

SAMPLE

How's Life?

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Look at the picture and discuss:

- What is the person doing?
- Who do you think the person is writing to?
- Do you like writing letters?



We are going to ...

- read emails and write postcards
- talk about families and dream jobs
- use pronouns, present tense, and past tense
- listen to a monologue about family and jobs
- watch a video about old and new dreams
- understand self identity



Read the introduction comic! Get to know the main characters!
What is the comic about?



Tick (✓) on True or False based on the comic!
Provide an explanation for your answer!

Statement	True	False	Explanation
Omar's brother broke his game console.			
Jun has a brother.			
Nick's sister is in Jakarta.			
Gita has a sister.			
Amanda's sister loves playing around.			
Maya is having a baby.			

C Read the following statements and number the family trees accordingly! One number can be used twice. Later, you can also make your own family tree and share it with the class!

1. Maya has a newborn baby sister.
2. Gita is a middle child, she has an elder brother and a younger sister.
3. Amanda and Jun both have a younger brother.
4. Omar has three siblings: an elder brother, an elder sister, and a younger sister.
5. Nick has an elder sister.



GRAMMAR Pronouns

SUBJECT PRONOUNS

A **subject pronoun** is the subject of the sentence. It comes **before** the verb.



I am a student.



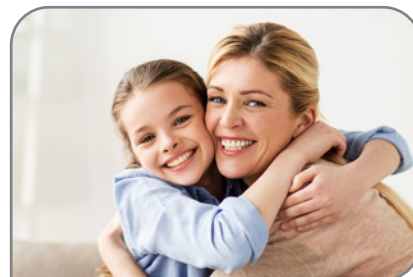
We are Indonesian.



You are smart.



He is Canadian.



She is my mother.



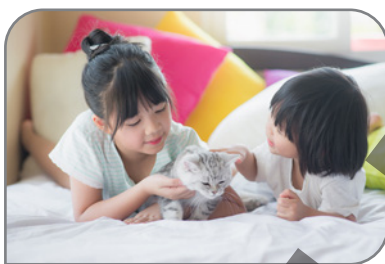
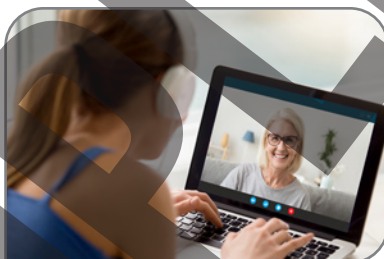
It is my rabbit.



They are my parents.

OBJECT PRONOUN

An **object pronoun** is the object of the sentence. It comes **after** the verbs.

Hi! It is **me**!Our cat likes **us**.Hey! I see **you**!I play with **him**.I call **her**.I don't like **it**!I love **them**.

Underline the pronouns, and write "S" (subject) or "O" (object) under each pronoun!

Example: I want to eat my breakfast. I think my mom forgot to prepare it last night. I will call her to make sure.

- I really need to study hard this week. My exam is coming up next week! Oh, no! I don't have my chemistry notes. I have to call Nick. I want to ask him if I can borrow his notes. Maybe he will let me borrow it.
- Amanda doesn't like sour food. Yesterday, Maya gave her a cup of yogurt ice cream, and she refused it. Today, Maya gives it to Jun instead, and he loves it.
- Gita loves doing traditional Balinese dance. Every Sunday she goes to the pura to practice dancing with her friends. They are all taller and older than her, but they treat her nicely and teach her patiently. Gita admires them so much.
- Jun misses his hometown so much. He hasn't seen his grandparents since last year. Jun's grandma promised to send him a lot of Korean food, but he actually misses her more than the food. When he called them last night, they said, "We miss you, too! You will see us next holiday!"

5. Omar often watches horror movies on Saturday nights. He would watch them alone and he wouldn't get scared at all. He believes the ghosts aren't real because he never sees them. He laughs at the people in the movie. They all look so scared!

D Read the text below and circle the correct answers! What do you know about Kamila after reading the letter?

Dear Kamila,

Hello, my favorite cousin! How are you? I am doing great here in Jakarta. I just became a tenth grader now, and I am just starting to think about what I want to do in the future. As you know, I like drawing, and I'm interested in arts & crafts, but I also want to have my own business. So, maybe I can sell my drawings and become an entrepreneur. What do you think?

You're taking an engineering major, right? Do you know what you would like to do next? I want to know about your life as a college student in Berlin. I hope we can talk in person soon!

Warm regards,
Maya



REMEMBER THIS

What happens if we don't use pronouns?
This happens ...

Without pronouns:

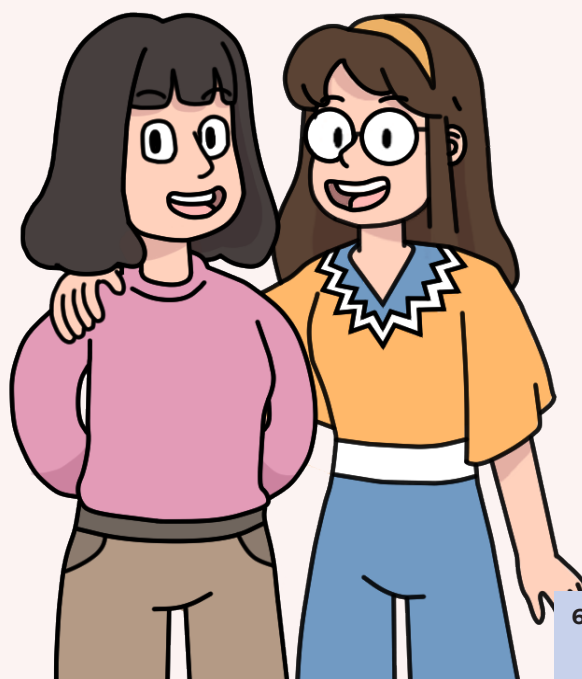
Maya's rabbit has new babies.
The new rabbit babies look very cute.
Maya loves the new rabbit babies very much. The new rabbit babies also love Maya. The new rabbit babies and Maya sleep together every night.

With pronouns:

Maya's rabbit has new babies. They look very cute. She loves them very much. They also love her. They sleep together every night.

We use pronouns to avoid repetition

- Who is writing the email?
A. Kamila
B. Maya
C. Gita
D. Amanda
E. Mila
- Who is Kamila?
A. Maya's cousin
B. Maya's sister
C. Maya's friend
D. Maya's mother
E. Maya's twin
- Where is Kamila now?
A. Jakarta
B. Toronto
C. Paris
D. London
E. Berlin
- What is Kamila's major?
A. Engineering
B. Economics
C. Marketing
D. Hospitality
E. Linguistics
- What does Maya want to be in the future?
A. An engineer
B. A painter
C. An entrepreneur
D. An artist
E. A writer



Read the text about Maya and friends!
Then, fill in the blanks with the given choices!

singer

professional gamer

chef

soccer player

doctor

entrepreneur

Maya is interested in arts & crafts and wants to start her own business. She wants to be an _____.

Gita likes singing and dancing. She wants to be a _____.

Amanda is interested in studying human anatomy. She wants to be a _____.

Omar likes playing soccer. He wants to be a _____.

Jun's hobbies are cooking and watching culinary videos. He wants to be a _____.

Nick is interested in video games. He wants to be a _____.

Draw lines to match!
Do you know who is who?

Singer

Soccer player

Chef

Entrepreneur

Professional gamer

Doctor



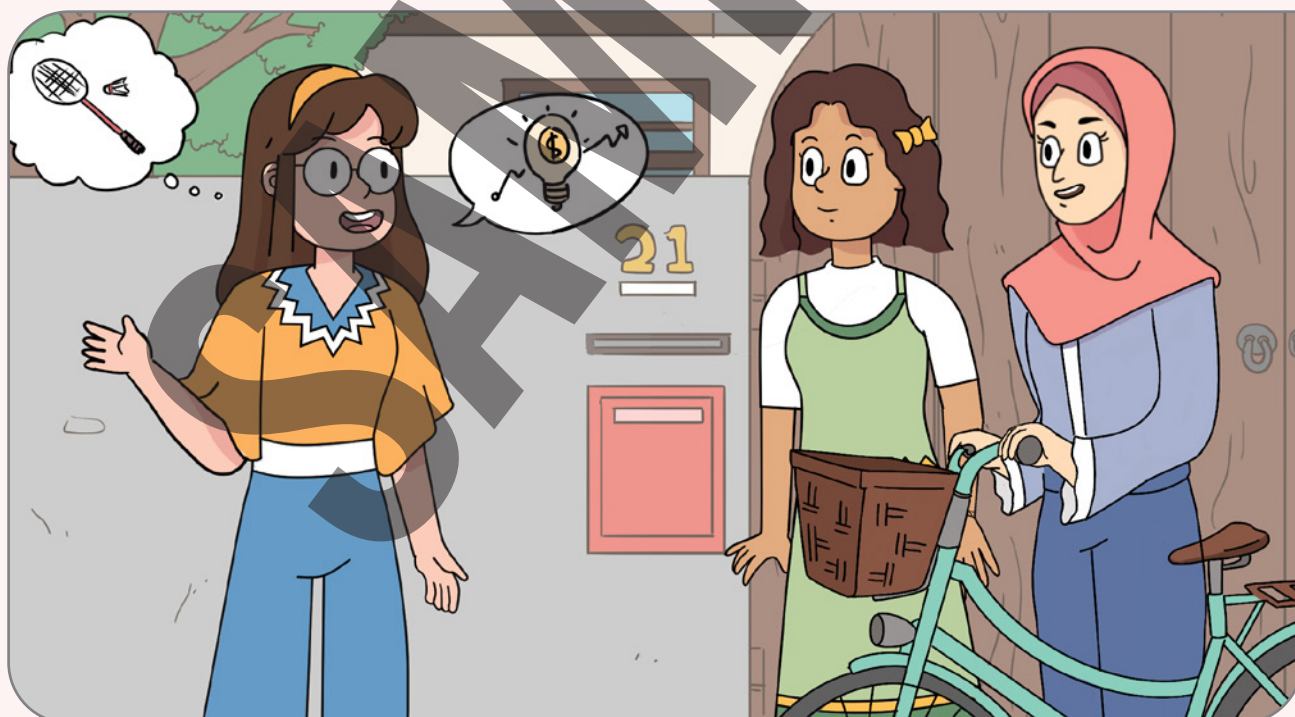


A Listen and sing along to the song “Hello” from DreamWorks’ *Trolls*! 🎧



In the video, the character says “hello.” Can you tell how she feels when she says hello?

B Watch the video and answer the questions! What is the video about? 📺



1. What did Maya want to become?

2. What happened to her?

3. Did you have dreams that changed over time? Why did they change?

GRAMMAR Present Simple Tense and Past Simple Tense

To talk about **facts** or **habits**, we use **present simple tense**.

To talk about **past events**, we use **past simple tense**.

	Positive	Negative	Interrogative
Present	I own a bicycle.	I don't own a bicycle.	Do you own a bicycle?
Past	I owned a bicycle.	I didn't own a bicycle.	Did you own a bicycle?
Present	Omar likes cycling.	Omar doesn't like cycling.	Does Omar like cycling?
Past	Omar liked cycling.	Omar didn't like cycling.	Did Omar like cycling?



REMEMBER THIS

The common time signals used in past tense are:

- then
- ... ago (e.g., 2 days ago)
- last ... (e.g., last week)
- yesterday

To avoid redundancy, we can say something like this:

"I usually watch TV after dinner, but **last night** I **didn't** because I had to do my homework."

OR

"I never really watch horror movies, but **yesterday** I **did** because my brother insisted."



Complete the sentences using the verbs in the box in their present or past forms!

watch

wait

be

clean

talk

cook

smile

ask

walk

dream

- It _____ sunny yesterday, but now it _____ raining.
- She _____ about the homework last night, even though she doesn't usually _____ me.
- Omar _____ two scary movies every week, but last week he _____ (not) even one.
- I usually _____ to school every day, but yesterday I _____ (not) to school because it _____ raining.
- We often _____ an hour to see the dentist, but last night we only _____ for 15 minutes.
- My mother always _____ rice before dinner, but two days ago she _____ noodles.
- Gita's brother suddenly _____ his room yesterday afternoon. That's weird! He never _____ it.
- Maya often _____ about her rabbit every night, but last night she _____ about Nick's cat.
- Gita's sister is really sweet, she always _____ when people talk to her. I met her yesterday and she _____ at me.
- Ms. Parker usually _____ about her hamsters before every lesson, but yesterday she just _____ about her kittens.

C Let's get to know Omar!
Listen to Omar's story and answer the questions below! 🎧



1. How many sisters does Omar have?

2. What is his father's job?

3. How long has Omar lived in Jakarta?

4. Where does Omar live?

5. Where did Omar and his family go last week?

D Listen to three different people talking about their jobs, and guess what their jobs are! 🎧



1. Person A is a _____
2. Person B is a _____
3. Person C is a _____



GRAMMAR Possessive Pronouns

A **possessive pronoun** replaces a possessive adjective + noun to avoid repeating information that is already clear.

- This book is **my** book, not **your** book. Sounds repetitive
- This book is **mine**, not **yours**. Sounds more natural

POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVE

My	My donut tastes delicious.
Your	Your shirt is over there.
Their	Their classroom is next door.
Our	Our house is precious.
His	His laptop is red.
Her	Her cat is fat.
Its	Its tail is long.

POSSESSIVE PRONOUN

Mine	This donut is mine .
Yours	That shirt is yours .
Theirs	The classroom next door is theirs .
Ours	This house is ours .
His	The red laptop is his .
Hers	The fat cat is hers .
*Its own	The dog doesn't realize that the long tail is its own .



Complete the sentences using object pronouns, possessive adjectives, and possessive pronouns!

- I own a secret box. This box holds all of _____ secrets. Everything in this secret box is _____. No one can touch it except for _____.
- Wow, you're wearing new shoes! They look so cool. Where did you buy _____? They really suit _____ style. Hmm, _____ look better than mine. Maybe I need a new pair of shoes too.
- Look around, guys, this is a new school! It's bigger than _____ old school. I don't think a lot of people here know _____ yet. Oh, this classroom is _____!
- Have you seen the new neighbors? The house next door is _____ now. Oh, look, now they're bringing _____ own furniture inside. Do you think we should help _____?
- There's a new student at this school. Have you seen _____ yet? Other students said the car in front of the school is _____. Hmm, I don't think it's _____ car. It must be one of the teacher's.
- Gita isn't sure if she has homework due tomorrow. She can't remember what _____ teacher said. Now she's calling Amanda to ask _____ about it. Amanda's memory is better than _____.
- The naughty cat loves to scratch Omar's bedroom door. _____ claws are really sharp. Omar often yells at _____ to stop. The cat just never listens to _____.



Pair up! Make a short dialogue with your partner using the phrases in the table!

Greeting	Introducing Yourself	Introducing Others	Leave-taking
Hi!	My name is...	I would like you to meet...	Goodbye!
Hello!	You can call me...	Hi, please meet...	See you later/soon!
How are you? How are you doing?	I was born in...	I would like to introduce my friend...	Take care!
How is it going?	I am from...	This is... and this is...	Nice to meet you!
Good morning! Good afternoon!	In my free time, I like to...	Hey, do you want to meet my friend?	Catch up soon!

VOCABULARY Expressions to Talk About Jobs

Asking about jobs

What do you do for a living?
What's your job?
What do you do?
What do your parents do?

Responding

I work for the government.
I'm a doctor.
I teach English.
I design buildings.

Showing interest

That's really cool!
That must be very rewarding!
How interesting!
Fantastic!

Pair up! Have a conversation with your friends about jobs using the phrases above!



B Let's play a game! Guess my family!



Show your family picture to the class, then ask your friends these questions:

1. How old do you think my father is?
2. How old do you think my mother is?
3. What do you think my father does?
4. What do you think my mother does?
5. How old do you think my siblings are?
6. Who do you think I look like?
7. Where do you think we come from?

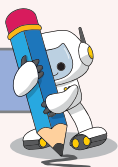
C Let's play again! Guess my job!

Take turns describing your job to your friends, then let them guess what you are!

Write a description about your friends' jobs, what they do, and guess what their jobs are!

For example:

Josh works with flight attendants. His duty involves going to many places. He flies the airplane and helps passengers get to their destinations. He is a pilot.



Write an email to a friend or relative!
Tell them about your past experience!

New message

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To

Subject

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Send



Write a postcard to any of your family!
Tell them about your present situation!

POSTCARD

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SELF IDENTITY

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Who am I?

Have you ever wondered, “Do I really know myself?” or “Who knows me best?” Before you start trying to understand others, it would be better to understand yourself first.

It is the understanding of your own characteristics. Knowing things such as your favorite color and what food you like and dislike is very important in trying to know yourself better,

e.g., I am emotional, I feel happy when I eat ice cream, I want to be an entrepreneur.

Why is it important?

Think of self-identity as the fingerprint of you as a person. Recognize what makes you unique and separates yourself from other people. It can help you strengthen your character and set the boundary in how others treat you (e.g., you know that you dislike being lied to. So, you can stay away from people who often tell lies).

How?

- ✦ **Identify your personality**—How you act, think, and interact with your surroundings. You may try the 16 personality online test that is available for free.
- ✦ **Observe your feelings**—How you react emotionally when faced with certain situations.
- ✦ **Find a role model, someone who you can look up to**—It can be real people or fictional characters from movies or books. It does not always mean that you have to be exactly like them, but you can draw inspiration from them, in a positive way, of course.
- ✦ **Ask your close family members and friends about what they think about you**—Sometimes, you need to see yourself from other people’s perspective.
- ✦ **Know your core values**—Figure out the things that are important to you. Your value will affect most of your thoughts and actions (e.g., you value loyalty; therefore, you will never betray other people).
- ✦ **Reflect on your past**—You may learn some lessons from your past (e.g., you used to love pop music, but now you prefer classical music because you have taken an interest in composing classical songs).
- ✦ **Look forward to the future**—Knowing what kind of person you want to be will help you in determining your course of actions toward achieving that goal.
- ✦ **Allow yourself to try new things**—It may help you discover different types of experiences that are actually fulfilling for you.

After you have recognized your self-identity, live as yourself without trying to emulate other people. After all, the original is almost always better than the copy!



Match the answers with the pictures!



Singer Firefighter Athlete Police
 Doctor Painter Nurse
 Chef Author Teacher





Reading

Exercise 1

A. Read the text and underline the words related to jobs!

Hello, I'm Omar. My parents have four children, and I'm the third child among my siblings. We are from Cape Town, South Africa, but moved to Jakarta when I was seven years old. My little sister was born afterward. My father used to work at the South African Embassy in Jakarta as a diplomat. He retired five years ago, but decided to stay here in Jakarta. He helped my mother, who is a fabric merchant, in developing her fabric business. My older brother, Zain, is doing his last semester at a university in Sydney, Australia. He took a business management major, because he wants to start his own business someday and become an entrepreneur. My older sister, Asha, loves fashion. She just started her study as a fashion designer. She often helps my mother with her fabric catalog. My younger sister, Binta, is still in primary school. She likes sports, just like me. Binta is into tennis, and she really adores Serena Williams, the American tennis player with 23 Grand Slam titles. Meanwhile, I like playing soccer and wish to become a professional soccer player one day. My favorite soccer players are Didier Drogba and Lionel Messi. I'll keep training hard and achieve my dream someday!

B. Read the text again and fill in the blanks!

- Omar's parents have _____ children.
- Omar is the _____ child.
- Omar's family is from _____, South Africa.
- Omar's father used to work as a _____.
- Omar's mother is a fabric _____.
- Zain is currently studying at a university in _____.
- Zain wants to become an _____.
- Asha just started her study as a _____.
- Omar wishes to become a _____.
- Binta is into _____.

C. Fill in each box with "T" (True) or "F" (False)!

- ☐ Omar has four siblings.
- ☐ All his siblings were born in South Africa.
- ☐ His father still works as a diplomat.
- ☐ His mother works in the fabric industry business.
- ☐ Zain is doing his first semester in Sydney.
- ☐ Asha often helps her mother choose fabrics.
- ☐ Omar's favorite soccer player is only Lionel Messi.
- ☐ Binta adores Serena Williams.

Exercise 2

A. Match 1–6 to the description a–f and fill in the blanks with the job titles!

1. ☐ Mr. Adebayo

2. ☐ Mrs. Adebayo

3. ☐ Zain

4. ☐ Asha

5. ☐ Omar

6. ☐ Binta

soccer player

diplomat

fabric merchant

tennis player

entrepreneur

fashion designer

- Sells textiles of all kinds, such as cotton, silk, and polyester.
- Plays tennis and gets paid for it.
- Maintains international relations between one country and the others.
- Runs his own business.
- Creates unique clothing designs.
- Plays soccer and gets paid for it.

B. Read the paragraph! Then, underline every mistake you can find and correct it!

Hi, everyone! My name was Maya Prasetya and I want to tell you about me family. My mother's name is Marina Prasetya because her take my father's last name. I think you can guess what me father's last name was, of course, Prasetya. He first name was Arya. Do you know that I name is a combination of my parents' name? When they combined Marina and Arya, they come up with "Maya," my name!

I am born in Surabaya on August 8th, 2006. My mother lives in Surabaya with my grandparents until her marries my dad in 2005. When I am 5, we move to Jakarta because my dad get a new job here. My grandparents still lived in Surabaya, and I see they every holiday.

Before she have me, my mother works as an elementary school teacher in Surabaya. However, when we move to Jakarta, she quit she job and becomes a full-time housewife. My father also work in Surabaya as a dentist. He ran him own office in our old house. Before we move away, his sold we house along with he office. My father now worked in a hospital, and every time we visited Surabaya, we stayed in

Listening

Exercise 1

A. Listen and match the descriptions with the pictures! 🎧



B. Listen carefully and answer the questions! 🎧

- Why does Jun want to be a chef?

- When do Omar and his father play soccer together?

- Why does Nick say that we can learn English by playing games?

- What does the vocal coach teach Gita?

- According to Maya, what does an entrepreneur do?

- What careers mentioned in the conversation need regular training?

C. Listen again and fill in the blanks! 🎧

- Omar Wow, your lunch 1) _____!
- Jun It does! 2) _____. She is really good at cooking!
- Omar Lucky you. Have you ever tried cooking with her?
- Jun Yes, many times! My dream job is to 3) _____. I'm sure you're aware of it.
- Omar I know, but.. why do you want to become a chef?
- Jun I love eating, cooking, and preparing food for others. It makes me happy. How about you? What's your dream job?
- Omar Mine is 4) _____. I used to watch my father play soccer with his friends when I was in kindergarten. From that moment, I told him that I wanted to be a soccer player. My father and I love to play soccer together with my neighbors every Sunday. I always watch soccer matches. 5) _____!
- Jun Interesting! Hey, Nick? How about you? What do you want to become in the future?
- Nick Hmm... a gamer, a professional gamer. 6) _____.
- Omar I always play games on weekends and holidays. Why is that?
- Nick I meet a lot of friends from other cities or even countries. Did you know that we can also improve our English skills while playing video games?
- Jun Really? How?
- Nick When playing online games, you will find a bunch of other players. These players are not only from our country, so if we get to be on the same team, 7) _____ and develop winning strategies!
- Jun Sounds awesome! Gita, you have a beautiful voice. Do you wish to become a singer in the future?
- Gita Yes! I want to be 8) _____ with a lot of albums. I also want to write my own songs.
- Jun Whoa... do you practice alone?
- Gita No, I have a vocal coach and we practice three times a week.
- Jun Vocal coach? What's that?
- Gita So, a vocal coach is exactly like a sports coach, but she helps me improve my pitch and tone instead. She also gives 9) _____.
- Omar Great! I wish you luck with your vocal training, Gita. Maya! Maya! What's your dream job?
- Maya Hi, Omar!
- 10) _____!

- Nick** What exactly does an entrepreneur do?
- Maya** An entrepreneur usually plans and starts his/her own business based on their skills and passion. I like painting and I want to sell my artwork in the future.
- Omar** It certainly sounds interesting! I hope we all can achieve our goals in the future.

Exercise 2

A. Listen to Omar talking about his family and complete the table based on what you hear! 🎧

People	Job	Hobby	Favorite Food
Father			
Mother			
Zain			
Asha			
Binta			

2. _____?
I have five cats. They are all very adorable.
3. _____?
I'm a student at Atlaz High.
4. _____?
I'll be coming at 8 p.m. tonight. See you!
5. _____?
I have an older sister. She's a nurse.

B. What is your family like? Ask your friend to talk about their family with these questions!

- What does your father do?

- Do you have any siblings?

- What do you do?

- Where do you live?

- Do you have any pets?

C. Make a conversation with your friend based on these topics!

- Family gathering activities.
- What kind of dishes they usually have during family dinner.
- Jobs their family members have.

GRAMMAR Fill in the blanks with the correct verb forms!

- Amanda is very diligent. She _____ (study) every night and always _____ (do) her homeworks.
- I _____ (spend) my holiday in Maldives two years ago. I will surely go back there!
- Last night, they _____ (ask) their father to go to London for their next holiday.
- Jun and his family _____ (visit) his grandmother in South Korea last week.
- Being a professional soccer player is not an easy thing. Omar _____ (practice) soccer three times a week with his friends.

Exercise 2

A. Complete the dialogue with the correct expressions. Then, practice the dialogue with your friend!

- Gita** 1) _____, Amanda?
- Amanda** Not much... I'm a little stressed about my upcoming family gathering.
- Gita** 2) _____?
- Amanda** Isn't it supposed to be fun?
- Gita** 3) _____, but I just don't like being in the crowd.
- Amanda** 4) _____. How can I help? 5) _____?
- Gita** Well... you can probably come join us.
- Amanda** 6) _____!
- Gita** Good idea. Although, I'm not sure about it.
- Amanda** 7) _____?
- Gita** Don't worry. My family will be thrilled to have a guest or two.
- Amanda** 8) _____? I just don't want to interrupt family time.
- Gita** I am! Just come. Do it for me, please?

Speaking

Exercise 1

A. Write a question to each response and practice it out loud!

- _____?
My father works as a chief editor in a publishing company.

