1 Getting to know you

Tenses • Questions • Using a bilingual dictionary • Social expressions 1

STARTER

1 Match the questions and answers.

Where were you born?	A year ago.
What do you do?	Three times a week.
Are you married?	In Thailand.
Why are you learning English?	Because I need it for my job.
When did you start learning English?	I'm a teacher.
How often do you have English classes?	No, I'm single.

2 Ask and answer the questions with a partner.

TWO STUDENTS

Tenses and questions

1 **T 1.1** Read and listen to Maurizio. Then complete the text, using the verbs in the box.

'm enjoying	'm going to work	live	started
'm studying	come	can speak	went

My name's **Maurizio Celi.** I (1) _____ from Bologna, a city in the north of Italy. I'm a student at the University of Bologna. I (2)_____ modern languages – English and Russian. I also know a little Spanish, so I (3) _____ four languages. I (4) _____ the course a lot, but it's really hard work. The course (5) _____ three years ago.

I (6) _____ at home with my parents and my sister. My brother (7) _____ to work in the United States last year.

After I graduate, I (8) _____ as a translator. I hope so, anyway.

2 Complete the questions about Carly.

1 ***Where does she*** come from?
2 _____ live?
3 _____ live with?
4 What _____ studying?
5 _____ enjoying the course?
6 How many _____ speak?
7 _____ did her course start?
8 What _____ after she graduates?

T 1.2 Listen to Carly, and write the answers to the questions.

3 Complete the questions to Carly.

1 'Which ***university do you go*** to?'
'I don't go to a university. I study at home.'
2 '_____ a job?'
'Yes, I do. A part-time job.'
3 'What _____ at the moment?'
'I'm writing an essay.'
4 '_____ to England?'
'Fifteen years ago.'
5 '_____ name?'
'Dave.'
6 '_____?'
'He's an architect.'

GRAMMAR SPOT

1 Find examples of present, past, and future tenses in the texts about Maurizio and Carly.
2 Which tenses are the two verb forms in these sentences? What is the difference between them?
He lives with his parents.
She's living with an English family for a month.
3 Match the question words and answers.

What . . . ?	Because I wanted to.
Who . . . ?	Last night.
Where . . . ?	$5.
When . . . ?	A sandwich.
Why . . . ?	By bus.
How many . . . ?	In New York.
How much . . . ?	Jack.
How . . . ?	The black one.
Whose . . . ?	It's mine.
Which . . . ?	Four.

Grammar Reference 1.1 and 1.2 p129

PRACTICE

Talking about you

1 Ask and answer questions with a partner.

- Where . . . live?
- . . . have any brothers or sisters?
- What . . . like doing at the weekend?
- Where . . . go for your last holiday?

Make more questions. Use some of the question words in the Grammar Spot on p7. Ask your teacher some of the questions.

2 In groups, ask and answer the questions.

- Do you like listening to music?
- What sort of music do you like?
- What are you wearing?
- What is your teacher wearing?
- What did you do last night?
- What are you doing tonight?

3 Write a paragraph about you. Use the text about Maurizio to help you.

Getting information

4 Your teacher will give you some information about Joy Darling, a postwoman. You don't have the same information. Ask and answer questions.

Student A

Joy Darling started working as a postwoman . . . (*When?*). She drives a van because she delivers letters to a lot of small villages.

When did she start working as a postwoman?

Because she delivers letters to a lot of small villages.

Student B

Joy Darling started working as a postwoman thirty years ago, when she was 22. She drives a van because . . . (*Why?*).

Thirty years ago.

Why does she drive a van?

Check it

5 Choose the correct verb form.

1 Maria *comes / is coming* from Chile.
2 She *speaks / is speaking* Spanish and English.
3 Today Tom *wears / is wearing* jeans and a T-shirt.
4 *Are you liking / Do you like* black coffee?
5 Last year she *went / goes* on holiday to Florida.
6 Next year she *studies / is going to study* at university.

VOCABULARY

Using a bilingual dictionary

1 Look at this extract from the Oxford Portuguese Minidictionary.

The pronunciation in phonetic symbols

The translation

Information in brackets (. . .) helps you to find the right translation.

~ means *repeat the word*, so this word is **bookcase**.

book [bʊk] *n.* livro; (*notebook*) caderno; // *v.* reservar; ~ **case** *n.* estante para livros; ~ **ing office** *n.* (rail, theatre) bilheteria; ~ **seller** *n.* livreiro; ~ **shop** *n.* livraria

Other words made with **book** come at the end.

The part of speech (n. = noun, v. = verb)

2 What are these words? Write *noun, verb, adjective, adverb, preposition,* or *past tense.*

bread _____	beautiful _____	on _____
hot _____	in _____	came _____
write _____	never _____	eat _____
quickly _____	went _____	letter _____

3 These words have more than one meaning. Write two sentences that show different meanings. Use a dictionary.

	Sentence 1	Sentence 2
book	***I'm reading a good book.***	***I booked a room at a hotel.***
kind		
can		
mean		
flat		
play		
train		
ring		

T 1.3 Listen to some sample answers.

4 What are the everyday objects in the pictures? Look around the room you are in. Find five things you don't know the words for in English. Look them up in a dictionary.