

ENGLISH GUIDE  
FIRST LEVEL

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**Unit 1**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Group:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Complete the sentences use am/is/are.**

- What \_\_\_ your name?
- Where \_ \_\_\_ you from?
- What \_\_\_ his name?
- Hello, I \_\_\_ your teacher.
- My sister and I \_\_\_ students here.

**2. Read the question, and then select the correct answer.**

1. What's your name \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- I am Mexican.
- I'm Tom.
- Fine thank you!

2. Where do you live \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- I'm from Mexico.
- I'm a student.
- I live in Tabasco.

3. Where are they from \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- They are in school.
- They are from Chiapas.
- They live in Cholula.

4. Do you like soccer?

- I don't like animals.
- Sure I love it!
- I don't like to go there.

5. Does he like to read?

- I don't know.
- Only with catsup.
- Sorry, not today.

3. Look at the picture and describe the family. Imagine you know them very well, write 7 complete sentences.



4. Two friends meet, one friend has a problem. Look at the picture and create a conversation similar to the ones practiced in class. Suggest a remedy.



A: hey! How are you?

B: \_\_\_\_\_

A: \_\_\_\_\_

B: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Read and complete the conversation logically.

**Eduardo:** Hello! My \_\_\_\_\_ is Eduardo. What's \_\_\_\_\_ name?

**Pam:** My name \_\_\_\_\_. Nice to \_\_\_\_\_ you Eduardo.

**Eduardo:** \_\_\_\_\_ to meet \_\_\_\_\_ too. Are \_\_\_\_\_ a student here?

**Pam:** Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ biotechnology and you?

**Eduardo:** \_\_\_\_\_ study law.

**Pam:** Wow! \_\_\_\_\_ it difficult?

**Eduardo:** No, it \_\_\_\_\_. it \_\_\_\_\_ interesting. How about biotechnology? \_\_\_\_\_ it easy?

**Pam:** If you \_\_\_\_\_ to read.

**Eduardo:** \_\_\_\_\_ you want to \_\_\_\_\_ a cup of coffee?

**Pam:** I \_\_\_\_\_ a class now but we can \_\_\_\_\_ after it!

**Eduardo:** Great!

**6. Read the paragraph and complete the information.**

Veracruz is a beautiful state in Mexico. It's in the southeast of the country. Its beaches are beautiful and clean. People visit Veracruz all year round. The weather is usually sunny and hot, but in the fall it can be windy and cool. "La Parroquia" is a traditional restaurant where you can taste delicious coffee and sweet bread like "conchas". You have to go there next time you are in Veracruz!

1. "La Parroquia" is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The weather is usually \_\_\_\_\_.
3. It's \_\_\_\_\_ of the country.

**7. Complete the conversation logically.**

**Peter:** Hello! My \_\_\_\_\_ is Peter. What's \_\_\_\_\_ name?

**Susan:** My name \_\_\_\_\_. Nice to \_\_\_\_\_ you Peter.

**Peter:** \_\_\_\_\_ to meet \_\_\_\_\_ too. Are \_\_\_\_\_ a student here?

**Susan:** Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ literature. And you?

**Peter:** I study mechanic engineering.

**Susan:** Wow! \_\_\_\_\_ it difficult?

**Peter:** No, it \_\_\_\_\_. It \_\_\_\_\_ interesting. How about literature? \_\_\_\_\_ it easy?

**Susan:** If you \_\_\_\_\_ to read.

**Peter:** \_\_\_\_\_ you want to \_\_\_\_\_ a cup of coffee?

**Susan:** I \_\_\_\_\_ a class now but we can \_\_\_\_\_ after it!

**Peter:** Great!

**8. Choose the correct answer.**

1. The weather \_\_\_\_\_ really hot this day.  
a) are                      b) am                      c) is                      d) be
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ happy for my birthday.  
a) am                      b) is                      c) are                      d) be
3. What \_\_\_\_\_ this word mean?  
a) is                      b) do                      c) be                      d) does
4. \_\_\_\_\_ they in the school now?  
a) Is                      b) Be                      c) Are                      d) Am
5. \_\_\_\_\_ this answer right?

- a) Be            b) Are            c) Be            d) Is

6. The time \_\_\_\_\_ running. Let's go!

- a) are            b) does            c) aren't            d) is

7. Jack and Jill are sick. \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting will be called off.

- a) For            b) If            c) Then            d) Because

**9. Write the answers. Write the numbers as words.**

1. 3 = \_\_\_\_\_ 15 = \_\_\_\_\_ 34 = \_\_\_\_\_ 68 = \_\_\_\_\_  
2. 91 = \_\_\_\_\_ 100 = \_\_\_\_\_ 127 = \_\_\_\_\_ 200 = \_\_\_\_\_  
3. 349 = \_\_\_\_\_ 705 = \_\_\_\_\_ 1000 = \_\_\_\_\_ 1274 = \_\_\_\_\_  
4. 1458 = \_\_\_\_\_ 1621 = \_\_\_\_\_ 1990 = \_\_\_\_\_ 2016 = \_\_\_\_\_  
5.

**10. Complete this activity with possessive adjectives.**

1. What is \_\_\_\_\_ name? \_\_\_\_\_ name is Pedro.  
2. What is \_\_\_\_\_ name? \_\_\_\_\_ name is Mary.  
3. What are \_\_\_\_\_ names? \_\_\_\_\_ names are Joel and Daniel.  
4. What are \_\_\_\_\_ names? \_\_\_\_\_ names are Carlos and Carmen, and we are friends.  
5. What is \_\_\_\_\_ name? \_\_\_\_\_ name is cyber.  
6. What is \_\_\_\_\_ name? \_\_\_\_\_ name is Gil and I am a cyber member too.

**11. Fill in the correct family member.**

1. My mother's sister is \_\_\_\_\_  
2. My daughter's brother is \_\_\_\_\_  
3. My father's daughter is \_\_\_\_\_  
4. My mum and dad are \_\_\_\_\_  
5. My sister's son is \_\_\_\_\_  
6. My aunt's son or daughter is \_\_\_\_\_.  
7. My father's brother is \_\_\_\_\_  
8. My mother's father is \_\_\_\_\_  
9. My daughter's son is \_\_\_\_\_  
10. My brother's daughter is \_\_\_\_\_

**Reading comprehension**

**12. Read the texts and choose the correct choice. Mark the correct response.**

**What is music?**

Music is an art form whose medium is sound and silence. Its common elements are pitch (which governs melody and harmony), rhythm and (its associated concepts tempo, meter and articulation), dynamics and the sonic qualities of timbre and text. The word derives from Greek (mousike, "art of the muses").

The creation, performance, significance, and even the definition of music vary according to culture and social context. Music ranges from strictly organized compositions (and their recreation in performance)

through improvisational music to aleatoric forms. Music can be divided into genres and subgenres, although the dividing lines and relationship between music genres are often subtle, sometimes open to individual interpretation, and occasionally controversial. Within “the arts” music may be classified as a performing art, a fine art, and auditory art. There is also a strong connection between music and mathematics.

1) Music is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. an element
- b. a culture
- c. a composition
- d. an art

2) Some of the common elements of music are: \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. tempo, meter
- b. interpretation, definition
- c. pitch, rhythm
- d. sound and silence

3) According to the text there is a connection between music and \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. auditory art
- b. mathematics
- c. aleatory forms
- d. genres

4) The definition of music varies according to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. genres and subgenres
- b. sound and silence
- c. culture and social context
- d. recreation and performance

## Unit 2

### 1. Choose the correct answer.

1. Anna \_\_\_ to her new apartment.  
a. am moving                      b. is moving                      c. are moving
2. Carlos \_\_\_ new clothes.  
a. am not buying                      b. is not buying                      c. are not buying
3. \_\_\_ the piano?  
a. Am you playing                      b. Is you playing                      c. Are you playing
4. They \_\_\_ an email.  
a. am not typing                      b. is not typing                      c. are not typing
5. Jose and Gina \_\_\_ a movie at the cinema.  
a. am watching                      b. is watching                      c. are watching

### 2. Complete the sentences.

1. There \_\_\_\_\_ a bank next to the museum.
2. There \_\_\_\_\_ a hospital between the drugstore and the school.
3. There \_\_\_\_\_ a cinema next to the park.
4. There \_\_\_\_\_ a shopping mall in front of a supermarket.
5. There \_\_\_\_\_ a supermarket next to the shopping mall.

### 3. Write the correct form of the present continuous of the verbs in parentheses.

#### Postcard

Dear Martha,

Bert and I are here on Padre Island. Our vacation is wonderful. I'm on the beach right now. The children **(1)** \_\_\_\_\_ (play) in the water.

Your cousin **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_ (swim).

Bert **(3)** \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a book. I **(4)** \_\_\_\_\_ (lie) in the sun. We **(5)** \_\_\_\_\_ (think) of you all the time.

**(6)** \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (work) a lot at the office?

**(7)** \_\_\_\_\_ your brother \_\_\_\_\_ (plan) to come to Padre Island on the weekend?

Ruth

### 4. Write the present continuous in the lines using the verbs in parentheses.

1. Anna \_\_\_\_\_ (rest) right now.

2. I \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) on the phone at this moment.
3. Bella \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner now.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ (help) the teacher right now.
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ (run) very fast!
6. Julia \_\_\_\_\_ (bake) a chocolate cake at the moment.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) fun!
8. You \_\_\_\_\_ (dance) very nicely.
9. They \_\_\_\_\_ (answer) all the questions.
10. John \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) Salad, and I am eating fish.

**5. Answer the following questions.**

1. My dad is at the beach. He wants to swim. What is he wearing? \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It's cold outside. Raul is covering his neck. What is he wearing? \_\_\_\_\_.
3. It's sunny today. My friends are covering their eyes. What are they wearing? \_\_\_\_\_.

**6. Put the words in the correct order.**

(1) these days / What / doing / you / are / ?

\_\_\_\_\_ ?

(2) hard / She's / at school / working / .

\_\_\_\_\_ .

(3) studying / not / French / I'm / .

\_\_\_\_\_ .

(4) isn't / Irene / for the marathon / training / this year / .

\_\_\_\_\_ .

**7. Complete with present simple or continuous.**

My name is Erick. I am 16 years old and I **1** \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Quebec, in Canada. My parents **2** \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a very nice house near a beautiful lake. In the afternoons, after school, my father **3** \_\_\_\_\_ (go) fishing and I **4** \_\_\_\_\_ (go) swimming. I **5** \_\_\_\_\_ (have) an older brother, but he **6** \_\_\_\_\_ (not, live) with us. He **7** \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in England because he **8** \_\_\_\_\_ (study) at Cambridge University, but I **9** \_\_\_\_\_ (not, miss) him much because we **10** \_\_\_\_\_ (chat) everyday.

**8. Complete the conversation with the countables or uncountables nouns.**

1. Are there \_\_\_\_\_ eggs?
2. Yes, there are \_\_\_\_\_ eggs.
3. Is there \_\_\_\_\_ milk?
4. No, there isn't \_\_\_\_\_ milk. Oh, let me see, sorry! There is \_\_\_\_\_ milk.
5. Are there \_\_\_\_\_ vegetables?
6. There are \_\_\_\_\_ vegetables, \_\_\_\_\_ tomatoes, \_\_\_\_\_ carrots and \_\_\_\_\_ spinach.

**9. Read about Jim's house. Are the sentences *true (T)* or *false (F)*?**

My house is in Montreal. There is a really good sports center in my neighborhood and I play tennis there. In my house, there are three bedrooms and a bathroom. There is a big living room and a small kitchen. There is a yard and I play there with my friends. In my bedroom, there is a bed and a closet. My computer is on the desk and my books are next to the computer. My lamp is on the desk, too.

1. Jim plays tennis in the yard \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The kitchen is big. \_\_\_\_\_
3. There are three bedrooms. \_\_\_\_\_
4. There isn't a yard. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The books are on the computer. \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Number the conversation in the correct order.**

- \_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_ Yes, there's one on Main Street.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I'd like a cup of coffee.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No, thank you. Excuse me, what time is it?
- \_\_\_\_\_ It's 9:30.
- \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_ Good morning. Are you ready to order?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do you want something to eat too?
- \_\_\_\_\_ And another questions. Is there a bank nearby?

**11. Read the text then choose the correct answer.**

**A National Anthem**

A national anthem (also national hymn, song etc.) is a patriotic musical composition (most of times) that eulogizes the history, traditions and struggles of its people, recognized either by a nation's government as the official national song, or by convention through use by the people. The majority of national anthems are either marches or hymns in style. Operatic pieces are more common in Latin American countries while a handful of countries use a simple fanfare.

Although national anthems are usually in the most common language of the country, whether de factor official, there are notable exceptions. India's anthem, "Jana Gana Mana", is in a highly Sanskrit zed version of Bengali. States with more than one national language may offer several versions of their anthem: For instance, Switzerland's anthem has different lyrics for each of the country's four official languages (French, German, Italian and Romansh).

Canada's national anthem has different lyrics for both of the country's official languages (English and French), and on some occasions is sung with a mixture of stanzas taken from its French and English versions.

The Sri Lankan national anthem has translated lyrics for each of the country's official languages Sinhala and Tamil. It was actually written in Sinhala, but a Tamil translation is also played on some occasions and mostly played in Tamil Provinces and Tamil schools. On the other hand, South Africa's national anthem is unique in that five of the country's eleven official languages are used in the same anthem (the first stanza is divided between two languages, with each of the remaining three stanzas in a different language). Apart from God Save the Queen, the New Zealand national anthem is now traditionally sung with the first verse in Māori (Aotearoa) and the second in English (God Defend New Zealand). The tune is the same but the words are not a direct translation of each other. Another multilingual country, Spain,

has no words in its anthem, La Marcha Real, although in 2007 a national competition to write words was unsuccessfully launched.

1) An anthem is a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. a poem
- b. a prayer
- c. a song
- d. a speech

2) It is a country which has no words in its anthem. \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Mexico
- b. Canada
- c. South Africa
- d. Spain

3) Country that uses five different languages in its national anthem. \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Canada
- b. South Africa
- c. New Zealand
- d. Switzerland

4) A national anthem evokes \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. the president's figure
- b. history, traditions and struggles of its people
- c. the language of the country
- d. the stanzas and royal marches

## 12. Read the text then answer the questions.

Young people like skateboards these days, they are practicing it more and more, for them it seems to be new fashion, they really like riding a board with tires. Challenging new obstacles is the goal for them. They are getting more and more preference for this sport around the world.

They like surfing the streets, roads, parks or the vert which is more complicated, but they dislike when they fall off the skateboard, they hate when it hurts. They love this extreme activity because it requires special training and skills to jump the sidewalks.

These days children are riding skateboards everywhere and specially in the parks. Kids love shorts, caps and jerseys to practice and special equipment is also necessary to protect parts of their bodies in the case of a crash. They enjoy the performance of new tricks. Kids and young people like to feel the adrenaline when they practice it.

- a. Young people and children like skateboarding.      T      F
- b. They enjoy this extreme activity.                      T      F
- c. Children and young people feel adrenaline            T      F
- d. Especial equipment is not necessary to practice it.    T      F

### Unit 3

#### 1. Complete the questions with *much* or *many*.

1. How \_\_\_\_\_ apples are there in the basket?
2. How \_\_\_\_\_ does she pay for her course abroad?
3. How \_\_\_\_\_ days are there in a week?
4. How \_\_\_\_\_ time does it take?
5. How \_\_\_\_\_ sugar do you put in a cup of coffee?
6. How \_\_\_\_\_ times a week do you go to the movies?

#### 2. Fill in the gaps in the text with *can* or *can't*.

Dear diary,

I had a wonderful day. I went to a camp and discovered that I \_\_\_\_\_ do lots of things. For example, I didn't know that I \_\_\_\_\_ jump the rope. It was very easy. I \_\_\_\_\_ also climb trees but I \_\_\_\_\_ climb mountains, it's really difficult! My back hurts now! I \_\_\_\_\_ pick up things from the floor, it's impossible.

#### 3. Fill in the gaps with the words *love*, *enjoy*, *like*, *dislike* and *hate* in the correct form.

##### Use (✓) positive or (x) negative sentences

1. I hate / love having a frozen coffee.
2. Joe like / dislike playing soccer.
3. Anna and Stephanie enjoy / hate writing letters.
4. Alicia hates / dislikes ironing clothes.
5. My mom likes / enjoys drinking lemonade.

#### 4. Circle the correct words.

**Ken:** This is a picture of Tom. He's my (1) sister / cousin / mother. And this is

(2) Tom / your / Tom's family. That is (3) your / my / his brother Richard. He's 20. Sally is (4) our / his / her sister.

**Will:** She's pretty. And who are they?

**Ken:** They're (5) your / my / his mother and father and that's my (6) brother / uncle / sister Laura.

**5. Complete the sentences.**

- a) Your father's brother is your \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) Your mother's parents are your \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) Your aunt's son is your \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) Your mother's sister is your \_\_\_\_\_.

**6. Check (✓) where you put these words and phrases in parentheses.**

- 1 Do you go to school by bus ? (often)
- 2 He does his homework. (never)
- 3 We do our shopping. (always )
- 4 My best friend wears sneakers. (sometimes)
- 5 I go to the movies. (usually )

**7. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.**

Benjamin is a doctor. He (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) at City Hospital.  
He (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (live) two blocks from the hospital. He's married, but he (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) children.

Doctors (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) long hours. They (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) an easy life.

**8. Circle the correct words.**

- 1) Students work / works long hours.
- 2) Mark and Peter don't / doesn't study.
- 3) The doctor live / lives in a big house.
- 4) I don't / doesn't like action movies.
- 5) My sister have / has a lot of free time.

**9. Put the sentences in the correct order.**

- 1) rarely / John / drinks / coffee

\_\_\_\_\_.

2) always / Mary / studies / in the library

\_\_\_\_\_.

3) sister / My / usually / gets / late / up

\_\_\_\_\_.

4) never / I / study / on / weekends

\_\_\_\_\_.

5) usually / Sonia / does / her / homework

\_\_\_\_\_.

**10. Write yes / no questions about ability with the phrases in parentheses. Then answer the questions with short answers.**

Jill: (1) (John / sing) \_\_\_\_\_?

Diane: No, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, but (3) (He / dance)

\_\_\_\_\_

Jill: (4) (the students / speak English) \_\_\_\_\_?

Diane: Yes, (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

**11. Match the columns. Write the numbers on the lines.**

1) Can kangaroos swim?

2) Can chimpanzees play volleyball?

3) Can tortoises move very fast?

4) Can dogs talk to people?

5) Can people move their eyes independently?

\_\_\_\_\_ a. No, but they can communicate with symbols.

\_\_\_\_\_ b. No, but they can live 170 years.

\_\_\_\_\_ c. No, but they can see colors.

\_\_\_\_\_ d. No, but they can jump 9 meters.

\_\_\_\_\_ e. No, but they can be our best friends.

**12. Choose the correct answer to complete the exercise.**

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ work every day at 7 o'clock.

a. are starting    b. starts    c. have starting    d. start

2. \_\_\_\_\_ do you usually do?

a. Why    b. Where    c. What    d. Who

3. Do you usually smoke when you are nervous? No, I \_\_\_\_\_

a. doesn't    b. don't smoke    c. don't    d. am not smoking

4. The teacher is always \_\_\_\_\_ the room.

a. on    b. in    c. at    d. into

5. In England the banks always \_\_\_\_\_ at 3.30 pm.

a. are closing    b. closes    c. close    d. closed

6. Where \_\_\_\_\_ you usually work on weekends?

a. do    b. have    c. did    d. are

7. He always drives too \_\_\_\_\_

a. fastly    b. fast    c. quick    d. hard

8. \_\_\_\_\_ is not just his sport it's usually his hobby.

A To jog    B Jogging    C Jog    D I don't know

9. He never puts the papers \_\_\_\_\_ the drawer.

a. into    b. onto    c. at    d. under

10. He is always thinking about \_\_\_\_\_

a. him    b. himself    c. he    d. the school

**13. Circle the correct sentence.**

**1.**

a. She never doesn't do her homework.

b. She never does her homework.

**2.**

a. We sometimes go to the movies.

b. We go sometimes to the movies.

**3.**

a. Jack and Jill never goes to the park.

b. Jack and Jill never go to the park.

**4.**

a. They always don't smoke.

b. They never smoke.

**5.**

a. I usually set the table.

b. I set usually the table.

**14. Read the text then choose the correct answer.**

**Capital punishment**

The legal process whereby someone is put to death is called capital punishment or death penalty. It is a punishment for a crime. The judicial decree that someone be punished in this manner is a death sentence, while the actual process of killing the person is an execution. Capital offences can result in a death penalty. The term capital originates from the Latin capitalis, literally "regarding the head".

Capital punishment has in the past been practiced by most societies, currently 58 nations actively practice it, and 97 countries have abolished it. It is a matter of active controversy in various countries and states, and positions can vary within a single political ideology or cultural.

Over 60% of the world's population live in countries where executions take place, such as the People's Republic of China, India, the United States of America and Indonesia, the four most popular countries in the world, which continue to apply the death penalty (although in India, Indonesia and in the USA, it is only used rarely). Each of these four nations voted against the General Assembly resolutions.

1) Death penalty is.\_\_\_\_\_.

- a. To put someone to death by the state as a punishment for a crime
- b. To put a ball in front of a goalkeeper
- c. To sentence someone to jail
- d. To kill someone in a soccer field

2) The term capital literally means\_\_\_\_\_.

- a. The capital of a country
- b. The person that commands in a ship
- c. Regarding the head
- d. Regarding the heart

3) According to the reading, these countries still practice the capital punishment...

- a. Mexico and Indonesia
- b. France and India

c. Poland and the European Nations

d. China and the U.S.A.

4) A death sentence is \_\_\_\_\_

a. The people's will

b. A president's decree

c. A judicial decree

d. A religious' punishment