby.

Q: What is it? Why did you start doing it?
Do you like it?



_____ has set New Year's resolutions.

Q: What resolutions did you make?
Do you still keep them?

_____ has a new member in his/her family.

Q: Who is the person? How old is he/she?

_____ has recently met someone new.

Q: What is your relationship with the person? When and where did you meet him/her? What do you do with him/her?

_____ has recently bought something new.

Q: What is it? How much was it? Why did you buy it?
Are you satisfied with it?



B Tell your partner about one person who you met during the activity.

5 READING

A Do you have a blog? If you do, what do you use it for? If you don't, why?

B Read the undergraduate student blog posts and answer the questions people often ask about college life. Whose posting has the information?


- 1 Do all students have to live on campus?
- 2 How many classes should I take per semester?
- 3 Can you recommend a good place to take a break from campus?
- 4 What if I don't like the classes I chose? Will I get a second chance?
- 5 Is there any shop or market that I can buy homemade meals at?

C Answer the questions.

- 1 What is Welcome Week? How long does it last?
- 2 According to Natalie, what do most students do on Wednesdays?
- 3 Where is the Woodland Farmers' Market? When is it open?
- 4 Where did Serena live when she was a freshman? Where does she live now?
- 5 What does Michelle say is important for people to know about Frothy Cup?

6 LISTENING

A Where did you get information about school life when you first went to school?

B  Listen to two conversations. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

- 1 • Bloggers had written some negative comments about the honey latte.
• The woman ordered a honey latte and a chocolate chip scone.
- 2 • Chris is currently staying with his family.
• Students can stay in the dormitory for summer.

OVER TO YOU

- 1 If you wrote blog posts for freshmen, what would you write about? Why?
- 2 Do you think personal blogs can be more informative than official websites? Why or why not?



Blog Posts

Bloggers



Welcome Week

Posted on September 2, by [Natalie Williams](#) | 8 Comments

Personally, I love this time of the semester. I always feel refreshed and eager to learn new things. I've stocked up on new school supplies. And it's always fun to set up and get used to a new routine. Fitting classes and personal activities into a single day is like solving a puzzle. But don't worry. There's a period for trying things out, and this adjusting period is called Welcome Week.

Traditionally, Welcome Week starts on the first Wednesday of September and lasts for two weeks. It's the time to go shopping for classes. Students don't have to finalize their schedules until the third week of classes. This gives us the chance to attend more classes than we ultimately take. I'm interested in taking English Renaissance Drama, Intermediate Spanish, History of Modern Art, Victorian and Romantic Literature, and Twentieth-Century American Literature. Four classes per semester is the average course load, so I will probably drop one of these classes.

Most classes meet on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. So on Wednesdays, many students sleep in, catch up on assignments, and participate in extracurricular activities, such as sports, clubs, or volunteer work. I usually spend my Wednesdays reading some books and writing articles for the student newspaper.

The first few weeks aren't too busy, so it's a great time to participate in social events. Have fun!

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Walk over to the Market

Posted on September 5, by [Jordan Gray](#) | 3 Comments

One of the hardest things about living away from home is not being able to have home-cooked meals. That's why I love the Woodland Farmers' Market.

The market is located in the town square, and it's open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every Saturday from September to November. There are so many stalls and fruit stands that I haven't been able to visit all of them. The market has a variety of fruits, vegetables, jams, cheeses, and baked goods. You really should try the ginger cookies and chocolate brownies. They're delicious!

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Enjoy Living on Campus

Posted on September 10, by [Serena Greenfield](#) | 7 Comments

As we all know, being a college student isn't just about studying and taking classes. Living on campus is also part of the experience. At my university, students are required to live on campus for the first three years. Seniors have the opportunity to live off-campus, but most of them, including myself, choose to continue living in campus housing.

First-year students have the choice of two traditional halls: Kilgurst Hall and Berghart Hall. These dormitories have single, double, and triple rooms. Each floor has a communal bathroom, a study lounge, and a kitchen. I lived in Kilgurst Hall, a women's dormitory. It was a great experience! Sophomores and juniors can choose among three suite-style dormitories: Newtown Hall, Franklin Hall, and Independence Hall. Each suite in these buildings has four private bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a kitchen. I currently live in Franklin Hall. I really like having my own bedroom without actually having to live on my own.

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Want Some Coffee?

Posted on September 25, by [Michelle Zheng](#) | 12 Comments

Many students visit local coffee shops to take a break from campus, and Frothy Cup is one of everyone's favorites. It's just a ten-minute walk from campus. The baristas serve delicious coffee, specialty teas, sandwiches, and homemade desserts. I love soaking in the comforting atmosphere while sipping a honey latte and nibbling on a chocolate chip scone. It's pure heaven!

Oh, there's one important thing to know about Frothy Cup! They take cash only. So make sure you bring some cash if you don't want to miss out on great coffee and treats.

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1B

Life abroad

1 VOCABULARY

A Read the sentences and discuss how their meanings are different.



He shouted **at** me.



He shouted **to** me.

B Correct the prepositions in bold. Then ask and answer the questions.

- Do you know anyone who is married **with** someone of a different nationality?
- Do you think people from other countries are different **of** you?
- Have you ever been invited **in** a potluck party?
- Are you good **to** cooking foreign foods?
- Is it rude to point **for** people in your country?
- Do you know anyone who works **like** an English teacher in another country?

2 LISTENING

A What would people from other countries find unique or interesting about your country?

B **1-07** Listen to the people talk about their experiences in foreign countries. Which country is he/she mainly talking about?



Michael

Mina

Tania

Jake

C **1-07** Listen again. What was he/she surprised about? What did he/she think about the difference?

D Have you ever noticed any cultural differences? What did you think about them?

3 GRAMMAR

A **1-08** Listen and complete the questions.

- _____ you ever _____ cultural differences abroad?
- _____ you _____ a good time in Australia?
- What _____ you most about life in the US?
- _____ you _____ that many Italians call their parents by their first names when they become adults?

B Read the questions in A and answer the questions below.

- How is the word order different in the questions and in the statements?
- When do questions not have the auxiliary verb *do*?


[Learn more about question formations.](#)
> [Grammar Reference p. 67](#)

C Put the words in the correct order.

- Which _____?
(been / you / have / countries / to)
- _____ in elementary school?
(English / study / you / did)
- _____ foreign dish?
(favorite / is / your / what)
- _____ who come from abroad?
(you / have / any / do / friends)
- _____ about foreign cultures in your family?
(is / do you think / most open-minded / who)

D Ask and answer the questions using your own information.

4 SPEAKING

- A** Take the quiz on the right. How many did you get right?
- B**  Make a similar quiz about other countries. Take turns asking questions in your group.



How well do you know other countries?

- 1** In which country do waiters NOT expect a tip?
a Japan b Croatia c the US
- 2** In which country is it acceptable to make a slurping noise with a straw?
a Canada b France c Korea
- 3** In which country was the sauna invented?
a Finland b China c Australia
- 4** In which country do people wear traditional clothes when visiting public places, offices, and schools?
a Hong Kong b Canada c Bhutan
- 5** In which country were women first given the right to vote?
a Belize b France c New Zealand
- 6** In which country is it normal to eat with your fingers?
a India b Taiwan c Thailand
- 7** In which country is it considered strange to order a latte after lunch?
a Denmark b Ghana c Italy
- 8** In which country does the national anthem not have official lyrics?
a Egypt b Spain c New Zealand
- 9** In which country do people commonly roast their own coffee beans with their guests?
a Australia b Ethiopia c Spain
- 10** In which country do university students usually wear uniforms?
a Mongolia b Germany c Thailand
- 11** In which country do people drive on the left side of the road?
a Argentina b Ghana c South Africa
- 12** In which country should you avoid chewing gum in public?
a India b Germany c Singapore





Answers: 1 a 2 c 3 a 4 c 5 c 6 a 7 c 8 c 9 b 10 c 11 c 12 c

5 READING 1-09

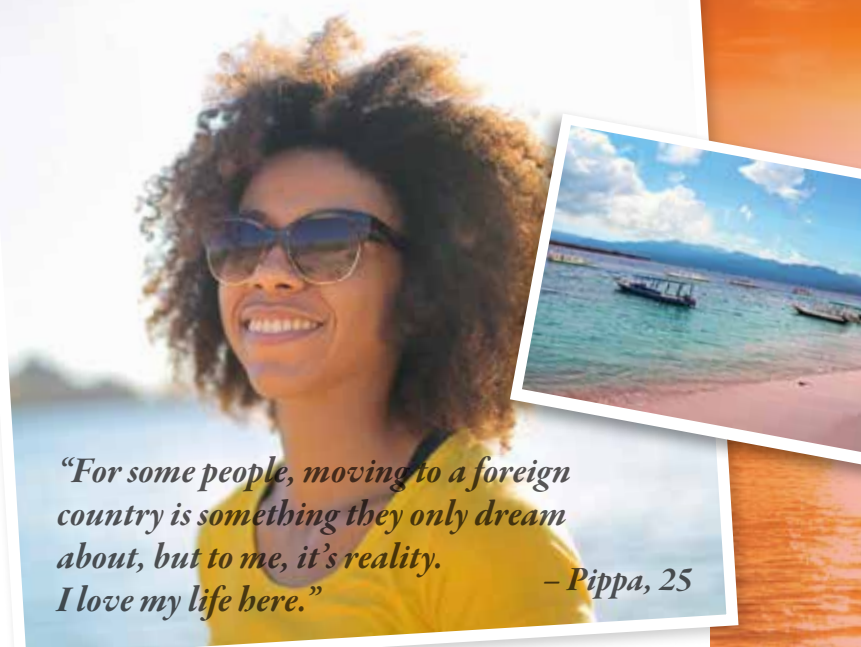
- A** Do you have a friend or family member who lives abroad? Does his/her life seem interesting to you? Why or why not?
- B** Look at the pictures of Pippa and Nicholas and read the quotes. Guess what they have in common.
- C**  With a partner, decide who will read about which person. Read your section and share what you read by answering the questions.
- 1 Where is he/she from?
 - 2 Where does he/she live now?
 - 3 How long has he/she been living there?
 - 4 What made him/her interested in moving there?
 - 5 What does he/she do there?
 - 6 What does he/she like about life there? Why?
 - 7 What problems did he/she have?
 - 8 What does he/she say makes living abroad special?
- D**  Have you thought about living abroad? Where? Why? (study, work, etc.) For how long? If you haven't, why not?

6 LISTENING

- A**  1-10 Listen to Pippa and Nicholas give advice about moving abroad. Check (✓) the advice they give, and mark P (Pippa) or N (Nicholas) accordingly.
- Learn how to accept new people; meditate.
 - Do some research before moving to a new place.
 - Try to keep a record of all your expenditures.
 - Be open to new things and enjoy yourself.
 - Make sure you speak the language of the country you're moving to.
- B**  What advice would you give to someone who wants to move to your country?

OVER TO YOU

- 1 Which country do you think you would adjust to best? Which country would be the hardest for you to adjust to? Why?
- 2 If you lived abroad, what would you miss the most from home? Why?



“For some people, moving to a foreign country is something they only dream about, but to me, it’s reality. I love my life here.”

– Pippa, 25

Briefly tell us about yourself.

Hi! My name is Pippa. I’m from London, and I live on Lombok, an island in Indonesia.

When did you move to Lombok?

Almost a year ago. I think I’ve adapted well so far.



“Korea is a completely different country. Sometimes life here can be interesting and sometimes difficult, but it has become our home.”

– Nicholas, 36

Briefly tell us about yourself.

I’m Nicholas. I’m from South Africa, and my family and I currently live in Seoul, South Korea. I teach English here.

When did you move to Seoul?

We’ve been here for several years. Let’s see... By this September, we’ll have lived here for six years.



What was your first impression of Lombok?

It's beautiful and small, yet very energetic. I think it's because there are always a lot of tourists here.

Why did you first move to Lombok?

I always pictured myself living on an island: an endless string of sunny days, warm breezes, and piña coladas on the beach. One day, I saw a TV show about Lombok and was inspired to come here. Back home, I trained to be a yoga instructor, and I refined some skills after I got here. Now I teach yoga full-time. I don't spend a lot of time drinking piña coladas, but everything else is just like I had imagined.

What do you like about living on Lombok?

Every day is like a treasure hunt because whenever I need something, I have to search! I can say shopping has been my favorite experience here! I buy something new and unfamiliar every time I go to the grocery store. It's been a lot of fun to discover what people eat here. But a few months after I arrived, I started craving food from back home. The big grocery stores do have Western products, but the market closest to my house doesn't. Having limited choices makes it even more exciting to see something I like. The other day, I found my favorite brand of cookies. I felt like I had won the lottery!

Do you have any difficulties?

When I first arrived, I was surprised by how hard it was to make friends with people who speak different

languages and come from different cultures. But now that I'm teaching yoga to tourists, I get to meet people from all over the world. I've overcome my homesickness by making new friends in every class.

What do you think makes living in a foreign country attractive?

Wherever you live, you have to deal with everyday problems, like fixing your broken fridge or going to the dentist. But solving those problems is more of an adventure when you live in another country. It makes you appreciate the little things that were so easy back home.



What was your first impression of Seoul?

Seoul is a really big city. I didn't expect it to be this big, modern, and busy.

Why did you first move to Seoul?

Back home, we'd heard good things about teaching English abroad and wanted to try it for ourselves. And then we met a lovely Korean couple living next door. They were good friends of ours, and we used to watch movies together on Friday nights. Sometimes they showed us Korean movies, and we enjoyed the culture we saw. That eventually got us interested in going to Korea.

What do you like about living in Seoul?

One of the best things about Seoul is that many facilities are designed for family-centered activities available for a reasonable price. For example, our family loves to go to the sauna. It's very different from a typical Western-style sauna, though. Families can take baths separately, and then relax together in a communal area where there are small restaurants and playrooms. Our children love to play on the indoor playground and trampoline while my wife and I drink tea and enjoy our time together. It's the perfect outing for our family.

Do you have any difficulties?

Overcoming the language barrier was quite hard. However, meeting with teachers and other parents provided many opportunities to practice my Korean. Additionally, now that my children are older, they do a lot of the translation for me! As my Korean language skills improve, I've been able to form many strong relationships with people here. It was a little awkward at first because we didn't know the social rules and expectations of us. However, the more we get to know our neighbors, the more we learn about Korea and the more we appreciate living here.

What do you think makes living in a foreign country attractive?

It has helped us grow closer as a family. We've been through a lot together here. Our experiences abroad are something we'll always share.

Skills for Writing


Introducing your culture

1 SPEAKING

A Have you ever introduced something about your country to people from other countries? If you haven't, what would you like to introduce?

B Match each food, festival, and custom with the name of the country. Then do some research to check your answers and find out more.

France India Spain China Brazil

C  List a food, festival, and custom from your country. Explain what they are.



mooncake



ratatouille



feijoada



paella



laddu

"There are many beaches that officially allow nudity."

"It's best to leave some food on your plate at the end of a meal. Otherwise, your host will continue to serve more food."

"We often use unique gestures that people from other countries don't understand. For example, wiping your fingers together means 'I don't care.'"

"Restaurants serve a minimum of two courses, and only at mealtimes. To eat one course only or at other times, we go to a brasserie."

"It's common to touch older people's feet when greeting them."



Bastille Day



Harbin International Ice & Snow Festival



Rio Carnival



Holi

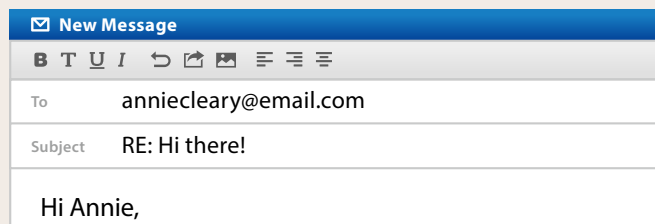


La Tomatina

2 READING & WRITING

A Read the two emails and answer the questions.

- 1 Why is Annie going to France?
- 2 What is Annie's request to Camille?
- 3 What is *goûter*?
- 4 What happens on Bastille Day?
- 5 What is *la bise*?

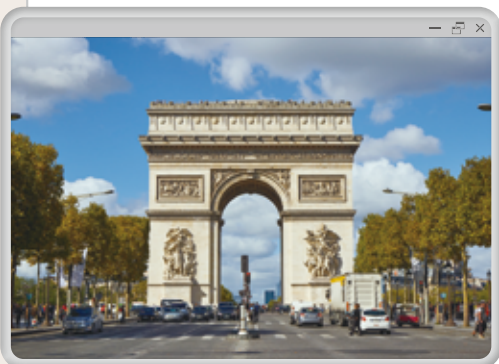


Hi Annie,

We are very happy to have you stay with us in France for the summer! I'm sure many things will surprise you. I'm thinking of writing you several email so you can get an idea of what to expect.

I'd like to let you know that French people usually have four meals each a day. Like Americans, we have breakfast, lunch, and dinner. But we have one additional snack at four oclock called *goûter*. We eat dinner very late, sometimes as late as 9 p.m., so *goûter* helps us stay energetic in the afternoon. When you will arrive, I plan on cooking ratatouille, which is a vegetable stew. Its a typical French dish that I hope you will enjoy.

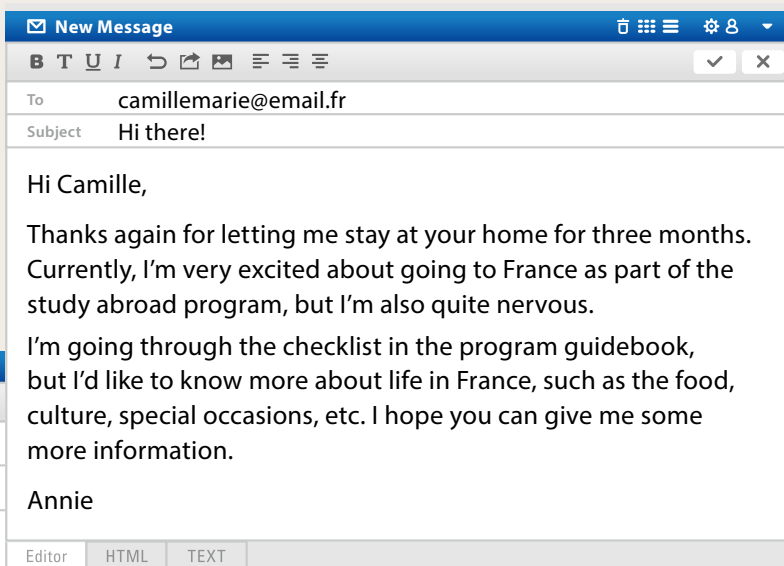
On another days, we can try different foods at restaurants and brasseries. In France, what we call restaurants are places that serve a minimum of two courses, and only at mealtimes (usually from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. and from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.). So we go to a brasserie when we want a single course or to eat at other times.



I'm actually really exciting that you will be here for Bastille Day! This is our national day, which celebrates the French Revolution. In July 14, 1789, people went to the Bastille, a political prison, and freed all the prisoners. So every year on Bastille Day, there is a big military parade in Paris, and the president makes a speech. I think it would be fun for us to watch the parade on the Champs-Élysées. At night, there are fireworks all over France.

I look forward to meet you and greeting you with *la bise*! This is what we call our tradition of kissing each other's cheeks to say hello. I'll write to you again soon.

A bientôt!
Camille



Hi Camille,

Thanks again for letting me stay at your home for three months. Currently, I'm very excited about going to France as part of the study abroad program, but I'm also quite nervous.

I'm going through the checklist in the program guidebook, but I'd like to know more about life in France, such as the food, culture, special occasions, etc. I hope you can give me some more information.

Annie



B Read Camille's email again. The computer has found and underlined ten mistakes (grammar, vocabulary, punctuation, and spelling). Correct them.

C Imagine that Annie is coming to your house for a homestay. Look at the categories below and write a reply to her.

- traditional or common food in your country
- festivals or special occasions in your country
- customs or interesting facts about your country

D 👤 Exchange emails with a partner. Check if there are any errors or mistakes.

E 👤 Share your email with the class. Whose email is the most interesting? What information is the most useful? Why?