



Very important person

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The family

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Possessive adjectives, Question words

Everyday English: Introductions and basic
personal information

Unit objectives

Ask for and give basic personal information

Talk about where you are from

Talk about the members of your family

Use capital letters correctly

Learn to use the Language Guide

Quiz time!

a Look at the photos. Who are the
famous people?

b Find three of the people in this unit.
Write the page number.



Reading

1 Look at the photos. Can you identify the famous people?

2 **1 2 7** Read the text.



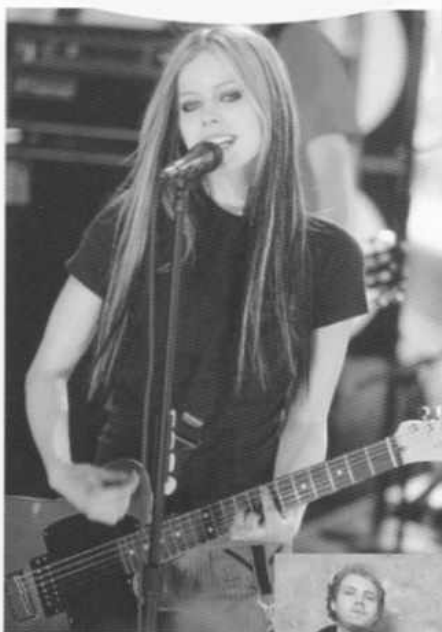
Hi! My name's Tom.

I'm 13 years old. This is my friend Aneena.

We're from Manchester, in England.

Aneena's a football fan. I'm not interested in football. My favourite hobbies are music and films.

A



My favourite singer is Avril Lavigne. Avril isn't English or American. She's Canadian. She's good at skateboarding.

B

My favourite group is Coldplay. They're English. The singer is Chris Martin. His wife is the American actress Gwyneth Paltrow.



C

My favourite actress is Sarah Michelle Gellar. She's from New York in the USA. Her eyes are green. She's the star of the TV programme, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. In this photo she's with other actors from the programme. They're in a TV studio.

3 Read the text again. Are the sentences true or false?

- a Tom is thirteen years old.
- b Tom and Aneena are English.
- c Tom is a football fan.
- d Avril Lavigne is American.
- e Chris Martin is an actor.
- f Gwyneth Paltrow is English.
- g Sarah Michelle Gellar is from the USA.

Grammar

Present simple of to be – affirmative and negative

To be – affirmative and negative

Affirmative

- a I'm thirteen years old.
- b You're English.
- c Aneena's a football fan.
- d We're from Manchester.
- e You're from Madrid.
- f They're English.

Negative

- a I'm **not** interested in football.
- b You **aren't** twelve years old.
- c Avril **isn't** English.
- d We **aren't** good at dancing.
- e You **aren't** from London.
- f They **aren't** in a TV studio.

- 1 Look at the examples in the grammar box. Write the short forms of these words.

am is not is are not are am not

am = 'm

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- 2 Write sentences with the words and nationalities.

a We're Brazilian.



a We



b You



c I



d We



e They



f Anne

- 3 Look at the table. Complete Christine's sentences.

Name	Christine Jones
Age	14
Eyes	blue
Nationality	American
Brothers/Sisters	brother, Jack. Ten years old.
Favourite hobby	basketball

- a My name is Christine.
- b I am fourteen years old.
- c My eyes are brown.
- d I am British.
- e My brother is ten years old.
- f We are American.
- g My favourite hobby is basketball.

- 4 Look at the information about Christine in 3. Write similar sentences about yourself.

Speaking

- 5 Describe yourself to your partner.

My name is Yolanda. I am thirteen years old ...

Study Techniques

Using the Language Guide

Answer the questions.

- a What information is on pages 16 and 17 of the Student's Book?
- b What information is on pages 90–91 of the Workbook?
- c When is this information important?

Extra Activity

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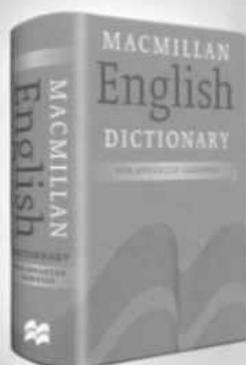
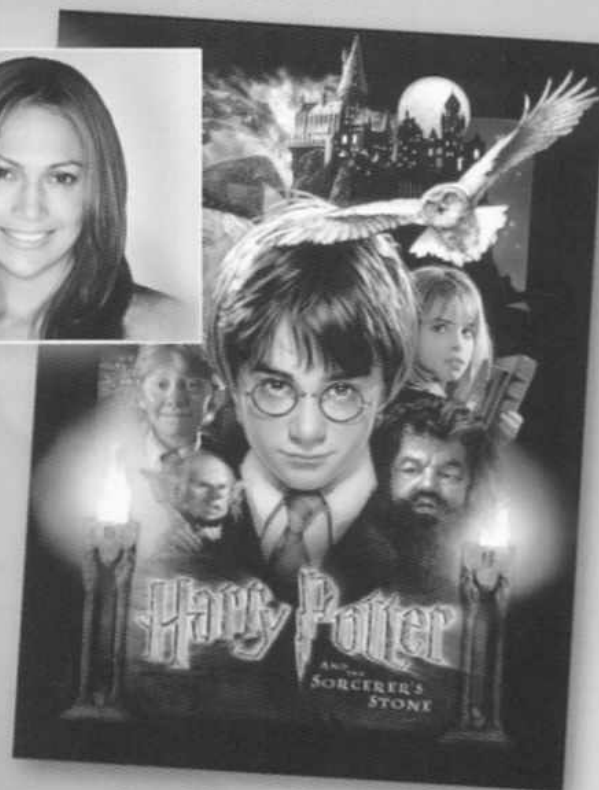
Time Out!

Reading

Quiz – World of English

Do the quiz!

- The author of the Harry Potter books is _____.
A J R R Tolkien B J K Rowling
C Charles Dickens D Ronald Weasley
- Arsenal, Chelsea, Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham are all English football teams. They are from _____.
A London B Manchester
C Oxford D Cambridge
- The total number of people who speak English in the world is _____.
A 19 million B 450 million
C 1 billion D 1.9 billion
- The name of the famous tennis club in London is _____.
A Roland Garros B Forest Hills
C Wimbledon D Wembley
- Jennifer Lopez is a famous American actress and singer. Her parents are from _____.
A Colombia B Cuba
C Mexico D Puerto Rico
- 10 Downing Street is the home of _____.
A the British Queen B the American President
C the British Prime Minister D David Beckham



Key

6 – Fantastic! You're an expert!
4 or 5 – Yes! You're very interested in English and the world around you!
2 or 3 – Hey! English is important in the world, you know.
0 or 1 – Oh no! Today isn't your day!

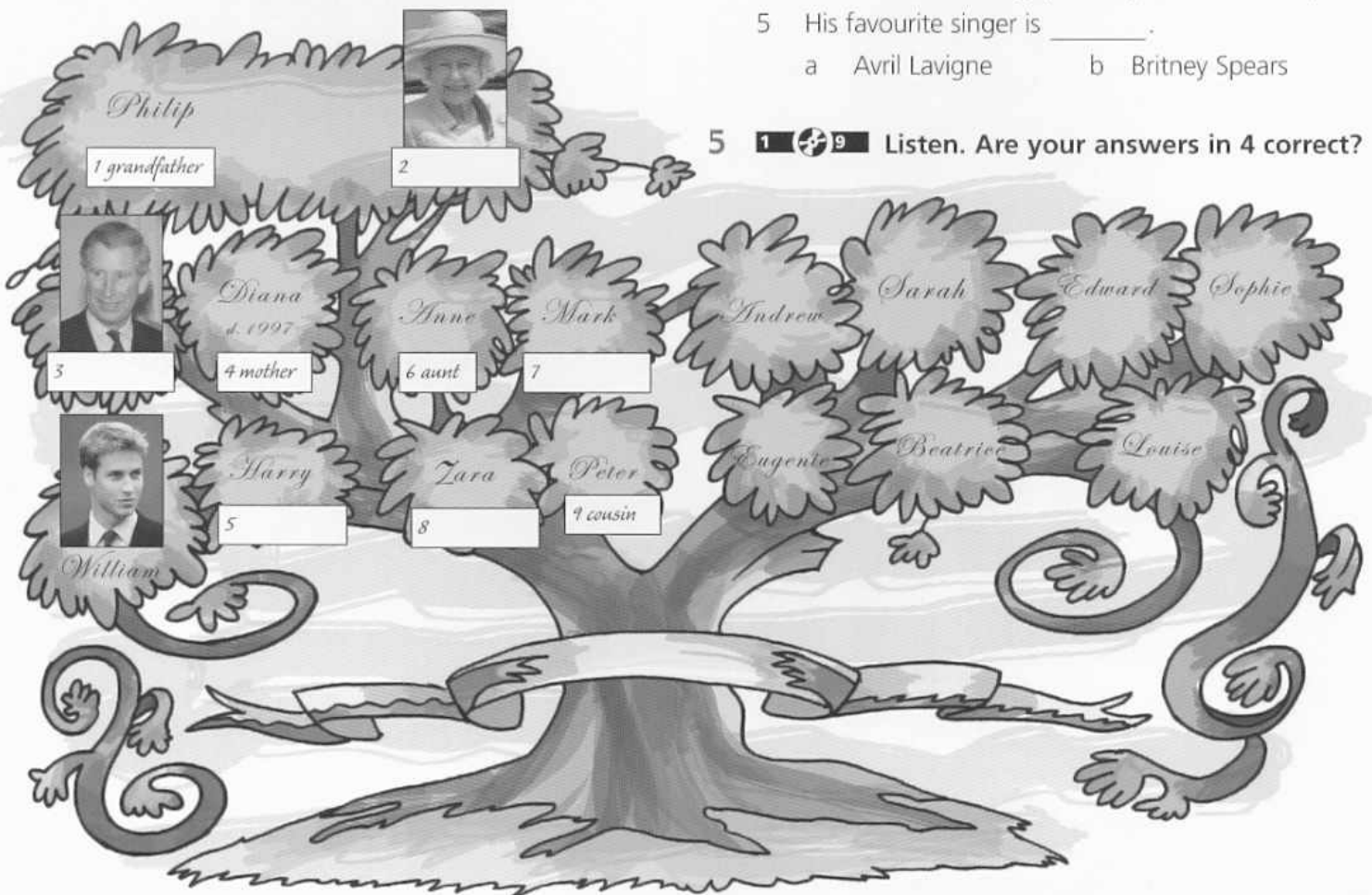
Vocabulary

The family

- 1 This is Prince William. Look at his family tree. Complete the tree with the words below.



father cousin brother grandmother uncle



- 2 1 8 Listen, check and repeat.
3 Tell your partner about people in your family.

Pablo is my brother.
Laura is my cousin.

Listening

- 4 Look at the sentences about Prince William. Can you guess the correct answers?

- 1 The complete name of Prince William is _____.
a William Philip Louis Arthur
b William Arthur Philip Louis
- 2 His favourite football team is _____.
a Arsenal b Aston Villa
- 3 William _____ good at dancing.
a is b isn't
- 4 His favourite sports are _____.
a football and rugby b polo and water polo
- 5 His favourite singer is _____.
a Avril Lavigne b Britney Spears

- 5 1 9 Listen. Are your answers in 4 correct?

Living in Britain

The surname of the British Royal Family is Windsor. The official home of the Royal Family is Buckingham Palace, in London.

Grammar

To be – questions and short answers

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Questions

Are you a student?

Is Arsenal his favourite football team?

Is William good at dancing?

Are football and rugby his favourite sports?

Short answers

Yes, I am.

No, I'm not.

Yes, it is.

No, it isn't.

Yes, he is.

No, he isn't.

Yes, they are.

No, they aren't.

- 1 Look at the sentence and the question. What is the difference in the form?

- a You are a student.
b Are you a student?

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- 2 Copy and complete the dialogue with the correct forms of *to be*.

Bill (a) Are you Kate?

Kate Yes, I (b) _____.

Bill (c) _____ you from Manchester?

Kate No, I (d) _____. I (e) _____ from Liverpool.

Bill (f) _____ your eyes blue?

Kate No, they (g) _____. They (h) _____ brown.

Bill (i) _____ Paul your brother?

Kate Yes, he (j) _____.

Bill (k) _____ you and Paul good at skateboarding?

Kate Yes, we (l) _____.

Speaking

- 3 Work in pairs.

Student A: Your partner is a famous person. Ask 20 questions to discover who your partner is.

Student B: Choose a famous person. You are this person. Listen to your partner's questions. Answer with short answers.

Are you a man? Are you American?
Are you an actor? Are you good at football?

Grammar

Question words

Question words

- a Where are you from?
b How old are you?
c What is his name?
d Who is his favourite singer?
e How are you?

- 4 Translate the questions in the box into your language.

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- 5 Copy and complete the questions with question words.

- a _____ is Tom Cruise from?
b _____ old is your father?
c _____ is the name of your English teacher?
d _____ are you today?
e _____ is your favourite actor?

- 6 Write the answers in your notebook.


Everyday English

Introductions and basic personal information

- 1  10 Today is the first day at school. Listen to a dialogue between a boy and a girl. Listen for this information about the girl.

- a Name
- b Nationality
- c Hobbies



- 2  10 Look at the dialogue below. There are three mistakes. Listen again and correct the mistakes.



Dialogue builder

Boy Hello. Are you a new student?
Girl Yes, I am.
Boy I'm Mick. What's your name?
Girl Marta.
Boy How do you spell that?
Girl M-A-R-T-A
Boy Where are you from?
Girl I'm from France.
Boy What are your hobbies?
Girl Dancing and football. And you?

- 3 Practise the correct dialogue in 2 with your partner.
4 Use the dialogue to talk about you.
5 Ask other questions.

How old are you?

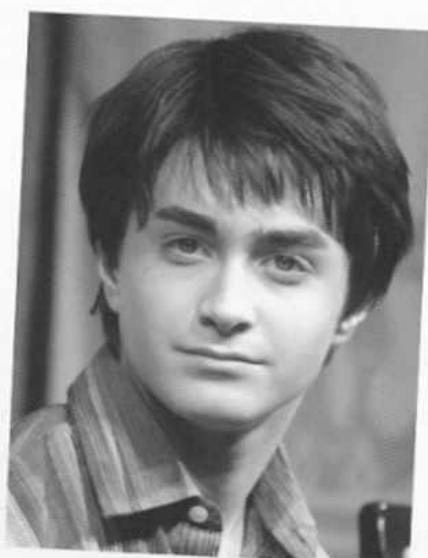
What colour are your eyes?

Are you good at ...?

Who is your favourite ...?

Writing

Capital letters



- 1 Read the description of a boy. Which boy is it?
- 3 There are 15 mistakes with capital letters in this description. Find them and write correct sentences.

I'm fourteen years old. I'm from England. My uncle is Vernon and my aunt is Petunia. My cousin is Dudley. He's fifteen. My hobbies are magic and a special sport called 'quidditch' and I'm good at English. My favourite people are my friends Ron and Hagrid.

My name's Maria

my name's maria. i'm Thirteen years old. i'm from granada in spain. my mother is pilar and my father is ernesto. my brother is jesus. he's ten. i'm good at french and tennis.

- 2 The letters in red are capital letters. Read the rules for the use of capital letters in English. Find an example of each rule in the description.

Look at this!

We use capital letters for:

- 1 The pronoun I
- 2 The start of a sentence
- 3 Names (people, cities, etc.)
- 4 Countries
- 5 Nationalities and languages

- 4 Write a description of yourself. Use the description in 1 as a model. Include:

Your name

Your age

Where you are from

The names of the people in your family

The colour of your eyes

Your hobbies

Your favourite actors/singers/sports people, etc.

Things that you are good at

Extra Activity

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Unit 1 Language

Grammar

Subject pronouns

Singular

I
you
he/she/it

Plural

we
you
they

I'm Italian.

Where is he?

They're fourteen.

- *He* is for a singular man/boy, *she* is for a singular woman/girl, *it* is for a singular object or animal. The plural form is *they* for men and women, and for objects. *You* is singular and plural.
- A subject or subject pronoun is always necessary in English. Look:

I am German. ✓

Am German. ✗

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Present simple of to be

Affirmative

I'm (am)
You're (are)
He/She/It's (is) Spanish.
We're (are) English.
You're (are)
They're (are)

Negative

I'm not (am not)
You aren't (are not)
He/She/It isn't (is not) Spanish.
We aren't (are not) English.
You aren't (are not)
They aren't (are not)

Questions

Am I
Are you
Is he/she/it Spanish?
Are we English?
Are you
Are they

Short answers

Yes, I am./No, I'm not.
Yes, you are./No, you aren't.
Yes, he/she/it is./No, he/she/it isn't.
Yes, we are./No, we aren't.
Yes, you are./No, you aren't.
Yes, they are./No, they aren't.

- The verb *to be* is for describing a person's nationality, age, appearance, etc.
- The word order is different in questions and affirmative sentences:
Affirmative: *He is Spanish.*
Question: *Is he Spanish?*

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Question words

How are you?

Example answer: *I'm fine.*

How old are you?

Example answer: *I'm 13.*

What's your name?

Example answer: *My name is Marta.*

Where are you from?

Example answer: *I'm from Spain.*

Who is Roberto?

Example answer: *He's my brother.*

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Possessive adjectives

Singular

my
your
his/her/its

Plural

our
your
their

My name is Robert.

Where is your school?

Their mother is Spanish.

- *His* is for a singular man/boy, *her* is for a singular woman/girl, *its* is for a singular object or animal. The plural form is *their* for men and women, and for objects. *Your* is singular and plural.

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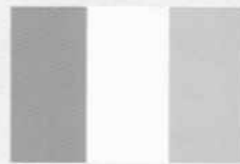
Vocabulary

Countries/Nationalities

Brazil/Brazilian



Ireland/Irish



Britain/British



Japan/Japanese



Canada/Canadian



Morocco/Moroccan



England/English



Spain/Spanish



France/French



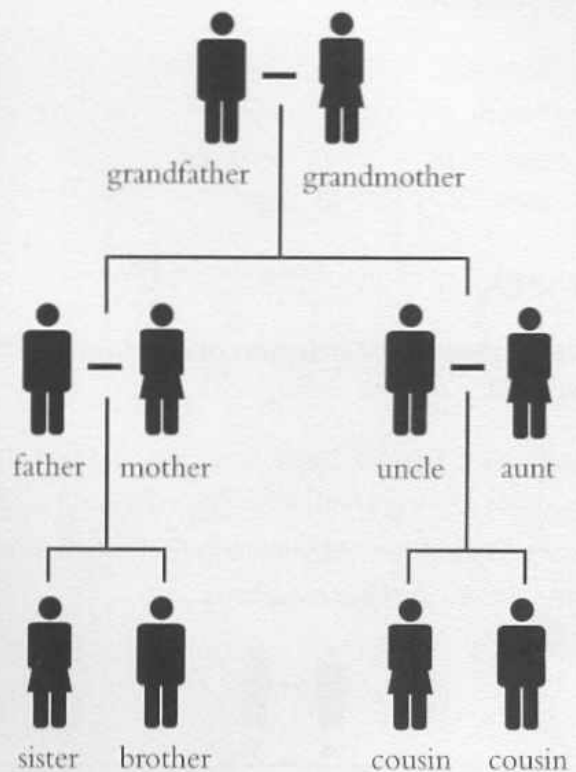
USA/American



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The family



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Unit 1

Progress Check

Countries and nationalities

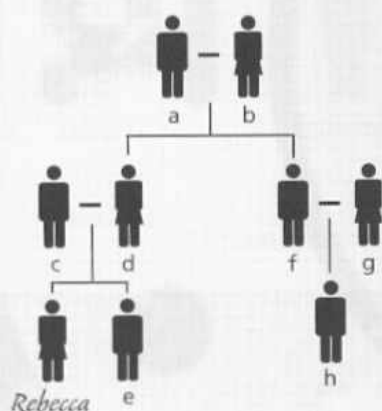
- 1 Put the letters in order. Write C (country) or N (nationality).

- | | |
|------------|------------|
| a sepenaJa | e coMroran |
| b nirBati | f creanF |
| c canAermi | g shiSnap |
| d nadaCa | h rsihl |

The family

- 2 Read Rebecca's description of her family. Who are a-h?

My brother is Jamie. Derek is my grandfather and Margaret is my grandmother. My cousin is Peter. His mother and father are Irene and Ron. My father is Dave and my mother is Gemma.



To be - affirmative and negative

- 3 Complete the text with the words in the box.

isn't are 's are 'm aren't

My hobbies (a) _____ films and music. I (b) _____ interested in Cameron Diaz. Cameron Diaz (c) _____ Spanish, she (d) _____ American. I like Estopa. They (e) _____ from America. They (f) _____ from Spain.

To be - questions and question words

- 4 Put the words in order to make questions.

- you from where are ?
- Shakira France from is ?
- Simon old is how ?
- what name your is ?
- you are how ?

- 5 Now match the questions in 4 with these answers.

- I'm fine, thank you.
- No, she isn't.
- I'm from Spain.
- My name's Laura.
- He's eighteen years old.

Subject pronouns and possessive adjectives

- 6 Match the subject pronouns with the possessive adjectives.

I - my

Subject pronouns: I/you/he/she/it/we/you/they

Possessive adjectives: her/its/your/your/their/my/his

- 7 Choose the correct word.

- I/We am from Madrid.
- Jenny and Sonia are from London. *She/They* are British.
- She is interested in music. *His/Her* favourite group is Blue.
- The children are French. *They/Their* names are Pierre and Jacques.
- The books are in French. *It/They* are difficult.
- Kevin and I are good at football. *We/Our* favourite team is Chelsea.