

# English Homework – American English File 4

## 1. Grammar Bank (page 37) — Units 4A & 4B

### Unit 4A – The Passive (all tenses)

Passive form: *be* + *past participle* (the action, not who does it, is important).

Examples:

- The bridge was built in 2005.
  - Present simple → *is / are* + *past participle*
  - Past simple → *was / were* + *past participle*
  - Present perfect → *has / have been* + *past participle*
  - Future → *will be* + *past participle*
  - Modal verbs → *can / should / must be* + *past participle*
- Used when the doer is unknown, unimportant, or obvious.

### Unit 4B – Have something done

Form: *have* + *object* + *past participle*

Example: I had my hair cut yesterday.

Meaning: You arrange for someone else to do something for you.

Examples:

- I have my car washed every week.
- I had my computer fixed yesterday.
- I'll have the house painted next month.

## 2. "Climate Stories Project" (pages 38–39) — Summary

The Climate Stories Project collects personal stories from people around the world about how climate change affects their lives. It highlights real human experiences — farmers, students, and communities noticing changes in weather, sea levels, and natural disasters. The goal is to connect emotionally with the issue and inspire climate action, showing that climate change is about people as well as science.

## 3. Vocabulary Bank (page 156)

Topic: **Science and Technology**

Key vocabulary:

- Verbs: discover, invent, develop, experiment, analyze, prove, test.
- Nouns: device, engine, theory, laboratory, invention, research.
- Phrases: do an experiment, make a discovery, carry out research.

Exercises include matching words to definitions and writing sentences about technology and innovation.

## 4. Article (page 42) — 5B & 5C

The article discusses the psychology of happiness — what truly makes people happy.

**5B:** Happiness depends not only on money or success but on relationships, gratitude, and purpose. People who help others and appreciate what they have are generally happier.

**5C:** Reflection questions:

- What makes you happiest?
- Do you agree that helping others increases happiness?