

Conv. 4

Complete these sentences with the correct idiom(s)

1.A:Is it ok if I sit here?

B:Sure!

2.The typhoon was an

3.My friend's a, so he's always hanging out at the local pub.

4..... the Daejeon Citizen look much better this year.

5.Don't be a and stop complaining about everything!

6.I'm, because I've been eating too much fast food.

7.He before his wedding and decided to wait.

8.A:How many people were killed in the terrorist attack?

B:About 20 people

9.My friend's always me to loan him money.

10.A:Is it safe to go now?

B:Yes! The

11.You can definitely trust that company. They always do everything

12.I thought I got a on my final exam. I don't think the teacher marked my answers fairly.

13.I think you're if you don't wear a seat belt.

14.She was so worried about her classes that she became a

15.I wanted to take all of Severn's classes, but 1 of them was already closed. Oh well, I guess

a.above board

b.act of God

c.all told

d.asking for trouble

e.(in)bad shape

f.badgering

g.bar fly

h.be my guest

i.beggars can't be choosers

j.wet blanket

k.coast is clear

l.basket case

m.raw deal

n.got cold feet

o.on paper

Write the meanings for these idioms
(www.idiomconnection.com)

- 1.pace oneself
- 2.ups and downs
- 3.no trespassing
- 4.get a black eye
- 5.get a feel for(something)
- 6.have 2 strikes against(one)
- 7.hitch a ride
- 8.keen on(someone or something)
- 9.put pressure on
- 10.have a lot of promise
- 11.hit the jackpot
- 12.have a word with(someone)
- 13.the honeymoon is over
- 14.keep a straight face
- 15.leaf through

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Home and away!

The tense system • Informal language • Compound words • Casual conversations

STARTER

- 1 Which time expressions from the box can be used with the sentences below? Make sure the sentences sound natural.

when I was born never for years
 tonight frequently in the 1980s
 years ago the other day
 in two weeks recently
 during a snowstorm for a year
 since 1972 later sometimes

- 1 My parents met in Paris.
- 2 They travel abroad.
- 3 They were working in Canada.
- 4 I was born in Montreal.
- 5 My grandparents have lived in Ireland.
- 6 I wrote to my grandmother.
- 7 My brother's flying to Brazil on business.
- 8 He's been learning Portuguese.
- 9 I'll see you.

- 2 Talk to a partner about yourself and your family using some of the time expressions.
 My parents met at a party thirty years ago.
 Tell the class some things about each other.

AWAY FROM HOME

Tense review and informal language

- 1 **CD1** 2 Listen and read "Tyler's Tweets."
 Is the style formal or informal?
 Where is Tyler from? What does he find strange in London?



I'm spending a year in London!



TYLER'S TWEETS

Tuesday, September 4, 1:42 p.m.

Still sitting in the airport in NYC. Been waiting three hours but seems like FOREVER!

Tuesday, September 4, 3:20 p.m.

Just boarded the plane for London. Haven't been abroad before except for a week in Mexico last year. I'm going to stay with my buddy Dave for a few days in north London before I meet my host family. Dave lives in a place called "Chalk Farm." I don't get it – a farm in London?



Thursday, September 6, 4:35 p.m.

It's fun here, but kind of weird. Dave doesn't live on a farm. His folks have a large apartment in a big old house. They call it a "flat." I asked for the "bathroom" – they thought I wanted a bath. I'm learning fast.

Friday, September 7, 10:30 a.m.

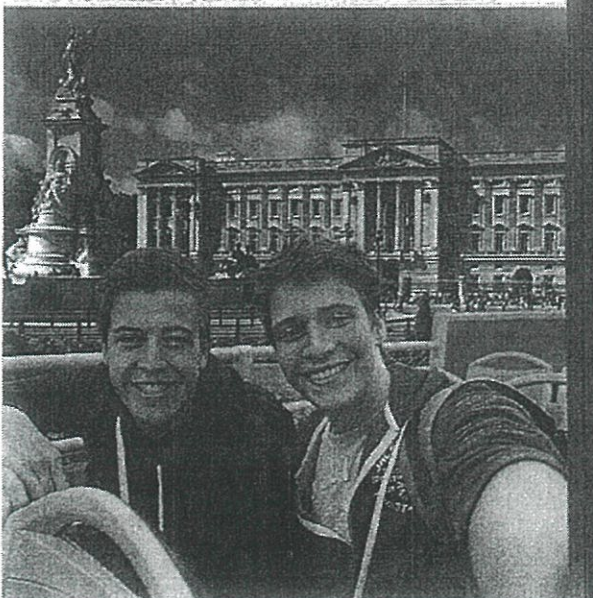
Dave and I are hanging out together today. We're on a bus! Upstairs! Just drove past Buckingham Palace. But they drive on the WRONG side of the road here. Crazy! Also, people say "cheers" all the time. Isn't that for making toasts? A guy just said it to me because I'd let him pass and go through a door ahead of me.

Saturday, September 8, 7:19 p.m.

First night with my host family, the Wilsons. They seem very nice, but their house is a million-mile walk to the subway! (They call it the "Tube" here!)

Saturday, September 8, 11:10 p.m.

Big day tomorrow. We're visiting Shakespeare's hometown. He wrote plays and stuff hundreds of years ago. He's mega famous.



Call Me

Unit 1(Page 2)

Tyler's Tweets(Answer these questions)

1.What's the date of Tyler's first tweet?

Where's he flying from?

Where's he flying to?

Has he ever been abroad?

2.Who is he going to stay with first?

Where does his buddy live?

Does Dave live on a farm?

3.What were Tyler and Dave doing on Friday?

What are 2 differences Tyler notices?

a.

b.

4.What's the name of tyler's host family?

What do they call the subway in the UK?

EXTRA!!!!

What are 10 differences between Korean and American culture?

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

g.

h.

i.

j.

2 Complete the questions and answers. Then ask and answer them with a partner.

- 1 "Where is Tyler spending the year?"
"In London."
- 2 "Is this his first trip abroad?"
"No, it isn't. He has been abroad once before.
Last year he went to Mexico."
- 3 "Where is Dave living?"
"In north London."
- 4 "How long will Tyler be staying to stay with Dave?"
"A few days."
- 5 "Why did the guy say 'cheers' to Tyler?"
"Because he was him pass."
- 6 "Do he like his host family?"
"Yes, he does. He likes they're very nice."
- 7 "What did they do on Sunday?"
"They went Shakespeare's hometown."

3 **CDI 3** Listen and check your answers.

4 Read Teresa's email. Where is she? Is she working or on vacation? What are her likes and dislikes about the place?

5 **Form the questions.** Ask and answer them with a partner.

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| 1 How long/Teresa/Africa? | 5 What/take home? |
| 2 What time/start work? | 6 How many/collect already? |
| 3 What/just buy? | 7 What/do at the beach? |
| 4 Where/last Sunday? | 8 What/sending to her parents? |

CDI 4 Listen and check your answers.

From: Teresa Sayers <teri.says@yoohoo.com>
To: "mom n dad" <m.b.sayers@chatchat.net>
Subject: Hotter and hotter in Tanga!

Hi Mom! Hi Dad!

Thanks for your messages – always love news from home. Since I arrived here last September, it's been getting hotter and hotter. Wish we had air conditioning and not just two junky fans. Thank goodness I start work early, 7:00. It's the only cool (no – less hot) time of day in Tanzania. But hey, I have some cool news. I just bought a bike – well not exactly a bike, but a "piki-piki." It's a kind of little motorcycle. Everyone has one. Great for getting around. Don't freak, Mom! I'm really careful, especially on the bumpy road to school.

Last Sunday a group of us (on our piki-pikis of course!) headed up the coast to a really awesome beach, Pangani Beach. Incredible white sand covered with fabulous shells. Did I tell you? Shelling is a really popular pastime here. I've already collected hundreds – some are huge and all shades of pink and orange. I'm going to bring a few home. Anyway, we took a bunch of picnic stuff and barbecued fish and swam until the sun went down. The sunsets here are unbelievable – very quick but spectacular. I'm sending you some photos with this email.

So that's it for now. Missing you tons. Can't wait to see you.

Love, Teri



GRAMMAR SPOT

- 1 Name the tenses used in exercises 2 and 5. Why are they used?
- 2 Informal writing often has lots of colloquial language missing words.
Still sitting in the airport. = I'm still sitting in the airport
kind of weird = fairly strange
guy = man
- 3 Read the tweets and email again.
 - 1 What do "my buddy," "I don't get it," "hanging out together," "stuff," and "mega famous" mean in Teri's tweets?
 - 2 Find colloquial words in Teresa's email and express less colloquially.
 - 3 Find examples in both texts where words are missing. Which words?

▶▶ Grammar Reference p. 135

