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Flies buzz in the light over wild mushrooms growing in Quebec, Canada. There are 14,000 identified species of mushroom producing fungi in the world but many more are believed to exist. Many species of mushrooms appear overnight and grow very quickly. In English the verb 'to mushroom' describes something that expands rapidly.

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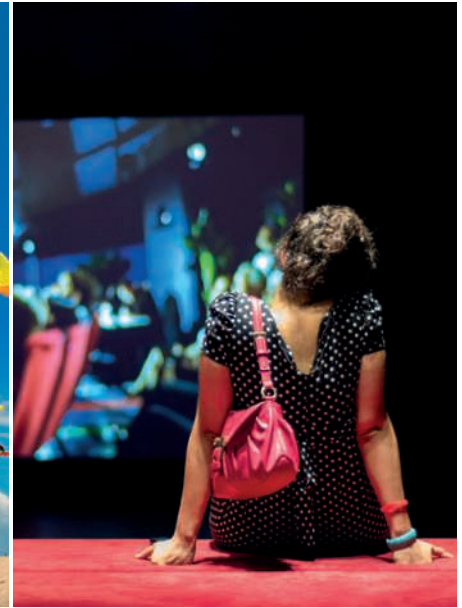
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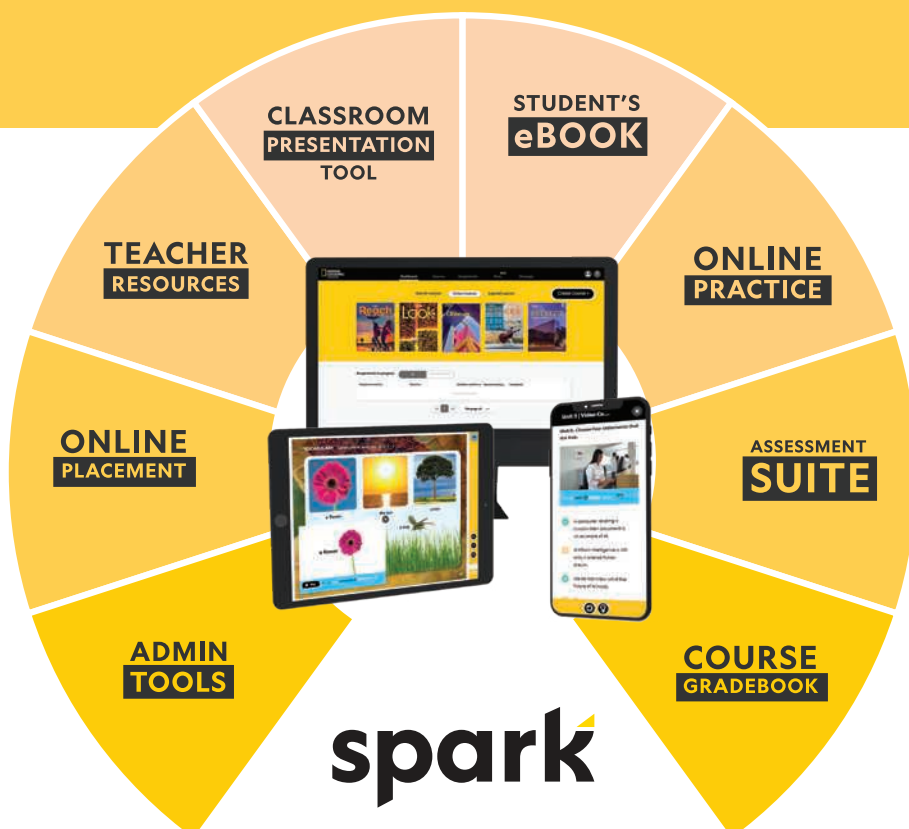
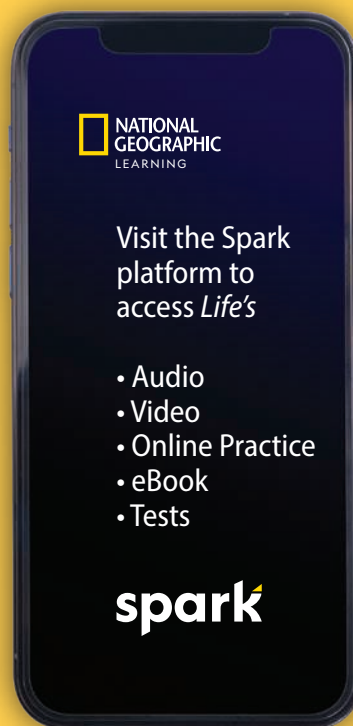
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Dinah Halstead is in Milne Bay, Papua New Guinea. She's a diver.

UNIT GOALS

- 1a** • give personal information
 - ask and answer questions with the verb *be*
- 1b** • talk about people and family
 - use possessive 's and possessive adjectives
- 1c** • read about the world population and identify the type of text
- 1d** • introduce myself and other people
- 1e** • write a personal description and connect sentences with *and* and *but*
- 1f** • evaluate captions with photos and videos and watch a video about a filmmaker

1 Work in pairs. Look at the photo and the caption. Where is Dinah? What's her job?

2  **1.1** Listen to an interview with the photographer who took the photo. Match the questions (1–4) with the answers (a–d).

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 What's your name? | a The US. |
| 2 Where are you from? | b Her name's Dinah Halstead. |
| 3 What's her name? | c She's from Papua New Guinea. |
| 4 Where's she from? | d David Doubilet. |

3 Work in pairs. Ask and answer these questions.

A: Hello. What's your name?

B: My name's ...

A: Where are you from?

B: I'm from ...

4 Work with another pair. Ask and answer these questions.

A: What's his/her name?

B: His/Her name's ...

C: Where's he/she from?

D: He/She's from ...

Explorers

Reading

1 Work in pairs. Discuss these questions.

- 1 Who is in the photo?
- 2 Where are they?
- 3 What is their job?

2 Read the interview. Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 Beverly is the *man* / *woman* in the photo.
- 2 Beverly is a *photographer* / *doctor*, filmmaker and explorer.
- 3 Beverly is *single* / *married*.
- 4 Dereck is *also* / *not* an explorer.
- 5 They are from *South Africa* / *Botswana*.
- 6 *South Africa* / *Botswana* is their favourite country.

Vocabulary personal information

3 Complete this table about Beverly and Dereck with information from the interview.

First name	Beverly	Dereck	You
Surname	1	Joubert	
Job	Photographer, explorer and filmmaker	2	
Place of birth	3	South Africa	
Married or single?	Married	4	
Age	Don't know	Don't know	

4 Complete the table in Exercise 3 with information about you.

1.2

INTERVIEW with an EXPLORER

What's your name?

My name's Beverly Joubert.

What's your job?

I'm a photographer for National Geographic. My photos are in National Geographic magazine. And I'm also an explorer and filmmaker.

Who is the man in the photo?

That's Dereck. He's my husband. He's also an explorer and a filmmaker.

Where is the photo?

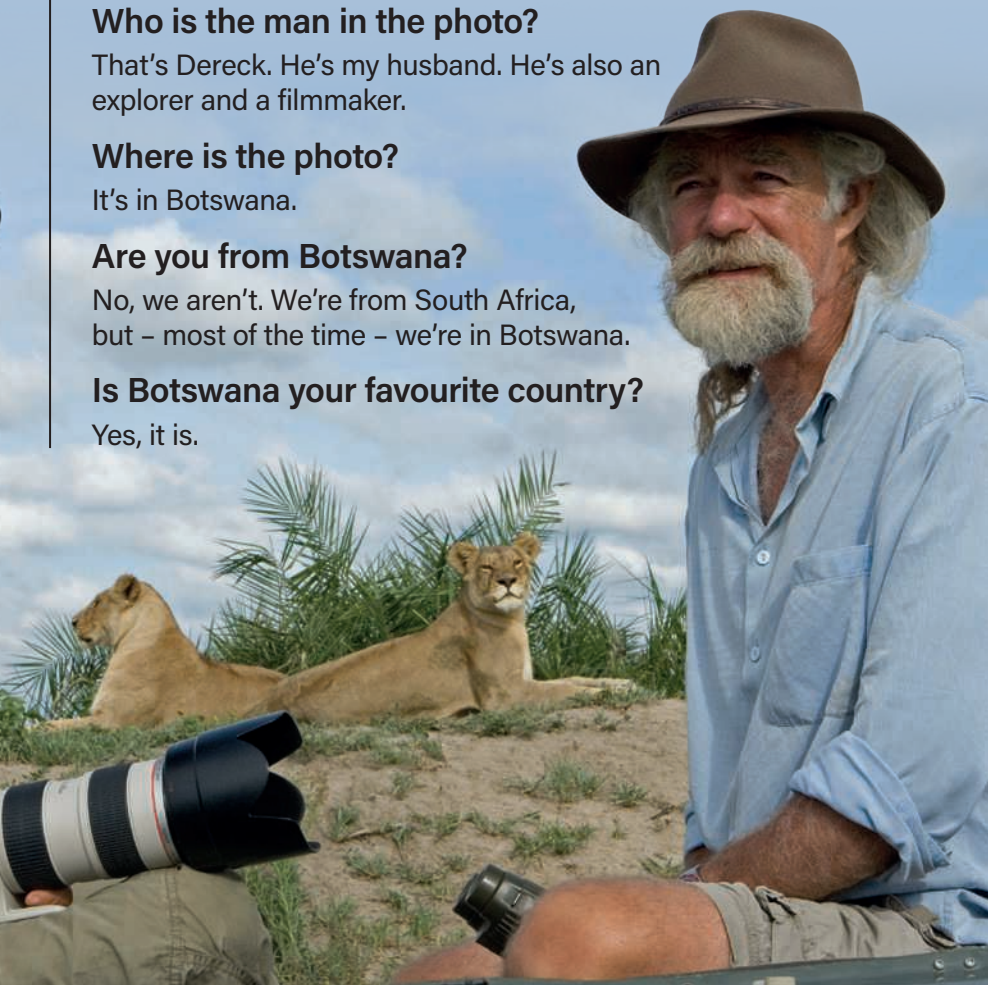
It's in Botswana.

Are you from Botswana?

No, we aren't. We're from South Africa, but – most of the time – we're in Botswana.

Is Botswana your favourite country?

Yes, it is.



Grammar *be* (am/is/are)

BE (AM/IS/ARE)

Affirmative

I'm a photographer. ('m = am)

You/We/They're married. ('re = are)

He/She/It's from South Africa. ('s = is)

Negative

I'm not a journalist. ('m not = am not)

You/We/They aren't married. (aren't = are not)

He/She/It isn't from South America. (isn't = is not)

Questions

What's your name? Beverly.

Where are they from? South Africa.

How old are you? Twenty.

Yes/No questions with short answers

Are you from Botswana? Yes, I am. / No, I'm not.

Is she single? Yes, she is. / No, she isn't.

For further information and practice, see page 158.

- 5** Look at the grammar box. Complete the information with the forms of the verb *be*.

- affirmative: I _____, you _____, he _____.
- negative: I _____, we _____, she _____.
- questions: _____ you ... ?, _____ he ... ?
- short answers: Yes, I _____. Yes, it _____. No, you _____. No, she _____.

- 6** 1.3 Choose the correct options to complete the conversation. Then listen and check.

A: Hello. What ¹ *are / is* your name?

B: My name's Carlos Pinillos.

A: ² *Are / Is* you married?

B: Yes, ³ *I'm / I am*. My wife's name is Sally. She ⁴ *aren't / isn't* here today.

A: What's her job?

B: ⁵ *She're / She's* a teacher. ⁶ *I'm / I's* also a teacher.

A: Are you both from Brazil?

B: No, we ⁷ *isn't / aren't*. I'm from Brazil, but Sally is from Ireland.

A: And how old ⁸ *are / is* you?

B: I'm thirty-six.

A: Is Sally also thirty-six?

B: No, she ⁹ *am not / isn't*. She's thirty-seven.

- 7** Match the questions (1–6) with the answers (a–f).

- Are you married?
 - Is he a teacher?
 - What's your name?
 - Is she from South Africa?
 - How old are you?
 - Where is Oksana from?
- Sixteen.
 - No, I'm not.
 - Claudio.
 - Ukraine.
 - No, she isn't.
 - She's from Australia.
 - Yes, he is.

8 Pronunciation contracted forms

- a** 1.4 Listen to eight sentences. Tick the form you hear.

- | | | |
|----|--------|---------|
| 1 | 'm ✓ | am |
| 2 | 're | are |
| 3 | 'm | am |
| 4 | 'm not | am not |
| 5 | 's | is |
| 6 | 're | are |
| 7 | aren't | are not |
| 8 | are | 're |
| 9 | isn't | is not |
| 10 | 's | is |

- b** 1.4 Listen again and repeat the sentences.

- 9** 1.5 Complete this conversation at an airport with the correct form of *be*. Use a contracted form where possible. Then listen and check.

A: Good afternoon. ¹ _____ you in Vietnam for work or a holiday?

B: For work. I ² _____ a photographer.

A: I see. What ³ _____ your address in Hanoi?

B: We ⁴ _____ at the Hanoi Hotel.

A: We?

B: Yes, I'm with my husband and two children, but they ⁵ _____ already at the hotel.

A: ⁶ _____ your husband also a photographer?

B: Yes, he is, but he ⁷ _____ in Hanoi for work.

He ⁸ _____ here for a holiday.

Speaking

- 10** Write questions with these words.

- what / first name?
What's your first name?
- what / surname?
- are / student?
- what / job?
- where / from?
- how old / you?
- are / married?

- 11** Work in pairs. Ask and answer your questions from Exercise 10.

A: Are you a student?

B: No, I'm not.

A: What's your job?

B: I'm a teacher.

- 12** Work as a class. Introduce your partner to the other students.

This is Rosana. She's from Chile. She's a student.

Families in film

The filmmaker Jane Goodall is with her grandchildren. They are in Tanzania.



Listening

1 In pairs, look at the photo. Answer these questions.

- 1 Is Jane Goodall a filmmaker?
- 2 Are the two people her children?
- 3 Is your family big or small?
- 4 Where is your family from?

2 **1.6** Listen to three descriptions about families of filmmakers. Match the name (1–7) to the family member (a–g).

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 Jane Goodall | a granddaughter |
| 2 Merlin | b daughter |
| 3 Angel | c grandmother |
| 4 Tom Fitz | d sister |
| 5 Phoebe | e father |
| 6 Austin | f grandson |
| 7 Westin | g sister |

3 **1.6** Listen again and complete the text.

- 1 Jane Goodall ¹ famous for her films of animals. She's ² over 40 films. Now her grandchildren work with Jane in Tanzania. Jane's grandson is Merlin and ³ granddaughter is Angel.
- 2 Tom and Phoebe Fitz ⁴ father and daughter. Tom's a filmmaker. His films are ⁵ animals and nature. Tom's daughter is Phoebe. She's ⁶ photographer and she also works with her father.
- 3 Austin ⁷ Westin Ray are sisters. Austin and Westin's films ⁸ about people all over the world. For example, their film *24 Hours of Daylight* is about life in Iceland and *Island Earth* is ⁹ Hawaii.

Vocabulary family

- 4 Look at these family words. Which are men (M)? Which are women (W)? Which are both (B)?

aunt	mother-in-law
cousin	nephew
father	niece
grandparent	parent
mother	uncle

- 5 Write the correct words from Exercise 4.

- your father's brother and sister: _____,
- your brother's daughter and son: _____,
- your uncle and aunt's son or daughter: _____,
- your husband's or wife's mother: _____,
- your mother or father: _____,
- your parent's mother or father: _____.

WORDBUILDING ROOT WORDS

You can make more words from a root word.

For example: mother → grandmother → mother-in-law

- 6 Look at the wordbuilding box and the words in Exercise 4. Make five more words with the root words *sister*, *daughter* and *father*.

Grammar possessive 's and possessive adjectives

POSSESSIVE 'S and POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES

Possessive 's

Tom's daughter is Phoebe.

Merlin and Angel's grandmother is Jane.

Notice: 's is also the contracted form of *is*.

Possessive adjectives

Subject	Object	Possessive adjective
I	me	my
you	you	your
he	him	his
she	her	her
it	it	its
we	us	our
they	them	their

She's **my** sister. What's **your** name? **His** name is Tom.

For further information and practice, see page 158.

- 7 Look at the grammar box. Then read the descriptions again in Exercise 3.
- Circle three examples of the possessive 's.
 - Underline three different possessive adjectives.

- 8 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- I / My* parents are Spanish.
- I / My* am the only boy in my family.
- What's *you / your* name?
- Where are *you / your* from?
- She / Her* is a photographer.
- He / His* uncle is in the US.
- We / Our* family is from Asia.
- They / Their* cousins are both girls.

- 9 **Pronunciation** the same or different sounds

▶ 1.7 Listen to these pairs of words. Is the pronunciation the same (S) or different (D)?

- they're / their
- he's / his
- its / it's
- are / our
- you're / your

- 10 ▶ 1.8 Rewrite these sentences with the words in brackets. Then listen and check.

- I'm Fabien. (my name)
My name's Fabien.
- Annie's sister's Claire. (her)
- Francis and Antony's cousins are Juliet and Jane. (their)
- Fritz's grandparents are dead. (his)
- Are you Sylvain? (your name)
- We have a niece. Her name's Helen. (our)

- 11 ▶ 1.9 Complete the description of a person's family and friends with these words. Then listen and check.

her her his my their

My family lives in the Netherlands. ¹ _____ mother's from Belgium and ² _____ three sisters (my aunts) live there. My father's from Rotterdam and he's a businessman. My sister's name is Julia and she's a teacher. She's married and ³ _____ husband's called Bram. He's also a teacher. ⁴ _____ children are Lars and Lucas. My best friend is Peter. ⁵ _____ father and my father have a company together.

Speaking my life

- 12 Work with your partner. Write five names of friends or people in your family. Introduce them to your partner.

*Karina is my best friend. She's from Argentina.
Stefan and Ilona are my two cousins in Germany.
They're my mother's nephew and niece.*