

9A GRAMMAR ellipsis and substitution

- a Read the story. What differences in style do you notice between the two paragraphs? Talk to a partner and explain why.

Ever since she had been a small girl, Nicky had wanted to get to know her father, but she had never been able to. Whenever Nicky used to ask about him, her mother would shake her head and look angry. Every year on her birthday Nicky used to hope that he would come to visit, but he never did. Nicky's mother told her he was always busy working abroad, but Nicky didn't believe he was. She was constantly talking about him, even though her mother begged her not to. Although Nicky had never met her father, she always felt that one day she would. Sometimes she used to close her eyes and pray that he would contact her. But when he finally called on her 21st birthday and asked her if she wanted to see him, Nicky wasn't sure if she did.

Nicky's father gave her his phone number and he said she could contact him whenever she wanted to contact him. Nicky said goodbye, and then she hung up. At first, she was angry that he had gotten in touch and she wished that he hadn't gotten in touch. But a few weeks later, she called him and she arranged to see him because she felt they needed to talk. She got along well with him, although she hadn't expected to get along well with him. Nicky decided that she wanted them to meet regularly, and her father promised that they would meet regularly. Five years later, when Nicky got married, no one imagined that her father would be walking her down the aisle, but he was walking her down the aisle.

- b Rewrite the second paragraph leaving out repeated words where possible, and substituting where necessary. When you have finished, swap paragraphs with a partner. Did you leave out the same words?
- c Make substitutions in the following sentences using *so* or *not*.
- A Will classes start at the usual time next week?
B I think they will start at the usual time so. Otherwise the director would have mentioned it.
 - A Do you have any batteries?
B I'm afraid that we don't have any batteries. We sold the last ones yesterday.
 - A Are you going to go skiing next week?
B I guess I'll go skiing, though I'm not very excited about it.
 - A Do you think they'll accept the contract as it is?
B I suspect that they won't accept it. They'll ask us to change some sections.
 - A Do you think Chris and Angie will come tomorrow?
B I don't imagine that they will come. They're very busy right now.
 - A John won't be interested in coming along, will he?
B I suppose that he won't be interested in coming along. He has other plans for the summer.

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- Think about the following topics and then discuss them with a partner.
- If you strongly disagree with someone's opinion, is it always a good idea to say so?
 - Do you know anyone who has a talent, but doesn't make good use of it?
 - Is there anything you'd love to be able to do, but can't?
 - Can you remember a time when you gave in to temptation, even when you promised yourself you wouldn't?
 - When was the last time you accepted an invitation even though you secretly didn't want to?

9B GRAMMAR nouns: compound and possessive forms

● Right (✓) or wrong (✗)? Correct the mistakes in the highlighted phrases.

- 1 There's a small yard at **the back of the house**. ✓
- 2 She's always sticking her nose into **other peoples' business**.
- 3 We're going to be at **Paula and James' house** for dinner tonight.
- 4 Does anyone have a **cans opener**? I want to open the pineapple juice.
- 5 Nick is **my cousin Jane who works for the city council's roommate**.
- 6 Mrs. Ramirez has always been **a very dear friend of my aunt's**.
- 7 Do you have a **coat hanger**? This jacket creases easily.
- 8 This painting is regarded as **her career's high point**.
- 9 Opticians usually sell accessories like **glasses cases** and cleaning products.
- 10 Please put the sugar back in the **kitchen's cupboard** after use.
- 11 Be careful when you wash the **glasses of crystal** as they're very fragile.
- 12 I'm just going to **the doctor's**. I'll be back in an hour.
- 13 To play this game, we need to form a circle in **the room's middle**.
- 14 His partner is a **physics teacher** at one of the local high schools.

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● Try to think of at least two nouns that collocate to make compound nouns with the **bold** words.

_____ } light	_____ } board
_____ } cake	_____ } book
_____ } cup	_____ } key
_____ } knife	_____ } water
_____ } player	_____ } card
_____ } machine	_____ } frame
_____ } center	

10A GRAMMAR adding emphasis (2): cleft sentences

a Rewrite these sentences starting with *The person, The place, The first / last time, or The reason*. Keep the emphasis on the **bold** phrase.

1 I've always wanted to visit **Istanbul** more than anywhere else.

The place I've always most wanted to visit is Istanbul.

2 He married her **for her money**.

3 She loves **her niece** more than anyone else in the world.

4 I saw her for the last time in **October**.

5 It's **my sister** who really understands how I feel.

6 We retired early **in order to have time to enjoy life**.

7 I relax most in **my flower garden**.

8 I met David for the first time **just after the new president was elected**.

b Complete the second sentence so that it emphasizes the **bold** part.

1 **His unhealthy diet** really worries me.

What *really worries me is his unhealthy diet*.

2 My son is crazy about **skateboarding**.

What _____.

3 They just want to **lie on a beach and relax**.

All _____.

4 I'm desperate for a **cold glass of water**.

What _____.

5 The restaurant was made special by **the atmosphere** rather than the food.

It _____.

6 I don't want to **be late for work tomorrow**.

What _____.

7 She only asked for a **glass of water**.

All _____.

8 **Alec** was a professional soccer player when he was young, not Darren.

It _____.

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● Guess this information about your partner and complete the sentences. Then discuss your predictions together.

- The reason you're learning English is _____.
- What you most like about your English class is _____.
- The thing that bothers you most in the movie theater, live theater, or at a concert is _____.
- The person you spend the most time with is _____.
- What really annoys you on trains, planes, or buses is when people _____.
- When you're on vacation, all you want to do is _____.

10B GRAMMAR comparison

- Complete the second sentence using the word in **bold**.
- I used to be much stronger than I am now.
HALF I'm not *half as strong as* I used to be.
 - When people have money, they spend a lot of time worrying about it.
MORE The _____ they spend worrying about it.
 - Only one girl in the class is taller than her.
NEARLY She's _____ in the class.
 - As we approached the house, the noise became increasingly loud.
AND The noise became _____ as we approached the house.
 - This year we had slightly less snow than last year.
LITTLE Last year we had _____ snow than this year.
 - Our vacation was cheaper than we had expected.
AS Our vacation was not _____ we had expected.
 - Working out regularly is by far the best way to lose weight.
EASILY Working out regularly _____ way to lose weight.
 - Far fewer students failed the test than had been expected.
PASSED _____ the test than had been expected.
 - If you have a big car you have to pay a higher registration fee.
BIGGER The _____ you have to pay.
 - It's getting harder and harder to find job security nowadays.
DIFFICULT It's getting _____ to find job security nowadays.
 - The average house in this area is worth more than mine.
MUCH My house isn't worth _____ the average house in this area.
 - Our anger grew as we waited.
LONGER The _____ we became.

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- Write a short paragraph comparing the lifestyles of people in your country nowadays and when your grandparents were young. Use the grammar from the exercise above. You could write about some of the following topics:

- education and jobs
- free time
- transportation
- entertainment
- family life
- life expectancy and health

*“When my grandparents were young, most people had a **much harder** life than they do now, because they didn't have **nearly as many** technological devices **as** our generation, for instance, cars and washing machines that make life **a lot easier**. However, it's not necessarily true that **the more** gadgets people have, **the happier** they become. For example...”*