

# American English File

## Workbook 2

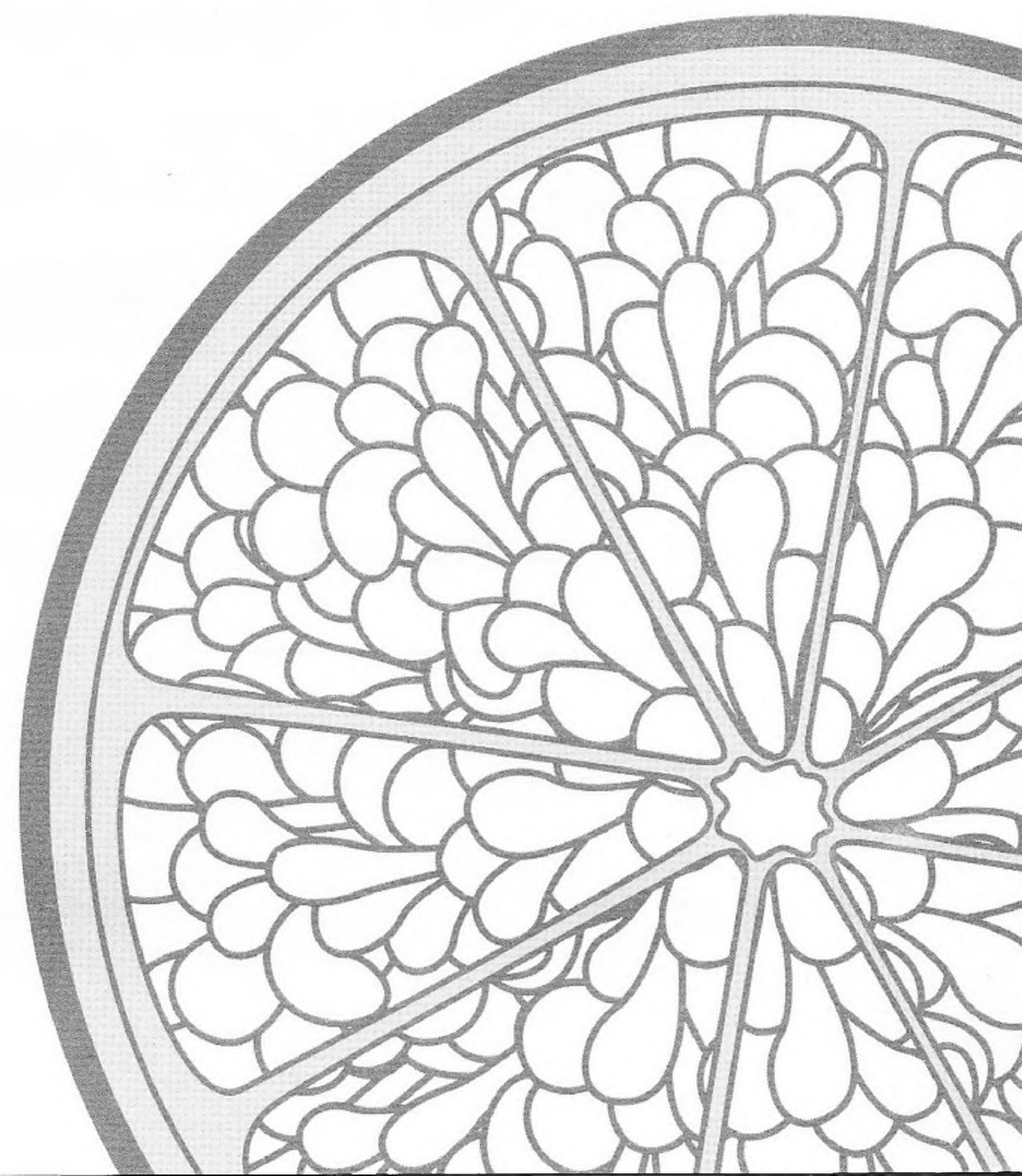
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## What a week!

'tis Strange – but true; for truth is always strange; stranger than fiction.

Lord Byron, English poet

### 1 GRAMMAR past perfect

a Complete the sentences with the past perfect form of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 My plants were dead because my neighbor hadn't watered them. (not water)
- 2 I couldn't get into my apartment because I \_\_\_\_\_ my key. (forget)
- 3 The teacher was angry because we \_\_\_\_\_ our homework. (not do)
- 4 The man lent me his newspaper after he \_\_\_\_\_ it. (read)
- 5 They got to the theater after the movie \_\_\_\_\_. (start)

b Write questions in the past perfect.

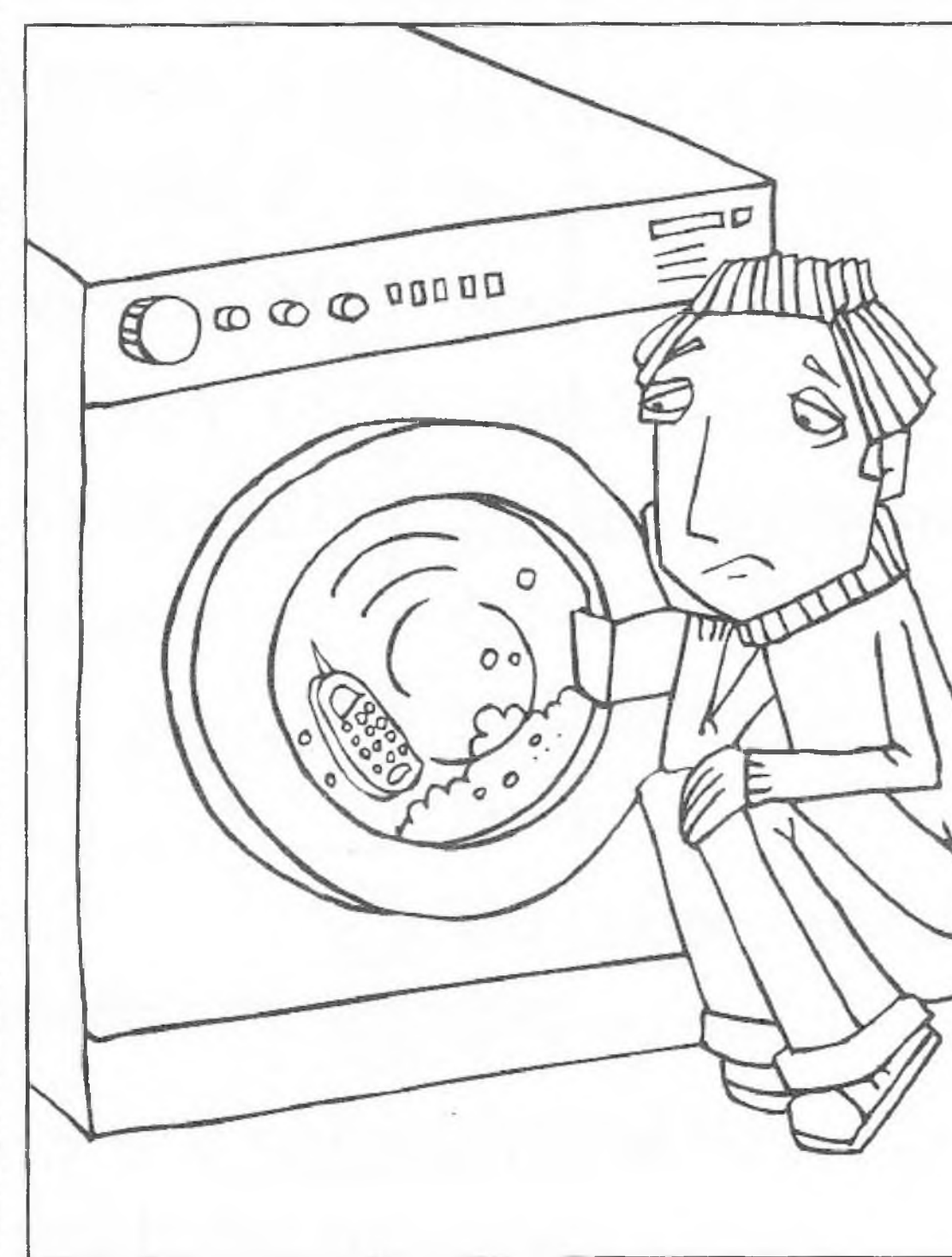
- 1 **A** I saw *Ocean's Thirteen* last weekend.  
**B** you / see it / before  
*Had you seen it before?*
- 2 **A** I finished *The Lord of the Rings* last week.  
**B** you / read it / before  
\_\_\_\_\_?
- 3 **A** My parents were in Thailand last month.  
**B** they / be there / before  
\_\_\_\_\_?
- 4 **A** We ate sushi last night.  
**B** you / eat it / before  
\_\_\_\_\_?
- 5 **A** Carlos flew a plane last week.  
**B** he / fly one / before  
\_\_\_\_\_?

c Make the two sentences into one. Use the past perfect and the simple past in each sentence.

- 1 I drank a lot of coffee. Then I couldn't fall asleep.  
I I couldn't fall asleep because I had drunk a lot of coffee.
- 2 He grew a beard. After that, she didn't recognize him.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 I didn't send her a birthday card. After that she didn't speak to me for a week.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 We left the door unlocked. Then the thieves got in easily.  
The thieves \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 I forgot my library card. Then I couldn't take any books from the library.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

d Circle the correct verb.

When I introduced Sue and Tim at my party, they were sure they  
1 met / had met before.  
They 2 finally discovered / had finally discovered  
they 3 were / had been  
on the same vacation tour the year before.



I was looking for my cell phone yesterday morning, but I couldn't find it. I was sure I 4 didn't lose / hadn't lost it, because I  
5 saw / had seen it twenty minutes before. Then I realized that I 6 left / had left it in my pant pocket, and I 7 put / had put my pants in the washing machine!



away on vacation. One night

I <sup>8</sup> **heard** / **had heard** a strange noise in her house.

I <sup>9</sup> **went** / **had gone** to look, and I found that someone <sup>10</sup> **broke** /

**had broken** into the house.

Luckily, he (or she!) <sup>11</sup> **already left** / **had already left** when I got there, and they <sup>12</sup> **didn't steal** / **hadn't stolen** much – just the TV.



<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ stopped for no reason. <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ we stopped before we hit it, but <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my sister hit the windshield and cut her head. We took her to the hospital <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

## More Words to Learn

Write translations and try to remember the words.



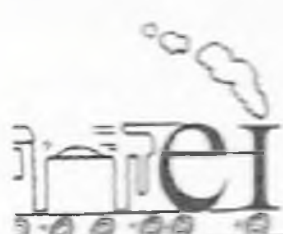

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
<u>h</u> ighway <i>noun</i>	/'haɪweɪ/	
<u>p</u> orter <i>noun</i>	/'pɔ:tər/	
<u>t</u> icket <i>noun</i>	/'tɪkət/	
<u>a</u> rrest <i>verb</i>	/ə'rest/	
<u>b</u> ehave <i>verb</i>	/bɪ'heɪv/	
<u>c</u> ommit a crime <i>verb</i>	/kə'mɪt ə kraɪm/	
<u>j</u> ump <i>verb</i>	/dʒʌmp/	
<u>r</u> ob <i>verb</i>	/rɒb/	
<u>s</u> cream <i>verb</i>	/skreɪm/	
<u>s</u> nore <i>verb</i>	/snɔːr/	

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## 2 PRONUNCIATION vowel sounds

a Write the words in the correct group.

week   name   behave   hit   fast   people  
asked   sit   hospital   gave   last   screamed

			
week			

b Practice saying the words.

## 3 VOCABULARY adverbs

Complete the stories with these words.

luckily   unfortunately   accidentally   suddenly (x2)  
immediately (x2)   strangely



The other day I realized that people were looking at me very <sup>1</sup> strangely. I didn't know why. Then I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ realized that I'd <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ gone out with my slippers on! I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ went home and put my shoes on instead.

## QUESTION TIME

Can you complete these sentences with the past perfect?

- <sup>1</sup> I passed the exam easily because ...
- <sup>2</sup> I didn't want to see the movie because ...
- <sup>3</sup> The teacher was angry with me because ...
- <sup>4</sup> I couldn't take any photos because ...
- <sup>5</sup> I wasn't very hungry because ...

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# Then he kissed me

## 1 GRAMMAR reported speech

### a Complete the reported speech.

#### Direct speech

#### Reported speech

- |                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 “ I live in a small apartment ” | She said she <u>lived in a small apartment.</u> |
| 2 “ I don’t like it much. ”       | He told me he _____.                            |
| 3 “ I’m studying English. ”       | She told me she _____.                          |
| 4 “ I’ve been to New York. ”      | He told me he _____.                            |
| 5 “ I haven’t read the paper. ”   | She said she _____.                             |
| 6 “ I woke up really early. ”     | He said he _____.                               |
| 7 “ I got home at 11:00. ”        | She told me she _____.                          |
| 8 “ I won’t forget. ”             | He said he _____.                               |

### b Change the questions from direct speech to reported speech.



- 1 “Would you like a coffee?”  
He asked me if I wanted a coffee.

- 2 “Are you a new student?”  
He asked me \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 “Have you been here long?”  
He asked me \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 “Where do your parents live?”  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 “What are you studying?”  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 “Where did you go to high school?”  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 “Are you interested in computers?”  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 “What’s your phone number?”  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### c Write what the people said.

- 1 He asked me if I wanted a drink.  
“ Do you want a drink?”
- 2 They said that they didn’t like their boss.  
“We \_\_\_\_\_ our boss.”
- 3 I said that I would talk to him later.  
“I \_\_\_\_\_ to you later.”
- 4 We told him that we could take him to the station.  
“We \_\_\_\_\_ you to the station.”
- 5 She said that she hadn’t been here long.  
“I \_\_\_\_\_ here long.”
- 6 I asked him what he would do next.  
“What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ next?”
- 7 He told me that he didn’t want to go to the party.  
“I \_\_\_\_\_ to go to the party.”
- 8 You said that you’d wait for me.  
“I \_\_\_\_\_ for you.”



2 VOCABULARY say, tell, or ask?

a Circle the correct words.



- 1 I said / **told** the salesperson I was very unhappy with my new TV.
- 2 “Where’s the swimming pool?” she told / asked.
- 3 She said / told that she would meet me at 7:00 p.m.
- 4 He told / asked me if I would go out with him.
- 5 “I’m really sorry,” said / told Jill.
- 6 The taxi driver asked / told me if I wanted a receipt.

b Complete the sentences with said, told, or asked.

- 1 We told our teacher that we would be late for class.
- 2 You                      you’d be there at lunchtime.
- 3 I                      you that the computer didn’t work.
- 4 We                      him if he wanted to go to the movies with us.
- 5 He                      me he would be late.
- 6 I                      the receptionist if there were any messages for me.

3 PRONUNCIATION rhyming verbs

a Circle the two verbs that rhyme in each group.

- 1 **woke** **broke** wore
- 2 thought wrote caught
- 3 lost stood should
- 4 paid said made
- 5 meant preferred heard
- 6 cried tried lived
- 7 told tore sold

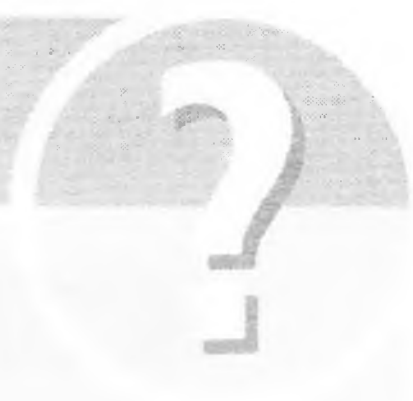
b Practice saying the verbs.

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bride <i>noun</i>	/braid/	
hold <i>verb</i>	/hoʊld/	
let (somebody) know <i>verb</i>	/let noʊ/	
shine <i>verb</i>	/ʃaɪn/	
whisper <i>verb</i>	/'wɪspər/	
almost <i>adverb</i>	/'ɒlmoʊst/	
tight <i>adverb</i>	/taɪt/	
by your side	/baɪ jər saɪd/	

QUESTION TIME



Can you report what these people say?

- 1 “Do you want a drink?”
- 2 “I don’t like the music.”
- 3 “Do you live in the city?”
- 4 “I’m a student.”
- 5 “Can I drive you home?”

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Complete each sentence with one word.

- 1 I knocked at the door, but                      answered.
- 2 You eat too                      fries and cookies.
- 3 Don’t wear your shoes in the house. Take                      off!
- 4 A I didn’t do my homework last night.  
B Neither                      I.
- 5 We arrived too late. The game                      ended.
- 6 The room was empty. Everybody had                      home.
- 7 My father said that he                      very angry with me.
- 8 He asked me                      I wanted to dance with him.