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3A Things I love about Britain

1 VOCABULARY verb phrases

a Complete the phrases with a verb from the list.

go read work have listen

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 _____ a newspaper | 4 _____ to the cinema |
| 2 _____ to the radio | 5 _____ in an office |
| 3 _____ children | |

b ► p.153 Vocabulary Bank Verb phrases.

c (23)) Listen. Say the phrase.)))TV watch TV

2 GRAMMAR present simple ⊕ and ⊖

a Look at four things people say about Britain and the British. Do you think they are true or not true? Then read the text and check your answers.

THE BRITISH — IS IT TRUE?

British people drink tea at 5.00.

It rains a lot.

British people like animals.

The food in Britain isn't very good.

Four foreigners who live in Britain talk about the things people say about the British...

British people drink tea at 5.00. Kati from Hungary

It's true that British people drink a lot of tea (and coffee) but they don't drink tea at a special time. I work for a British company here and my boss drinks tea all the time.

It rains a lot. Nicolai from Russia

It rains a lot, but it doesn't rain every day. Be careful because the weather changes quickly. I always take an umbrella when I go out.

British people like animals. Norma from Mexico

I have a lot of friends here and they all have a dog or a cat. One family that I know has two dogs and five cats. British people love animals!

The food in Britain isn't very good. Hasan from Turkey

The restaurants are quite expensive but they are great, and the food is good in a lot of pubs, too. I share a flat with a Scottish boy, and he cooks every night. He watches all the cooking programmes on TV and he makes great curries!

b Answer the questions with a partner.

1 Look at the highlighted verbs. Why do some verbs end in -s?

2 Write the *he / she / it* form of these verbs.

change _____ have _____
 cook _____ go _____
 make _____ watch _____

3 Find two negative ⊖ verbs. How are they different from positive ⊕ verbs a) for *he / she / it* b) for all other persons?

c ► p.128 Grammar Bank 3A.

Learn more about present simple ⊕ and ⊖ and practise it.

3 PRONUNCIATION third person -s

a How do you pronounce these plural nouns?

books keys watches

b (25)) Listen and repeat the third person verb forms.

/s/ She speaks Spanish.
 He drinks coffee.
 She cooks every day.

/z/ It rains a lot.
 He has a cat.
 She does exercise.

He goes to the cinema on Friday night.

/ɪz/ He watches TV.
 The film finishes in a minute.
 The weather changes a lot.

c (26)) Listen. Change the sentence.

))) I live in a flat. She. (She lives in a flat.

d Tell your partner six true things about you: three ⊕ and three ⊖. Choose verb phrases from p.153 Vocabulary Bank Verb phrases

(I play the guitar. I don't wear glasses.

e Change partners. Tell your new partner the six things about your old partner.

(Eva plays the guitar. She doesn't wear glasses



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Starbucks, summer, and other things I ♥ love about Britain

Mark Vanhoenacker, an American journalist who lives in London, says the UK's not just OK – it's paradise. **These are some of his reasons...**

Walking

Britain isn't a good place for cyclists. But for pedestrians it is wonderful. When you walk on a zebra crossing, all the drivers stop.

Banks

British banks are great – you do everything online, and you don't pay when you take money out of an ATM. And if you want to change banks, the banks do all the work, not you.

Drivers

The British are very polite when they drive. They don't hoot, and they are patient with other drivers. They always say thank you when you let them pass.

Boots the Chemist

Chemists in the UK are wonderful, friendly shops and completely different from US pharmacies. Boots sells everything you want, not just medicine, and the shop assistants give you good advice.

No ID Cards

Britain is one of the only places in the world where people don't have ID cards. In the US you need ID when you buy a drink, go to a club, use a credit card, or take an intercity train.

Summers

I love British summers! A good summer day in Britain is dry and warm, but not very hot.

Starbucks

Starbucks isn't British, of course, but I prefer the Starbucks in Britain. They are nice, friendly places where people read the newspaper and drink good coffee. And the waiters don't write your name on the cups – I feel stupid in America when the waiter calls 'Mark, your tall cappuccino with extra chocolate!'



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4 READING & SPEAKING

a Look at the photos. In which one can you see...?

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|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> a cash machine (ATM in American English) | <input type="checkbox"/> a chemist /'kemɪst/ | <input type="checkbox"/> a waiter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a cup of coffee | <input type="checkbox"/> a cyclist /'saɪklɪst/ | <input type="checkbox"/> a pedestrian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a zebra crossing | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a driver | | |

b (27) Read and listen to the article. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false). Say why the F ones are false.

- 1 Britain is a good country for cyclists and pedestrians.
- 2 It's expensive to use ATMs in Britain.
- 3 British drivers are nice to other drivers.
- 4 Boots the Chemist only has medicine.
- 5 In Britain people don't have ID cards.
- 6 Summers in Britain are very hot.
- 7 In Starbucks in Britain waiters don't use your first name.

c Underline these verbs in the text. What do they mean? Compare your ideas with a partner.

walk pay drive sell give need
buy use prefer feel call

d Look at each paragraph again. Say if it's the same or different in your country or city.

Naples isn't a good place for cyclists or pedestrians, because people drive very fast!

Useful words: Why? and because

Use *because* to answer the question *Why?*
Why isn't Naples a good place for cyclists?
Because people drive very fast.