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Every issue of LET'S START is a complete and independent **DIDACTIC UNIT**, structured in:

- a double-page spread of **illustrated vocabulary** on pages 4 and 5
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- extra grammar exercises for every issue and, on the last two pages, summary exercises for the memorization and revision of the structures covered in the five issues.

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MONTH	VOCABULARY	BASIC GRAMMAR	COMMUNICATIVE FUNCTIONS
<p>ISSUE #1 September / October</p> <p>Illustrated Vocabulary •At school!</p> <p>Report •Young Geniuses Grow Up</p>	<p>School subjects: school subjects vocabulary and the verb "like"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualifying adjectives • The Present Simple • The verb "like" • Basic prepositions (of, to, at) • Descriptive adjectives • Modal verb: can • The indefinite pronoun "everyone" • Imperatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking about school and school subjects • Talking about what you like and don't like to do • Saying what you can/can't do in a place • Expressing/Describing your abilities and those of others
<p>ISSUE #2 November / December</p> <p>Illustrated Vocabulary •Means of Transport</p> <p>Report •Ready, set, go!</p>	<p>Means of transport: know how to describe a means of transport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modal verbs: can and have to • Introduction to causal phrases • The negative form of sentences • The definite and indefinite article • Quantifiers: some and any 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using simple expressions • Knowing how to describe a means of transport • Describing places • Giving advice
<p>ISSUE #3 February</p> <p>Illustrated Vocabulary •A day... outdoors!</p> <p>Report •Planet Earth's Wonders</p>	<p>Natural environments: natural environments vocabulary, free-time activities vocabulary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "like" + gerund • There is/there are • The Past Simple • Temporal expressions • Introduction to the Superlative form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expressing your tastes and preferences • Talking about your passions • Making observations • Describing nature and places that surround us
<p>ISSUE #4 March / April</p> <p>Illustrated Vocabulary •This is my family!</p> <p>Report •Famous Families</p>	<p>The family: Members of the family, relatives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The negative form of can • Possessive adjectives • Possessive forms ('s) • The First Conditional • Imperatives • The Future: Will and Going to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making introductions • Describing your family • Talking about what you know how to do • Expressing hopes and intentions for the future • Discussing your dreams • Talking about freetime activities
<p>ISSUE #5 May / June</p> <p>Illustrated Vocabulary •At the sea</p> <p>Report •Secrets of the Sea</p>	<p>The sea and nature: vocabulary related to the sea and nature</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepositions of time and place • The Superlative form • Introduction to the Present Perfect Simple • Introduction to the Past Continuous • Past participles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expressing resolutions • Explaining your ideas • Knowing how to speak about ecological themes • Talking about hobbies

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Answers

Extra exercises for the 5 issues of Let's Start

Issue 1 – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

- 1-H, 2-E, 3-I, 4-J, 5-C, 6-D, 7-B, 8-G, 9-F, 10-A.
- 1 genius, 2 French fries, 3 ping-pong, 4 orchestra conductor, 5 asteroid, 6 eco prof, 7 young, 8 world, 9 physics, 10 history. THINGS.
- 1-B, 2-A, 3-B, 4-B, 5-A.

Issue 2 – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

- 1 bicycle, 2 helicopter, 3 ship, 4 bus, 5 train, 6 truck, 7 taxi, 8 camper, 9 motorbike, 10 ski lift.
- free choice
- A The first flying taxi is **Chinese**. It is **not** very big **and it is electric**. It can fly for **30 minutes**. B Maglev is a **Japanese** train. You will have to wait until **2027** to travel on this train. C From the windows of the Tokyo-Osaka **train** you can see Mount **Fuji**. D Venice is called the city **on the water**. In this city you **can't** go by car or bike. **People from Venice travel** on foot or by **vaporetto**! E The vaporetto is a **boat-bus** that takes **people** around **Venice**. F The gondola is a traditional **boat**. It is **black** and **doesn't** have a motor.
- 1 can, 2 can, 3 can't, 4 can, 5 have to, 6 have to, 7 have to, 8 can.

Issue 3 – FEBRUARY

- 1 volcano, 2 lake, 3 river, 4 forest, 5 glacier, 6 island, 7 desert, 8 waterfall. NIAGARA FALLS.
- The Northern Lights: winter, night, North Pole, lights, sky, mysterious; Waterfalls: jump, Venezuela,

Amazon forest, water; Colorful Mountains: day, geological park, rocks, China; Bays: dragon, emerald green, Vietnam, caves.

- Example: 1 At the North Pole, in winter/at night, you can see mysterious lights in the sky. 2 In Venezuela / In the middle of the Amazon forest, there is the highest jump of water in the world. 3 In China there is an important geological park with colored rocks. 4 In Vietnam there is a bay with emerald green water...
- 1 I balanced, 2 We enjoyed ourselves, 3 I created, 4 We concentrated, 5 You went, 6 We used.

Issue 4 – MARCH/APRIL

- 1 grandfather, 2 uncle and aunt, 3 cousins, 4 husband and wife, 5 son, 6 siblings, 7 sister, 8 brother, 9 parents, 10 grandparents, 11 uncle, 12 mom/mother, 13 aunt, 14 daughter, 15 children, 16 grandchildren, 17 cousins, 18 dad/father, 19 family, 20 relatives.
- Possible answers: 1 No one can/You can't touch the Royal Family. 2 No one can/You can't call the Queen by her first name. 3 No one can/You can't take a selfie with a member of the Royal Family. 4 No one can/You can't continue eating if the Queen stops eating. 5 The Royal Family can't play some board games, like Monopoly...
- Free choice. Example: At my house you can't go to sleep late. Everyone in my family has to do sport...

Issue 5 – MAY/JUNE

- 1 T, 2 F, 3 F, 4 T, 5 T, 6 F, 7 F, 8 T.

Extra Grammar Exercises

- 1 at, 2 on, 3 by, 4 from, 5 to.
- 1 Have you seen, 2 studied, 3 Have you had, 4 saw, 5 enjoyed.
- 1 any, 2 many, 3 some, 4 much, 5 some.
- 1 My mother sent **me money** yesterday. 2 Jerry told **Peter** a really funny **story** about his vacation. 3 Her boyfriend gave **her** a beautiful diamond **ring** when he proposed marriage. 4 They always send **me pictures** when they go on vacation. 5 Sarah made **her sister** a chocolate **cake** for her birthday.
- 1 I saw John, who was walking with a woman. 2 I listened to a rock group that/which I really liked! 3 Silvia lives in a neighborhood, where I really don't like going... 4 Archery is a sport that/which seems really difficult. 5 That beautiful labrador that is running is mine.
- 1 Italians like going to the beach when the weather is good. 2 My mother likes going shopping in small shops. 3 Jeff and Susan like going to the cinema at the weekend. 4 Jackie's boyfriend likes eating Asian food. 5 His aunt likes relaxing on the balcony in the evening.
- 1 his, 2 their, 3 her, 4 our, 5 my.
- 1 He will pass the test if he studies. 2 If you have a lot of patience and imagination, you will enjoy *stone balancing*. 3 What will they do if he doesn't come to the party? 4 My parents will come home early if it rains. 5 If Sam beats me at chess, I will be very upset.
- 1 the tallest, 2 the heaviest, 3 the ugliest, 4 the softest, 5 the most beautiful.
- 10 1-C, 2-A, 3-E, 4-B, 5-D.

Name and surname: Class:

1 Read the definitions and match them with the correct school subject or verb.

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 1 During this lesson, you can use a computer. | A writing |
| 2 In this subject, you add and subtract numbers... | B history |
| 3 You do it in the gym or outside. | C music |
| 4 In this subject you study sculptors and painters like Georgia O’Keeffe, Andy Warhol, Van Gogh... | D literature |
| 5 In this lesson, you play an instrument or sing. | E mathematics |
| 6 You study the ideas and works of famous authors. | F painting |
| 7 At school, they test you on the Second World War...it is a test of.... | G physics |
| 8 They teach you how an atom is made... | H information technology |
| 9 To do this, you need a canvas, brushes and paint... | I physical education |
| 10 You can use a pen or a keyboard to do this... | J art |

Score: 10 points

Your score is _____

2 Read the definitions, complete the crossword and find a typical English expression.

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 It's a very intelligent person. | 7 The geniuses of "The Mysterious Benedict Society" are this. |
| 2 Laurent Simons really likes them. | 8 Reynie, Sticky, Kate and Constance want to save it. |
| 3 It's also called table tennis. | 9 Laurent Simons studied it. |
| 4 This person directs a lot of musicians and instruments. | 10 Carola teaches it. |
| 5 "Maitane" is not only a name but also an... | |
| 6 This is what Carola Ludovica Farci is called. | |
- GOOD _____ COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT!

Score: 11 points

Your score is _____

Name and surname: Class:

3**School and English expressions.**

Do you know these expressions? What do you think they mean?

1 "Good things come to those who wait" means:

A You will never get anything if you wait.

B Learning to be patient and knowing how to wait will bring you success in life; patience is a virtue.

2 "Pass with flying colors" means:

A Do very well at an exam.

B Be very good at painting.

3 "Know something by heart" means:

A To love something and have an emotional connection to it.

B To memorize something.

4 "It's as easy as ABC" means:

A It is similar to spelling words.

B It is very easy, like the alphabet.

5 "Cover a lot of ground" means:

A To review/study a lot of information.

B To put something on the floor so it is protected.



Score: 5 points

Your score is _____

Total score: 26 points

Your score is _____

Name and surname: Class:

1 Guess the means of transport!

Read the description and answer.

- 1 This means of transport doesn't have a motor but goes by...pedal. It is a _____ !
- 2 It flies but it doesn't have wings. It is a _____ !
- 3 It travels in the sea but it doesn't have wheels. It is a _____ !
- 4 It has four wheels, is long and is a public means of transport. It is a _____ !
- 5 It doesn't travel on the street...it uses rails. You can also take it to go from one region to another or one country to another. It is a _____ !
- 6 It carries merchandise and has six wheels. It is a _____ !
- 7 It's yellow in New York City, has four wheels but isn't a car. It is a _____ !
- 8 You use it to go on vacation... It is a _____ !
- 9 It has two wheels and a motor. Valentino Rossi is a champion at driving this. It is a _____ !
- 10 This means of transport doesn't have a motor and is used a lot in the mountains. It is a _____ !

Score: 10 points

Your score is _____

2 Now you continue...

Using exercise 1 as an example, in pairs or teams, describe a means of transport and ask what it is!

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

Score: 1 point for every invented description and 1 point for every correct answer

Your score is _____



Name and surname: Class:

3

Did you read the report on pages 6 and 7 carefully? Read the sentences, find the mistakes and rewrite them correctly.

A The first flying taxi is Japanese. It's very big and uses gasoline to fly. It can fly for 3 hours.

B Maglev is a Korean train. You will have to wait until next year to travel on this train.

C From the windows of the Tokyo-Osaka street, you can see Mount Everest.

D Venice is called the city on the lake. In this city you can go by car or bike. People from Milan never travel on foot or by ferry.

E The vaporetto is a car that takes students around Florence.

F The gondola is a traditional ship. It is white and it has a motor.

Score: 18 points

Your score is _____

4

Complete with the correct verb: *can*, *can't*, or *have to*.

1 From the window of Maglev you _____ admire Mount Fuji.

2 Ehang 184 _____ fly for 30 minutes.

3 In Venice you _____ (not) go by car or bicycle.

4 Ehang 184 _____ hold only one passenger.

5 If you want to travel on Maglev, you _____ wait until 2027.

6 To go on a unicycle, you _____ have balance, strength and attention.

7 With the unicycle, you _____ train a lot.

8 With the unicycle, you _____ do stunts and jumps.

Score: 8 points

Your score is _____

Total score: 46 points

Your score is _____

Name and surname: Class:

1 The illustrated crossword. Look at the pictures and complete the puzzle.
In the green boxes you will find the name of a very famous natural wonder.



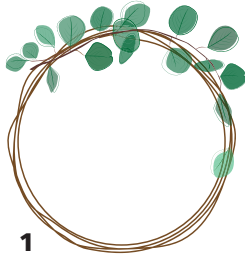
_____ is a famous natural wonder that is located on the border between New York, United States, and Ontario Province, in Canada. It is also known as Canadian Falls and is 99 meters high!

Score: 10 points
Your score is _____

Name and surname: Class:

2 Complete the captions and fill in the groups...with the words given!

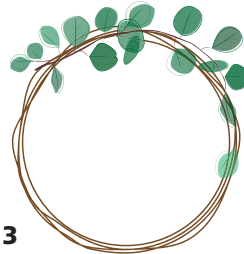
dragon - day - winter - jump - geological park - night – emerald green – North Pole - rocks - light - Venezuela - Amazon forest - China - water - sky - Vietnam - mysterious - caves



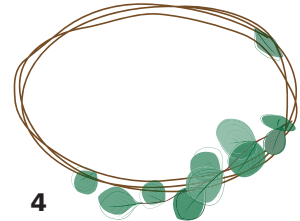
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1 T ___ N ___ RT ___ E ___ N LI ___ TS

2 ___ AT ___ R ___ L ___ S

3 C ___ LO ___ UL ___ O ___ N ___ A ___ N ___

4 B ___ S

Score: 22 points

Your score is _____

3 Now make sentences with at least two words from each group.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

Score: 4 points

Your score is _____

4 Change the verbs about stone balancing to the past simple.

- 1 I balance _____
- 2 We enjoy ourselves _____
- 3 I create _____
- 4 We concentrate _____
- 5 You go _____
- 6 We use _____

Score: 6 points

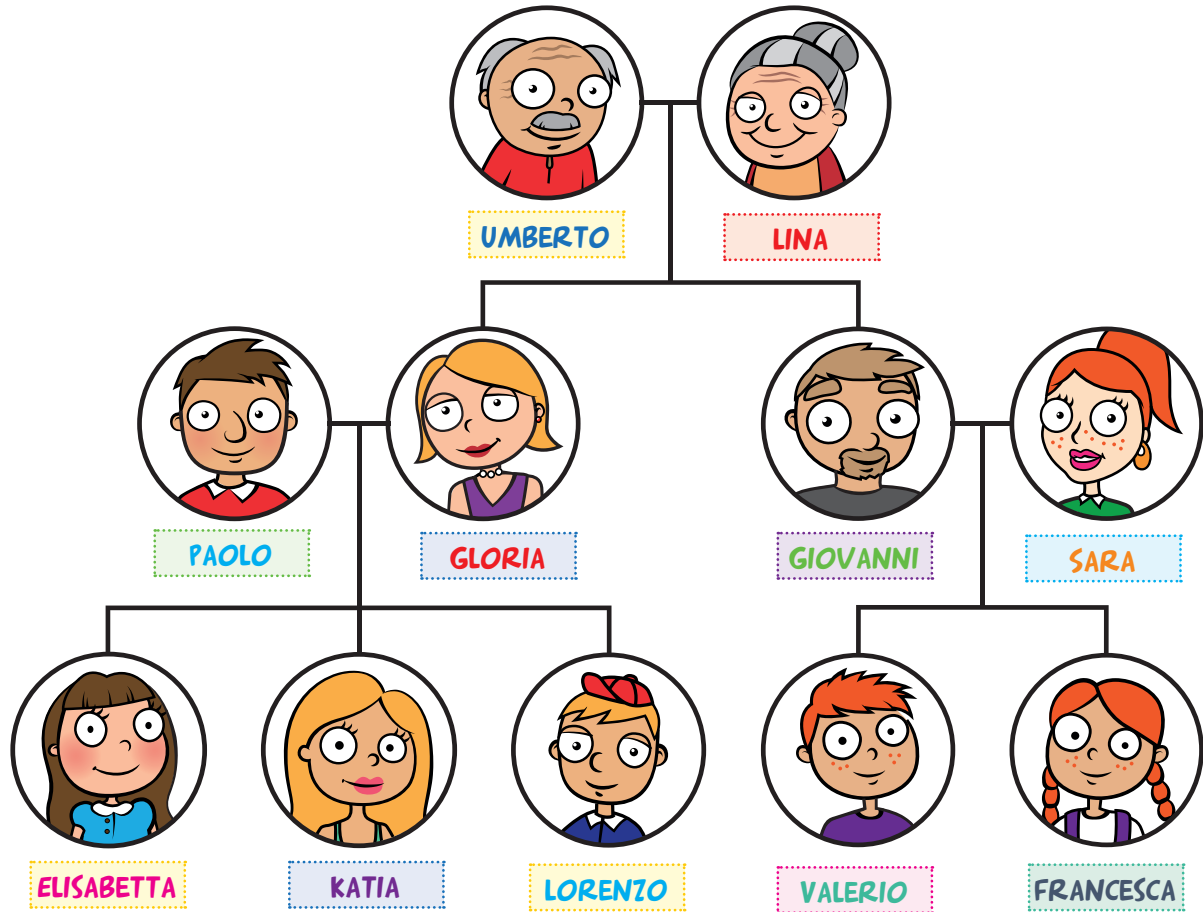
Your score is _____

Total score: 42 points

Your score is _____

Name and surname: Class:

1 The De Angelis family. Look at the family tree and complete the sentences with the correct family word.



- 1 Umberto is Elisabetta, Katia and Lorenzo's _____.
- 2 Paolo and Gloria are Valerio and Francesca's _____.
- 3 Elisabetta and Francesca are _____.
- 4 Paolo and Gloria are _____ and _____.
- 5 Giovanni is Umberto and Lina's _____.
- 6 Valerio and Francesca are _____.
- 7 Katia is Lorenzo's older _____.
- 8 Valerio is Francesca's _____.
- 9 Giovanni and Sara are Valerio and Francesca's _____.
- 10 Umberto and Lina are Elisabetta and Francesca's _____.
- 11 Giovanni is Lorenzo's _____.
- 12 Gloria is Katia's _____.
- 13 Sara is Elisabetta's _____.
- 14 Gloria is Umberto and Lina's _____.
- 15 Gloria and Giovanni are Umberto and Lina's _____.
- 16 Umberto and Lina have five _____.
- 17 Valerio and Lorenzo are _____.
- 18 Paolo is Elisabetta's _____.
- 19 Umberto and Lina have a big _____.
- 20 The De Angelis family is made up of a lot of _____.

Score: 20 points

Your score is _____

Name and surname: **Class:**

2

The house rules of the British Royal Family. Change these sentences from imperatives to sentences with CAN or CAN'T.

- 1 Don't touch the Royal Family!
_____ !
- 2 Don't call the Queen by her first name.
_____ !
- 3 You are not allowed to take a selfie with a member of the Royal Family.
_____ !
- 4 Don't continue eating if the Queen stops eating.
_____ !
- 5 The Royal Family is not allowed to play some board games, like Monopoly...
_____ !

Score: 5 points

Your score is _____

3

Are there rules at your house? What are they? Write them and talk about them with your class.

At my house you can't... / In my family you have to...

_____ !
 _____ !
 _____ !
 _____ !

Score: 25 points

Your score is _____
(this time your teacher decides!)

Total score: 50 points

Your score is _____



Name and surname: Class:

1 At the sea.

What's on the beach? Look carefully and find 20 things!



- the beach • sand castle • beach towel • flip flops • suntan lotion • beach umbrella • beach chair • surf board • shell • sunglasses • fish • crab • starfish • seagull • life preserver • whale • ice cream • oar • sunbathe / suntan • swim

Score: 20 points

Your score is _____

2 Secrets of the sea. Reread the report on pages 6 and 7 and write True [T] or False [F]

- 1 The blobfish is also a mascot.
- 2 Zombie worms eat live animals.
- 3 To date, we know the abyss of the sea really well.
- 4 There is an underwater museum in Europe.
- 5 Plastic ducks float.
- 6 28,000 plastic ducks were put in the middle of the sea by a Dutch artist.
- 7 A ship transporting giant Lego men sank in the ocean.
- 8 Scientists speculate about the mysteries of the seas.

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Score: 8 points

Total score: 28 points

Your score is _____

1 Simple prepositions. Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions: at, to, on, by, from.

- 1 Yesterday I was _____ Marco's house.
- 2 My school is _____ Main Street.
- 3 Every morning Luca goes to work _____ bicycle.
- 4 Where does John come _____?
- 5 We go _____ the mountains almost every weekend.

2 Present Perfect or Past Simple? Use the correct tense and the verb given to complete the sentences.

- 1 (you, see) _____ Marta lately? She looks great.
- 2 Paola knows English very well. She (study) _____ it in London last year.
- 3 I didn't eat anything for breakfast! (you, have) _____ lunch yet?
- 4 They really like the film. They (see) _____ it last night at the cinema.
- 5 John and Barbara (enjoy) _____ Greta Thunberg's speech from the protest last month.

3 Quantifiers. Complete the sentences with some, any, much or many.

- 1 I'm sorry, I don't have _____ money to pay for that. I spent it all in the last shop!
- 2 There aren't _____ people at this party—just a few.
- 3 Greta Thunberg has _____ great ideas about how we can save the environment.
- 4 We don't have _____ milk left. Let's go to the supermarket and buy some.
- 5 If we go to the beach, we should bring _____ water with us—it is really hot out!

4 Direct and Indirect objects. Read the sentences, underline the direct objects in red and the indirect objects in green.

- 1 My mother sent me money yesterday.
- 2 Jerry told Peter a really funny story about his vacation.
- 3 Her boyfriend gave her a beautiful diamond ring when he proposed marriage.
- 4 They always send me pictures when they go on vacation.
- 5 Sarah made her sister a chocolate cake for her birthday.

5 Relative pronouns. Connect the sentences with the correct relative pronoun: which, that, who or where.

- 1 I saw John. John was walking with a woman.
-

- 2 I listened to a rock group. I really liked the rock group!
-

- 3 Silvia lives in a neighborhood. I don't like going to that neighborhood...
-

- 4 Archery is a sport. This sport seems really difficult.
-

- 5 That beautiful labrador is running. That labrador is mine.
-

6 "Like" + the gerund. Make sentences with "like" and the prompts given.

1 to the beach – when the weather is good - like – go - Italians

2 like - shopping - go – my mother – small shops

3 like – Jeff and Susan – at the weekend – go – the cinema

4 eat – Asian food – like – Jackie's boyfriend

5 in the evening - relax – on the balcony – his aunt - like

7 Possessive adjectives. Complete the sentences with the correct possessive adjective.

1 Susan loves her boyfriend and, instead of going home, she always goes to _____ house after work.

2 Most of the students didn't do _____ homework yesterday.

3 My family just got a dog and _____ name is Eva.

4 This is _____ school but we don't like it because we always have too much homework!

5 I don't know what time it is because I can't find _____ watch.

8 First Conditional. Put the verbs in the correct form to make first conditional sentences.

1 He _____ (pass) the test if he _____ (study).

2 If you _____ (have) a lot of patience and imagination, you _____ (enjoy) *stone balancing*.

3 What _____ they _____ (do) if he _____ (not come) to the party?

4 My parents _____ (come) home early if it _____ (rain).

5 If Sam _____ (beat) me at chess, I _____ (be) very upset.

9 The Superlative form. Complete the sentences with the correct superlative form of the adjective.

1 Fabrizio is (tall) _____ in his class.

2 These bags are (heavy) _____ of the group!

3 The blobfish is (ugly) _____ thing I have ever seen.

4 Your cat, Trixie, has (soft) _____ fur out of all the animals.

5 Angelina Jolie is (beautiful) _____ woman in the world.

10 Temporal prepositions. Match the sentence halves.

1 I go out with an umbrella and a raincoat

2 You only call me

3 I am happy

4 Before you eat

5 A storm broke out

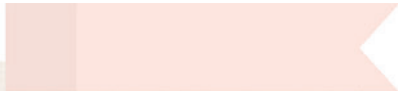
A when you need to ask me a favor... it's not nice!

B wash your hands!

C when I see that it is cloudy outside.

D while I was at the park with Lucy.

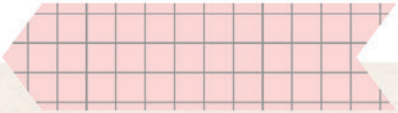
E after I see you.



In this year of Let's Start I learned:

In this year of Let's Start I really liked:

My resolutions for next year:



My favorite films:

My favorite TV series:

My favorite books:

My favorite kind of music:
