



ENGLISH

Chapter 23

5th
SECONDARY

TENSES
Communicate



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CULTURE



American Sign Language

American Sign Language (ASL) has been one of the primary means of communication for the hearing impaired since the 1800s. At that time, Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, an American deaf educator, helped develop a language and co-founded the first institution for the education of the deaf in the US, which is now known as the American School for the Deaf.


Millions of Americans use sign language as their native language. The deaf community is very large and the chance to interact in their own language is very important for them, especially if you understand that the language you speak represents your country's identity. Those who use sign language also love to see their language used before their eyes.

Besides, sign language can help bridge the gap between those who can hear and those who are hearing impaired.

Nowadays, the practice of teaching hearing children sign

language is becoming popular all over the country. Studies have shown that learning ASL brings many educational benefits such as having the opportunity to gain cultural heritage of the deaf community, which includes various forms of cultural expressions, such as visual poetry, theater and folklore. Another key factor is learning about values, beliefs, social and educational aspects of the deaf community, which will certainly help understand other cultures as well.



1  **73** Read and listen to the text. Then write T for *true* or F for *false*.

- a ☐ ASL has been the only means of communication of the hearing impaired for a long time.
- b ☐ Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, whose son was deaf, helped develop a language for the deaf community.
- c ☐ Sign language can help bridge the gap between those who can hear and those who are hearing impaired.
- d ☐ Nowadays, the practice of teaching hearing children sign language is not popular in the country.
- e ☐ ASL provides no educational benefits.



- 2** What do you know about sign language in your country? Find as much information as you can about it.

- 3** Would you like to learn your country's sign language? Why (not)?



VOCABULARY 2

Adjectives with *-able* and *-ible*

- 1 Complete the definitions with the adjectives in the box.

acceptable bearable flexible reasonable
reliable responsible ~~visible~~

A person or thing that you can see is visible.

a A person who can deal with a lot of responsibility is _____.

b A person you can rely on is _____.

c A person who shows reason is _____.

d A person who adapts quickly to new situations is _____.

e A situation that you can bear is _____.

f A situation or thing that you can accept is _____.



- 2** Match the adjectives from activity 1 with their opposites in the box.

inflexible invisible irresponsible
~~unacceptable~~ unbearable
unreasonable unreliable

acceptable – unacceptable



3



Listen, check and repeat.

4 Complete the sentences with words from activity 2.

Lucy never does anything she says she will do.

She's very unreliable.

- a** We complained because their behavior was _____, and _____ – they completely destroyed the house.
- b** The magician made the rabbit _____ – you couldn't see it at all!

- c** This situation is awful. It's really _____ – I just can't tolerate it anymore.
- d** John is very _____. He doesn't like changes.
- e** My mom said I couldn't go to the party – she's so _____.



READING 2

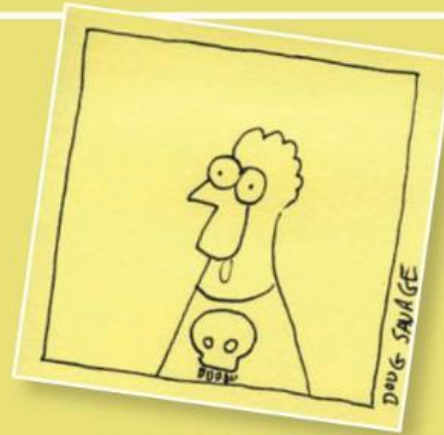
- 1** Look at the cartoon self-portrait. What three questions would you ask the cartoonist?



2



Read and listen. Did you have similar questions?



The Man Behind the Chickens

Cartoonists are some of the most adaptable and creative people when it comes to communicating a complex idea in a small space. Doug Savage is best-known for his Savage Chickens webcomic – each cartoon is drawn on one single sticky note! Here he tells us all about himself.

Why do you draw chickens?

I drew cartoons a lot when I was younger, but when I started working in an office, I slowly lost the ability to draw. When I started drawing cartoons again, chickens were the only thing that I remembered how to draw!

When did you start drawing chickens?

I started drawing the chickens in autumn 2004 and I began posting them online in January 2005.

Why did you decide to start a webcomic?

I wasn't enjoying my office job because it wasn't very creative, so I was looking for some sort of artistic activity. A lot of people were starting blogs at the time. I thought it would be fun to create one too, so I started putting my comics on the web.

Did you read comics when you were younger?

Yes, I did. As a child, I read all of the comic strips I could find at the local library – especially Peanuts. I've always enjoyed authors who combine art and storytelling, such as Richard Scarry, Dr. Seuss and Raymond Briggs.

What do you draw on?

I draw on actual yellow sticky notes, just like the ones you can find in an office. Then, I scan them and edit the images on the computer.

What inspires you?

Everything, but mostly human behavior. People are so funny, and the world can be a very silly place.

What has been your biggest achievement so far?

A collection of my cartoons has been published in a book, which is incredible. But I'm also very proud of all the work that I've created over the past few years. I'm amazed that I've drawn over 1600 cartoons!

What are your plans for the future?

I hope to publish more books and do more animation. And I'm always experimenting with new techniques, so I'd like to try more painting and maybe even write a graphic novel. I want to keep trying new things!

3 Read the text again. Then write T for *true* or F for *false*. Correct the false sentences.

a ☐ Doug Savage has created a webcomic.

b ☐ Doug had a creative job.

c ☐ He has always read comics.

d ☐ Doug draws his cartoons on the computer.

e ☐ He has drawn 1000 cartoons.



GRAMMAR 2

Tense Review: Question Forms

- 1** Read the sentences below. Underline the auxiliaries when provided.
 - a** Why do you draw chickens?
 - b** When did you start drawing chickens?
 - c** Who inspires you?
 - d** What has been your biggest achievement so far?

- 2** Complete the chart below with the questions from activity 1.

question forms	
Use the auxiliary when the subject is present in the question	Don't use the auxiliary when the subject is the question word

3 Order the words to make questions.

a you / write / will / a blog post / later today ?

b what / you / were / reading / when / arrived / your teacher ?

c you / what / do / did / before / you / came to school ?

d send / you / yesterday / did / any emails ?

4 Complete the questions with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

- a** What _____ (your friends / do) when you arrived at school?
- b** _____ (you / ever / make) a podcast?
- c** _____ (your friends / arrive) at school yet?
- d** Have you made any arrangements for this weekend? What _____ (you / do)?
- e** _____ (you / buy) a new bike later this year?



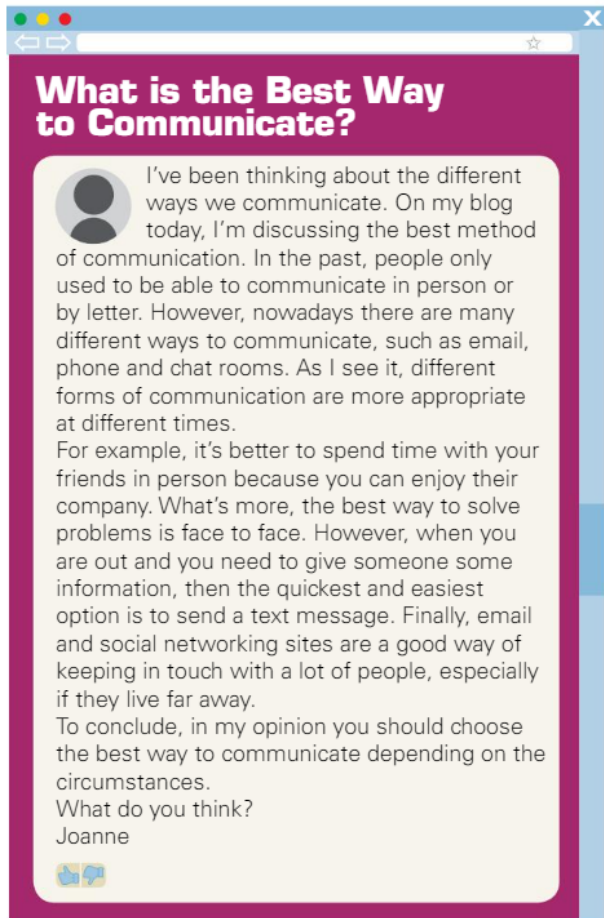
WRITING

A Blog Post




- 1**  **76** Read, listen and answer.

What is the advantage of social networking sites?



What is the Best Way to Communicate?



 I've been thinking about the different ways we communicate. On my blog today, I'm discussing the best method of communication. In the past, people only used to be able to communicate in person or by letter. However, nowadays there are many different ways to communicate, such as email, phone and chat rooms. As I see it, different forms of communication are more appropriate at different times.

For example, it's better to spend time with your friends in person because you can enjoy their company. What's more, the best way to solve problems is face to face. However, when you are out and you need to give someone some information, then the quickest and easiest option is to send a text message. Finally, email and social networking sites are a good way of keeping in touch with a lot of people, especially if they live far away.

To conclude, in my opinion you should choose the best way to communicate depending on the circumstances.

What do you think?

Joanne

2 Rewrite the sentences using the words in the box.

as a result finally firstly ~~furthermore~~
I believe on the other hand
secondly whereas

Sending texts is easy. It is cheap. (linker of addition) *Sending texts is easy. Furthermore, it is cheap.*

- a** Some teenagers stay up too late sending messages. (opinion expression)

- b** Texts are easy to send. Some people send far too many. (linker of result)

- c** Making phone calls can be expensive.
Sending texts is cheap. (linker of contrast)

- d** There are several advantages to sending texts. Texts are cheap. You can send them from anywhere. They don't take long to write. (3 linkers of sequencing)

- e** On the one hand, texts are easy to send. They can become addictive. (linker of contrast)



LANGUAGE FOCUS

Checking Your Work

- a** Check that you have used correct grammar, word order, spelling and punctuation.
- b** Check that you have used linkers.
- c** Check that you have used appropriate expressions to give your opinion.

- 3** Write a blog post (150-170 words). Too many young people are addicted to social networking.

What is your opinion?

Writing a Blog Post

Step 1 > PLAN

Decide your opinion. What are the advantages and disadvantages of social networking?

Step 2 > WRITE

Write your first draft. Write three paragraphs. Think about what to include in each paragraph.

Step 3 > CHECK

Check your work. Have you used linkers and sequencing words?

Step 4 > WRITE

Write your final copy and hand in your work.