

## First-Day Interview Adults

1. Tell me about your last vacation.
2. Tell me about a normal Sunday for you.
3. Tell me about an average day at work.
4. Describe your job and/or university studies
5. What would you do if you won a million euros?
6. What have you eaten today?
7. Tell me how to get from Barajas airport to the center of Madrid.
8. What were you doing last night at 9 p.m.?
9. What are you going to do this weekend?
10. How long have you studied English?
11. What is most difficult for you in English? What is your strongest point?
12. How often do you use English in work/daily life? Written or spoken?
13. What is your main goal for learning English?

## Questionnaire

Rate the following questions from 1 to 5 based on their importance. 1 is the least important and 5 is the most important.

1. How important is improving your written English?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5

2. How important are dictation and listening activities?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5

3. How important is the use of a textbook during the course?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5

4. How important is doing homework outside of class?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5

5. How important is improving your spoken English?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5

6. What is more important to you Business English (1), Everyday English (5), or both equally (3)?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5

7. How important is the use of materials dealing with current events, such as newspaper and magazine articles?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5

8. Name some of your hobbies and interests. Do you like reading novels? Do you read the newspaper daily? What are your favourite internet sites? Are you interested in politics? Religion?

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### The False Friends Exercise

Fill the gaps by choosing the most appropriate answer in brackets.

- 1 Did you know that Chrissie got \_\_\_\_\_ (embarrassed/pregnant) on holiday in Ibiza?
- 2 The \_\_\_\_\_ (signature/subject) I hate most is maths.
- 3 Begonia is a very \_\_\_\_\_ (kind /sympathetic) person.
- 4 Keep \_\_\_\_\_ (removing/stirring) the soup the whole time.
- 5 I couldn't agree more. That's a very \_\_\_\_\_ (sensible/sensitive) idea.
- 6 The film *The Quiet American* was a box-office \_\_\_\_\_ (exit/success).
- 7 How many \_\_\_\_\_ (idioms/languages) can you speak?
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ (Actually/Nowadays) I'm living with my parents again.
- 9 The poor live in the \_\_\_\_\_ (slums/suburbs).
- 10 The police came to my \_\_\_\_\_ (assistance/attendance).
- 11 I've got \_\_\_\_\_ (a cold/constipation). Pass me a tissue, please.
- 12 I was only living with my parents \_\_\_\_\_ (eventually/temporarily).
- 13 The government have \_\_\_\_\_ (inverted/invested) a lot of money in the new scheme.
- 14 Do not \_\_\_\_\_ (invert/invest) this package.
- 15 The Englishman wearing navy blue socks with sandals is a bit of a \_\_\_\_\_ (stereotype/topic) in Spain.
- 16 He never stops moving some part of his body. He finds it impossible to \_\_\_\_\_ (keep quiet/keep still).
- 17 We didn't enjoy the wedding \_\_\_\_\_ (absolutely/at all).
- 18 English is very \_\_\_\_\_ (important/interesting) for my job.
- 19 All my immediate family live in England but I have a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ (parents/relatives) in Canada.
- 20 My \_\_\_\_\_ (journey/working day) is from 8 am to 5 pm but it only takes me twenty minutes to get to the office.
- 21 The Red Cross are \_\_\_\_\_ (controlling/monitoring) the situation in the north very closely.
- 22 The rebels are \_\_\_\_\_ (controlling/monitoring) the entire north of the country.
- 23 \_\_\_\_\_ (Eventually/Temporarily), we decided to go on holiday rather than buy a home cinema kit.

## CORRECTING MISTAKES (2)

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Szerencs u. 43  
3300 Eger  
Hungary

Friday, 14 June

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Yours faithfully,

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# Writing

## UNIT 1 p13

### CORRECTING MISTAKES (1)

- 1 It is important to try to correct your own mistakes when you write. Look at the letter that a student has written to her friend. Her teacher has used symbols to show her the kind of mistakes she has made. Read the letter and correct the mistakes.

T Tense	WW Wrong word
Prep Preposition	P Punctuation
Gr Grammar	Sp Spelling
WO Word order	^ Word missing

23, St. Mary's Road,  
Dublin 4, Ireland  
Tuesday, 10 May

Dear Stephanie

How are you? I'm very well. I <sup>Prep</sup>came in Dublin two weeks ago <sup>Gr</sup>for to study at a language school. I <sup>P</sup>want learn <sup>Gr</sup>english because <sup>Gr</sup>is a very important language. I'm <sup>Gr</sup>stay with a Irish family. They've got two <sup>Gr</sup>son and a daughter. Mr Kendall <sup>Gr</sup>is teacher and Mrs Kendall <sup>Gr</sup>work in a hospital. The Irish <sup>Gr</sup>is very kind, but they speak very quickly!

I study in the morning. My <sup>P</sup>teacher's name is Ann. She <sup>WW</sup>said me that my English is OK, but I <sup>WW</sup>do a lot of mistakes. Ann <sup>Gr</sup>don't give us too much homework, so in the afternoons I <sup>WO</sup>go always sightseeing. Dublin is much <sup>Gr</sup>more bia than my town. I like <sup>WO</sup>very much painting and I'm very interesting <sup>Gr</sup>for modern art, so I visit galleries and museums. I've met a girl named Martina. She <sup>T</sup>came from Spain and <sup>Gr</sup>go to Trinity College. Last night we <sup>T</sup>go to the cinema, but the film wasn't very <sup>Sp</sup>exiting.

<sup>WW</sup>Do you like to visit me? Why don't you come for a weekend?

I'd love to see you.

Write to me soon.

Love, Kati

### 2 Answer the questions.

- 1 Where is Kati? Where is she staying?
  - 2 Why is she there?
  - 3 What does she do each day?
  - 4 What does she do in her free time?
  - 5 Who has she met?
- 3 Imagine that you are a student in another town. Answer the questions in exercise 2 about you.
- 4 Write a similar letter to a friend back in your country. Write 150–200 words.



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**Directions: The sentences below are incorrect, please correct them.**

I have 32 years old.

He is manager at Accenture.

I like ski.

I must to learn English.

Yes, I like very much.

I don't mind to work long hours.

More persons are buying our products.

Many people is visiting Costa Rica these days.

I am agree with you.

I don't have no friends in this city.

He told that there were no more flights available.

I want that you are happy in our house.

Linda is married with an American.

Peter is no more a student. He graduated last year.

Ow!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I cut me with his knife!

He said me that he was very happy.

They are going to Spain for to see their grandmother.

Martha and I didn't speak during we were having dinner.

Is it going to rain tomorrow? I don't hope so.

My boss thinks he knows all.



## 8A True or false?



Complete the following twelve statements about yourself, but write some statements which are *false*. Then exchange papers with a partner. Decide which sentences are true and which are false.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

e.g. This morning at 9 o'clock, I was walking to school \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ last week.

Last night at 10 o'clock, I \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ recently.

A few years ago, I \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ this weekend.

At the moment, I \_\_\_\_\_

I think I \_\_\_\_\_ tonight.

I \_\_\_\_\_ twice.

I once \_\_\_\_\_

I often \_\_\_\_\_

Next week, I \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ for over ten years.

Name at least two things that:

1. are very expensive. \_\_\_\_\_
2. you can use to write with. \_\_\_\_\_
3. have a nice smell. \_\_\_\_\_
4. are small enough to fit in your pocket. \_\_\_\_\_
5. are dangerous. \_\_\_\_\_
6. can make you feel happy. \_\_\_\_\_
7. are thin and sharp. \_\_\_\_\_
8. you can wear above the waist. \_\_\_\_\_
9. you would find difficult to live without. \_\_\_\_\_
10. are yellow. \_\_\_\_\_
11. make an unpleasant or loud noise. \_\_\_\_\_
12. are very heavy. \_\_\_\_\_
13. you shouldn't eat if you are on a diet. \_\_\_\_\_
14. people enjoy doing in their free time. \_\_\_\_\_
15. are found in the country  
(but not usually in a town) \_\_\_\_\_
16. can move very quickly. \_\_\_\_\_
17. won't work without electricity. \_\_\_\_\_
18. you usually only use once. \_\_\_\_\_
19. are found in a kitchen. \_\_\_\_\_
20. people usually take with them  
on holiday. \_\_\_\_\_
21. are containers. \_\_\_\_\_
22. you can do to stop a baby crying. \_\_\_\_\_
23. are very fragile. \_\_\_\_\_
24. can make you feel tired. \_\_\_\_\_
25. people are usually frightened of. \_\_\_\_\_
26. are made of glass. \_\_\_\_\_
27. taste nice. \_\_\_\_\_
28. men find attractive about women,  
or vice versa. \_\_\_\_\_
29. cost less than a euro. \_\_\_\_\_
30. you can do to stop a nosebleed \_\_\_\_\_