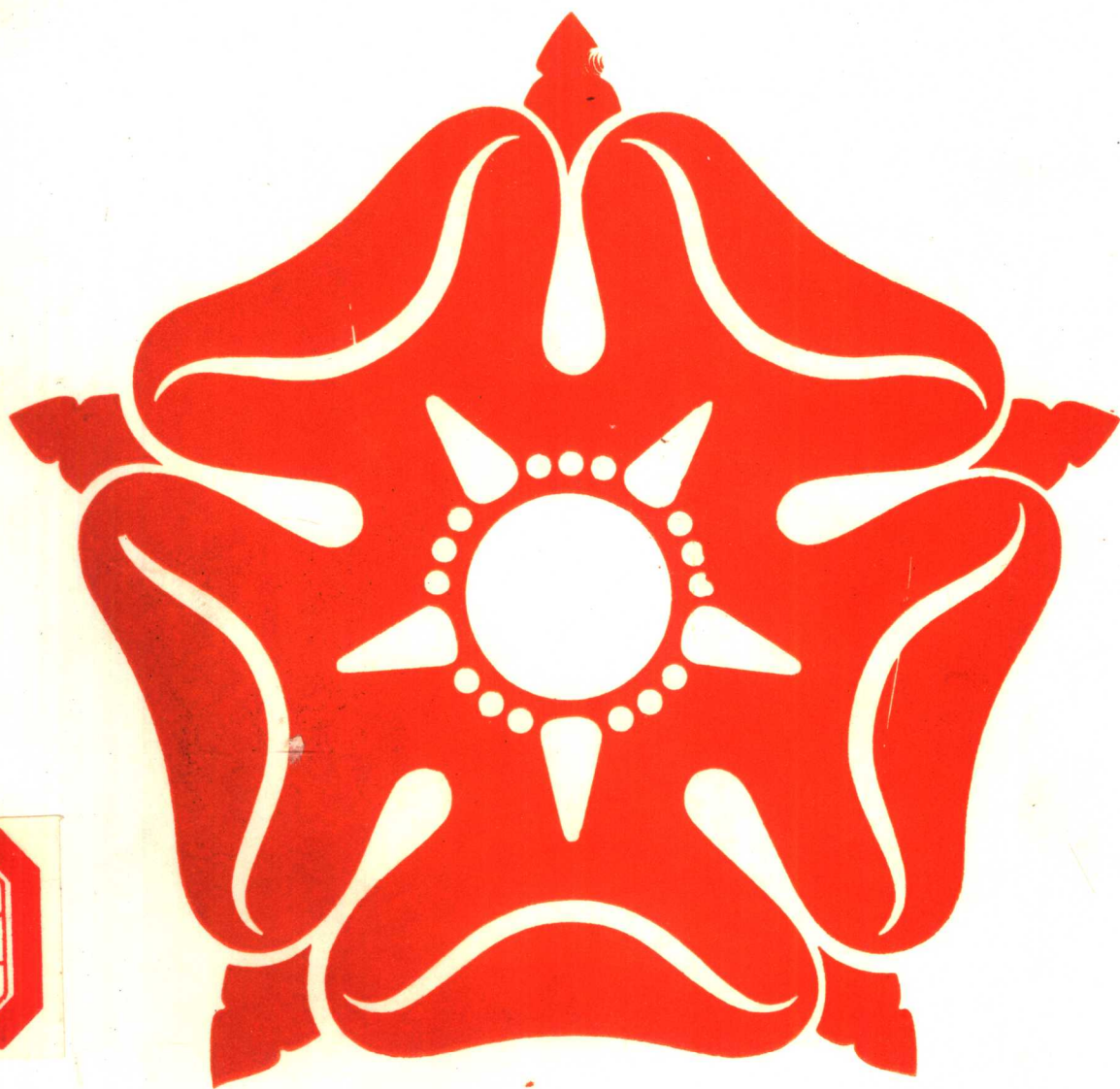


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Introduction

This is Book 4 in a series of four Workbooks designed to accompany Cassell's Foundation English course.

Each Workbook contains lively, interesting exercises designed specifically to give practice in the main structural, lexical and functional areas covered in the Coursebooks.

Areas of particular difficulty – such as modal and phrasal verbs – are highlighted, and all the exercises are organized on a unit-by-unit basis to facilitate their use in conjunction with the Coursebooks.

The Workbooks are equally suitable for use in class or at home; and it is hoped that the varied range of imaginative, stimulating exercises will encourage and help students to consolidate their learning in a practical and enjoyable way.

The Workbooks have been written by experienced, practising teachers, in close collaboration with the authors of the Coursebooks.

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UNIT 1 The family

Exercise 1

Here are definitions of words from the Reading passage. Which words are being defined?

- 1a rich _____
- b lucky _____
- c calm (of a person) _____
- d someone who always thinks about himself
is a — — person _____
- e someone with no brothers or sisters
is an — child _____
- 2a the edge of a town _____
- b where you go to see a doctor _____
- c being alone and undisturbed _____
- 3a to do (something wrong) without
being punished for it _____ with
- b to be able to solve (problems)
without worrying _____ with
- c to try out new ideas (on) _____ (on)
- d to find out (something new) _____
- e to talk about something until you
reach a decision _____

Exercise 2

Some words can change their meaning in different contexts (see Vocabulary Exercise C).

Use the words below to complete the sentences. You will need to use each word twice and each time it will have a different meaning. Change the form of the word if necessary.

condition(s) consider occupy attend escape

- 1 Sally's parents allowed her to go to the disco but they made it a _____ that she should be home at 11 o'clock.
- 2 I _____ that it is important to allow children to grow up at their own pace.
- 3 Can you _____ to this job for me? I'm too busy to do it myself.
- 4 Mr and Mrs Wilton and their two children _____ the flat above ours.
- 5 Here is a police announcement. A man _____ from a London prison last night. He is dangerous.

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- 6 How can you work in such dreadful _____ ?
- 7 That was very unfriendly! You should _____ other people's feelings before you say such things.
- 8 This large new supermarket _____ nearly all the street.
- 9 A nurse _____ the doctor when he visits the patients.
- 10 Who is she? Her name _____ me at the moment.

Exercise 3

Which of the underlined words in this text are adjectives and which are adverbs? Write ADJ or ADV in each set of brackets.

My brother Cliff is small (), energetic () and extremely () talkative. A telephone conversation with him is quite () interesting, but it can last a long time and he invariably () telephones me when I'm busy () or am eating a meal. It's fortunate () that my wife is a comparatively () placid () person. If Cliff telephones during a meal, she just tells me quietly () but firmly () that my food is on the table and that it's getting cold. Half an hour later, though, I'm usually still talking.

Exercise 4

Maria Carlos is Spanish. She is studying English at a language school in England. This is how she describes her day:

'I get up every morning at 7.30. After a cup of coffee, I go to the language school. I usually go by bus, but when the weather is very nice I sometimes walk there. The lessons always begin at 9 am. We have lunch at 1 pm and I often go to a restaurant with the other students. I never have a large lunch, because we have lessons in the afternoon and if I eat too much I invariably want to go to sleep. In the evenings I often go out to a cinema or a disco.'

Now write six sentences about your day. Use the adverb in brackets.

- 1 (sometimes) _____.
- 2 (always) _____.
- 3 (never) _____.
- 4 (often) _____.
- 5 (usually) _____.
- 6 (invariably) _____.

Exercise 5 Look at this.

<i>Adjective</i>	<i>Adverb</i>
slow	slowly
effective	effectively
dreadful	dreadfully
busy	busily
energetic	energetically
good	well

Write the adverbs:

- | | | | |
|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| 1 extreme | _____ | 5 final | _____ |
| 2 beautiful | _____ | 6 good | _____ |
| 3 quiet | _____ | 7 fantastic | _____ |
| 4 happy | _____ | 8 clumsy | _____ |

Exercise 6

Read the descriptions of these people. Then say which one would be the best person for each of the jobs listed below and why.

Example Peter is a patient listener.

(psychiatrist) Peter would be the best psychiatrist because he listens patiently.

JOAN	is an accurate typist.
BILL	is a good tennis-player.
MARY	is a clear speaker.
HELEN	speaks fluent French and Italian.
PAUL	is a logical thinker.
SUSAN	is a beautiful singer.
HARRY	is a persuasive talker.
DIANA	is an efficient manager.
NORMAN	is a careful driver.
BRUCE	is a brilliant writer.

- 1 (taxi-driver) _____
- 2 (secretary) _____
- 3 (interpreter) _____
- 4 (radio-announcer) _____
- 5 (company director) _____
- 6 (opera-singer) _____
- 7 (computer-programmer) _____
- 8 (professional sportsman) _____

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9 (salesman) _____ .

10 (author) _____ .

Exercise 7

Look at this.

very good too big quite nice comparatively easy extremely boring
tolerably pleasant

What do you think?

How do you feel about modern pop music? Do you find it 'extremely interesting', or 'too loud' or just 'quite pleasant'?

Write what you think:

1 Pop music is _____ .

2 Learning English is _____ .

3 The town where I live is _____ .

4 Camping holidays are _____ .

5 Television is _____ .

Exercise 8

Replace the underlined words with suitable expressions with *get*:

- 1 He travels a lot in that old car!
- 2 Have you recovered from your cold yet?
- 3 Did you hear? Marion passed her driving test first time.
- 4 She recovered her handbag – but the money in it was gone.
- 5 'Leave this office immediately!' he shouted.
- 6 He had lost his key so he entered the house through the bathroom window.

1 _____ 4 _____

2 _____ 5 _____

3 _____ 6 _____

Exercise 9

Use words from the list to complete this interview:

limited improvements private increasing average indeed
presumably

INTERVIEWER Julia, how long have you been a nurse in an old people's home?

JULIA Three years now.

INTERVIEWER What would you say was the biggest problem in your job?

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JULIA

I think the main one is just the large number of old people, today. You see, because of ¹ _____ in medical science, life-expectancy is ² _____. That means more old people – but the number of places in homes provided by the State is strictly ³ _____. The situation is becoming very difficult ⁴ _____.

INTERVIEWER

⁵ _____ there are ⁶ _____ nursing homes, too?

JULIA

Yes, there are. But the cost of them is out of reach of the ⁷ _____ family.

UNIT 2 Pop music

Exercise 1

Here are definitions of words from the reading passage. Which words are being defined?

- 1a another word for a 'flat' _____
- b a large envelope in which you keep a record _____
- c the ten most successful records each week _____
- d a person who has a million pounds _____
- e the people who listen to a concert _____
- f two people working together _____
- g a person whose job is to play or sing music _____

- 2a good but not fantastic _____
- b very, very clever _____
- c interesting, unusual, a little old-fashioned _____
- d very slight (of hope) _____
- e not copied from anyone (of a song or a book, for example) _____

Exercise 2

Use appropriate words from the list to complete the sentences. Use each word once.

autograph sign published issued competent efficient concerned
disturbed discovered manufactured imitate copy cultural backgrounds
important positions

- 1 Their first record was _____ in 1976.
- 2 This morning I _____ a little shop in town where you can buy delicious bread.
- 3 The actor in the film was very clever: he was able to _____ the American president exactly.
- 4 The little boy asked the famous footballer to _____ his programme.
- 5 I am _____ about Ruth: she seems very unhappy every time I meet her. I think she must have a problem.
- 6 His new book was _____ last week.
- 7 The company _____ several hundred cars a day in its factory.
- 8 Excuse me, sir. You have forgotten to _____ this cheque.
- 9 Don't you sometimes feel _____ by all the news of war and poverty that you see on television and in the newspapers?

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- 10 The teacher told the children to find a pencil and to _____ the picture on page 27.
- 11 She's not a brilliant singer, but you might describe her as '_____'. .
- 12 Susan is from England; Su Wan is Chinese. The two girls have very different _____ .
- 13 James is a secretary. He always does jobs quickly and at the right time and he never forgets anything. He is very _____ .
- 14 Mr and Mrs Evans both go out to work and have _____ in their firms.

Exercise 3

- 1 Look at this.

Question Have you ever seen a pop-star?

Answers No, I haven't.

or

Yes, I have. I saw Rod Stewart last year.

Paul and Anne are asking each other questions about all the different things that they have done in their lives and when they did them. Complete their conversation:

PAUL Have you ever seen a pop-star?

ANNE Yes, _____. I _____ Rod Stewart last year.

PAUL Have you ever visited a foreign country?

ANNE Yes, _____. I (Greece, two years ago) _____

PAUL And have you ever spoken to the Queen?

ANNE No, _____.

PAUL Have you ever eaten French food?

ANNE Yes, _____. (in a French restaurant in London last week)

- 2 Now write another conversation between Paul and Anne. This time Anne asks questions. She asks about:

- playing in a pop-group
- taking a photo of a wild animal
- acting in a play
- asking a famous person for his autograph.

Think of Paul's answers for yourself.

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ANNE _____ ?
 PAUL _____ .
 ANNE _____ ?
 PAUL _____ .
 ANNE _____ ?
 PAUL _____ .
 ANNE _____ ?
 PAUL _____ .

Exercise 4

Maggie and Sheila are comparing two hotels where they might spend their holiday. The two hotels are quite different, and they will be able to do different things in each one. These are the hotels:

Seaview Hotel, Brighton

Two minutes from the sea

Sandy beaches where you can sit

Dancing every night

Glen Hotel, Inverness, Scotland

Near hills and woods where you can walk

River where you can fish

Traditional music at night

If they go to the Seaview Hotel they'll be able to swim in the sea. They won't be able to swim in the sea if they go to the Glen Hotel.

- 1 Write down three things that Maggie and Sheila will be able to do if they go to the Seaview Hotel.

If _____ .

If _____ .

If _____ .

- 2 Write down three things that they will be able to do if they go to the Glen Hotel.

If _____ .

If _____ .

If _____ .

- 3 Write down one thing that they won't be able to do at each hotel.

They _____ .

They _____ .

Exercise 5

The history of Waynflete Hall

Sir Roger Waynflete was a man of wealth and power in the seventeenth century. He built Waynflete Hall in 1680. Sir Roger's grandson made the house bigger in the eighteenth century and created the beautiful gardens that you can see today. We know what the house looked like at this time because a famous artist painted a picture of it. 1805 was a year of bad luck for the Waynfletes: fire destroyed parts of the building in that year and killed two members of the family. Today, the Waynfletes still own the house. It is very beautiful and over 20 000 people visit the Hall and its gardens every year.

Write sentences about Waynflete Hall like this:

The Hall was built by Sir Roger Waynflete in 1680.

- 1 It was made bigger by _____ .
- 2 The gardens _____ .
- 3 A picture of the house _____ .
- 4 Parts of the building _____ .
- 5 Two members of the family _____ .
- 6 The house is still _____ .
- 7 Every year, it _____ .

Exercise 6

Use words from the list to complete this text:

companies hit extraordinarily promotion number charts appeal
themes

Is pop music getting worse or am I just getting older? Ten years ago, I knew all the songs in the ¹_____ and I bought every number one ²_____. The songs had instant ³_____ for me and the ⁴_____ seemed interesting and important. Today, I listen to a new ⁵_____ and then forget it instantly. They all sound the same! I even find it ⁶_____ difficult to remember the names of the groups playing them. I believe that the records only sell at all because the record- ⁷_____ spend so much money on ⁸_____ .

UNIT 3 Holidays

Exercise 1

- 1 Here are words from the reading passage – but the letters are mixed up. Can you recognise them? All the words have something to do with travel or holidays.

rriapot	_____	gageglu	_____
ettick	_____	thilfg	_____
leoth	_____	natir	_____

- 2 Do you remember these words from the reading passage?

- a The newspapers at the moment are full of a _____ for holidays.
- b He got on the plane, found s _____ number 12A and sat down.
- c We couldn't see anything because the v _____ was so poor.
- d Paul and Elizabeth had to spend the night in the l _____ at the airport because the flights were c _____.
- e The weather r _____ say that conditions will get worse.

- 3 Find words in the reading passage that mean:

- | | | |
|--|----|-------|
| a something you don't expect | a | _____ |
| b the opposite of cheap | | _____ |
| c to make (a room) tidy | to | _____ |
| d large, comfortable bus for long journeys | a | _____ |
| e angry, in a bad temper | | _____ |
| f to take (a train) | to | _____ |

Exercise 2

Use words from the list to complete the sentences. Use each word once.

called (my) attention to arranged provided informed instructed
(put) away (put) off (put) back information news climate
atmosphere

- 1 The girl at the desk _____ me to wait in the departure lounge.
- 2 The British _____ is colder and wetter than that of countries in Southern Europe.
- 3 Have you heard the latest _____? The price of petrol is going up again!
- 4 The airline company _____ free meals for all the passengers who had to wait at the airport.

- 5 As soon as Jane noticed the advertisement in the magazine she _____ it and we read it again together.
- 6 Until the 1960s, London's _____ used to be dirty and foggy because of all the coal fires in the city. It's not like that any more.
- 7 I'm sorry, I'll have to put _____ our meeting until tomorrow.
- 8 Most towns have an office where tourists can get _____ about the town, its history, what to see there, and so on.
- 9 After the party, they washed the glasses and put them all _____ in the cupboard where they were kept.
- 10 The girl at the desk _____ me that the plane would be delayed for about 50 minutes.
- 11 'I've _____ everything,' he said. 'I telephoned the taxi firm and a car will be here for you in five minutes.'
- 12 Sam picked up the book, looked at it and then put it _____ on the table where he had found it.

Exercise 3

Look at this.

'Meg is a nurse'.

She said (that) Meg was a nurse.

She told Peter (that) Meg was a nurse.

Meg is a friend of Elizabeth's. Peter has never met Meg, so one evening he asked Elizabeth to tell him about her. Read the information about Meg and write down 7 things that Elizabeth told Peter.

Meg is a nurse. She lives in Manchester. She is a very cheerful person. She likes music and skiing. She can also play the piano very well. Meg is learning to speak Japanese. She has a very old car which she calls 'Harry'.

- 1 Elizabeth told Peter that _____ .
- 2 She said that _____ .
- 3 She told him that _____ .
- 4 _____ .
- 5 _____ .
- 6 _____ .
- 7 _____ .

UNIT 3

Exercise 4

Look at this.

She *would feel* happier if she *lived* in a flat.

People often want what they haven't got. Take Jane, for example. She lives in a nice house – but she would feel happier if she lived in a flat. Her friend Charlotte lives in a flat – but, of course, she would feel happier if she lived in a house!

Write sentences about these pairs of people:

- 1 Ben lives in a town. Janet lives in the country.

Ben would feel happier if _____.

Janet _____.

- 2 Peter has a car. Steve has a bike.

_____.

_____.

- 3 Ron works in an office. Sally works on a farm.

_____.

_____.

- 4 Jenny is a student. Pauline has a job in a newspaper office.

_____.

_____.

Exercise 5

Look at this.

If I were you, I'd stay at home today.

Read these horoscopes and give the people advice.

ARIES	Danger! Accidents! Don't go out today!
TAURUS	A good day for visiting old friends.
GEMINI	This is your day! Everything you do will bring you good luck!
CANCER	You may forget something important today.
LEO	Are you looking for a new job? Today is a good day!
VIRGO	Be very careful with your money today.
LIBRA	You have a problem at the moment. You should talk to someone about it.
SCORPIO	You work too hard!
SAGITTARIUS	If you are planning to go somewhere by car today – don't! Find another way to travel.
CAPRICORN	It's your lucky day. You will get some money.
AQUARIUS	A friend is worried because you haven't written for a long time.
PISCES	The colour red will bring you luck today.