

READING	Skimming
VOCABULARY	Organizing words by topic
GRAMMAR	The present of <i>be</i>
WRITING	Simple sentences



## Discussion point

Discuss these questions with a partner.

1 What's your name?

*My name is ...*

2 Where do you go to school?

*I go to school at ...*

3 What languages do you speak?

*I speak ... and a little...*

### TYPES OF SCHOOLS

college	language school
high school	university
preparatory school	vocational school

### LANGUAGES

Arabic	Japanese	Russian
Chinese	Korean	Spanish
French	Portuguese	Turkish

## Vocabulary preview 1

### 1 In each set of four, match the words with their meanings.

- |   |                 |     |   |                                     |
|---|-----------------|-----|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | freshman (n)    | ___ | a | a first-year student                |
| 2 | junior (n)      | ___ | b | a second-year student               |
| 3 | senior (n)      | ___ | c | a third-year student                |
| 4 | sophomore (n)   | ___ | d | a fourth-year student               |
| 5 | campus (n)      | ___ | e | not full-time                       |
| 6 | club (n)        | ___ | f | main area of study                  |
| 7 | major (n)       | ___ | g | land around a college or university |
| 8 | part-time (adj) | ___ | h | a group with a common interest      |

### 2 Complete these sentences. Use the words in exercise 1.

- It's Rafael's first year of college. He's a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sang-mi is in her second year of high school. She's a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Greta is in her third year of university. She's a \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's Salim's last year of high school. He's a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jennifer's \_\_\_\_\_ is Education.
- Ben is taking only one class. He's a \_\_\_\_\_ student.
- Sylvie is a member of the English \_\_\_\_\_.
- Joel is a student but lives with his parents. He lives off \_\_\_\_\_.



## READING 1 Student profiles

### Before you read

#### Work with a partner. Discuss these questions.

- Where do you live?  
*I live in ...*
- Who do you live with?  
*I live with ...*

#### TYPES OF HOMES

an apartment a house  
a dormitory a guesthouse

### Global reading

#### SKIMMING

When you skim a text, you don't read every word. You look over the text quickly to get a general idea of the topic. Look at the title, pictures, captions, and the first line of each paragraph. Skimming a reading first makes it easier to understand the material when you read it more closely.

#### Skim *Student profiles*. Check (✓) what it is about.

- a social networking site for college students
- descriptions of students at Lucas College
- profiles of three college seniors

## Close reading

### 1 Read *Student profiles*. Complete the chart.

	Abdullah	Hotaru	Sarah
Age	20	22	6
Year	Freshman	3	7
Country	Saudi Arabia	Japan	8
Major(s)	1	4	Elementary Education
Language(s)	2	Japanese, English	9
Club(s)	Debate	5	10

### 2 Write the first names of the student to complete these sentences.

- \_\_\_\_\_ lives alone off campus.
- \_\_\_\_\_ lives alone on campus.
- \_\_\_\_\_ lives with two people.

## Over to you

### Discuss these questions in a group.

- Which student are you similar to? Why?

*I think I'm similar to ... because ...*



## STUDENT PROFILES

*Every month Lucas College profiles three students. If you see these students on campus, be sure to say hello!*

**Abdullah Al-Dossari** is a freshman from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He's 20 years old and his major is Engineering. He speaks Arabic, English, and German. He's a member of the Debate Club. He lives on campus in a dormitory, but wants to get an apartment next year. Abdullah plans to live with his brother. His brother is a junior here at Lucas College.

**Hotaru Watanabe** is a senior from Osaka, Japan. She's 22 years old. She's excited about her last year here. She has a double major in English and Business Administration. She speaks Japanese and English. She's a member of two clubs - the Drama Club and the Film Club. She shares an apartment off campus with two friends.

**Sarah Clerci** is 21 years old. She's a junior from Geneva, Switzerland. She speaks French, German, Italian, and English. Her major is Elementary Education. She lives alone in a small apartment off campus. She plans to live on campus next year. Sarah belongs to the Italian Club. She has a part-time job as a French tutor in an elementary school.

#### TOP 5 MAJORS IN THE U.S.

- Business Administration
- Psychology
- Nursing
- Biology
- Education

- What majors are popular in your country?

*... is a popular major. Also, ...*

## Vocabulary preview 2

1 Write the words under the pictures.

languages   movies   social networking   travel  
literature   shopping   sports   video games



1 \_\_\_\_\_



2 \_\_\_\_\_



3 \_\_\_\_\_



4 \_\_\_\_\_



5 \_\_\_\_\_



6 \_\_\_\_\_



7 \_\_\_\_\_



8 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Work with a partner. Which things in exercise 1 are you interested in? Which aren't you interested in?

*I'm interested in ....*

*I'm not interested in ....*

## READING 2 Are you free?

### Before you read

Which of these do you use to communicate with friends? Which don't you use? Discuss with a partner.

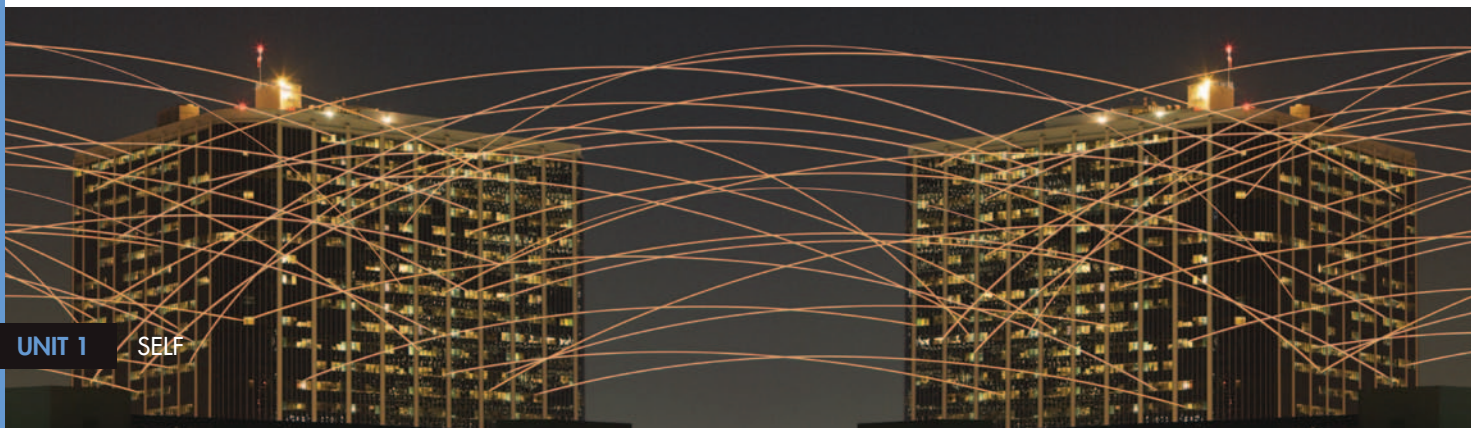
chat online   email   talk face to face   text   social networks

*I ... a lot / some.   I don't ... much / at all.*

### Global reading

Skim *Are you free?* Check (✓) the relationship between Ying and Bianca.

friends    colleagues    teacher and student



## Close reading

Read these sentences about Ying and Bianca. Write **T** (true) or **F** (false).

- 1 Bianca is watching TV in her room. \_\_\_
- 2 It's 10:15 p.m. in Bangkok. \_\_\_
- 3 Ying is taking five classes this semester. \_\_\_
- 4 Both Ying and Bianca think college is hard. \_\_\_
- 5 Bianca's major is Economics. \_\_\_
- 6 Bianca speaks Japanese very well. \_\_\_
- 7 Bianca, Pedro, and Achara are sophomores. \_\_\_
- 8 Bianca's friend Isabel is interested in technology. \_\_\_



## Over to you

Discuss these questions in a group.

- 1 What topics do you talk about with friends? What don't you talk about?  
*We talk / don't talk about ...*
- 2 What do these sayings mean? Which is true for you and your friends? Do you have similar sayings in your own language?

### Opposites attract

### Birds of a feather flock together.

*I think ... means your friends are similar to / different from you.*

Status
Chat
New
Delete

ying: Hi Bianca. I see you're online. Are you free?

bianca: Hi Ying. Sure. I'm not busy.

ying: What time is it in Mexico City?

bianca: 10:15. And in Bangkok?

ying: Here too. But a.m. not p.m. 😊

bianca: Ha! Are you at home?

ying: Yeah. I'm in the kitchen.

bianca: How's school?

ying: Not bad. I have five classes this semester, so I'm busy. College is hard!

bianca: I know! My grades aren't very good this year.

ying: Same here. And we're only sophomores.

bianca: Do you have a major?

ying: I do! Economics. You?

bianca: English.

ying: That's good. You're good at languages.

bianca: You think so?

ying: Sure. You speak English, Spanish, and Japanese. That's amazing!

bianca: I'm a member of the Japanese Anime Club.  
I don't really speak Japanese.

ying: BTW my friend wants an e-pal. Do you have a friend for her?

bianca: What's she like?

ying: Her name is Achara. She's 20, a freshman, and very nice.

bianca: What is she interested in?

ying: Literature and travel.

bianca: My friends aren't interested in literature.

ying: She likes video games, too.

bianca: My friend Isabel loves video games. Maybe her?

ying: Ask her. Please!

bianca: OK.

ying: I think I'm late for class. Look for me online and let's chat again soon.

bianca: OK. Bye for now.

### TOPICS

books	jobs
clothes	money
cooking	movies
family	music
food	school
friends	sport

## Vocabulary skill

### ORGANIZING WORDS BY TOPICS

One way of organizing new words is by topic. List new words in a vocabulary notebook under the general topic. As you learn new words, add them to the correct topic.

#### Common interests

*languages movies social networking travel*  
*literature shopping sports video games*

You can also list new topic words under different sub-topics.

#### Common interests

##### Things I like

*movies shopping*  
*travel sports*

##### Things I don't like

*languages video games*  
*literature social networking*

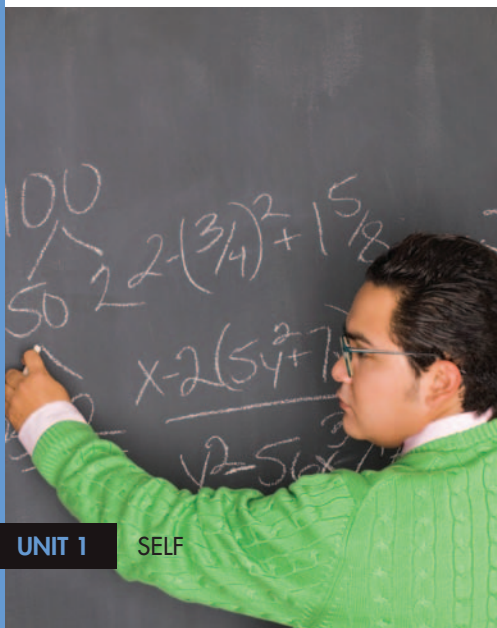
### 1 Underline the topic word in each group.

- 1 clothes shopping books
- 2 senior student sophomore
- 3 home dorm apartment
- 4 text email communication
- 5 college school university
- 6 debate club English

### 2 Write the topic word for each group of words.

1 _____	2 _____	3 _____	4 _____
Spanish English Chinese	baseball soccer tennis	teacher server engineer	Education Engineering Economics

### 3 Add two more items to each gap.



# WRITING Describing yourself

You are going to learn the verb *be* and write simple sentences. You are then going to use these to write an online profile describing yourself.

## Grammar

### THE PRESENT OF *BE*

The present tense of *be* has three forms. We use the simple present to talk about facts and things that are generally true.

Form	Example
<i>I + am (not)</i>	I am not a student.
<i>he / she / it + is (not)</i>	It is a city in Saudi Arabia.
<i>you / we / they + are (not)</i>	They are not good friends.

### 1 Read this email. Correct the six mistakes with *be*.

Hi Rachid.

What is new in California? School ~~are~~ <sup>is</sup> OK. I is a member of the Drama and Chess clubs this year. The Drama Club is really fun but the Chess Club not is very interesting. I am not good at chess, I guess.

Our English teacher is really nice. Her name are Mrs. Parker. She is from San Francisco. Santa Cruz is near San Francisco, right? You is neighbors!

I have a new phone number. It am 339-555-0178. Call me sometime!

Your friend,

Jared

### 2 Complete the student profile with the correct form of *be*.

Achara Wattana (1) \_\_\_\_\_ from Bangkok, Thailand. She (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 20 years old and a junior at King Mongkut's University of Technology. Her major (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Engineering. Her favorite classes (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Geometry and English. Achara (5) \_\_\_\_\_ interested in many things. She loves technology, of course, but (6) \_\_\_\_\_ also interested in sports and social networking. Her friends and family (7) \_\_\_\_\_ very important to her. Her best friend (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Ying Nantakam. When people ask Achara about her plans after graduation, she answers, "I (9) \_\_\_\_\_ not sure." She often says, "I am so busy!" But she (10) \_\_\_\_\_ happy with her life.



## Writing skill

### SIMPLE SENTENCES

A sentence expresses a complete thought. A simple sentence contains a subject and a verb, and often (but not always) an object.

*I know.* (subject + verb)

*Ying likes languages.* (subject + verb + object)

A simple sentence can contain a compound subject, verb, or object.

*Bianca and Ying are friends.* (compound subject)

*Bianca reads and writes Japanese.* (compound verb)

*Achara likes literature and travel.* (compound object)

#### 1 Draw a line (/) between the subject and verb in each sentence.

- 1 Hotaru / speaks two languages.
- 2 Abdullah's first language is Arabic.
- 3 English and French are easy subjects for Sarah.
- 4 Hotaru has two majors.
- 5 Abdullah and his brother are from Saudi Arabia.
- 6 Sarah lives and works off campus.
- 7 Hotaru is not from Nagoya, Japan.
- 8 Family is important to Abdul.

#### 2 Combine the two sentences.

- 1 Bianca is a sophomore. Ying is a sophomore.  
*Bianca and Ying are sophomores.*
- 2 Bianca speaks English. Bianca speaks Spanish.
- 3 Achara watches soccer. Achara plays soccer.
- 4 Bianca is online. Bianca is free.
- 5 Isabel words hard. Isabel studies hard.

#### 3 Complete these sentences with your own ideas.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ and I talk a lot.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are my best friends.
- 3 I'm interested in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 I \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ English.





# WRITING TASK

Read this student profile. Underline the forms of *be*. Circle any compound subjects, verbs, or objects.

My name is Carlos Gonzalez.  
 I am 20 years old. I am a university student. I am a sophomore in Maracaibo. It is a city in Venezuela.  
 I live with my mother and father.  
 I know Spanish and English.  
 I read and understand French.  
 My major is Latin American Literature. My favorite writers are Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Isabel Allende. I am very interested in sports. I like soccer and baseball.  
 I am also interested in movies and social networking. My friends and I are online every day. Nice to meet you!



## BRAINSTORM

Complete the chart about yourself.

Name	
Age	
Year in school	
City / Country	
Major	
Interests	
Other information	

## PLAN

Plan an online profile. Look back at your brainstorm and choose the information to include.

## WRITE

Write your profile. Pay attention to your use of the verb *be*. Write complete sentences.

## SHARE

Exchange your profile with a partner. Look at the checklist on page 10 and give feedback to your partner.

## REWRITE AND EDIT

Consider your partner's comments and rewrite your profile.