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1. PERSONAL INFORMATION


A. Answer these questions.

1. Where are you from? _____
2. What is your first name? _____
3. What is your last name? _____
4. Where is your English class? _____
5. Is your language program in a high school or a college? _____

B. Fill in this registration form.

NAME (last, first) _____ HOME ADDRESS _____ Street _____ City, State or Province, Zip Code (Postal Code) _____ Country _____	I.D./Social Security Number _____ Sex (M,F) _____ Telephone _____
LOCAL ADDRESS _____ Street _____ City, State, Zip Code _____	Telephone _____

C. Address this envelope to a friend. Put your return address on it.

FROM _____ _____ _____	
TO _____ _____ _____ _____	

2. THE VERB *BE*/PRESENT TENSE

A. Write complete sentences with the correct form of the verb *be*: *am*, *is*, or *are*.

EXAMPLE: She/from Saudi Arabia. *She is from Saudi Arabia.*

1. I/a freshman. _____
2. This lesson/easy. _____
3. You/a teacher. _____
4. You and your brother/in the gym. _____
5. The medical labs/in Lane Medical Center. _____
6. Your notebooks/on the table. _____
7. Mr. Tonelli/president of the college. _____
8. Today/Monday. _____
9. Mr. Ross and Mr. Judd/lawyers. _____
10. They/old friends. _____
11. The scientist/busy in the lab. _____
12. The floors in this building/dirty. _____
13. The world/round. _____
14. The advisors/in the dormitories. _____

B. Write complete sentences with the correct negative form of *be*.

EXAMPLES: We/classmates. *We aren't classmates.*
I/from Iran. *I'm not from Iran.*

1. It/a small university. _____
2. They/foreign students. _____
3. The copy machines/in the library. _____
4. It/cold today. _____
5. Paxton University/in Wisconsin. _____
6. This campus/large. _____
7. We/from Canada. _____
8. I/a chemistry major. _____
9. The teachers/at a meeting. _____
10. My class/from 9:30 to 10:30. _____

3. SHORT ANSWERS WITH *BE*

EXAMPLES: Is Hong Kong in Thailand?
Are bananas yellow?
Is your class in Room 203?

No, it isn't.

Yes, they are.

Yes, it is.

A. Answer these questions with *yes* or *no* and a short answer.

1. Are you from New York?
2. Is it cold in Alaska?
3. Are diamonds expensive?
4. Is Rome the capital of Italy?
5. Are you and your classmates in class now?
6. Is Ivan Lendl a tennis player?
7. Is Tina Turner a singer?
8. Are you 21 years old?
9. Is rice your favorite food?
10. Are horses small animals?

No, I'm not.

B. Answer these questions.

1. Are you married or single?
2. Is London in England or France?
3. Are you in class or at home?
4. Is the earth round or flat?
5. Is your teacher tall or short?
6. Is your homework easy or difficult?

I'm single.

C. Now you write questions.

1. Is your teacher from Miami?
2. Is it cloudy or rainy today?
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

No, she isn't.

It's cloudy.

No, he's from Vietnam.

He's rich.

Yes, it is. It's beautiful.

No, it isn't.

Yes, she is.

No, they aren't.

It's cheap.

No, I'm from Mexico.

4. TIME PHRASES

A. What time is it?

EXAMPLE: a. *It's quarter to two.*

(or)

b. *It's 1:45 (one forty-five).*



1. a. *It's two-thirty.*

2. a. _____

3. a. _____

4. a. _____

b. *It's half past two.*

b. _____

b. _____

b. _____



5. a. _____

6. a. _____

7. a. _____

8. a. _____

b. _____

b. _____

b. _____

b. _____

B. Complete the sentences with prepositions of time: *at, on, in, from/to*.

1. The party is _____ Friday.
2. I was born _____ 1963.
3. The spring semester is _____ April _____ June.
4. My appointment with the doctor is _____ four o'clock.
5. The bank is open _____ 8:00 _____ 2:30.
6. Her birthday is _____ September.
7. My physics class is _____ the afternoon.
8. Her chemistry class is _____ night.
9. Independence Day is _____ July 4th.
10. My English class is _____ ten o'clock.
11. Pat works every afternoon _____ 4:00 _____ 6:30.
12. Our class picnic is _____ Wednesday, May 5th.

5. CAPITALIZATION RULES

Capital letters are “large” letters. For example, the “J” in John is a large (capital) letter. When you write, you need to use both capital letters and small letters. Here are a few rules for capital letters.

Use a capital letter for:

1. The first word in every sentence.
The bank is open at 9:00.
2. The first person singular. (I)
I am 20 years old and I’m a student.
3. Names of people. (first names, middle names, last names)
Roger Simpson is a doctor.
4. Names of cities, states, provinces, countries, and continents.
I am from Detroit, Michigan.
Mexico is in Central America.
5. Names of streets.
Her apartment is on Franklin Street.
6. Names of universities, schools, and colleges.
She is a student at Paxton University.

A. Rewrite these sentences, using capital letters where necessary.

1. hiro is from tokyo, japan.
Hiro is from Tokyo, Japan.
2. carla and maria are living on central avenue.

3. the students are in the dormitory.

4. ammar is from syria. his parents are living in saudi arabia.

5. harry johnson is a student at the university of texas.

6. canada is in north america.

7. my car is the green one. my sister’s car is red.

8. toronto is a large city in ontario, which is a province in canada.

9. my brother lives in vermont. i live in kansas.

10. that girl goes to central high school.

11. i drive along grove street every morning.



B. Read this short paragraph. Notice which words are capitalized.

This is Rita Moreno. She is a famous actress. She is on television, in the movies, and in the theater. She is from Puerto Rico but now she is busy in New York. She is making a film.

C. There are no capital letters in the following paragraphs. Copy the paragraphs, using capital letters where necessary.

1. ana julia rodriguez is a very smart student. she is studying at the university of southern california on a four-year scholarship. her major is chemistry and her grades are excellent. her apartment is on washington street in downtown los angeles. she is in the cafeteria now with her friends.

2. new boxford is a very small town in ohio. the population there is only six hundred people. residents of new boxford are very proud of their good schools, especially wilton high school, named after john n. wilton, a popular teacher in the town for 25 years. most of the students at the high school are good friends.

6. POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES

A. Use the correct possessive adjective (or a name) to complete the sentences.

1. My English teacher is American. _____ name is _____.
2. Samir is Lebanese. _____ first language is Arabic.
3. Rosa and Mario are Mexican. _____ first language is Spanish.
4. Our dog is all black. _____ name is Rover.
5. My family is Canadian. _____ first language is French.
6. My name is _____. What's _____ name?
7. Sofia is Italian. _____ last name is DiCarlo.
8. Tom and Jim are brothers. _____ last name is Wilson.

B. Complete these paragraphs with the correct subject pronoun or possessive adjective.



1. This is Tom. He is my friend. His last name is Rogers. _____ is from Washington, DC. _____ family is very interesting. _____ father is a singer. _____ is famous. _____ mother is a dancer. _____ is famous, too. _____ twin sisters are actresses and _____ are talented. _____ names are Tina and Lena.



2. My name is Amal. _____ am from Jordan. _____ religion is Moslem. _____ am 23 years old. _____ husband is a business executive and _____ am a student. _____ family is large. _____ four brothers are all students. _____ are in college in Jordan. _____ teachers are happy because _____ are smart. _____ four sisters are in Jordan, too. Three are married and one is single. _____ last name is Al-Zeer. _____ parents are proud of all _____ children.

C. Circle the correct word.

1. I/My children are in school now.
2. We/Our are students at the university.
3. It/Its is cold today.
4. You/Your class is on the first floor.
5. They/Their favorite car is a Mercedes.
6. She/Her major is biology.
7. He/His is from Japan.

7. WRITING

A. Complete these paragraphs, using one word in each blank.



1. Her name _____ Lin Rong. She is _____ Beijing, China. _____ is a student at Paxton University. Lin's major _____ business. _____ is nineteen years old and she's a freshman.

Lin's family is _____ China, but her brother, Peng, is a _____ at Columbia University _____ New York City. Her sister, Kim, was _____ the United States four years ago, but now she _____ a doctor at a very large hospital _____ Beijing.



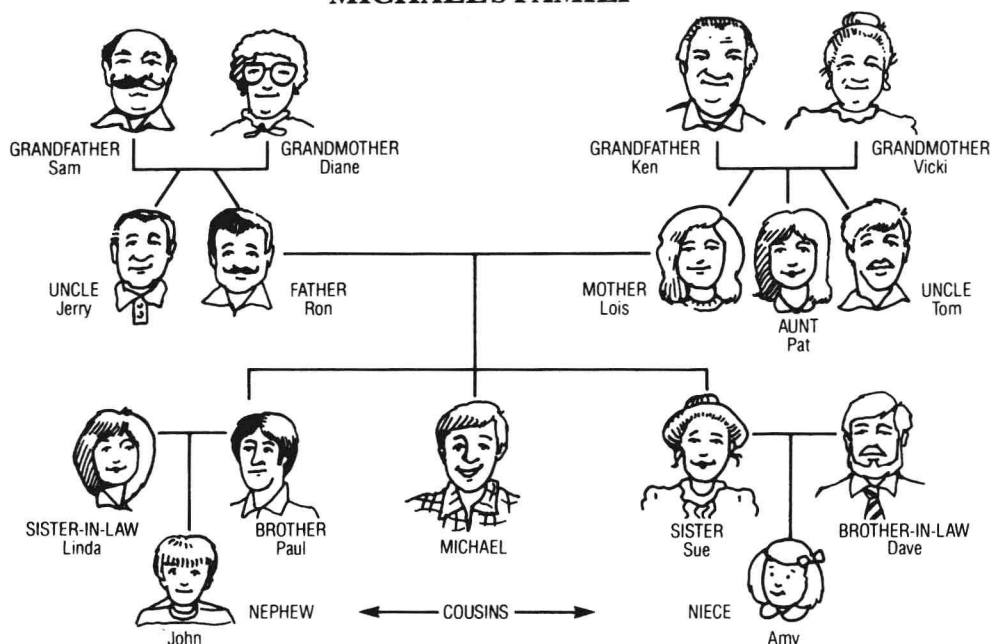
2. His first _____ is Behruz. He is _____ graduate student _____ Northwestern University. His major _____ chemistry. His apartment is _____ Main Street near the university. He _____ married and his wife, Sima, is _____ student, too. Behruz and Sima _____ from Iran and _____ are in the United States for three years of study.

B. Now write a paragraph about yourself.

My name is _____. I am _____

8. POSSESSIVE NOUNS

MICHAEL'S FAMILY



A. Complete these sentences about Michael's family. Use possessives.

- Paul is Michael's brother. He's also Sue's brother.
- Linda is _____ wife. She's _____ mother.
- Dave is _____ husband and _____ brother-in-law.
- John is _____ cousin and _____ nephew.
- Amy is _____ niece and _____ and _____ daughter.
- Sue is _____ and _____ sister.
- Ron is _____ father. He's also _____ and _____ father.
- Sam, Diane, Ken, and Vicki are _____ grandparents.
- Jerry and Tom are _____ uncles. They are also _____ and _____ uncles.
- Ken is _____ husband.

B. Answer these questions.

- What relation is Pat to Michael? She's his aunt.
- What relation is Dave to Michael? _____
- What relation is Amy to Linda? _____
- What relation is Pat to Tom? _____
- What relation is Ron to Lois? _____
- What relation is Michael to Sam and Diane? _____

9. A/AN WITH ADJECTIVES

A. Use a form of *be* and *a*, *an*, or *0* (no article) in the following sentences.

EXAMPLES: Michael Jackson is a popular singer.

The president is an important person.

Picasso and Renoir are 0 famous artists. (*plural*)

1. Rome _____ beautiful city.
2. Teheran and Paris _____ large cities.
3. The Amazon _____ long river.
4. Oil _____ valuable natural resource of Kuwait.
5. The Pope _____ important religious leader.
6. Tolstoy and Shakespeare _____ great writers.
7. Muhammed Ali _____ famous boxer.
8. London _____ old city.
9. The World Trade Center _____ tall building.
10. Harvard and Yale _____ excellent universities.
11. Mt. McKinley _____ high mountain.
12. New York _____ exciting city.
13. Meryl Streep _____ wonderful actress.
14. Washington, D.C. _____ interesting place to visit.

B. Now write your own sentences with these adjectives and nouns.

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. good university | <u>Michigan State is a good university.</u> |
| 2. bad restaurant | _____ |
| 3. rich woman | _____ |
| 4. important religious leader | _____ |
| 5. famous poet | _____ |
| 6. funny movie | _____ |
| 7. beautiful city | _____ |
| 8. popular singers | _____ |
| 9. expensive store | _____ |
| 10. old building | _____ |

10. READING

A. Read this passage and complete exercises B and C.

A Stranger in a Strange World

My name is Enrique Salazar. I'm from Mexico and I'm in the United States to study English. I'm a lawyer in a textile company and English is important for my job, but I'm very unhappy here. I'm living in a dormitory and it's a terrible experience!

I'm thirty-five, and all the people in the dormitory are children, seventeen or eighteen years old. They're away from home for the first time and they're a little crazy. My roommate is nice, but he's probably unhappy, too. I think he's a little uncomfortable with a college roommate who is almost as old as his father!

I'm also homesick. I miss my wife and children. My baby boy is six months old and I know he's different every day. Babies change so much at that age.

Oh, my English class is terrible for me, too. The instructor is very good (only twenty-five!), but English is hard for me. Maybe it's just difficult for me because I'm older. Languages are probably easy for young people. I'm only here for six months, but six months is a long, long time when you are away from home.

B. Write the question or answer.

Questions

1. Where is Enrique Salazar from?
2. What is his job?
3. How old is he?
4. _____
5. Why is Enrique unhappy?

Answers

They're seventeen or eighteen.

C. Give your opinion.

What should Enrique do? He should _____

D. Complete the sentences. In the first sentence of each pair, use *am*, *am not*, *is*, *isn't*, *are*, or *aren't*. In the second sentence, give more information. Use words from the reading.

1. Enrique isn't happy in the dorm. He's unhappy.
2. His wife and baby _____ with him in the United States. _____ in Mexico.
3. His native language _____ Spanish. _____ English.
4. English _____ easy for him. _____
5. Enrique says, "I _____ thirty-five. _____ young like the other students."
6. The young students _____ very serious. _____ a little _____.
7. The dormitory _____ quiet. _____ noisy.

11. AND AND BUT

Use *and* to join two items:

Enrique *and* Mike are roommates.
He is thinking about his wife *and* his son.

To join more than two items (use commas):

We went to France, Spain, *and* Morocco.
Anna, Maria, John, *and* Franco are classmates.

To combine two sentences:

I am from Brazil. I speak Portuguese.
I am from Brazil *and* I speak Portuguese.

Use a comma and *and* if the sentences are long:

I am from a little town in northern Brazil, *and* I speak the Portuguese language very well.

Use *but* to combine two sentences that show differences (use a comma):

I am from Mexico, *but* my parents are French.

A. Complete these sentences with *and* or *but*.

1. Enrique is a lawyer in Mexico, _____ he's a student here.
2. English is important to Enrique, _____ it is difficult.
3. Enrique is homesick _____ he misses his wife and children.
4. Enrique thinks languages are easy for young people _____ difficult for older people.
5. Enrique likes his English teacher, _____ he isn't happy in his class.
6. Enrique is having a terrible experience, _____ he is unhappy in class.

B. How do you feel? Complete these sentences.

1. It is nice to live in the United States, and _____
2. It is nice to live in the United States, but _____
3. English is easy/difficult and _____
4. English is easy/difficult, but _____

12. WRITING

A. Write sentences with *and* or *but*.

1. (and) Prince Charles/Princess Diana Prince Charles and Princess Diana are from England.
2. (and) TWA/Pan Am/British Airways _____
3. (and) "E.T."/"Star Wars" _____
4. (and) Grammar/reading/writing _____
5. (but) I/from _____/speak/_____
6. (but) My classmates/from _____/speak/_____

B. Complete the sentences in the following letter.

Dear Mom and Dad,

Everything is fine here at school. My room is in Stetson Dormitory, a big, modern building with air conditioning (I _____ happy about that this week!). My classes _____ Fallon Hall, just across the street from the game room and cafeteria.

My schedule is pretty good. My classes _____ Monday, Wednesday, and Friday _____ the morning, and _____ Tuesday and Thursday _____ two _____ five _____ the afternoon. I go to the language lab _____ night after dinner. It _____ very helpful, I think, but sometimes I fall asleep there. Maybe I can learn Spanish in my sleep! After the lab, I go to the library to study.

My roommate, Enrique, is _____ Mexico. He _____ very quiet and nice. He's 35 and here just to learn English. His family _____ in Mexico.

Say hi to everybody for me. I miss you both and Eric and Melissa, too.

Love,

Mike

P.S. Tell Eric I have his denim jacket and his Prince tape. I'll bring them home at Thanksgiving.

C. Write a letter to a friend or relative in your country. Tell him or her about your life here. Use the letter above as a model. Write on another piece of paper.