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American English in Mind

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Student's Book **3**

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What can we do?

- * Grammar: simple present vs. present continuous; tag questions; ways of talking about the future; verb + *-ing* vs. infinitive
- * Vocabulary: describing someone's age, the environment, medicine and health

1 Read and listen

- a** ▶ CD1 T02 Read and listen to Beth's diary entry. What did she and her parents disagree about?



September 12th

Dear Diary,

Big argument with my parents tonight. I told them I want to attend a march next weekend to support the environment, and what did they say? Did they say, "Good for you, Beth"? Did they say, "Great idea! We're really proud of you"? No way. Mom said: "A march? But marches are dangerous, aren't they?" And Dad said, "You're kind of young for marches, aren't you?" "Dad," I said, "I'm 16. I'm not a child. I can look after myself." Dad said, "I know you're 16. That makes you a teenager, doesn't it? Not an adult!" And he and Mom started laughing.

So I stood up and said, "Look. You've heard about global warming, haven't you? Well, it's happening now. And this is a problem! I'm trying to do something. OK? So I'll be attending the march on Saturday." Then I stood up and walked out of the room. I can't believe them! I don't understand why they won't support me when I'm trying to do something good!

Now I'm sitting here in my bedroom. I can hear voices downstairs. Maybe it's the TV, but actually I think it's my parents arguing. That's strange. They don't usually argue. Well, not with each other, only with me, of course.

b Answer the questions.

- 1 What is the march next weekend about?
- 2 What did Beth want her parents to say?
- 3 Why does Beth want to attend the march?

c What do you think? Discuss the questions.

- 1 What are Beth's parents arguing about?
- 2 Who do you agree with, Beth or her parents?

2 Grammar review

* Simple present vs. present continuous

- a** Complete the conversation. Use the correct form of the simple present or present continuous.

Isabelle: Hello?

Jessica: Hi, Isabelle. It's Jessica.

Isabelle: Oh, hi, Jessica. Where are you? (be)

Jessica: I'm at the mall.

Isabelle: And what ¹? (do)

Jessica: Shopping. I ² (look) for a new pair of sneakers. But I can't find any good ones.

Isabelle: Try the shoe store on the fifth floor. They ³ (sell) cool sneakers.

Jessica: Which store? Oh, yes, I ⁴ (know) it. It's called Best Foot Forward.

Isabelle: That's right. My friend Alan sometimes ⁵ (work) there on Thursdays after school and on the weekends.

Jessica: Really? Well, today's Thursday. Maybe he ⁶ (work).

Isabelle: Hmm, well, I'm not sure. But go and see.

Jessica: I ⁷ (go) there right now! Thanks for your help, Isabelle.

Isabelle: No problem, Jessica! Bye!

- b** ▶ CD1 T03 Listen and check your answers.

* Tag questions

c Circle the correct words.

- 1 It's cold today, *has it* / *isn't it*?
- 2 He doesn't like me very much, *does he* / *isn't it*?
- 3 They're friendly, *don't they* / *aren't they*?
- 4 Your sister works very hard, *doesn't she* / *don't she*?
- 5 You went away last weekend, *didn't you* / *don't you*?
- 6 They won't come, *aren't they* / *will they*?
- 7 You can help me with this, *do you* / *can't you*?
- 8 We should ask her, *don't we* / *shouldn't we*?

d Complete the conversation with the correct tag questions.

Beth: Steve, you support the environment, *don't you*?

Steve: Well, yes, I do. But I don't know a lot about it. Why?

Beth: Well, we need people to march for the environment tomorrow. You'll come, *will you*?

Steve: Tomorrow? But tomorrow's Sunday, *isn't it*?

Beth: No, it's Saturday.

Steve: Oh. Well, OK. I can go, I guess. But why don't you ask Billy Wright, the president of the Green Club? He knows a lot more about the environment than me, *doesn't he*?

Beth: Billy Wright? He's only 14. He's too young. I can't ask him, *can I*?

Steve: Why not? If he cares about the environment and wants to help, his age shouldn't matter, *should it*?

Beth: I guess not. I'll ask, but I don't think his parents will let him. But we still need you, too. We need as many people as possible to make sure our voice is heard!

e ▶ CD1 T04 Listen and check your answers.

3 Vocabulary review

* Describing someone's age

a Add the vowels to complete the words. Then number the words from 1 (the youngest) to 6 (the oldest).

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* The environment

b Read the text and complete the puzzle.

It's up to all of us to take care of the environment. So what can we do?

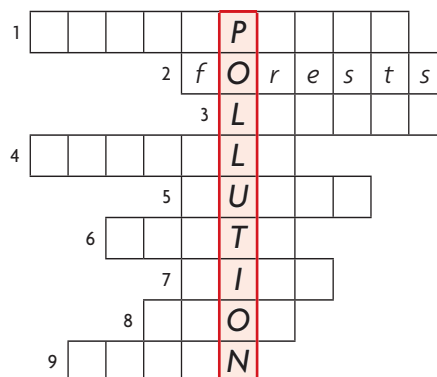
Use less paper. Paper comes from trees, and we need to protect our ² *forests*.

⁴ _____ things like glass and plastic. When we use things more than once, it helps protect the environment.

Turn off the faucet when you aren't using the water. Clean water is a precious thing, and we shouldn't ⁶ _____ it.

Don't ⁸ _____ ³ _____ on the street. If you have a picnic in the park, ⁷ _____ up your trash when you are finished.

Try to travel less by car. Cars produce ⁵ _____ that pollute the ¹ _____. Remember, that's the air we breathe, so we should do our best to keep it ⁹ _____.



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Read and listen

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► CD1 T05 Read and listen to the instant messages. Why does Andy think it's important for Nadia to play on Saturday?



Andy, I don't think I'll be able to play on Saturday night. Sorry. **Nadia**

What?!! Why not, Nadia? We need you. It's an important night, and we can't get another trumpet player before then. No one in the band can learn to play the trumpet in three days! **Andy**

I'm in bed with the flu. There's no way I can play the trumpet right now. I have a fever, and my throat hurts too much. **Nadia**

Well, it's only Wednesday. I'm sure you'll be better on Saturday! **Andy**

Maybe, but I can't practice right now. I'm supposed to stay in bed. **Nadia**

Why didn't you get a flu shot? Are you taking any medicine? Maybe your doctor can give you a prescription. **Andy**

Hey, Andy! Thanks for understanding. I'm really sick! I don't enjoy having the flu, you know. I can't stand lying here and doing nothing! **Nadia**

OK, sorry. But you have to play on Saturday. Some people from a recording company are coming. They're looking for new jazz bands like us. It's our big chance! **Andy**

What? Really? **Nadia**

Yes, really. If they think we're good enough, they might offer us a record deal! **Andy**

OK, I promise to try. I'll do everything I can to get better. I hate being sick, and I don't want to let you down. I'm going to get better! Let's talk again tomorrow. **Nadia**

OK. Thanks a lot. Get well soon, OK? I mean it! **Andy**

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Mark the sentences *T* (true) or *F* (false). Correct the false statements.

- Nadia is the trumpet player in a band. *T*
- There are two days before the band plays.
- Nadia has a sore throat.
- Nadia thinks Andy is being very understanding.
- A record company wants new jazz bands.

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Grammar review

★ Ways of talking about the future

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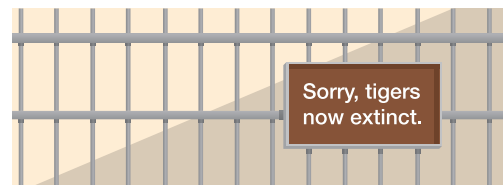
Look at the pictures and circle the correct words.



- We'll have* / *We're having* a party next Saturday. Do you want to come?



- The sky's getting darker. I think *it's raining* / *it's going to rain*.



- It's possible that in 50 years there *won't be* / *aren't going to be* any tigers in the world.



- I won't study* / *I'm not going to study* medicine. I want to be an actor now.



- 5 I have an appointment with the doctor. *I'm seeing / I'll see* her at 10 o'clock tomorrow.



- 6 Thanks Annie. *I'll give / I'm giving* it back to you tomorrow. I promise!

- b** Complete the sentences with the correct future form. Use the word at the end to help you. For arrangements, use the present continuous; for predictions, use *will/won't*; for intentions, use *going to*.

- I have a date with Phil tonight. I *'m meeting* (meet) him at eight o'clock. **arrangement**
- I missed my bus, so I (walk) home. **intention**
- In 2050, it (be) impossible to tell the difference between people and robots. **prediction**
- I think someone (break) the record for the 100-meter race at the next Olympics. **prediction**
- My parents (visit) my uncle and aunt next weekend. **arrangement**
- My friend Megan (study) languages when she goes to college. **intention**
- My parents (not give) me a new computer for my birthday. No way! **prediction**
- Sorry, I can't meet you this afternoon. I (play) tennis with Joe. **arrangement**
- OK, I've finished my homework. Now I (watch) some TV. **intention**

* Verb + -ing vs. infinitive

- c** Circle the correct words.

- He doesn't want *going / (to go)* camping.
- Tom's very nice. He enjoys *to help / helping* other people with their problems.
- The homework was difficult, so my mom offered *helping / to help* me.
- I can't stand *washing / to wash* my hair!
- The train was very crowded, so we decided *to wait / waiting* for the next one.
- We promised *washing / to wash* Dad's car tomorrow.
- I'm not in a hurry, so I don't mind *to wait / waiting* for another 15 minutes.
- My vacation in California was great. I learned *to play / playing* American football!

6 Pronunciation

* Unstressed to

▶ CD1 T06 and T07 Pronunciation section starts on page 114.

7 Vocabulary review

* Medicine and health

Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are two words you will not use.

epidemic pain hurt temperature
patient ambulance surgeon cold
sore shot

- There's been a bad accident. Please send an *ambulance*, quickly!
- Be careful, or you'll fall off your bike and yourself.
- I feel awful. I have a of 39°C!
- I have a bad in my shoulder.
- The dentist gave me a for the pain, and I didn't feel anything after that.
- I'm going to have an operation soon. The says everything will be OK.
- I can't really talk right now. My throat's very
- Can I see Dr. Smith, please? I'm a My name is William Gore.

Fiction in mind

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Read and listen

- a** Look at the title and the cover of the book. What kind of book do you think *Staying Together* is?

Staying Together

by Judith Wilson

The story

Ikuko goes to England to study. She promises Hiroshi she will return to Japan to get married. This is a powerful love story that takes place in two countries ...



She remembered the day they first met. It had been late on a Friday afternoon. She'd only been working there for a few weeks, and she was still feeling unsure of herself. She was entering numbers on the computer for a sales program. But the results looked wrong. She took a deep breath and went up to Mr. Honma's desk to tell him. Mr. Honma hadn't been very helpful, but he'd arranged for one of the programmers to take a look.

Half an hour later, Ikuko had looked up to see a tall man, young and with rather untidy hair, coming across the room toward her. He stopped and introduced himself.

"I'm Hiroshi Masuda. I hear you have some problems with the sales program," he said.

Ikuko explained and Hiroshi listened carefully and then sat down and did some work on the computer. Suddenly, he stopped and looked up at her, brushing his hair out of his eyes. He was excited. "You're absolutely right. There's a mistake in the program. I knew there was something wrong with the numbers we were getting. Now we can change it. Thanks!" He stood up. "Anyway, it's probably time you went home. Do you live far away?"

"In Ome. It's an hour away on the train," said Ikuko.

"Oh, yes, I know. In fact I go through Ome on my way home ..."

And that was how it began. Sitting in the train now, two years later, Ikuko remembered the early days of their friendship: meals in small restaurants and walks in the park while slowly getting to know

each other. They discovered that they'd both gone to the same high school, although Hiroshi had been four years ahead of Ikuko. After finishing college, he'd gone to the United States to study computer programming. He'd done very well but hadn't enjoyed his life in the U.S. and decided instead to return to Tokyo.

In those first days of new love, Ikuko and Hiroshi had spent almost all their free time together. Ikuko liked his gentleness and understanding. It was the perfect relationship. No arguments or bad surprises. Wasn't that what she wanted?

"Ome ... Ome," Ikuko heard the name of her station and woke up suddenly from her thoughts. She got off and walked out of the crowded station. On her way home, she stopped at a department store. She still had to buy a suitcase for her trip.

A few days later Ikuko was sitting in Narita International Airport with Hiroshi. The blue suitcase had already been checked in for the London flight, and they were having one last cup of coffee together.

The two of them had hardly spoken on the way to the airport. Ikuko wondered if she was making a terrible mistake. "It's only for six months," she said to Hiroshi, trying to persuade herself as much as him.

"A lot can happen in six months," he said. "I don't want to lose you. Remember, you promised to come back."