

2A | The expat files

VOCABULARY: common verbs 1

1 Complete the phrases with a verb from the box.

live eat drink have speak work read go

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| 1 _____ in a house/in a flat | 5 _____ a newspaper/a book |
| 2 _____ tea/coffee | 6 _____ English/French |
| 3 _____ to school/to work | 7 _____ in an office/in a shop |
| 4 _____ chocolate/bread | 8 _____ a cat/friends |

2 Match these words to the correct verb in exercise 1.

a dog water hamburgers
in a hospital Italian in Britain

3 🎧 1.35 Listen to someone talking about her life in Britain. Underline the words from exercises 1 and 2 that you hear.

READING

1 Read the article and answer the questions about the people.

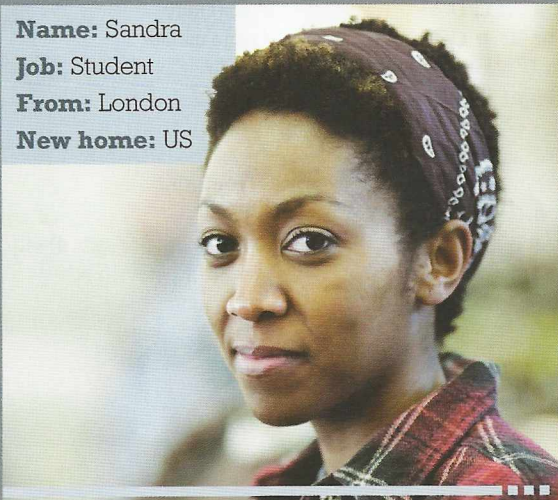
- Where are they from?
- Where are they now?
- Are they happy 😊?

These people are British, but they don't

live in Britain anymore. They live in other countries. They are British expatriates, or expats. The Expat Files look at the lives of different British expats around the world.

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Name: Sandra
Job: Student
From: London
New home: US



How is your life different?

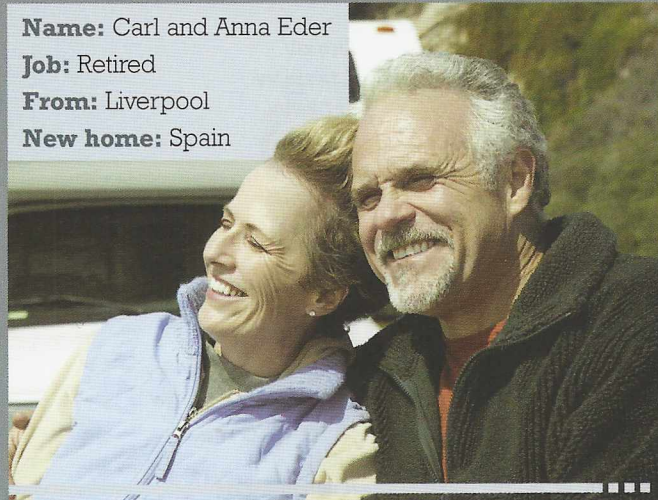
I go to an American university in Seattle. I have a very American life now. I have a big car and a big house. I live there with three friends. I eat a lot of Mexican-American fast food. I have friends from here and from South America.

How is your life similar?

I drink lots of tea. The Americans say I'm typically English in that way! I have my dog, Chelsea. That isn't very different because lots of people here have dogs.

YOUR OPINION: 😊😊 I like it!

Name: Carl and Anna Eder
Job: Retired
From: Liverpool
New home: Spain



How is your life different?

We don't work now, we're retired. We don't live in a house. We live in a flat in Malaga. We eat outside every day, that's different. We love Spanish food. We don't have our cats here.

How is your life similar?

Lots of English people live here. We have English shops and we read English newspapers. We watch the BBC on satellite television. We don't have an English garden, but we have plants on the balcony. We speak a little Spanish. We go to language classes every Thursday.


YOUR OPINION: 😊😊😊 We love it!

- 2 Read the article again. Complete the sentences with Sandra (S) or Carl and Anna (C/A).

- 1 _____ don't work.
- 2 _____ lives in a house.
- 3 _____ has friends from different countries.
- 4 _____ eat outside every day.
- 5 _____ has a dog.
- 6 _____ go to language classes.

- 3 Close your books. Choose Sandra or Carl and Anna. Make notes about them. Work in pairs. Compare your notes with your partner. Who remembers most?

LISTENING

- 1  **1.36** Listen to David. Underline the correct information.


Name: David McKinnon / MacKinnon

From: Ireland / Scotland

New home: Istanbul / Edinburgh

Job: Teacher / Student

OPINION: 😊 😊 I like it. / 😞 😞 I don't like it.

- 2  **1.36** Listen again and decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F). Correct the false sentences.

- 1 He lives in a house.
- 2 He eats Scottish food.
- 3 He doesn't read the English newspapers.
- 4 He goes to football matches.
- 5 He speaks Turkish.
- 6 He works at the university.

- 3 Work in pairs. Ask and answer these questions.

- Do you know any expats?
- Where do they live?
- Would you like to live in a different country?

GRAMMAR: present simple affirmative & negative

Use the present simple to talk about things that are generally true.

I go to an American university.

We live in a flat in Malaga.

For *he, she, it* add *-s* to the verb.

He speaks Turkish.

She eats fast food.

Make negatives with *don't/doesn't* + infinitive

I don't live in England.

He doesn't have Scottish friends.

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- 1 Make sentences in the present simple.

- 1 She / work / in Germany.
- 2 We / live / in a big flat.
- 3 I / no speak English.
- 4 He / have / a dog.
- 5 They / no eat / a lot of pizza.
- 6 He / go / to an American school.

- 2 Complete the text. Put the verbs in brackets into the present simple.

Rosa (1) _____ (*be*) an Italian expat. She (2) _____ (*be*) from Rome and (3) _____ (*live*) in Brighton, a town in England. She (4) _____ (*be*) a nurse, and (5) _____ (*work*) in a hospital. She (6) _____ (*live*) with an English family. The family (7) _____ (*not speak*) Italian. Rosa (8) _____ (*drink*) lots of tea now.

- 3 Complete the sentences with an affirmative or negative verb so that they are true for you.

- 1 I _____ in a house.
- 2 I _____ coffee.
- 3 I _____ in an office.
- 4 I _____ a dog.
- 5 I _____ a car.
- 6 I _____ Spanish.

- 4 Work in pairs. Compare your sentences. What's the same? What's different?

SPEAKING

- 1 Read about an American expat. Where is he?

I'm American. I live in a flat. I drink lots of tea and I eat lots of rice. I don't have a car. I read the newspaper *The South China Morning Post*. I work in a bank. I speak some Chinese. I like it.

- 2 Imagine you are an expat. Prepare a similar text about your new life. Don't say the country.
- 3 Work in pairs. Tell your partner about your new life. Guess your partner's country.
- 4 Introduce your partner to another student. Give information about your expat partner.

He's American. He lives in a flat ...

