

# *Intermediate*

## Language Practice

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## Understanding grammar words

### 1 Match the examples (a–n) with the grammar words (1–14).

- a) *a/an, the* .....<sup>12</sup>....  
 b) *at, to, for* .....  
 c) *do, have* .....  
 d) *can, must* .....  
 e) *If you do that, I'll* .....  
 f) *she, someone, myself* .....  
 g) *all, some, both, either* .....  
 h) *past simple, present perfect* .....  
 i) *What's your name? Where do you live?* .....  
 j) *happy, important, good* .....  
 k) *slowly, carefully, well* .....  
 l) *get up in the morning, look up a word* .....  
 m) *The letter that arrived this morning is for you.* .....  
 n) *It is made of wood. The book was written in 2001.* .....

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 verb tenses       | 8 conditional sentence |
| 2 auxiliary verbs   | 9 passive voice        |
| 3 modal auxiliaries | 10 pronouns            |
| 4 prepositions      | 11 phrasal verbs       |
| 5 questions         | 12 articles            |
| 6 adjectives        | 13 determiners         |
| 7 adverbs           | 14 relative clause     |

### 2 Match the tenses in *italics* (a–h) with their names (1–8).

- a) Helen *is leaving* first thing in the morning. ....<sup>2</sup>....  
 b) *I've been studying* English for two years. ....  
 c) If I *had* a helicopter, I'd get to school more easily! .....  
 d) I *get up* at 7.30 every day. ....  
 e) Next year I'll *be taking* my final exams at university. ....  
 f) By the time we got to the station, the *train had left*. ....  
 g) *I've lived* in Athens all my life. ....  
 h) While I *was walking* along the street a dog ran in front of a car. ....

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 present simple             | 5 past simple       |
| 2 present continuous         | 6 past continuous   |
| 3 present perfect            | 7 past perfect      |
| 4 present perfect continuous | 8 future continuous |

## Thinking about language in context

- 3** For each situation (a–d) underline the best expression. The other alternatives may be wrong in grammar, or too informal/impolite for the situation, or too formal/polite for the situation.
- a) It's your birthday on Saturday. Invite a friend to your party.  
 1 I'll have a party on Saturday. You will come.  
 2 I'm having a party on Saturday. Do you want to come?  
 3 I have a party on Saturday. Are you coming?
- b) You are on the bus. Ask a stranger to open the window.  
 1 Could you open the window, please?  
 2 Open the window.  
 3 Excuse me, but do you think you could possibly open the window?
- c) You arrive late for class and apologize to your teacher.  
 1 I'm late, I apologize.  
 2 Sorry I'm late.  
 3 Please accept my most sincere apologies.
- d) You are a witness to a minor accident. Explain what you saw to a policeman.  
 1 This car comes down the road and hits a tree, bang!  
 2 A car had come down the road and had hit a tree.  
 3 A car came down the road and hit a tree.

## Other ways of learning

- 4** Which ways of learning English do you use? What could you start doing now?
- a) Reading for pleasure.  
 b) Translating.  
 c) Making lists of words, or problem points, in a notebook.  
 d) Using a dictionary.  
 e) Listening to songs.  
 f) Keeping a diary.  
 g) Reviewing your written work.  
 h) Looking at English-language internet sites.  
 i) Watching television, watching films or listening to the radio.  
 j) Using a self-study grammar/vocabulary book.

## Which English?

English is a world language, and the English spoken in the USA or Australia differs from the English spoken in Britain. There are also differences between speakers from Scotland, Ireland and England, and between different parts of the same country. This book uses what is generally called Standard British English. References are also made to some differences in American English.

## Explanations

### Present simple: form

- The present simple is formed with the bare infinitive form of the verb. We add *s* in the third person singular *he/she/it*.

*I like You like He/She/It likes We like They like*

Some verbs are irregular: *have, be*

*I have You have He/She has We have They have*

*I am You are He/She is We are They are*

- Spelling problems

Verbs ending in *o, s, ch, sh, x* add *-es* for the third person singular.

*He goes She misses She watches He wishes He relaxes*

- Questions

*Yes/No* questions are formed with *do* and the bare infinitive form of the verb. The third person singular uses *does*.

*Do you like Italian food? Does she like Italian food?*

We also use *do/does* when we form questions with *when, what, why, where, how* etc.

*What do you want? Where does she live?*

- Negatives

Negatives are formed with *do not* and the bare infinitive form of the verb. The third person singular uses *does not*.

*I do not like that. She does not like that.*

In speech and informal writing, *do not* becomes *don't*, and *does not* becomes *doesn't*.

*I don't like that. She doesn't like that.*

### Present simple: meaning

- We use the present simple to describe:  
Habitual actions.

*I usually get up at 7.30.*

Actions and situations that are generally or usually true

*Liz plays in the school basketball team.*

*We like ice-cream.*

Facts which are always true.

*The sun rises in the east.*

- The present simple also has some future meanings.

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### Present simple: pronunciation

Verbs which end in /z/, /dz/, /s/, /sh/, /tsh/ and /ks/ make an extra syllable in the third person, pronounced /ɪz/.

*watches misses relaxes*

After /f/, /k/, /p/, /t/, third person sound is /s/. *hits /hɪts/*

Other third person /s/ are pronounced as /z/. *sees /si:z/*

*Does* is normally pronounced /dʌz/

### Present continuous: form

- The present continuous is formed with the auxiliary verb *be* and the *-ing* form of the main verb.

*I am relaxing.                      You are relaxing.                      He/She is relaxing.*

*We are relaxing.                      They are relaxing*

- Spelling problems

Verbs ending *-e* drop the *-e* when they add *-ing*.

*like liking    decide deciding    write writing*

Verbs with one syllable, ending in one vowel and one consonant, double the consonant when they add *-ing*.

*sit sitting    swim swimming    dig digging*

Verbs ending *-ie* change *-ie* to *-y*.

*lie lying    tie tying    die dying*

- Contractions

In speech and informal writing, the verb *be* is contracted:

*I'm writing.                      You're writing.                      He's/She's writing.*

*We're writing.                      They're writing.*

- Questions

*Yes/No* questions are formed by inverting the subject and the auxiliary *be*.

*Am I writing?                      Are you writing?                      Is he/she writing?*

*Are we writing?                      Are they writing?*

*Wh-* questions follow the same pattern.

*What are you writing?                      Why are we writing?*

- Negatives

Negatives are formed with the verb *be* + *not*. This is contracted in speech and informal writing.

*I'm not writing.                      He's not writing.                      They're not writing.*

### Present continuous: meaning

- We use the present continuous to describe:

Actions in progress at the present moment.

*Sorry, I can't speak to you, I'm washing my hair.*

Actions happening 'around now', even though not at the moment of speaking.

*I'm reading The Lord of the Rings.*

- The present continuous also has some future meanings.

→ SEE ALSO

**Grammar 3:** Present time 2

**Grammar 8:** Future 1

**Grammar 9:** Future 2

# Practice

**1** Underline the correct phrase in each sentence.

- a) What time *go you/do you go* to bed on Saturdays?
- b) Why *are you waiting/do you waiting* outside the door?
- c) Don't ask Tim. He *doesn't know/not knows* the answer.
- d) *I having/I'm having* my lunch at the moment.
- e) When *you leave/do you leave* the house in the morning?
- f) I don't understand. What *is happening/is happen*?
- g) Excuse me, *does you know/do you know* the time?
- h) This is a great party. *I'm having/Am I having* a lovely time.

**2** Read the answers and then complete the questions.

- a) Where *does Sue live?* .....  
Sue? She lives at the end of Axwell Road.
- b) Do .....  
Jim? No, I don't know him.
- c) What .....  
At the moment? I'm doing my homework.
- d) Are .....  
Here? No, I'm sitting over there.
- e) Do .....  
Here? No, we change trains at the next station.
- f) Why .....  
I'm wearing two pullovers because I feel cold!

**3** Rewrite each sentence so that the verb in *italics* is a negative contraction.

- a) Naomi and Bill *are watching* television.  
*Naomi and Bill aren't watching television.* .....
- b) Peter *likes* chocolate cake.  
.....
- c) *I'm using* this pencil at the moment.  
.....
- d) The children *are having* lunch in the kitchen.  
.....
- e) I *get up* early on Saturday.  
.....
- f) Elena *is writing* a novel.  
.....



**4** Complete each sentence with a present simple or present continuous form, using the words in **bold**.

- a) *Do you like* ..... cheese sandwiches?  
you like
- b) What time ..... ?  
the sun rise
- c) What ..... at the moment?  
you read
- d) Sorry, I can't talk. .... a bath.  
I have
- e) We ..... at school.  
not watch videos
- f) Look out of the window! .....  
it snow
- g) This is an examination! Why ..... ?  
you talk
- h) Ann ..... to school by bus every day.  
go
- i) ..... a uniform at your school?  
you wear
- j) Pat has got an interesting hobby. .... a boat.  
she build

**5** Choose the correct spelling from each pair of words.

- a) writing/writting
- b) diging/digging
- c) takeing/taking
- d) deciding/decideing
- e) swiming/swimming
- f) having/haveing
- g) lying/lieing
- h) readding/reading
- i) using/useing
- j) waiting/waitting
- k) washeing/washing
- l) riding/rideing
- m) flyeing/flying
- n) studing/studying
- o) going/goeing

## Explanations

### Present simple: frequency adverbs

- Frequency adverbs are often used with the present simple. They explain how often someone does an action, or something happens.

<i>always</i>	✓✓✓✓✓	<i>I <b>always</b> get up at 7.00.</i>
<i>often</i>	✓✓✓✓	<i>Pat <b>often</b> goes to football matches.</i>
<i>usually</i>	✓✓✓	<i>It <b>usually</b> rains when I go on holiday!</i>
<i>sometimes</i>	✓✓	<i>We <b>sometimes</b> eat pizza for lunch.</i>
<i>rarely</i>	✓	<i>Jane <b>rarely</b> listens to jazz.</i>
<i>never</i>	–	<i>My bus <b>never</b> arrives on time.</i>

- Note in the above examples that the frequency adverb comes before the verb. With the verb *be* the adverb comes after.

*Jim **is usually** late.*

- Other frequency adverbs are: *frequently* (✓✓✓✓), *normally* (✓✓✓), *occasionally* (✓✓), *seldom* (✓), *hardly ever* (✓).

### State verbs and action verbs

- A state is when something stays the same. An action is when something happens. State verbs are not usually used in any continuous form.

*I know what you mean.* (NOT ~~*I am knowing what you're meaning.*~~)

Examples of state verbs are:

- senses: *appear, hear, look like, see, taste*
- feeling: *like, hate, love, prefer, want, wish*
- thinking: *agree, believe, forget, know, think, understand*
- possession: *belong to, contain, have, own*
- being: *be, exist*
- other: *cost, depend on, mean, need*

- Some of the verbs in the previous list can have a 'state' meaning and an 'action' meaning. Examples include *be, have, taste, think*.

*I **have** two sisters.* (permanent state)

*I'm **having** problems with this computer.* (temporary action)

- Sometimes state verbs can describe temporary feelings.

*How are you **getting on** at your new school?*

*I **hate**/I'm **hating** it!*

Present simple or continuous?

Compare:

Present simple

permanent habits and routines facts that are always true general situations

Present continuous

temporary in progress now events happening at the moment a particular situation

*I live in Budapest.*

(all the time)

*I'm living in Budapest.*

(for a few months)

*This plane lands in Frankfurt.*

(routine)

*We're landing.*

(in progress now)

Present continuous: future meanings

- The present continuous can be used to describe a fixed future arrangement. There is usually a future time expression.

*Paul is leaving early tomorrow morning.*

*My parents are buying me a mountain bike for my birthday.*

This usage is common when we describe social arrangements.

*Are you doing anything on Saturday? We're going skating.*

Other problems

- *feel*

There is almost no difference of meaning between the simple and continuous.

*I feel awful!*

*I'm feeling awful!*

*How do you feel now?*

*How are you feeling now?*

- Present continuous or present perfect continuous?

*Sue is staying with Jill.*

(in progress now, and will continue)

*Sue has been staying with Jill since March.*

(in progress up to now, and may or may not continue)

- Present continuous with *always*

We can use *always* with the present continuous when we are exaggerating or complaining. We emphasize *always* in speech in this case.

*You're always forgetting your keys!*

- Present simple in narratives

In speech we can use the present simple to make a story or joke appear more immediate and interesting, even though the events were in the past. This is also used in written summaries such as plots of television series.

*A man walks into a bar and asks for a glass of water. The barman says ...*

*The story so far: Michael meets Susan in the library and tells her about the missing earrings ...*

→ SEE ALSO

**Grammar 4:** Past time 1

**Grammar 5:** Past time 2

**Grammar 6:** Present perfect 1

**Grammar 8:** Future 1

## Practice

### 1 Underline the correct sentence for each situation.

- a) You want to invite a friend to your party on Friday. You say:  
 1 I have a party on Friday. Do you want to come?  
 2 I'm having a party on Friday. Do you want to come?
- b) You find a wallet on your desk and ask the people nearby:  
 1 Who does this wallet belong to?  
 2 Who is this wallet belonging to?
- c) A friend invites you to a snack bar at lunch time. You say:  
 1 Thanks, but I always go home.  
 2 Thanks, but I'm always going home.
- d) A friend opens the door and says: What are you doing? You reply:  
 1 I work as a secretary.  
 2 I'm repairing the computer.
- e) You haven't decided yet about buying a new bike. You say:  
 1 I think about it.  
 2 I'm thinking about it.
- f) A friend asks: Do you like lemon tea? You reply:  
 1 I prefer tea with milk.  
 2 I'm preferring tea with milk.
- g) A friend asks you if you have finished the book she lent you. You say:  
 1 Sorry, I still read it.  
 2 Sorry, I'm still reading it.
- h) It's a hot day, but a friend has a heavy coat on. You ask:  
 1 Why do you wear a heavy coat?  
 2 Why are you wearing a heavy coat?

### 2 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- a) That can't be right! I don't believe/I'm not believing it!
- b) Caroline can't swim today. She has/is having a cold.
- c) See you in the morning. I leave/I'm leaving now.
- d) What do you do/are you doing? If you drop it, it will explode!
- e) Stop doing that, Bill! You're/You're being very silly.
- f) I drive/I'm driving! You can sit in the back with Martin.
- g) What do we eat/are we eating this evening? I'm really hungry!
- h) You're a great cook! This cake tastes/is tasting wonderful.
- i) Where do you go/are you going? I haven't finished speaking to you!
- j) Chemistry is hard. I don't understand/I'm not understanding it.

**3 Put each verb in brackets into the present simple or present continuous.**

- a) Ugh, don't show me that picture! I (hate) ..... *hate* ..... mice!
- b) Who (you, go) ..... to the match on Saturday with?
- c) In the winter, what (you, wear) ..... ?
- d) I can't stand horror films. I (think) ..... they're silly!
- e) Diana (not, usually, sit) ..... next to Ellen.
- f) Why (you, look at) ..... me like that?
- g) Excuse me. (this bus, stop) ..... outside the station?
- h) I (not take) ..... the bus to school today.

**4 Match each sentence (a-h) with a suitable response (1-8).**

- a) What do you usually do on your birthday? ..... *1*.....
- b) Would you like to meet again on Saturday? .....
- c) What do you usually do when there is an earthquake? .....
- d) Have you finished your homework? .....
- e) What are you doing? .....
- f) What are you doing on Friday? .....
- g) Are you in the school basketball team? .....
- h) What do you do? .....

- 1 I have a party.
- 2 I lie under the table.
- 3 I work in a travel agency.
- 4 Yes, we play every Friday.
- 5 I'm still doing it.
- 6 It's hot in here. I'm opening some windows.
- 7 I'm going back to Canada tomorrow.
- 8 I'm having a party.

**5 Put each verb in brackets into the present simple or present continuous.**

- a) What (usually, you, do) *do..you..usually..do* at the weekend?
- b) Don't worry about the cat. It (only eat) ..... once a day.
- c) I can't work out the answer. (you, know) ..... what it is?
- d) What's the matter? Why (you, stare) ..... at me like that?
- e) (you, speak) ..... English? I'm looking for a hotel.
- f) Elena (stay) ..... with me while her house is being decorated.
- g) You should go on a diet. (you, put) ..... on weight.
- h) (they, speak) ..... French or German? I can't tell the difference.

## Explanations

### Past simple: form

- Regular verbs  
Past simple regular verbs add *-ed* to the bare infinitive. Verbs ending in *-e* simply add *-d*.  
*I enjoyed the film. I loved the music.*  
All persons have the same form.
- Spelling problems  
Verbs ending in consonant + *-y* change *-y* to *-ie*.  
*try tried cry cried*  
Verbs ending with one vowel and one consonant double the final consonant.  
*regret regretted fit fitted*
- Irregular verbs  
The most common irregular verbs are listed on page 277. It is necessary to learn these forms.  
*eat ate drink drank wake woke*
- Questions  
Questions are formed with *did* and the bare infinitive.  
*Did you enjoy the film? Did you drink all the milk?*  
*What did you do yesterday? Why did she leave?*
- Negatives  
Negatives are formed with *did not* and the bare infinitive. This is contracted to *didn't* in speech and informal writing.  
*The coat didn't fit me. Carol didn't eat very much.*

### Past simple: meaning

- The past simple is used to describe actions and states in a completed period of time. We know when the action happened, so a definite time expression can be used.  
*I enjoyed the film we saw last night.*  
*We listened to some new CDs yesterday afternoon.*
- The past simple is also used to describe habitual actions in the past.  
*Every day we got up early and went to the beach.*

Past continuous:  
form

- The past continuous is formed with the past of the auxiliary verb *be* and the *-ing* form of the main verb.

*I was sitting by the door.      You were laughing.      He/She was driving.*  
*We were crying.                      They were eating.*

- Questions

Yes/No questions are formed by inverting the subject and the auxiliary verb *be*.

*Was I sleeping?                      Were you waiting?                      Was he/she driving?*  
*Were we writing?                      Were they leaving?*

Wh- questions follow the same pattern.

*What were you writing?      Why were they waiting?*

- Negatives

Negatives are formed with the verb auxiliary verb *be* + *not*. This is contracted in speech and informal writing.

*I wasn't listening.      He wasn't playing.      They weren't looking.*

Past continuous:  
meaning

- The past continuous is used to describe a situation in progress in the past. This is often contrasted with a sudden event in the past simple.

<u>Background situation</u>	<u>Sudden event</u>
<i>I was having my lunch</i>	<i>when Ruth phoned.</i>
<i>While I was waiting for the bus,</i>	<i>I met Karen.</i>

- The past continuous can be used to describe several situations in progress, happening at the same time.

*While James was cooking, David was phoning a friend.*  
*The airport was full of people. Some were sleeping on benches, some were shopping, others were reading. Everyone was waiting for news of the delayed plane.*

Time expressions

- With the past simple

*I arrived here two hours ago/in September/last week/at 6.00.*  
*Helen lived in Madrid for three years.*

- With the past continuous

We can use *when* or *while* with the past continuous to mean 'during the time that'.

*While we were waiting for the train, it started to rain.*  
*I cut my finger when I was peeling the potatoes.*

But if we mean 'at the time that' then we only use *when* with the past simple.

*She was very happy when she got her exam results.*

→ SEE ALSO  
Grammar 7: Present perfect 2  
Grammar 32: Time expressions



# Practice

**1** Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- a) While I *washed/was washing* my hair, the phone *rang/ringed*.
- b) How *did you felt/did you feel* yesterday afternoon?
- c) When I *got/was getting* home I *received/was receiving* a phone call.
- d) Last summer I *was going swimming/went swimming* every weekend.
- e) When the dog *bit/was biting* Laura's leg, she *screamed/was screaming*.
- f) We *sang/sung* some songs and then *ate/eat* some sandwiches.
- g) When you *fell/felt* over the cliff, what *happened/was happening* next?
- h) While Mary *washed-up/was washing-up*, she *broke/was breaking* a cup.
- i) I didn't *see/saw* where the bus stop was, so I *was missing/missed* the bus.
- j) What *did you do/were you doing* when I *phoned/was phoning* you last night?  
There was no reply.

**2** Rewrite each sentence according to the instructions given.

- a) I enjoyed the concert. (negative) *I didn't enjoy the concert.*
- b) You ate all the bread. (question) .....
- c) Did John spend a lot? (affirmative) .....
- d) I felt well yesterday. (negative) .....
- e) Anna didn't buy a car. (affirmative) .....
- f) They won the prize. (question) .....
- g) Paul doesn't speak Greek. (affirmative) .....
- h) I paid all the bills. (negative) .....

**3** Complete each sentence with a suitable time expression from the box. You can use an expression more than once.

ago      in      last week      at      when      ~~while~~

- a) A burglar broke into the house ..... *while* ..... we were watching television.
- b) ..... I met an old friend of mine in the city centre.
- c) What were you doing ..... the police officer knocked on the door?
- d) Jan met Sarah ..... half-past eight outside the cinema.
- e) ..... Dick was preparing lunch, he cut his finger badly.
- f) I first came to this town more than twenty years .....
- g) Jeff was studying to be a doctor ..... he met Sally.
- h) Tony bought his first motorbike ..... 1992.
- i) ..... did you start playing basketball?
- j) Most of the young people left this village a long time .....

**4 Match each sentence (a–h) with a suitable response (1–8).**

- a) What was Katrina doing when you knocked on the door? ....<sup>3</sup>.....
- b) How did Brenda spend her holiday? .....
- c) What happened when the lights went out? .....
- d) When did you meet Cathy? .....
- e) What did Julie do when Tony called? .....
- f) Did Suzannah hear what David said? .....
- g) What did Lucy do when the bell rang at the end of the lesson? .....
- h) Why did Alicia leave so early? .....

- 1 She went sailing most days, and sunbathed at the beach.
- 2 She put the phone down.
- 3 She was listening to the radio in the kitchen.
- 4 She went to meet her parents at a restaurant.
- 5 She came to my brother's birthday party.
- 6 While Tina was looking for a torch, they came back on.
- 7 She wasn't listening.
- 8 She put her books away and left.

**5 Put each verb in brackets into either the past simple or past continuous.**

- a) When Harry (wake up) ..... *woke up* ....., we (tell) ..... *told* ..... him the news.
- b) Everyone (wait) ..... for the concert to begin when a message (arrive) .....
- c) Charlotte (want) ..... a relaxing holiday, so she (choose) ..... to stay on a small island.
- d) When Roberto (study) ..... in America, his parents (phone) ..... him every week.
- e) I (find) ..... my pen while I (look for) ..... my bag.
- f) Ann (watch) ..... a film on television when Julie (arrive) .....
- g) When the lights (go out) ....., I (lie) ..... in bed reading.
- h) When you (go) ..... to the new Chinese restaurant, what (you eat) ..... ?

## Explanations

### Past perfect: form

- The past perfect is formed with the auxiliary *had* and the past participle (third column in verb tables). The past participles of irregular verbs are listed on page 277.

*I had decided. She had left. We had eaten.*

In speech and informal writing these forms are contracted to:

*I'd decided. She'd left. We'd eaten.*

- Questions and negatives

Questions are formed by inverting the subject and *had*. Negatives are formed with *not* and contractions are used.

*Had she left?*

*She had not left. She hadn't left.*

### Past perfect: meaning

- The past perfect is used to show clearly that one past event happened before another past event. We use the past perfect for the earlier event.

*Sue left at 7.00. We arrived at her house at 8.30.*

→ *When we arrived at Sue's house, she had left.*

It is not necessary to use the past perfect if we use *before* or *after* to make the time sequence clear, although many speakers do so to show a strong connection between the two events.

*Sue left her house before we arrived.*

OR *Sue had left her house before we arrived.*

*We arrived at Sue's house after she left.*

OR *We arrived at Sue's house after she had left.*

- Note that it is not necessary to use the past perfect just because an event happened a long time ago. We use past simple.

*The Chinese built the Great Wall over two thousand years ago.*

### Past perfect: common uses

- The past perfect is often used with verbs of thinking like *think, know, be sure, realize, remember, suspect, understand* etc.

*I thought I'd seen the film before, but I hadn't.*

*David knew he'd seen her somewhere before.*

*Ellen was sure she hadn't locked the door.*

*When I got home I realized I'd lost my wallet.*

*The inspector suspected that the thief had used a special key.*

*used to*

- *Used to* describes a habit or state in the past. There is no present form. *Used to* suggests that the action or situation is no longer true and so makes a contrast with the present.

*I used to have long hair when I was younger.*

It is used for repeated actions and not for single events.

*I used to play tennis, but now I play football.*

- Questions and negatives

With questions and negatives *used to* becomes *use to*.

*Did you use to have long hair when you were younger?*

*I didn't use to play tennis, but now I play most weekends.*

- Pronunciation

*Used* is pronounced /ju:st/. This is different from the past tense of the verb *use*, pronounced /ju:zd/.

*would*

*Would* is used in the same way as *used to*, but it only describes repeated actions in the past, not states. It is more common in descriptive writing than in speech.

*On winter days, we would/used to all sit around the fire and tell stories.*

*I used to own a motorbike. (NOT ~~I would own a motorbike.~~)*

Past perfect and past simple

- Study the situations and the example sentences:

Situation 1: the film starts at 8.00, I arrive at 7.50.

a) **I arrived** at 7.50, just before the film **started**.

b) When the film **started**, **I had** already **arrived** ten minutes before.

Situation 2: the film starts at 8.00, I arrive at 8.10.

a) The film **started** at 8.00, but **I arrived** ten minutes late.

b) **I arrived** at 8.10, but the film **had** already **started**.

To describe these situations it is possible to use the past simple for both verbs, as in 1a) and 2a). It is also possible to put the event that happened first into the past perfect, as in 1b) and 2b).

However, 1a) is more simple and much more likely than 1b). In 1b) we emphasize which event happened first (me arriving) – but arriving first is normal when we go to the cinema so we don't need to emphasize it.

In situation 2 both a) and b) are possible. 2a) is simple and easy to use and understand. But 2b) helps the meaning by emphasizing which event happened first (the film starting).

Past forms used in conditionals

- Note that the past simple and past perfect are also used in conditional sentences (*If ...*). In these sentences they have a different meaning.

→ SEE ALSO

**Grammar 13: Conditionals 1**  
**Grammar 14: Conditionals 2**

## Practice

### 1 Underline the errors in these sentences. Rewrite each sentence.

a) When we had ate lunch, we were sitting in the garden.

*When we had eaten lunch, we sat in the garden.*

b) While I looked for my keys, I remembered I left them at home.

c) Anna had used to play badminton when she had been at school.

d) When I got into bed, I was falling asleep immediately.

e) When I was finally finding the house, I was knocking at the door.

f) After Jill was giving Nick his books, she went home.

g) Maria would live in Sweden when she was a child.

h) I was using to get up early when I had gone sailing.

i) The Vikings had sailed to North America a thousand years ago.

j) Juliet was sure she was seeing the tall man before.

### 2 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

a) While I *had waited/was waiting/waited* at the bus stop, I *had noticed/was noticing/noticed* a new shop which *wasn't/hadn't been* in the street the day before.

b) I *had gone/went* out into the garden to fetch my bike, but *found/was finding* that someone *stole/had stolen* it.

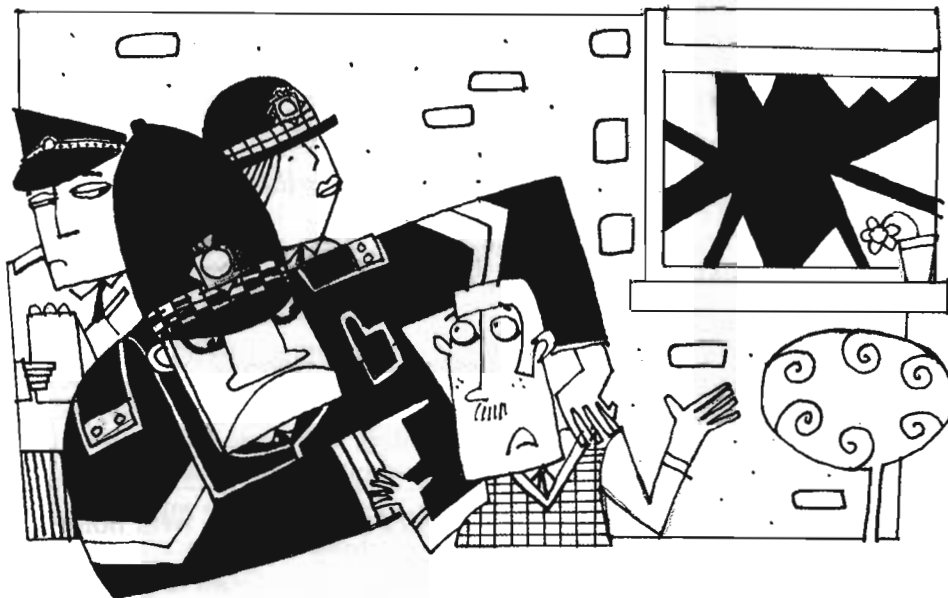
c) When George *met/was meeting* Diane at the party, he *thought/was thinking* that he *saw/had seen/was seeing* her somewhere before.

d) Emily *got off/was getting off* the bus, and *walked/was walking* into the bank when she *realized/had realized/was realizing* that she *left/had left/was leaving* her handbag on the bus.

e) After I *was buying/had bought* my new computer, I discovered that I *wasn't having/didn't have* enough memory.

f) I went to the post office to ask about my package, but they *had said/said* that it still *hadn't arrived/didn't arrive*.

- 3 Put each verb given into the past simple, past continuous or past perfect. More than one answer may be possible.



The police suspected that Brian (a) *had broken*..... (break) the window at his house because he (b) ..... (want) to make them think that a burglar (c) ..... (steal) his valuable stamp collection. They (d) ..... (think) that Brian (e) ..... (do) this because he (f) ..... (need) the money. However, they (g) ..... (not know) that Brian (h) ..... (fly) to Brazil the week before, and (i) ..... (be) abroad when the burglary (j) ..... (take place).

- 4 Complete each sentence, using *would* or *used to* and the verb in brackets. More than one answer may be possible.

- a) Jack (have) *used to have*..... a beard but he shaved it off.
- b) My mother (read) ..... to me every night.
- c) In the holidays we (meet) ..... at the beach every morning.
- d) I (not like) ..... spinach, but now I do.
- e) Helen (write) ..... to me often, but now she phones.
- f) Tina (live) ..... in the house opposite.
- g) When I was young, the summers (be) ..... warmer.
- h) Whenever our teacher let us leave early, we (cheer) ..... !

**5** For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using no more than three words.

- a) Michael took a deep breath and dived into the water.  
After Michael *had taken* ..... a deep breath, he dived into the water.
- b) Terry was fatter.  
Terry ..... to be so thin.
- c) Gary was sure his keys were not in his pocket.  
Gary was sure ..... his keys.
- d) When he was younger David played tennis.  
David ..... tennis when he was younger.
- e) Last summer, Julia got up early every morning.  
Last summer, Julia used to ..... early every morning.
- f) We missed the bus so we took a taxi.  
We took a taxi because ..... the bus.
- g) In those days, we spent the summer in the mountains.  
In those days, we ..... the summer in the mountains.

**6** Combine the two sentences to make one sentence. Use *when* and the past perfect.

- a) I washed and got ready. I went out to meet my friends.  
*When I'd washed and got ready, I went out to meet my friends.*.....
- b) I knew much more about the job. I visited their offices.  
.....  
.....
- c) I looked at the new dress for ages. I asked how much it cost.  
.....  
.....
- d) I felt much more independent. I passed my driving test.  
.....  
.....
- e) Anne went on holiday. She saved enough money.  
.....  
.....
- f) The team finally won the match. They ran round the pitch to celebrate.  
.....  
.....



## Explanations

### Present perfect: form

- The present perfect is formed with the present tense of the auxiliary verb *have* and the past participle (third column in verb tables). The past participles of irregular verbs are listed on page 277.

*I **have decided** to leave tomorrow.* (regular)

*She **has written** the email to Lucy.* (irregular)

In speech and informal writing these forms are contracted to:

*I've decided. She's written.*

- Questions and negatives

Questions are formed by inverting the subject and *have*. Negatives are formed with *not* and contractions are used.

***Have you decided** yet?*

*She **has not written** the email. She **hasn't written** the email.*

### Present perfect: meaning

The present perfect describes past events which are connected to the present. There are a number of different uses:

- Experiences in our life up to now.

***Have you visited** any other countries?*

*Yes, I've **been** to Italy and France.*

There is no time expression because we are talking about a whole life experience, not individual events. If we wanted to say when the events happened we would use the past simple.

- An event in the past that has a result in the present.

*Helen **has broken** her pencil.*

*I've **hurt** my foot.*

There is no time expression because when it happened is not important. Our attention is on the present (Where is the pencil sharpener? / I can't play football). If we wanted to say when the actions happened we would use the past simple.

- A situation that started in the past and continues until the present.

*I've **lived here** for ten years.*

*I've **often seen** Jim with his dog in the park.*

Here there is a time expression, describing how long or how often something has happened.

## Time expressions

## ■ Completion

We often use the present perfect when we describe how many things are completed so far.

*I've read a hundred pages of this book.*

An exact time is not mentioned.

■ *ever, never*

We use *ever* and *never* when we ask or talk about our experiences in life.

*Have you ever eaten Japanese food?*

*No, I've never eaten it.*

■ *yet, so far* and *already*

We use *yet* in questions and negative sentences. It has a similar meaning to *so far* (or 'up to now'), which is used in questions and positive sentences.

*Have you finished this book yet? No, I'm on page 56.*

*How many pages have you read? I've read 56 pages so far.*

We use *already* in positive sentences to describe an action which happened before.

*When are you going to finish your letter?*

*I've already written it.*

■ *just*

We use *just* when we describe a very recent event.

*Cathy has just phoned from the airport.*

■ Frequency adverbs: *always, often* etc.

Frequency adverbs that are used with the present simple can also be used with the present perfect.

*He has always loved you.* (a state)

*We have often visited Spain.* (a repeated event)

■ *for* and *since*

*for* describes the length of a time period.

*Tom has worked here for three months.*

*since* describes the point when the time period started.

*Tom has worked here since July 10th.*

→ SEE ALSO

Grammar 3: Present time 2

# Practice

**1** Put each verb into a form of the present perfect simple.

- a) What's the matter? (you cut) ..... *Have you cut* ..... yourself?
- b) I (have) ..... a headache ever since lunchtime.
- c) Nadia (never see) ..... any Chinese films.
- d) Someone (steal) ..... Mr Grant's bike.
- e) The passengers are tired because they (not sleep) ..... all night.
- f) I'm afraid we (just break) ..... your window. Sorry!
- g) David (not win) ..... a prize this time, I'm afraid.
- h) (you ever eat) ..... Spanish food? It's great!

**2** Complete what each speaker says.



We *'ve been married* ..... for twenty-five wonderful years!



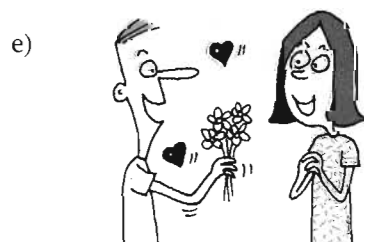
I ..... on holiday to Australia.



I ..... twenty-three letters!



I ..... a snail before!



I ..... you since the day we met!



Oh no! I ..... my pencil!

**3** Complete each sentence with a time word or phrase from the box.

yet for ~~since~~ often ever never already so far just always

- a) Luis has lived in the city centre .....*since*..... 1996.  
 b) Thanks for the present! I've ..... wanted a pet goldfish!  
 c) Have you ..... drunk pineapple juice? It's fantastic!  
 d) I've ..... heard some fantastic news! I've passed my exams!  
 e) Hurry up! Haven't you finished ..... ? You're so slow!  
 f) Nina has worked in this company ..... five years.  
 g) I've ..... been on a big ship before. It's an interesting experience!  
 h) We're very busy today. .... we've sold over a hundred bikes.  
 i) I've ..... passed this building, but this is the first time I've been inside.  
 j) Can I have a different book? I've ..... read this one.

**4** For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using no more than three words.

- a) We started working here three years ago.  
 We *'ve worked here* ..... for three years.  
 b) This is the first time I've been on a plane.  
 I ..... on a plane before.  
 c) That's strange! My pen isn't here!  
 That's strange! ..... disappeared!  
 d) Nicky and Jan aren't at this school any more.  
 Nicky and Jan ..... this school.  
 e) I saw a friend of yours a few moments ago.  
 I ..... a friend of yours.  
 f) I'm still writing my letters.  
 I ..... writing my letters yet.  
 g) Is this your first visit to South America?  
 Have ..... to South America before?  
 h) Oh no! My wallet is still in the car.  
 Oh no! I ..... my wallet in the car.  
 i) It's a long time since we spoke to your sister.  
 We ..... to your sister for a long time.  
 j) Is Anna still asleep?  
 Has ..... up yet?



## Present perfect 2

## Explanations

## Present perfect continuous: form

The present perfect continuous is formed with the present perfect of *be*, and the *-ing* form of the verb.

*I've been waiting here all morning.*

*What have you been doing lately?*

*I haven't been sleeping well recently.*

## Present perfect continuous: meaning

- The present perfect continuous, like the present perfect, describes past events which are connected to the present. But in the continuous form there is a meaning of an action or situation in progress.

*What have you been doing lately?*

*I've been working a lot.*

*How long have you been living here?*

- The present perfect continuous can emphasize the length of time of the action.

*I've been waiting here all morning.*

*I've been feeling ill for weeks.*

- The present perfect continuous can emphasize that the action is temporary.

*I've been staying in a hotel for the past month.*

- The present perfect continuous can be used for repeated actions.

*I've been phoning her for days, but she's never at home.*

- The action may be finished or continuing, we only know by the situation.

*Carlos has been studying English for two years and now he's stopped! What a shame.*

*Carlos has been studying English for two years. He's going to do an exam next year.*

## Time expressions

Typical time expressions that are used with the present perfect continuous include:

*all day, all morning, for days, for ages, lately, recently, since, for*

Present perfect or present perfect continuous?

- Often there is very little difference between the two tenses:  
*I've worked/been working here for two years.*  
*I've lived/been living here for two years.*
- We often use the present perfect if our attention is on the finished result, but the present perfect continuous if our attention is on the action.  
*I've written that email to Jackie. I was meaning to do it for ages.*  
*I've been writing that email to Jackie and it's taken an hour! I'm exhausted!*
- If we give details of how many or how much we do not use a continuous form.  
*I've written four emails.*  
*I've done a lot of cooking and cleaning this afternoon.*

Other problems

- Present simple or present perfect?  
 We use the present simple to describe habits or states in the present, but we use the present perfect to describe the time until the present.  
*I live in Prague.*  
 (a permanent state – I always live there)  
*I've lived in Prague for two years.*  
 (I arrived two years ago and still live there)

- Past simple or present perfect?  
 The past simple describes an event in a completed time period. The present perfect is used for a time period that includes the present.  
*I lived in Prague in the nineties.* (now I live somewhere else)  
*I've lived in Prague since the nineties.* (I still live there)

The choice of tense often depends on whether our attention is in the past or the present.

- *have been* and *have gone*  
 If we *have been* to a place, we went there and have now returned. If we *have gone* to a place, we went there but have not returned.  
*Melissa has been to China.* (and she has come back)  
*Melissa has gone to China.* (and she is still there)

→ SEE ALSO

Grammar 4: Past time 1

## Practice

**1** Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- a) I live here/I've lived here since the end of last year.
- b) I'm afraid the last train left/has left an hour ago.
- c) Someone has just stolen/has just been stealing my bicycle.
- d) Thank you for your offer, but I decided/I've decided not to accept.
- e) Yesterday I lost/I've lost my wallet.
- f) Take your umbrella with you. It started/It's started raining.
- g) We're enjoying our trip. We visited/We've visited two countries so far.
- h) I'm standing here/I've been standing here for hours and I feel tired.
- i) This was/has been a busy day and it isn't over yet!
- j) I feel really tired. We went/We've been to a party last night.

**2** Put each verb in brackets into either the present perfect, past simple or present simple.

- a) Last week I (lose) ..... lost ..... my scarf, and now I (just lose) .....  
..... 've just lost ..... my gloves.
- b) I (work) ..... for Blue Bank at the moment but I (decide) ..... to change jobs.
- c) We (be) ..... here for hours. Are you sure we (come) ..... to the right place?
- d) (you see) ..... my calculator? I'm sure I (leave) ..... it here earlier.
- e) We (have) ..... some coffee and then (catch) ..... the bus home.
- f) I (never eat) ..... octopus, but once on holiday I (eat) ..... some squid.
- g) I (hope) ..... you aren't a vegetarian. I (cook) ..... you some lamb chops.
- h) Recently a lot of young people (take up) ..... kite surfing.
- i) When we (reach) ..... the cinema, there (not be) ..... any tickets left.
- j) Please come quickly! Nick (have) ..... an accident, and he (go) ..... to hospital.



**3** Complete each mini-dialogue by putting the verbs given in brackets into either the present perfect or present perfect continuous.

- a) A: Terminator 2 is on at the Rex? (you see) *Have you seen* ..... it?  
 B: No, not yet. Shall we go? I (look forward) *'ve been looking forward* .....  
 to seeing it for ages.
- b) A: What's the matter? You look really tired!  
 B: I am! I (study) ..... all day, and I (not finish)  
 ..... yet.  
 A: Oh well, time for a break.
- c) A: I (phone) ..... Carol all day, but there's no reply.  
 B: I expect she (go) ..... swimming with her friends.
- d) A: (you hear) ..... the news?  
 B: What news?  
 A: Someone (rob) ..... the bank at the end of the road.
- e) A: Why is your leg in plaster?  
 B: That's a silly question! I (break) ..... it, of course.  
 A: Someone (write) ..... 'Break Time' on the plaster!

**4** For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using no more than three words.

- a) I came to live here three months ago.  
 I *'ve been living* ..... here for three months.
- b) Sophie is out at the shops at the moment.  
 Sophie ..... to the shops.
- c) I've had French lessons since March.  
 I ..... French since March.
- d) I'm still reading this book.  
 I ..... reading this book yet.
- e) Paul left the room a moment ago.  
 Paul has ..... the room.
- f) It's ages since I last went to the cinema.  
 I ..... to the cinema for ages.
- g) This is the first time I've eaten snails.  
 I ..... snails before.
- h) I don't remember Helen's phone number.  
 I've ..... Helen's phone number.

**5 Complete each sentence with one suitable word.**

We've had a very interesting trip (a) .....<sup>so</sup>..... far, and we've had some interesting adventures (b) ..... the last time we wrote. We've (c) ..... to some beautiful islands, and (d) ..... a lot of interesting people. In fact (e) ..... we've made friends with some people in a village, and they've been (f) ..... us the local language. I haven't managed to learn much (g) ..... , but Ann (h) ..... picked up quite a lot, and can speak well. She's been (i) ..... every day, and she's (j) ..... me everything she knows!

**6 Underline the errors in these sentences. Rewrite each sentence.**

- a) My penfriend is writing to me for years.  
*My penfriend has been writing to me for years.*
- b) We have started this course three weeks ago.  
 .....
- c) 'What have you been doing all day?' 'I've been written letters.'  
 .....
- d) When have you arrived in this city?  
 .....
- e) You have ever been to India?  
 .....
- f) Paula has been stayed in a hotel by the sea.  
 .....
- g) I've been feeling ill three weeks ago.  
 .....
- h) I live in this city since I was born.  
 .....
- i) I wait here for ages. Where have you been?  
 .....
- j) Tony has leaved his books on the bus.  
 .....

## Explanations

### Future time

We can refer to the future in English by using *will*, *be going to* or by using present tenses. Sometimes we can use different forms and there is little difference between them, other times there is a difference.

### *will*

#### ■ Form

The *will* future is formed with the infinitive without *to*. The negatives of *will* is *won't*. *Will* is usually shortened in speech and informal writing to 'll. Some speakers use *shall* to refer to the future in formal situations with *I* and *we*. However this use is becoming very rare. In modern English *shall* is used for suggestions only:

*Shall I open the window?*

#### ■ Meaning

We use *will* to talk generally about future beliefs, opinions, hopes and predictions. There is usually a time expression. We can add *perhaps*, *probably* or *definitely* to show how certain or uncertain we are about our predictions.

*In the next century, most people **will probably** live in big cities.*

***Perhaps it'll** rain tomorrow.*

*United **will definitely** win tonight.*

Notice that *probably* comes after *will* but before *won't*.

*She'll **probably** come with us tonight.*

*She **probably won't** come with us tonight.*

### *be going to*

#### ■ Form

The *be going to* future is formed with the verb *be* + *going* + the infinitive.

*Jean **is going to learn** to drive.*

*Tim and Ann **are going to travel** abroad next year.*

#### ■ Meaning

We use *going to* for plans and intentions. The plan may be in the near future, or more distant.

*I'm **going to do** lots of work this evening.*

*After I finish University I'm **going to travel** all over Europe by InterRail.*

We also use *going to* for predictions. We use *going to* when there is some evidence in the present situation, for example we can see something.

*Look out! Those books **are going to fall**!*

Present  
continuous

- Form  
See Grammar 2 for the form of the present continuous.  
*I'm meeting my mother for lunch at one.*
- Meaning  
We use the present continuous to talk about things we have arranged to do, in particular social arrangements and appointments. There is nearly always a time expression.  
A: *Are you doing anything on Friday evening?*  
B: *Not really. Why?*  
A: *I'm having a party. Would you like to come?*

Problems

- *will* or *going to*?  
*Will* and *going to* are both used for predictions, and on most occasions either is possible.  
*I think it's going to/it'll probably rain tomorrow.*  
However if there is strong evidence in the present situation, then *going to* is usually used:  
*I think it's going to rain this afternoon.*  
(looking up at black clouds in the sky)
- *going to* or present continuous?  
*Going to* and the present continuous are both used for plans and arrangements, and on most occasions either is possible.  
*I'm going to have/I'm having a party on Friday.*  
However, *going to* can suggest that the details are not yet finalized – it's still just a plan. Whereas the present continuous can suggest that the arrangement is more fixed, with a time and a place.  
*Jean is going to have another driving lesson soon.*  
(a plan, with no specific time)  
*Jean is having her driving lesson this afternoon.*  
(it's fixed, in her diary)
- other meanings of *will*  
*Will* has other meanings, for example spontaneous decisions that come into our head at the moment of speaking, promises etc.  
*Is that the phone ringing? I'll answer it.* (a spontaneous decision)  
*I'll do the best that I can to help you.* (a promise)
- *be*  
With *be* we use *will* or *going to*, not the present continuous.  
*I'll be back on Friday.*  
*I'm going to be back on Friday.*

→ SEE ALSO

**Grammar 2:** Present time 1  
**Grammar 9:** Future 2

## Practice

### 1 Underline the correct sentence, 1 or 2, in each mini-dialogue.

- a) A: Can you come dancing tomorrow night?  
 B: 1 Sorry, I'll play basketball.  
 2 Sorry, I'm playing basketball.
- b) A: What are your plans for the summer?  
 B: 1 I'll spend a month in the mountains.  
 2 I'm going to spend a month in the mountains.
- c) A: What do you think about the weather?  
 B: 1 It'll probably rain tomorrow.  
 2 It's raining tomorrow.
- d) A: What about tomorrow at about 5.30?  
 B: 1 OK, I'll see you then.  
 2 OK, I'm seeing you then.
- e) A: Mary is buying a dog next week.  
 B: 1 Really? What is she calling it?  
 2 Really? What is she going to call it?
- f) A: It would be nice to see you next week.  
 B: 1 Are you doing anything on Wednesday?  
 2 Will you do anything on Wednesday?

### 2 Put each verb in brackets into a form of *will*, *going to* or present continuous. More than one answer may be possible.

- a) Have you heard the news? Harry (join) ..... *is joining/is going to join* ..... the Army!
- b) Sorry to keep you waiting. I (not be) ..... long.
- c) According to the weather forecast, it (snow) ..... tomorrow.
- d) I'm sorry I can't meet you tonight. I (go out) ..... with my parents.
- e) Careful! You (knock) ..... that jug off the table!
- f) In fifty years' time, most people (probably ride) ..... bicycles to work.
- g) Our teacher (give) ..... us a test tomorrow.
- h) I (go) ..... to Manchester at the end of next week.
- i) Look out! You (hit) ..... that tree!
- j) I think our team (probably win) .....

**3** Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- a) My party is on Thursday.  
I *'m having a party*..... on Thursday.
- b) Tomorrow's weather forecast is for rain.  
It's ..... tomorrow.
- c) I predict a victory for our team.  
I think ..... win.
- d) Tomorrow I'll be absent, Mrs Jones.  
I ..... here tomorrow, Mrs Jones.
- e) Terry intends to finish painting the kitchen this evening.  
Terry ..... painting the kitchen this evening.
- f) Meet me outside the station at 5.30.  
I ..... outside the station at 5.30.
- g) What's our arrangement for lunch?  
Where ..... for lunch?
- h) Everyone expects lots of tourism in this country next summer.  
Everyone thinks a large number of tourists ..... this country next summer.

**4** Underline the sentences which are incorrect. Rewrite them. If the sentence is correct, put a tick (✓).

- a) I go swimming next Saturday. Would you like to come?  
*I'm going swimming next Saturday. Would you like to come?*
- b) What are you going to discuss at the next meeting?  
.....
- c) The boat is turning over! I think it will sink!  
.....
- d) Sue is going to lend me her roller-skates.  
.....
- e) The weather forecast says it's definitely sunny tomorrow.  
.....
- f) There is a lot to do. Is anyone going to help you?  
.....
- g) Sorry, I'm not seeing you tomorrow. I have to go to London.  
.....
- h) Bye for now. I see you later this evening.  
.....

**5** Rewrite each sentence so that it contains *will* or *going to*.

a) I plan to study engineering in France.

*I'm going to study engineering in France.*

b) I've arranged a party for next Friday.

.....

c) We've got an appointment at the doctor's, so we can't come.

.....

d) Kelly is likely to get the job.

.....

e) Martin's wife is pregnant again.

.....

f) Sarah doesn't plan to get married yet.

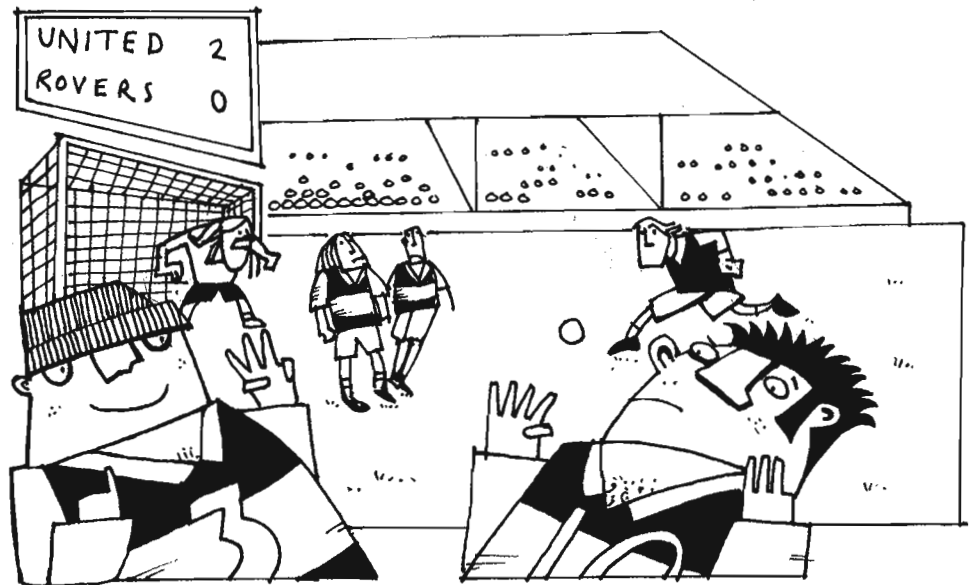
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g) There's a possibility of snow tomorrow.

.....

h) I predict a score of 3-0.

.....



## Explanations

### Future continuous

#### ■ Form

The future continuous is formed with *will + be + the -ing form of the verb*.

*This time tomorrow I'll be eating lunch on the plane.*

#### ■ Meaning

The future continuous is used when we imagine an activity in progress in the future.

We often use it when we compare what we are doing now with what we will be doing in the future. There is nearly always a time expression.

*Where will you be living in five years' time?*

We also use the future continuous to say that something will definitely happen.

*We'll be holding a meeting soon, so we can decide then.*

### Future perfect

#### ■ Form

The future perfect is formed with *will + have + the past participle*.

*By the time we get to the cinema, the film will have begun.*

#### ■ Meaning

We use the future perfect to look back from one point in the future to an earlier event. We often use *by* or *by the time* with the future perfect.

*By next week I'll have collected over 1000 euros for charity.*

The situation has not happened yet, but at a certain time in the future it will happen.

### Present simple

- We often use the present simple to talk about events in the future based on a fixed timetable, programme or calendar.

*Jim's plane leaves at 12.00.*

*Our head teacher retires next year.*

- We use the present simple to refer to the future after these words: *when, after, before, unless, in case, as soon as, until, by the time, the next time*.

*When I see her again, I'll tell her your news.*

*Let's run home before it rains.*

*Take an umbrella, in case it rains.*

*As soon as we're ready, we'll phone you.*

*Please wait here until Mrs Hall comes back.*

We can also use the present perfect with these words to emphasize that an action is complete.

*Hand in your paper as soon as you have finished.*



### Functions using *will* and *shall*

When we say that a verb form has a 'function', we mean that we use it for a purpose like 'promising' or 'suggesting' rather than to refer to time. Many uses of *will* and *shall* are more easily described in this way.

- Promise  
*I'll try as hard as I can.*
- Threat  
*Stop doing that, or I'll tell my dad.*
- Decision made at the moment of speaking.  
A: *'Which one do you want?'*  
B: *'I'll take the blue silk one.'* (in a shop)
- Offer  
*I'll give you a lift in my car.*  
*Will you have some more coffee?*  
*Shall I open the door for you?*
- Request  
*Will you carry this bag for me?*
- Suggestion  
*Shall we play tennis?*
- Parting remark  
*I'll see you tomorrow.*

→ SEE ALSO

**Grammar 24: Functions**

# Practice

**1** Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- a) This time next week Billy will lie/will be lying on the beach.
- b) Please stay in your seats until the bell rings/will ring.
- c) We'll have moved/We'll be moving to our new house on Tuesday.
- d) What time does your train leave/will your train leave?
- e) Don't forget to turn off the lights before you're leaving/you leave.
- f) Where will you work/will you be working in ten years' time?
- g) Wait for me. I'll be/I'll have been ready in a moment.
- h) John won't stop/won't have stopped talking all the time!

**2** Complete each part sentence (a–h) with one of the part sentences (1–8). More than one answer may be possible.

- a) As soon as I hear from Sharon, ...<sup>5</sup>.....
- b) By the time Mary arrives .....
- c) Please take a seat .....
- d) This time next week .....
- e) The next time you see me .....
- f) We'll have time to have some lunch .....

- 1 until the dentist is ready.
- 2 the match will be over.
- 3 I'll have had my hair cut and you won't recognize me.
- 4 before the train leaves.
- 5 I'll ask her to phone you.
- 6 we'll be enjoying ourselves on holiday.

**3** Underline the inappropriate verb forms and write the correct form in the space. If the sentence is correct, put a tick (✓).

- a) By the time the police get here, the burglars will have vanished. ..... ✓ .....
- b) When you'll grow older, you'll change your mind about this. .....
- c) The bus leaves at 1.00, so we'll leave the house at 11.30. .....
- d) I won't leave until you will give me the money. .....
- e) As soon as the taxi will arrive, I'll be letting you know. .....
- f) Will you have been using the video next lesson? .....
- g) By the time we get to Helen's house, she'll leave. .....
- h) 'Do you want me to carry this?' 'No that's all right, I'm doing it.' .....

**4** Rewrite each sentence so that it contains *will/shall* or *going to*, and the verb underlined.

- a) How playing tennis?  
*..... Shall we play tennis? .....*
- b) I've decided to study Arabic in Cairo.  
*.....*
- c) I promise to be home by midnight.  
*.....*
- d) I hope to meet you later.  
*.....*
- e) I'd like you to go to the shops for me.  
*.....*
- f) We promise not to make too much noise.  
*.....*
- g) Would you like me to help you with those bags?  
*.....*
- h) We could come back later if you like.  
*.....*

**5** Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- a) The work won't take us longer than an hour.  
 We *'ll have finished* ..... the work in an hour.
- b) I promise to phone you before our next meeting.  
 Before we ..... you.
- c) Would you like me to check the spelling for you?  
 Shall ..... for you?
- d) Sheila refuses to let me share her book.  
 Sheila won't ..... book.
- e) How about having a game of chess?  
 Shall ..... a game of chess?
- f) Please stay here until I come back.  
 Please don't ..... come back.
- g) After the lesson we'll meet and play tennis.  
 When ..... we'll meet and play tennis.
- h) What job will you have in twenty years' time?  
 What will ..... in twenty years' time?

## Explanations

### Reported speech

We often tell people what other people have said. This is called reported or indirect speech. We rarely report the exact words, usually we just give a general summary.

Sandra speaking to Petra: *'Bye, Petra, it's been great seeing you again. I'll call you sometime next week when I get a chance.'*

Petra reporting the conversation to Roberta: *'I saw Sandra yesterday. She said she'd call me next week.'*

We usually change tenses (*will* → *would* in the example above) and also other references like people, places and times (*you* → *me* in the example above).

### Tense changes

Statements are usually reported with a past tense verb (like *said*) and an optional *that*. The form of the verb that follows then 'moves back' in time. This is sometimes called backshift.

Present simple to past simple      *'I need some help.'*  
She said (that) she **needed** some help.

Present continuous to  
past continuous      *'We are having our lunch.'*  
She said that they **were having** their lunch.

Present perfect to past perfect      *'I've lost my keys.'*  
He said (that) he **had lost** his keys.

Past simple to past perfect  
(or stays the same)      *'I wrote two letters to her.'*  
He said (that) he **had written** two letters to her.  
He said (that) he **wrote** two letters to her.

*be going to* to *was going to*      *'They are going to come back.'*  
She said (that) they **were going to** come back.

*will* to *would*      *'I will be home at 6.00.'*  
*can* to *could*      She said (that) she **would be** home at 6.00.

- There is no change for *must*, *might*, *could*, *should*, *would*.

*'I must leave straightaway for Brussels.'*

He said he **must leave** straightaway for Brussels.

But in the case of *must* we can also use *had to*.

He said he **had to leave** straightaway for Brussels.

- Note that if the actual words were in the past simple, the report can change or stay the same.
- Note that if we write down the actual words that someone says we use speech marks (inverted commas). But if we write down a report of the words there are no speech marks.

## No tense changes

- If the report is about something which is always true, it is not necessary to change tenses.

*'I like apples more than I like oranges.'*

*She said that she likes apples more than she likes oranges.*

But in cases like this it is still possible to change tenses if you want to.

- If the report is about something that has immediate relevance, we usually do not change tenses.

Jack speaking to Ted: *'I'm going to the cinema tonight. Do you want to come?'*

Ted reporting the conversation to Peter: *'Jack is on the phone. He says he's going to the cinema tonight.'*

## Speakers in reported speech

When we write down the actual words, the speaker can be mentioned at the beginning or end of the sentence. Notice the position of the comma and the final full stop in relation to the speech marks.

*Jack said, 'We're going to miss the train.'*

*'We're going to miss the train,' said Jack.*

But in reported speech the speaker is only mentioned at the beginning of the sentence.

*Jack said (that) they were going to miss the train.*

## People, places, times

In reported speech references to people, places and times often change, because the point of view changes.

*'I'll see you here tomorrow,' said Sue.*

*Sue said (that) she would see me there the next day.*

*'I bought this book yesterday,' said Martin.*

*Martin said (that) he had bought the book the day before.*

## Summarizing

We usually just summarize what people say when we make reports.

*'Look, actually, tell him I'll give him a call or email him next week, OK?'*

Reported as: *She said (that) she'd get in touch next week.*

If we report the exact words it is called verbatim reporting.

## say, tell, speak

We say something and we tell somebody. Say and tell can be followed by the optional *that*.

*'It's warm today,' she said.*

*She said (that) it was warm.*

*She told me (that) it was warm.*

We can use *to* after say, but we never use *to* after tell.

*'I come from Slovenia'*

*She said to me (that) she comes from Slovenia.*

*She told me (that) she comes from Slovenia.*

*Speak* describes the act of talking.

*Simon spoke to me in the supermarket yesterday.*

# Practice

**1** Underline the errors in these sentences. Rewrite each sentence.

- a) Sally told that she'd lost her keys.  
*Sally said that she'd lost her keys.*
- b) Chris said me that he must leave early.
- c) Maria and Tony said they shall see us tomorrow.
- d) Tom said, I'm coming to your party.
- e) Sue said that she had wrote a letter to Lisa.
- f) Steve said us that he was arriving at 8.00.
- g) 'I had bought a new bike Pam told us.'
- h) 'What's the matter? Ellen told.

**2** Rewrite each sentence in direct speech, ending as shown.

- a) Anna told us that she'd finished.  
*'I've finished'* , ' Anna told us.
- b) Simon said that he would be back at 6.00.  
 '.....' , ' Simon said.
- c) Beth said she was going to go shopping.  
 '.....' , ' said Beth.
- d) Paul said that he wanted to make a phone call.  
 '.....' , ' said Paul.
- e) Tina told the teacher she'd forgotten her homework.  
 '.....' , ' Tina told the teacher.
- f) David said he had to be back by 3.30.  
 '.....' , ' David said.
- g) Jan told me she would let me know.  
 '.....' , ' Jan told me.
- h) Bill said he was going to be late.  
 '.....' , ' Bill said.

**3 Match each sentence in direct speech (a–e) with its summarized version in reported speech (1–5).**

- a) 'Look, sorry about this, but I'm afraid I'm going to be a bit late.' .....3.....
- b) 'Actually I've no idea at all where I am!' .....
- c) 'The thing is, I know it's silly but I've missed the bus.' .....
- d) 'Anyway, I'll be back in next to no time.' .....
- e) 'I did ring, you know, earlier in the evening.' .....

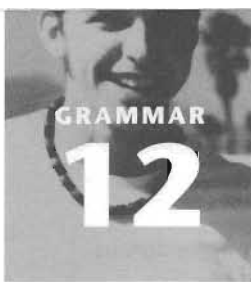
- 1 She said she would be back soon.
- 2 She said she had missed the bus.
- 3 She said she was going to be late.
- 4 She said she had already rung.
- 5 She said she didn't know where she was.

**4 Complete each sentence, using *say*, *tell* or *speak* in an appropriate form.**

- a) Daniel .....*told*..... me that he was playing in the school basketball team.
- b) I ..... to Helen, and she ..... she would phone you.
- c) 'You're lucky,' ..... Steve. 'I ..... you that you would win!'
- d) A translator ..... the President what everyone was .....
- e) 'Look,' I ..... her, 'why don't you ..... me what you mean?'
- f) I ..... my teacher that I ..... Chinese, but she didn't believe me.

**5 Rewrite each sentence in reported speech, beginning as shown.**

- a) 'I won't be there because I'm having a party,' said Lucy.  
Lucy told us that she .....*wouldn't be there because she was having*.....  
.....*a party.*.....
- b) 'I've lost the map and I don't know the way,' said Jack.  
Jack told me that he .....
- c) 'When I finish the book, I'm going to watch television,' said Jessica.  
Jessica said that when .....
- d) 'I'm doing some homework but I won't be long,' said Mike.  
Mike said that he .....
- e) 'I got up late and I missed the bus,' said Richard.  
Richard said that he .....



# Reported speech 2

## Explanations

### Reporting questions

- We can report questions with verbs like *ask*, *wonder* and *want to know*. Tense change rules are the same as in Grammar 11.

*'Where do you live?'* he asked.

He **asked** me where I **lived**. (NOT ~~where I did live~~)

*'Do you live in Athens?'* he asked.

He **wanted to know** if I **lived** in Athens. (NOT ~~if I did live~~)

- Look at more examples of 'Wh- questions' (using *when*, *what*, *why*, *how* etc). Study the tense changes and word order carefully. Notice that the word order in a reported question is like a normal statement, with the subject before the verb.

*'Where is the bus station?'* she asked.

She asked where **the bus station was**. (NOT ~~where was the bus station~~)

*'What are you doing?'* he asked.

He wanted to know what **I was doing**.

*'Why did you go there?'* she asked.

She wondered why **I had gone** there.

*'Where have you come from?'* he asked.

He asked me where **I had come** from.

- Look at more examples of Yes/No questions (*Do you*, *Did you*, *Are you* etc.). When we report Yes/No questions we use *if* or *whether*.

*'Does the London train stop here?'* she asked.

She asked me if the London train **stopped** here.

*'Did you speak to Rachel?'* he asked.

He wanted to know **whether I had spoken** to Rachel.

*'Are you a student?'* she asked.

She asked me **if I was** a student.

### Reporting commands and requests

- Commands are reported with *tell* and the infinitive.

*'Wait! Wait!'*

I **told** him to wait.

- Requests are reported with *ask* and the infinitive.

*'Please wait!'*

I **asked** her to wait.



## Other reporting verbs

- Grammar 11 used *say* as the reporting verb, but there are many others. Here are some of the most common:

<i>advise</i>	<i>'I wouldn't buy that car, Janos, if I were you.'</i> I <b>advised</b> Janos not to buy the car.
<i>agree</i>	<i>'OK, I'll give you a lift,' said Jenny.</i> Jenny <b>agreed</b> to give her a lift. <i>'Yes, Jill, I think you're right,' said Mike.</i> Mike <b>agreed</b> with Jill.
<i>apologize for</i>	<i>'I'm really sorry for being so late,' said Maria.</i> Maria <b>apologized for</b> being late.
<i>ask</i>	<i>'Do you think you could help me, Sue?'</i> I <b>asked</b> Sue to help me.
<i>congratulate on</i>	<i>'Well done, Tina, you've passed the exam!'</i> I <b>congratulated</b> Tina <b>on</b> passing her exam.
<i>decide</i>	<i>'I'll have the fish soup, please,' said Bill.</i> Bill <b>decided</b> to have the fish soup.
<i>deny</i>	<i>'No, I didn't take it! I wasn't even there!' said Alice.</i> Alice <b>denied</b> taking it.
<i>invite</i>	<i>'Would you like to come to the cinema on Saturday, Pam?'</i> I <b>invited</b> Pam to the cinema on Saturday.
<i>offer</i>	<i>'Shall I carry your case, Dawn?'</i> said Peter. Peter <b>offered</b> to carry Dawn's case.
<i>promise</i>	<i>'I'll definitely be home by eight,' said Ann.</i> Ann <b>promised</b> to be home by eight.
<i>refuse</i>	<i>'No, I won't open the door!' said Carol.</i> Carol <b>refused</b> to open the door.
<i>remind</i>	<i>'Don't forget to send your mother a birthday card, Joe.'</i> I <b>reminded</b> Joe to send his mother a birthday card.
<i>suggest</i>	<i>'How about spending the day at the beach?'</i> said Carlos. Carlos <b>suggested</b> spending the day at the beach.

- Reporting verbs can have one or more different patterns. A good dictionary shows this information. Study the example sentences in the previous section in relation to the patterns below.

Verb + <i>to</i> infinitive:	<i>agree, decide, offer, promise, refuse</i>
Verb + object + <i>to</i> infinitive:	<i>advise, ask, invite, remind</i>
Verb + <i>-ing</i> form:	<i>deny, suggest</i>
Verb + preposition + <i>-ing</i> form:	<i>apologize for, congratulate on</i>

→ SEE ALSO

Grammar 11: Reported speech 1

# Practice

**1 Put one suitable word in each space.**

- a) Fiona asked me ... *whether* ... I ... *was* ... going to school or not.
- b) David asked his mother ..... she ..... be coming home.
- c) Peter asked us ..... we ..... ever been to Hungary.
- d) Costas asked me ..... I ..... many photographs.
- e) Maria asked a policeman ..... the museum was.
- f) Dora asked her sister ..... she ..... fed their dog.

**2 Complete each question in direct speech, ending as shown.**

- a) Jack asked me whether I was having lunch or going out.  
'... *Are you having lunch or going out* ..... ?' Jack asked me.
- b) Carol asked Ann what she had done the day before.  
'..... , Ann?' asked Carol.
- c) John asked us if we often went sailing.  
'..... ?' John asked us.
- d) Christine asked me how many German books I had read.  
'..... ?' Christine asked me.
- e) Kevin asked Sue if she was going to change schools.  
'..... , Sue?' asked Kevin.
- f) Alice asked me who I sat next to in class.  
'..... ?' Alice asked me.

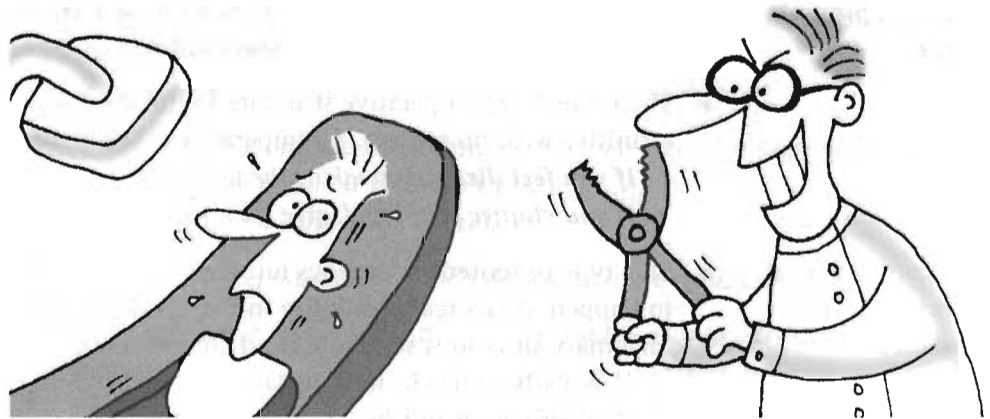
**3 Rewrite each sentence in reported speech, beginning as shown. Do not change the meaning.**

- a) 'Are you staying here all summer?' the little girl asked me.  
The little girl asked me *if/whether I was staying there all summer...*
- b) 'What does 'procrastinate' mean?' I asked my teacher.  
I asked my teacher .....
- c) 'Have you done your homework, or not?' my mother asked me.  
My mother asked me .....
- d) 'When is your birthday?' I asked Sue.  
I asked Sue .....
- e) 'Did you remember to lock the door,' my father asked me.  
My father asked me .....
- f) 'Why have you turned off the television?' Ellen asked me.  
Ellen asked me .....

**4** Use a verb from the box to rewrite each sentence in reported speech, beginning as shown. Do not change the meaning.

advised	apologized	congratulated	invited	offered
<del>promised</del>	refused	suggested		

- a) 'I'll definitely be at your house before 8.00, Sue,' said Mike.  
 Mike *promised* Sue *he would be at her house before 8.00*.....
- b) 'Would you like to come to the cinema, Jean?' asked Chris.  
 Chris .....
- c) 'I wouldn't eat too much if I were you, Dave,' said Patsy.  
 Patsy .....
- d) 'How about going for a walk?' said Nick.  
 Nick .....
- e) 'I'm terribly sorry for breaking the window,' said Carol.  
 Carol .....
- f) 'Shall I do the washing-up?' said Bill.  
 Bill .....
- g) 'Well done, you've passed your driving test,' said Tina's mother.  
 Tina's mother ..... her .....
- h) 'No, I won't open my mouth!' said Pat.  
 Pat .....





## Explanations

### Conditions and results

- Sentences with *If* are called conditionals. The *If ...* clause is the condition and the other part of the sentence is the result. Here are four examples of conditionals, used for talking about checking in at the airport for a flight:
  - 1 *If you **arrive** early, you **get** a better seat.*
  - 2 *If you **arrive** early, you'**ll** get a better seat.*
  - 3 *If you **arrived** early, you'**d** get a better seat.*
  - 4 *If you **had arrived** early, you'**d** have got a better seat.*
- Sentence 1 is talking generally about something that is always true. It is sometimes called a zero conditional.  
Sentence 2 is talking about something that is likely to happen in the future. It is sometimes called the first conditional.  
Sentence 3 is talking about something that is unlikely to happen in the future, or an imaginary situation. It is sometimes called the second conditional.  
Sentence 4 is talking about something that is imaginary in the past. It is sometimes called the third conditional.

Zero conditional:  
*If* + present  
simple, ... present  
simple

- Zero, first and second conditionals are covered in this unit. The third conditional is covered in Grammar 14.
- This type of sentence describes things that are always or generally true. We can use *when* or *if* to introduce the sentence.
 

*It's a tropical country, and so **if it rains** hard, everyone **stays** indoors.*  
***When it rains** hard, everyone **stays** indoors.*
- There can be an imperative structure in the result clause: just the bare infinitive with no subject. An imperative is when we tell people what to do.
 

***If you feel dizzy, stop** taking the tablets.*  
***If you change** your mind, **give** me a ring.*

First conditional: *If*  
+ present simple,  
... *will/won't*

- This type of sentence describes future events that will happen, or are likely to happen. It is a real possibility in the speaker's mind, not imaginary (for imaginary situations see the second conditional).
 

***If we walk** so slowly, we'**ll** be late.*  
***If we run**, we **won't** be late.*  
***If we don't run**, we **will** be late.*

- Example: You are at the supermarket with a friend. Your friend has put some eggs in a bag, and is picking up lots of other bags at the same time. You say:

*If you **carry** too many bags, you'll **drop** the eggs.*

*If you **drop** the eggs, they'll **break**.*

*If the eggs **break**, there **will be** an awful mess on the floor!*

*If you **are** careful, you **won't break** them.*

- In the condition clause it is possible to use other present tenses, not just the present simple.

*If you're **driving**, I'll come with you.* (present continuous)

*If I've **seen** the film before, I'll let you know!* (present perfect)

Second  
conditional: *If* +  
past simple, ...  
*would/wouldn't*

- This type of sentence describes future events that are imaginary, unlikely or impossible.

*If I **had** a helicopter, I'd fly to school.*

*If I **flew** to school, I **wouldn't be** late.*

- Example: You start talking to a friend about aliens. You say:

*If **some aliens landed** on earth, I'd **make friends** with them.*

*If they **didn't speak** English, I'd **use sign language**.*

*If they **took me** back to their planet, I'd **learn their language**.*

*If **anyone believed** my story, I'd **become famous**!*

- Note that *would* is usually contracted in speech.

*I'd become famous.* (= *I **would** become famous.*)

- Note that the past simple is used in the condition clause, but the time reference is the future.

- The regular past simple of *to be* is *I was* and *He/She was*. We can use these forms in second conditionals, or alternatively we can use *If I were* and *If he/she were*. The *were* form is more formal.

*If I **was/were** an astronaut, I'd enjoy being weightless!*

*unless*

*Unless* means *If not*. Compare these sentences which have the same meaning.

*We'll go out for a walk **if it doesn't rain**.*

*We'll go out for a walk **unless it rains**.*

Other uses of  
*would*

We use *would* in other situations which do not involve conditional sentences.

Reporting what someone said:

*He said he **would call back** later.*

Polite offer:

***Would you like** some more tea?*

Polite request:

***Would you open** the window, please?*

Someone refused to do something:

*The minister **wouldn't answer** the question.*

→ SEE ALSO

**Grammar 14: Conditionals 2**

## Practice

### 1 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- a) If we'd be/we're late for class, our teacher will be/was angry.
- b) If we would live/lived on another planet, we'll see/we'd see the Earth in the sky.
- c) If we take/will take a taxi, we arrived/we'll arrive sooner.
- d) If we won't hurry/don't hurry, we'll be/we'd be late.
- e) If we were/are birds, we would be able to/are able to fly.
- f) If you don't wear/wouldn't wear your pullover, you'll feel/you felt cold.
- g) If I studied/will study harder, I get/would get better marks.
- h) If I have/had a motorbike, I rode/I'd ride it to school.
- i) If you will lend/lend me your bike, I'll let/I let you borrow my skateboard.
- j) If I had/have lots of money, I gave/I'd give some to all my friends.

### 2 Complete the sentence for each situation using the verbs given.

- a) You're standing very close to the edge of a swimming-pool. You're wearing all your clothes, not a swimming costume. A friend says:  
If you (fall in) ... fall in ....., your clothes (get) .... will get ... wet!
- b) You're sitting in the classroom on a hot day. You're day-dreaming about going to the beach. You think:  
If today (be) ..... a holiday, I (go) ..... to the beach.
- c) You can't answer a question in your English book. You ask a friend to help, but she doesn't know the answer. She says:  
If I (know) ..... the answer, I (tell) ..... you.
- d) You're walking towards the bus stop with a friend. Suddenly the bus arrives. The bus stop is far away, but you think there is a chance of catching the bus. You say:  
If we (run) ....., we (catch) ..... it!
- e) You're planning to go to the beach tomorrow with some friends. You are not sure about the weather, because it sometimes rains at this time of the year. You arrange to meet tomorrow afternoon and say:  
If it (rain) ....., we (go) ..... to the cinema instead.
- f) You're very busy, because you have lots of school work, and you also play in two teams. A friend asks you to join a computer club. You say:  
If I (have) ..... more free time, I (join) ..... the club.  
But it's impossible at the moment because I'm too busy!

**3** Complete each sentence using *if, unless or would*.

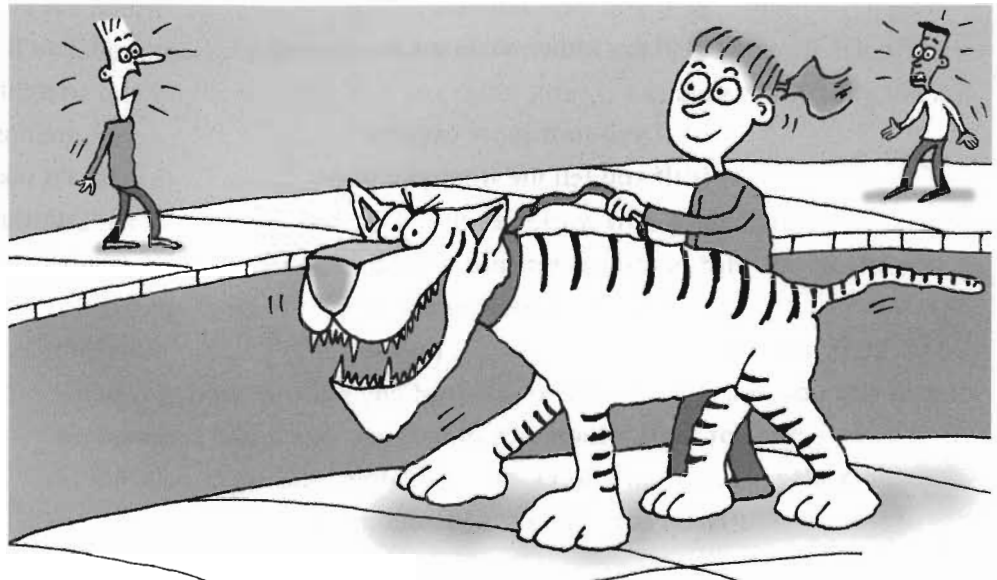
- a) If he asked me to help him, I ..... *would* .....
- b) We'll have lunch outside in the garden, ..... it's too cold.
- c) John ..... win more races if he trained harder.
- d) Come on! ..... we hurry, we'll miss the plane!
- e) ..... you like to see my stamp collection?
- f) The manager won't be long. .... you take a seat, please.
- g) I'm sure that Connie ..... go to the cinema with you, if you asked her.
- h) ..... you feel like a chat, phone me tonight.
- i) What ..... you do if you saw a snake?
- j) I don't feel happy ..... I swim every day.

**4** Complete each sentence (a-j) with an ending (1-10).

- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| a) If you play the music too loud, ..... <sup>8</sup> | 1 the alarm would go off.             |
| b) If the North Pole melted, .....                    | 2 I'll buy a new bike.                |
| c) If we don't have enough ice-cream, .....           | 3 I'll be in Paris at 6.00.           |
| d) If I found someone's wallet, .....                 | 4 you wouldn't see me any more!       |
| e) If a burglar broke into this house, .....          | 5 you would feel better.              |
| f) If my train isn't late, .....                      | 6 the water would flood many cities.  |
| g) If you were famous, .....                          | 7 I'll buy it for you.                |
| h) If my father lends me the money, .....             | 8 you'll wake up the neighbours.      |
| i) If you took more exercise, .....                   | 9 we'll get some more.                |
| j) If you tell me what you want, .....                | 10 I'd take it to the police station. |

**5** Complete each sentence as either a first conditional or a second conditional sentence using the verb in brackets.

- a) If I (have) *had*..... arms five metres long, I (be able) *'d be able*..... to reach the top of that shelf!
- b) Don't worry, you've just got a cold. If you (take) ..... an aspirin, you (feel) ..... better.
- c) Vegetarians believe that if nobody (eat) ..... meat, everyone (live) ..... longer.
- d) If I (become) ..... a famous rock star, I (buy) ..... my parents an enormous house.
- e) It says 'No Parking'. If you (leave) ..... the car here, the police (give) ..... you a parking fine.
- f) It's not far. If you (follow) ..... this path, you (come) ..... to the station.
- g) If people (use) ..... bikes instead of cars, there (not be) ..... so much pollution.
- h) Actually, Brutus is a very friendly dog. If you (touch) ..... him, he (not bite) ..... you.
- i) If you (leave) ..... your books on the desk, I (give) ..... them back to you at the end of the lesson.
- j) If you (own) ..... a pet tiger, your friends (not visit) ..... you!





## Explanations

Third conditional:  
If + past perfect, ...  
would/wouldn't +  
have + past  
participle

- This type of sentence describes a past event that is different to what really happened.

*If you **had arrived** earlier, we **wouldn't have missed** the train.*

*If you **hadn't warned** me about the sun, I **would have got** sunburnt.*

- Example: You went for a long walk, but you did not take your umbrella. It rained, and you got wet.

*If I **had taken** my umbrella, I **wouldn't have got** wet.*

*If I'd **heard** the weather forecast, I **wouldn't have gone** out.*

*If I **hadn't gone** out, I **would have finished** my homework.*

Modal verbs in  
conditional  
sentences

- The examples in Grammar 13 and this unit have all used *will/won't* or *would/wouldn't* in the result clause. But we can use any other modal verb, like *can*, *could*, *may*, *might*, *must* and *should*.

*If you ever **come** to Istanbul, I **can** show you around the city.*

*If you ever **come** to Istanbul, you **must** phone me.*

- We often use *might* and *could* in conditional sentences when we want to say that we are not certain about the results. Compare:

*If you **carry** too many bags, you **will drop** the eggs.* (certain result)

*If you **carry** too many bags, you **might drop** the eggs.* (uncertain result)

*If anyone **believed** my story, I **would become** famous!* (certain result)

*If anyone **believed** my story, I **could become** famous!* (uncertain result)

In third conditional sentences we use *could have (done)* or *might have (done)*.

*If I **had brought** some more money with me, I **could have taken** a taxi.*

Conditionals  
without *if*

In everyday speech we can use *imagine* or *supposing* in place of *if*.

***Imagine you saw** a snake, what would you do?*

***Supposing you owned** a helicopter, what would you use it for?*

*If I were you, ...*

We can give advice by using a second conditional sentence beginning *If I were you*.

***If I were you**, I'd spend more time on your written work.*

***If I were you**, I wouldn't eat so much chocolate!*

It is also possible to put the *if*-clause at the end.

*I'd be more careful, **if I were you**.*

### → SEE ALSO

**Grammar 13:** Conditionals 1

**Grammar 18:** Modals 1

**Grammar 19:** Modals 2

## Practice

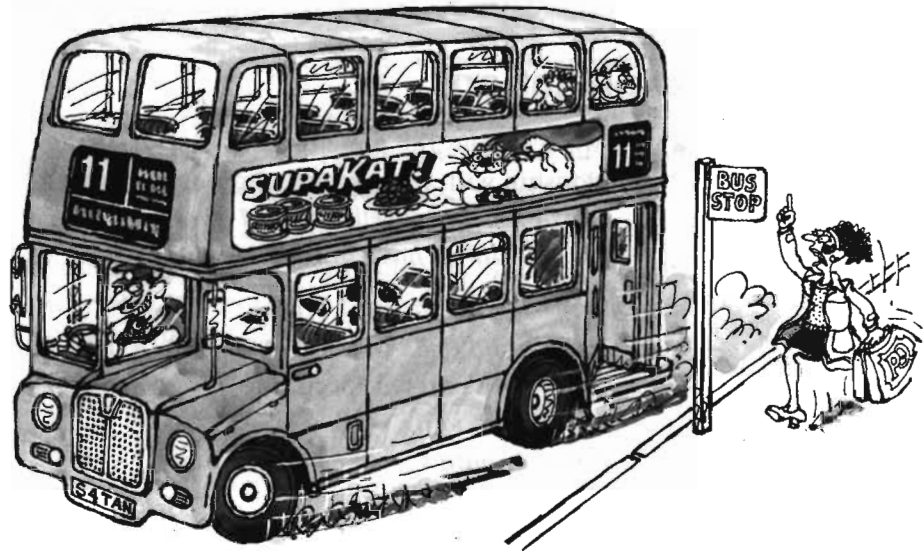
**1** Rewrite each comment, beginning as shown. Do not change the meaning.

- a) Supposing you had wings, what would you do?  
What ..... *would you do if you had wings* ..... ?
- b) Why don't you leave now? That's what I'd do.  
If .....
- c) Imagine you lived on Mars. How would you feel?  
How .....
- d) I think you should buy a bike. That's what I'd do.  
If .....
- e) Imagine you were rich. What would you do?  
What .....
- f) Supposing Jim came with us, what would you say?  
What .....
- g) Why don't you take the bus. That's what I'd do.  
If .....
- h) Imagine you owned a robot. What would you do?  
What .....

**2** Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- a) If you *phoned/had phoned* me yesterday, I *had given/would have given* you the news.
- b) If you *took/would have taken* more exercise, you *might feel/had felt* better.
- c) If Tim *drove/had driven* more carefully, he *wouldn't have crashed/didn't crash*.
- d) If you *had come/came* to see the film, you *had enjoyed/would have enjoyed* it.
- e) If *I'd known/I would know* it was your birthday, I *would send/would have sent* you a card.
- f) If people *had helped/helped* one another more often, the world *might be/was* a better place.
- g) If our team *had scored/scored* more goals, we *had won/could have won*.
- h) If you *would have worn/wore* a coat, you *wouldn't get/didn't get* wet.

3 Complete the sentence for each situation.



- a) Charlotte didn't leave early, and so she missed the bus.  
If Charlotte *had left early* ....., she  
*wouldn't have missed* ..... the bus.
- b) I didn't buy more milk, so I didn't have enough for breakfast.  
If I ....., I  
..... enough for breakfast.
- c) We forgot to take a map, so we got lost in the mountains.  
If we ....., we  
..... in the mountains.
- d) I didn't go to bed early, so I didn't wake up at 7.00.  
If I ..... early, I  
..... at 7.00.
- e) Mike didn't make a shopping list, and he forgot to buy some coffee.  
If Mike ....., he  
..... some coffee.
- f) I didn't realize you were tired when I asked you to go for a walk.  
If I ....., I  
..... for a walk.
- g) The Romans didn't sail across the Atlantic, so they didn't reach America.  
If the Romans ....., they  
..... America.
- h) I didn't turn left at the station, and I lost my way.  
If I ....., I  
..... my way.

## Explanations

### Wishes about the present

- For wishes about the present we use *I wish* + the past simple. Note the relationship with the second conditional.  
*I wish I owned a helicopter. If I owned a helicopter, I would be happy.*  
*I wish I didn't have to go to school! If I didn't go to school, I would be happy.*

- *could*

We use *I wish I could* to refer to something that is difficult or impossible. This can refer to the present or future.

*I wish I could fly!*

*I wish I could stay at home tomorrow.*

- As in the second conditional, the past simple form does not refer to past time.

### Wishes about the past

For wishes about the past we use *I wish* + the past perfect. Note the relationship with the third conditional.

*I wish I had lived in the eighteenth century! If I had lived in the eighteenth century, I would have been happy.*

*I wish I hadn't eaten so much! I feel awful! If I hadn't eaten so much, it would have been better for me!*

### hope

If the wish is a good one, we use *I hope*. This is not followed by a conditional form – it is simply followed by the present simple or *will*.

*I hope you have a good time at the party.*

*I hope the weather will be fine tomorrow.*

### If only

We can replace *I wish* with *If only* for emphasis. We stress *only* in speech.

*If only I owned a helicopter.*

*If only I hadn't eaten so much!*

### → SEE ALSO

**Grammar 13:** Conditionals 1  
**Grammar 14:** Conditionals 2

## Practice

### 1 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- a) I'm sunburnt. I wish I hadn't sunbathed/didn't sunbathe for so long.
- b) I don't feel well. I wish I could stay/stayed at home tomorrow.
- c) I'm not a good swimmer, but I wish I could swim/would swim well.
- d) I wish I had/have a puppy or a kitten!
- e) I wish I could see/saw you tomorrow, but it's impossible.
- f) I wish Jim didn't sit/doesn't sit next to me. He's so annoying!
- g) If only we had/would have some money we could take the bus.
- h) I hope you enjoyed/enjoy yourselves at the dance tomorrow.
- i) I wish I can/could speak English better!
- j) I hope I'll/I'd win the lottery!

### 2 Underline the correct continuation for each sentence.

- a) I've got lots of work to do, and I'm tired, but I can't stop.  
1 I wish I had taken a rest.    2 I wish I could take a rest.
- b) I wasn't paying attention in class, and now I can't do my homework.  
1 I wish I listened to my teacher.    2 I wish I'd listened to my teacher.
- c) Sarah painted her room green, but she doesn't like it.  
1 She wishes she'd painted it blue.    2 She wishes she painted it blue.
- d) This is a very puzzling problem!  
1 I wish I'd known the answer.    2 I wish I knew the answer.
- e) It's really cold and miserable here in the winter.  
1 I wish we lived in a warm place.    2 I hope we live in a warm place.
- f) I can't repair my bike because I haven't got any tools.  
1 If only I would have a screwdriver.    2 If only I had a screwdriver.
- g) I'm worried about my basketball team. Perhaps they won't win!  
1 I wish they play well.    2 I hope they play well.
- h) You promised not to tell anyone my secrets but you did!  
1 I wish I hadn't told you.    2 I wish I didn't tell you.
- i) I've been feeling ill all week.  
1 I hope I feel better soon.    2 I hope I'd feel better soon.
- j) I want to see my sister. I haven't seen her for ages.  
1 I wish I could speak to her.    2 I wish I spoke to her.

**3 Complete each sentence with a suitable form of the verb in brackets.**

- a) I'm soaked to the skin! If only I (bring) *had brought* ..... an umbrella!
- b) This pullover was cheap. I wish I (buy) ..... two of them!
- c) I like your school. I wish I (go) ..... there too.
- d) I must get in touch with Sue. If only I (know) ..... her phone number!
- e) This bus is really slow! I wish we (take) ..... the train.
- f) I'm disappointed in this camera. I wish I (not buy) ..... it.
- g) I answered three questions well. If only I (finish) ..... the whole test!
- h) I can't understand Marie! I wish I (speak) ..... French.

**4 Complete each sentence in a suitable way.**

- a) I'm hungry. If only *I had a sandwich* ..... with me.
- b) Enjoy your holiday. I hope ..... time.
- c) This is a lovely place. I wish we ..... before.
- d) It's a pity you live so far away. If only you ..... nearer.
- e) Ellen is a fantastic dancer. I wish I ..... as well as her!

**5 Rita isn't very happy at the moment. Complete her words.**

- a) Rita wasted a lot of money on DVDs.  
'I wish I *hadn't wasted* ..... so much money on expensive DVDs.'
- b) Rita thinks new jobs are difficult to find.  
'I wish new jobs ..... so difficult to find.'
- c) Rita thinks new jobs are difficult to find.  
'I wish new jobs ..... easier to find.'
- d) Rita can't go on holiday this summer.  
'I wish I ..... on holiday.'
- e) Rita doesn't have very good qualifications.  
'I wish I ..... better qualifications.'
- f) Rita has to do the washing up. She hates doing it.  
'I wish I ..... do the washing up.'
- g) Rita is sorry her family moved to the suburbs.  
'I wish we ..... to the suburbs.'
- h) Rita thinks she is very untidy.  
'I wish I ..... so untidy.'



## Explanations

### Passive: form

- To make the passive we use *be* and a past participle. Compare the active and passive forms in these examples:
- Present simple      *The Government **builds** hundreds of houses every year.  
Hundreds of houses **are built** every year.*
- Present continuous      *The authorities **are questioning** two men.  
Two men **are being questioned** by the authorities.*
- Present perfect      *We **have chosen** Helen as the new president.  
Helen **has been chosen** as the new president.*
- Past simple      *The police **arrested** one protester.  
One protester **was arrested**.*
- *will*      *They **will play** the match on Wednesday evening.  
The match **will be played** on Wednesday evening.*
- Notice how the object in the active form (*hundreds of houses, two men, Helen*) moves to the front in the passive sentence and becomes the subject.

### Passive: use

- Focus on important information  
Compare:  
(active)      ***The Government** built hundreds of houses last year.*  
(passive)      ***Hundreds of houses** were built by the Government last year.*

In the active sentence more emphasis is given to who did the action – the Government.

In the passive sentence more emphasis is given to the thing affected by the action – the number of houses.

Emphasized information usually comes at the beginning of the sentence.

- Spoken and written  
The passive is used more in writing and formal speech.

### Using *by* and *with*

- The person or organization that does the action is called 'the agent'. If we want to say who does the action then we use *by*.  
*Hundreds of houses were built last year.*  
*Hundreds of houses were built **by the Government** last year.*  
*A lot of stones were thrown.*  
*A lot of stones were thrown **by angry football fans**.*
- The thing that is used to perform an action is called 'the instrument'. If we want to include this we use *with*.  
*The windows were broken **with a baseball bat**.*

## INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE PRACTICE

### Sentences without an agent

It is not always necessary to mention the agent. There are several reasons for this:

- Agent not known: *Brenda's motorbike **was stolen** last night.*  
If we knew who had stolen it, we would mention the name of the person. But we don't know and the agent is not mentioned.
- Agent obvious: *One protester **was arrested**.*  
It is not necessary to add the words 'by the police', because we know that it is always the police who do this. However, it is possible to add these words if we want to.
- Agent unimportant: *A lot of English grammar books **are sold** every year.*  
Exactly who sells the books is not important. If it was important we could use *by* and the names of the people or shops who sell the books.

### Transitive and intransitive verbs

- Verbs which have objects are called transitive verbs (example: *help*). In this sentence, 'the old lady' is the object.  
*A young man **helped the old lady** across the road.*
- Verbs which do not have objects are called intransitive verbs (example: *walk*).  
*Diane **walks** to college.*
- Dictionaries show this information with T or I. Only transitive verbs can be made passive.  
*The old lady **was helped** across the road by a young man.*



## Practice

**1** Underline phrases which are not necessary in these sentences. Sometimes every phrase is necessary.

- a) My wallet has been stolen by someone.
- b) We were taught by a different teacher yesterday.
- c) Nick was operated on at the hospital by a doctor.
- d) The meal was served by a waiter in a red coat.
- e) We were shown round the museum by a guide.
- f) Two letters were delivered this morning by the postman.
- g) Three men have been arrested by the police.
- h) Yesterday a window was broken by someone.

**2** Complete each sentence with a passive verb.

- a) The police questioned George.  
George ... *was questioned* ..... by the police.
- b) Millions of people watch this programme.  
This programme ..... by millions of people.
- c) They will finish our new house at the end of the month.  
Our new house ..... at the end of the month.
- d) They've elected a new president.  
A new president .....
- e) They're rebuilding the damaged stadium.  
The damaged stadium .....
- f) They've closed the mountain road.  
The mountain road .....
- g) Students write most of this magazine.  
Most of this magazine ..... by students.
- h) A burglar stole my laptop.  
My laptop ..... by a burglar.
- i) Somebody will meet you at the bus station.  
You ..... at the bus station
- j) United won the cup last year.  
Last year the cup ..... by United.

**3** Underline the errors in these sentences. Rewrite each sentence.

- a) Many pet dogs are losing every year.  
..... *Many pet dogs are lost every year.* .....
- b) The injured man was been taken to hospital.  
.....
- c) A new bridge is be built across the river.  
.....
- d) All the food at the party was ate.  
.....
- e) Nothing will being decided before next Saturday.  
.....
- f) The match is playing on Friday evening.  
.....
- g) The robber unlocked the door by a false key.  
.....
- h) This book was writing by Sam's father.  
.....

**4** For every question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using no more than three words.

- a) Archaeologists have discovered a new tomb in Egypt.  
A new tomb ..... *has been discovered* ..... by archaeologists in Egypt.
- b) The President will open the new sports stadium on Saturday.  
The new sports stadium ..... by the President on Saturday.
- c) Picasso painted this portrait.  
This portrait ..... Picasso.
- d) They will announce the results of the competition tomorrow.  
The results of the competition ..... tomorrow.
- e) They're redecorating our school during the summer holidays.  
Our school ..... during the summer holidays.
- f) The police in New York have arrested three terrorists.  
Three terrorists ..... in New York.
- g) Our company sells more than 1,000 cars every week.  
More than 1,000 cars ..... our company every week.
- h) They're building a new museum in the city centre.  
A new museum ..... in the city centre.

**5** Rewrite each sentence with a passive verb, and so that the names of people are not mentioned.

a) The authorities have closed the casino.

*The casino has been closed.*

b) The clubs have postponed the match.

c) People all over the world speak English.

d) The authorities have opened the new swimming pool.

e) Someone left this purse in the classroom yesterday.

f) The city council has banned traffic from the city centre.

g) People have elected a new government.

h) Someone broke into the flat last week.



## Explanations

### Verbs with two objects

- Some verbs can have two objects. We can:  
*give, lend, offer, promise, sell, send, take something to somebody*  
*buy, keep, make, prepare, save something for somebody.*
- In active sentences we can use these verbs in two ways:  
*Peter gave Karen a present.*  
*Peter gave a present to Karen.*  
Each way can be made passive:  
*Karen was given a present by Peter.*  
*A present was given to Karen by Peter.*

### to be born

- The form without *to/for* is more usual, in both active and passive sentences.  
*To be born* is a passive form but does not have an obvious passive meaning.  
*I was born in Uruguay.*

### have something done

- When a professional person, e.g. a mechanic, a plumber etc. does some work for us, we can use *have something done*. *Have* can be used in any tense.  
*We had our house painted last year.*  
*I'm having my car serviced tomorrow.*  
*I've had my room decorated.*
- We also use this for unpleasant happenings.  
*She had her house broken into.*  
*Tim had his arm broken playing rugby.*

### Passive + infinitive

- The verbs *believe, expect, know, report, say, think, suppose, understand* are often used in the present simple passive followed by an infinitive (*to do/to be doing*). This use is common in news reports.  
*The economy is expected to grow by 2% this year.*  
*Beckham is said to be considering a transfer from Manchester United.*  
*The new shopping centre is supposed to open next spring.*

## Practice

- 1** Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.
- I'm having my hair *cutting/cut/to have cut* tomorrow.
  - The children were *took/taken/taking* to the seaside for the day.
  - I was *sending/sent/send* here by the manager.
  - Kate is having her car *services/servicing/serviced* tomorrow.
  - Sue had her windows *breaking/broken/broke* by vandals.
  - David has been *offer/offering/offered* a new job in Brazil.
  - Where exactly *were you born/did you born/did you bear?*
  - I've just had my bike *repaired/repair/repairing*.
  - I was *given/gave/did give* this book by Emily.
  - This cake *makes/made/was made* for her birthday.
- 2** Rewrite each sentence beginning and ending as shown. Do not change the meaning.
- Someone stole Bob's bike.  
Bob *had his* ..... bike stolen.
  - John lent me this book.  
This book ..... John.
  - The dentist took out one of my teeth yesterday.  
Yesterday I ..... out.
  - Cairo is my place of birth.  
I ..... in Cairo.
  - A rock concert ticket was sold to me by a friend.  
I was ..... by a friend.
  - Someone broke into Tom's house last week.  
Tom had ..... last week.
  - When is your date of birth?  
When exactly ..... born?
  - My parents gave me this ring.  
I ..... parents.
  - I'm keeping this bottle of wine for a special occasion.  
This bottle of wine ..... for a special occasion.
  - We will send you a letter with your exam results.  
A letter ..... to you with your exam results.

**3 Rewrite each sentence so that it has a similar meaning and contains the word in bold.**

- a) They're servicing my car tomorrow.  
**having**  
*I'm having my car serviced tomorrow.*
- b) Yesterday they stole my bike.  
**had**  
.....
- c) Last year they painted our house.  
**had**  
.....
- d) They're taking out my tooth tomorrow!  
**having**  
.....
- e) They've just cut my hair.  
**had**  
.....
- f) They're fitting our new carpet tomorrow.  
**having**  
.....
- g) They've just painted Ann's portrait.  
**had**  
.....

**4 Rewrite the first sentence as a news report using present simple passive + infinitive.**

- a) Lots of people believe the criminal is living abroad.  
The criminal *is believed to be living* abroad.
- b) Economists suppose that inflation will fall next year.  
Inflation ..... next year.
- c) Everyone expects that Arsenal will win the League.  
Arsenal ..... the League.
- d) People think the Government is planning a new airport.  
The Government ..... a new airport.
- e) They say he is making a new movie about the Civil War.  
He ..... a new movie about the Civil War.
- f) Journalists report that the Finance Minister disagrees with the President.  
The Finance Minister ..... with the President.

## Explanations

### Modal verbs: form and meaning

- Modal verbs are auxiliary verbs – they are used with other main verbs. Modal verbs are *can, could, will, would, may, might, shall, should* and *must*.
- Note these important rules:
  - two modal verbs cannot be put together  
(NOT ~~*He can will meet you tomorrow.*~~)
  - modal verbs are followed by the infinitive without *to*.  
(NOT ~~*He must to meet you tomorrow.*~~)
  - modal verbs do not have third person *s*  
(NOT ~~*He cans meet you tomorrow.*~~)
  - modal verbs do not form tenses with *-ing, -ed* etc.  
(NOT ~~*I'm sorry I canned not meet you yesterday.*~~)
  - modal verbs use inversion in questions (like the verb *be*), not *do/does*  
(NOT ~~*Do can you meet me tomorrow?*~~)

- Questions are made by putting the modal in front of the subject. Negatives are made by putting *not* immediately after the modal (often shortened to *-n't* in spoken and informal written English).

<i>Can I ...?</i>	<i>I cannot (can't)</i>
<i>Could I ...?</i>	<i>I could not (couldn't)</i>
<i>Will I ...?</i>	<i>I will not (won't)</i>
<i>Would I ...?</i>	<i>I would not (wouldn't)</i>
<i>May I ...?</i>	<i>I may not</i>
<i>Might I ...?</i>	<i>I might not</i>
<i>Shall I ...?</i>	<i>I shall not (shan't)</i>
<i>Should I ...?</i>	<i>I should not (shouldn't)</i>
<i>Must I ...?</i>	<i>I must not (mustn't)</i>

- Modal verbs show the speaker's attitude or feelings about a situation. For example how probable or necessary something is, or that the speaker is offering or requesting something. The same modal verb can be used in different ways with different meanings – you only know from the situation.

### Ability

- To talk about ability we use *can* and *can't* (or *cannot* in formal writing)  
*I can swim. Can you swim?*
- Pronunciation: *can* is normally unstressed /kən/, but is stressed for emphasis /kæn/.  
A: *Can you speak Chinese?*  
B: *No, but I can speak Japanese.*

- We sometimes use *be able to* instead of *can*. *Be able to* forms tenses.  
*Will you be able to help me move my furniture tomorrow?*
- *Can* and *can't* are also used for permission: to describe what is allowed or not allowed.  
*Can I leave early, please?*  
*I can't come skating tomorrow.*

Certainty and uncertainty

- Study this table of probability and the notes below:

100%	certainty	<i>will</i>
95%–100%	deduction	<i>must, can't</i>
80%	expectation	<i>should</i>
30%–70%	uncertainty	<i>may, might, could</i>
0%	certainty	<i>won't</i>

- We use *will* and *won't* when we are certain about something in the future.
- We use *must* and *can't* for another type of certainty called 'deduction'. This is when we know something is certain because it is logical, or when we make an assumption because of the facts of the situation.  
*He must be stuck in the traffic.*  
(I'm sure he is – it's the only possibility)  
*She can't be in Italy! I saw her today!*  
(I'm sure she isn't – it's impossible)
- We use *should* when we expect that something will happen.  
*They should arrive here at about 6.30.*
- We use *may, might* and *could* for uncertainty.  
*I may not have time to finish tonight.* (I don't know)  
*President Jones might win the next election.* (It's possible)  
*I may /might have some news for you next week.* (perhaps I will)  
*He could be stuck in the traffic.* (perhaps he is)

Obligation

- We use *must* or *have to* to explain that something is necessary.  
*I must finish my homework before 8.00.*  
*I have to phone Jan at 9.00.*
- In writing there is no real difference between *must* and *have to*. In speech there is a small difference:  
  
We use *have to* when the situation makes something necessary, for example because of official rules.  
*At our school, we have to wear a uniform.*  
*Every player in a football team has to have a number.*  
*When the traffic lights are red, you have to stop.*  
In everyday speech, we can use *have got to* instead of *have to*.



We use *must* when the speaker personally feels that something is important.

*You really **must** stop working so hard and try to relax.*

*You **must** be here by 8.00, or the bus will leave without you.*

Note that we do not use *to* after *must*.

- In their negative forms *mustn't* and *don't have to* have different meanings.

*Mustn't* describes an action which is prohibited/forbidden.

*You **mustn't** cross the road when the red light is showing.*

*Don't have to* describes an action which is not necessary – you have a choice.

*You **don't have to** turn on the central heating. It's automatic.*

#### Opinions and advice

- We use *should* and *shouldn't* to give an opinion about what is the best thing to do. When we speak to another person our opinion becomes advice.

*I think the police **should** arrest hooligans.* (opinion)

*I think you **should** talk to your teacher about it.* (advice)

Note the other use of *should* for expectation, mentioned earlier in this unit.

- We can use *ought to* and *ought not to* in the same way as *should* and *shouldn't*. *Ought to* is not as common as *should* and is a little more formal.

*I think you **ought to** talk to your teacher about it.*

- Note that with *think* in the negative, we use *I don't think + should* rather than the negative forms of *should* and *ought to*.

*I don't think you **should/ought to** go.*

- *Had better* is used for strong opinions. *Had* is usually contracted.

*I think you'd **better** talk to your teacher about it.*

*We'd **better not** forget to turn off the computer!*

→ SEE ALSO

**Grammar 24: Functions**

## Practice

**1** Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- a) Look at those clouds. I think it *can/might/must* rain.
- b) This is impossible! It *can't be/mustn't be/may not be* the answer.
- c) Well done! You *may be/must be/might be* very pleased!
- d) I've no idea where Jane is. She *could be/must be* anywhere!
- e) I suppose it's possible. I *might/can/must* come to your party.
- f) I'm not sure. I *must not/may not* be able to get there in time.
- g) That *can't be/mustn't be/may not be* David. He hasn't got a bike.
- h) Lisa isn't here yet. She *can be/must be* on her way.
- i) There's someone at the door. It *can be/could be* the postman.
- j) Sorry, I *can't come/may not come* out tonight. I have to do my homework.

**2** Rewrite each sentence, using *can, can't, might* or *must*, and beginning and ending as shown.

- a) Sarah is really good at swimming.  
Sarah *can swim really* ..... well.
- b) It's possible that our team will win.  
Our team ..... win.
- c) I'm sure this isn't the right road.  
This ..... the right road.
- d) I'm sure you work very hard!  
You ..... very hard.
- e) Caroline isn't allowed to come to our party.  
Caroline ..... to our party.
- f) It's possible that I'll see you tomorrow, but I'm not sure.  
I ..... , but I'm not sure.
- g) I'm afraid that your teacher is unable to come today.  
I'm afraid that ..... today.
- h) I'm sure it's very hot here in summer.  
It ..... here in summer.
- i) Excuse me, is it all right if I open the window?  
Excuse me, ..... the window?
- j) I suppose you're Mrs Perry. How do you do?  
You ..... Mrs Perry. How do you do?

**3** Decide whether each pair of sentences have a similar meaning, or whether they are different. Write *S* for *same* or *D* for *different*.

- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| a) You'd better go.                     | You should go. <i>S</i> .....         |
| b) You don't have to press this button. | You mustn't press this button. ....   |
| c) You should have a rest.              | You ought to have a rest. ....        |
| d) You must be crazy!                   | You should be crazy! ....             |
| e) You must be here before 8.30.        | You have to be here before 8.30. .... |
| f) You mustn't do that!                 | You don't have to do that! ....       |
| g) You shouldn't eat so much.           | You ought not to eat so much. ....    |
| h) We have to work harder.              | We must work harder. ....             |
| i) I'd better write my letters.         | I must write my letters. ....         |
| j) I ought to leave now.                | I have to leave now. ....             |

**4** Rewrite each sentence so that it has a similar meaning and contains the word in **bold**.

- a) It would be a good idea for you to see a dentist.  
**ought**  
*You ought to see a dentist.*.....
- b) It's not necessary for us to go to school tomorrow.  
**have**  
 .....
- c) I'm sure that isn't John, because he's in Paris.  
**be**  
 .....
- d) Perhaps Ann is at home.  
**be**  
 .....
- e) You ought to wear a warm coat today.  
**had**  
 .....
- f) It's possible that I'll be late.  
**may**  
 .....
- g) I wouldn't go skiing if I were you.  
**think**  
 .....
- h) It is forbidden to leave your bike here.  
**can't**  
 .....

**5** Complete each sentence with one suitable modal auxiliary.

- a) Soldiers ..... *have* ..... to obey orders.
- b) I think you ..... take your umbrella.
- c) Sorry, I ..... go now. I don't want to be late.
- d) I'm not sure, but I ..... be able to help you.
- e) Francesca isn't at home, so she ..... be on her way here.
- f) We ..... better not leave any windows open.
- g) It ..... be a star, it's too bright. Perhaps it's an alien spaceship!
- h) I don't ..... to go to work today. It's a holiday.
- i) Sorry, but I wasn't ..... to finish all the work you gave me.
- j) I think you ..... to ask your teacher for some advice.

**6** Rewrite each sentence so that it does not contain the phrase in *italics*.

- a) *If I were you I'd take more exercise.*  
*I think you'd better/you should take more exercise.*
- b) *I expect the plane will land soon.*  
.....
- c) *You are not allowed to use a dictionary.*  
.....
- d) *It's impossible for that to be Sue. She's abroad.*  
.....
- e) *It's possible that I'll come to your party.*  
.....
- f) *It's against the law to drop litter in the street.*  
.....
- g) *It's not necessary for you to wait.*  
.....
- h) *You'd better stay in bed today.*  
.....

## Ability

- To talk about general past ability we use *could*, *couldn't* and *was able to*.  
*Jane could swim/was able to swim when she was ten.*  
To talk about one specific past action we only use *was able to*.  
*When David fell in the river, Jane was able to rescue him.*

## Certainty and uncertainty

- The form is: modal + *have* + past participle. Compare with Grammar 18:
- You must have left your passport on the plane.*  
(deduction: I'm sure you did)
  - Lina can't have written this.*  
(deduction: I'm sure she didn't)
  - Maria might/may/could have taken the bus.*  
(uncertainty: perhaps she did)

## Obligation

- To talk about obligation in the past we use *had to*, *didn't have to*, *didn't need to*, *needn't have done*. There is no past form of *must*.  
*When I was at school, we had to/didn't have to wear a uniform.*
- In strict grammar there is a difference between *didn't need to* and *needn't have done*.  
*I didn't need to do any homework yesterday.* (I had a choice)  
*I needn't have done any homework yesterday.* (I did it, but it wasn't necessary)

But in everyday speech we use *didn't need to* for both cases.

## Opinions and advice

- The form is: modal + *have* + past participle. Compare with Grammar 18:  
*I think you should have worked harder.*  
*You shouldn't have eaten so much!*  
We can use *ought to have done* and *ought not to have done* in the same way.
- These forms mean that we are making a criticism. So in the examples above we are saying 'I think you were wrong'.

→ SEE ALSO

Grammar 18: Modals 1

## Practice

**1** For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using no more than three words. Contractions count as one word.

- a) I'm sure you dropped your wallet at the bus stop.  
You *must have dropped* your wallet at the bus stop.
- b) Maybe Joanna missed the last bus.  
Joanna ..... the last bus.
- c) Peter knew how to skate when he was twelve.  
Peter ..... skate when he was twelve.
- d) Emma was wrong not to tell you the answer.  
Emma ..... you the answer.
- e) It wasn't necessary for us to pay to get in.  
We ..... pay to get in.
- f) I'm sure that Diana didn't take your books.  
Diana ..... your books.
- g) Perhaps David didn't notice you.  
David ..... noticed you.
- h) Terry arrived early, but it wasn't necessary.  
Terry ..... arrived early.
- i) It wasn't necessary for me to buy any food yesterday.  
I didn't ..... any food yesterday.
- j) It was a bad idea for us to be rude to the policeman!  
We ..... been rude to the policeman!

**2** Rewrite each sentence beginning as shown. Do not change the meaning.

- a) You were wrong to study so late!  
You shouldn't *have studied so late* .....
- b) Did you manage to stop him?  
Were ..... ?
- c) It wasn't necessary to work hard.  
I didn't .....
- d) Perhaps Tim has lost his way.  
Tim might .....
- e) It was possible for you to hurt yourself.  
You could .....

- f) It would have been a good idea to tell me.  
You should .....
- g) I'm sure the class enjoyed it.  
The class must .....
- h) I helped her but it wasn't necessary.  
I needn't .....
- i) It was a mistake to leave.  
You ought .....
- j) I'm sure the butler didn't do it.  
The butler can't .....

**3 Complete each sentence so that it contains the words in bold.**

- a) I'm completely soaked! We *should have taken an umbrella.*  
**should/umbrella**
- b) I've lost my bag. I think I .....  
**must/bus**
- c) I tried to phone Sam, but I .....  
**couldn't/get through**
- d) I forgot Kate's birthday. I .....  
**should/present**
- e) The cat doesn't like fruit! It .....  
**can't/orange**
- f) Jo isn't here yet. I suppose she .....  
**might/address**
- g) I did badly in the test. I .....  
**ought/harder**
- h) It's a shame we didn't go on holiday. We .....  
**could/fun**

## Explanations

### Purpose: to and for

- We use the *to* infinitive to describe purpose, to say why we do things. This is called 'the infinitive of purpose'.  
*Alistair went to the station **to meet** his parents.* (NOT ~~for to meet~~)
- In formal speech and writing we can use *in order to*. This is not as common as the infinitive of purpose.  
*The President made a speech **in order to explain** the policy.*
- We can use *for* followed by a noun to say why we do something. This is especially common following verbs of motion.  
*I went to the shops **for some milk**.*

### Purpose: so that

- We can use *so (that)* to express purpose. After *so (that)* we use subject + verb.
- For a habitual purpose we use *can* or the present simple.  
*I leave the window open **so (that) the cat can get in and out.***  
*Bill wears thick socks in bed **so (that) his feet don't get cold.***
- For a future purpose we use *can, will* or the present simple.  
*Dora is going to leave class early **so (that) she can go to the dentist.***  
*We'll take an umbrella **so (that) we don't get wet.***
- For a past purpose we use *could, would* or the past simple.  
*Dora left class early **so (that) she could go to the dentist.***  
*We took an umbrella **so (that) we wouldn't get wet.***  
*We took an umbrella **so (that) we didn't get wet.***
- If the subject of the first part of the sentence and the subject of the purpose clause are different, we can't use the infinitive of purpose *to*. We have to use *so (that)*.  
*Helen played the piano **to entertain** her friends.*  
***Helen** played the piano **so (that) everyone else could dance.***



## Practice

**1 Put one suitable word in each space. Contractions count as one word.**

- a) I wrote the date in my diary ...*so*..... *that*..... I wouldn't forget it.
- b) Most tourists come here ..... visit the ancient temples.
- c) Mary called a meeting ..... announce the team.
- d) The thief ..... in black so that nobody ..... see him.
- e) Jack came to me ..... advice.
- f) Our teacher made us sit far apart so that we ..... cheat!
- g) I'll leave the box open so that you ..... help yourself.
- h) Lisa got up early so that she ..... finish her homework.

**2 Rewrite each sentence so that it contains to word in bold.**

- a) I went to the shops to get some eggs.  
**for**  
*I went to the shops for some eggs.*.....
- b) Nicola came here for a meeting with the director.  
**to**  
 .....
- c) We went on holiday to have a rest.  
**for**  
 .....
- d) Mike plays chess for relaxation.  
**to**  
 .....
- e) I opened the window to let in some air.  
**for**  
 .....
- f) Cristina went shopping to buy some new clothes.  
**for**  
 .....
- g) I went to a private school for English lessons.  
**to**  
 .....
- h) Sam went to a specialist to get treatment.  
**for**  
 .....

**3** Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- a) Paul had to go to the doctor's, and left work early.  
Paul *left work early* ..... so that *he could go* ..... to the doctor's.
- b) The school was rebuilt because it wasn't large enough.  
The school ..... in order to ..... larger.
- c) Sophia wanted Jack to call her, and gave him her phone number.  
Sophia ..... so that ..... her.
- d) I might get sunburnt, so I'll put on some suntan oil.  
I'll ..... so that ..... sunburnt.
- e) Cathy hid the presents and nobody saw them.  
Cathy ..... so that ..... them.
- f) We wanted people to dance, so we had the party in a large hall.  
We ..... so that ..... dance.
- g) Dick wanted to get a good seat, so he arrived early.  
Dick ..... so that ..... a good seat.
- h) I couldn't see well in the cinema, and changed seats.  
I ..... so that ..... better.
- i) We didn't want to feel hungry, so we took some sandwiches.  
We took ..... so that we .....
- j) Harry wanted his friends to notice him so he wore a funny hat.  
Harry ..... so that ..... him.



## Explanations

### Reason and result

- We use *because*, *as* and *since* when we want to explain the reason for something. *As* and *since* are more common in formal speech and writing.  
*Tim didn't feel well, because he had eaten fifteen ice-creams.*  
*As/since Tim had eaten fifteen ice-creams, he didn't feel very well.*  
*Tim didn't feel well, as/since he had eaten fifteen ice-creams.*

- *As* and *since* can come at the beginning of the sentence. Normally we do not begin sentences with *because*, but this is possible in informal speech.  
*Because Tim had eaten fifteen ice-creams, he didn't feel very well.*

- We use *so* to express a result. Note the relation between *because* and *so*.  
*Tim had eaten fifteen ice-creams, so he didn't feel very well.*

### so and such for emphasis

- We use *so many/much (that)* and *so few/little (that)* with nouns, for emphasis. *That* is usually left out in informal speech and writing. Note the rules:

#### Countable nouns

*I bought so many books (that) I couldn't carry them all.*

*There were so few people in the theatre (that) the actors didn't perform well.*

#### Uncountable nouns

*There is so much rain at the moment (that) we hardly ever go out.*

*We have so little free time (that) we don't watch television.*

- We use *so* + adjective + *that* with adjectives by themselves.  
*Last night was so hot (that) I couldn't sleep.*  
*The trainers were so cheap (that) I bought two pairs.*
- If we have an adjective followed by a noun, we use *such a*.  
*It was such a lovely day (that) we went for a walk in the country.*  
*It was such a good film (that) I saw it twice.*

### too and not enough for a difficulty

- *Too* + adjective means 'more than is necessary or good'. It suggests a difficulty, and that something cannot be done.

*It was too far.* (so I didn't go)

*It was too difficult.* (so I didn't do it)

- If we say what the action is we use *to* + infinitive.

*It was too far to walk so we took a taxi.*

*The mountain was too difficult (for us) to climb.*

- *Not* + adjective + *enough* means 'less than is necessary or good'. Compare the use of *too* and *not enough*.

*Little Gerry is too young to walk to school.*

*Little Gerry is not old enough to walk to school.*

- With nouns we can use *too many/much*, *too few/little* and *not enough*.

Countable nouns

*There are too many people in the class.*

*There are too few books.*

*We haven't got enough books.*

Uncountable nouns

*There are too many things to do.*

*There's too little time.*

*We haven't got enough time.*

- Notice from the above examples that *enough* comes after adjectives ('old') but before nouns ('books'/'time').

so and too

- It is a common mistake to confuse *so* and *too*.

*So* is like *very*, and is used for emphasis. The speaker's opinion can be positive or negative.

*Too* means 'more than enough'. It suggests a difficulty, that something cannot be done or will not happen.

*It's very expensive.* (a fact)

*It's so expensive.* (I'm surprised, but I still might buy it)

*It's too expensive.* (so I won't buy it)

- Look back at the examples in the previous two sections to see these uses of *so* and *too*.

Result phrases: *as a result*, *in the end*, *eventually*

We can also express result with a linking phrase like *as a result*, or a time expression like *in the end* or *eventually*. These are more common in formal speech and writing.

*Two metres of snow fell during the night. As a result, several main roads were blocked.* (in speech we would just use *so* here)

*It started raining while we were having our picnic, and eventually we decided to go home.*

*Kate and Tim waited for the bus for a long time, and in the end they took a taxi.*

Linking words

- Words like *because* and *so* are called 'linking words'.

→ SEE ALSO

Grammar 47: Linking words

## Practice

**1** Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- a) It was such/so a delicious drink, that I had to have another glass.
- b) Andrew ate so much/so many cakes that he could hardly walk!
- c) Kate's offer sounded so/too good to be true!
- d) There are so few/so little good programmes on TV that I rarely watch it.
- e) I felt so/too weak that I couldn't stand up.
- f) We had so much/so many free time, that we got bored.
- g) I waited for Elaine for ages, and as a result/in the end I gave up.
- h) There was so much/so many rain last night, that the roads were flooded.
- i) David was too tall/tall enough/enough tall/very tall to reach the shelf.
- j) I had so few/so little knowledge of the subject that I got zero in the test.

**2** Complete the sentences with one of these words: *too, enough, so, such, much, many, little, few*.

- a) It's ...so..... late and there are still lots of people in the club.
- b) It's ..... late to catch a bus. I'll have to get a taxi home.
- c) I have so ..... work to do!
- d) I have so ..... jobs to do!
- e) I don't have ..... money to go on holiday this year.
- f) I have too ..... money to go on holiday this year.
- g) I have too ..... euros in my bank account to go on holiday this year.
- h) It was ..... an exciting film.
- i) The film was ..... exciting.
- j) It's ..... hot on the beach. I don't like it. I'm going back to the hotel.
- k) It's ..... hot on the beach! I love it. I'm really relaxed.

**3** Put one suitable word in each space.

- a) My tea is ...too..... hot to drink at the moment.
- b) I had to stand at the back, ..... there weren't any seats left.
- c) Thomas had ..... homework, that he had to stay up late.
- d) There were ..... people in front of us that we couldn't see.
- e) Helen missed the bus, ..... she took a taxi.
- f) There were ..... customers that the shop closed down.
- g) The room wasn't large ..... for so many guests.
- h) Hannah was ..... tired that she fell asleep on the train.
- i) We had ..... money that we couldn't even buy a drink.
- j) ..... it was raining, the school picnic was postponed.

**4** Rewrite each sentence so that it has a similar meaning and contains the word in **bold**.

a) I felt really tired, so I stayed at home and had a rest.

**because**

.....*I stayed at home and had a rest because I felt really tired.*.....

b) I didn't use that piece of string, because it was too short.

**enough**

.....

c) The question was so difficult that I had to ask for help.

**such**

.....

d) There weren't enough seats for all the guests.

**few**

.....

e) There weren't enough seats for all the guests.

**many**

.....

f) We can't put that box in the car as there isn't much space.

**little**

.....

g) I haven't got enough time to do all my work.

**too**

.....

h) I've got such a lot of work that I can't go out.

**so**

.....

i) She had lots of children and didn't know what to do.

**many**

.....

j) It was such a good play that the audience cheered.

**so**

.....

**5** Underline the errors in these sentences. Rewrite each sentence.

- a) Sorry, but I haven't got little time.  
.....  
*Sorry, but I haven't got enough time.*
- b) Erica is not enough old to drive a car.  
.....
- c) Paul has so much friends that he's always busy.  
.....
- d) We had too few time to go sight-seeing.  
.....
- e) It's too hot that I can't think!  
.....
- f) There was too much snow that we couldn't travel.  
.....
- g) It was so a long way that we decided to drive there.  
.....
- h) So that I had run a long way, I felt exhausted.  
.....

**6** Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- a) I'm afraid you're not fast enough to be in the running team.  
I'm afraid you're too *slow to be in the running team.*
- b) It's not very far to the house, so we can walk.  
We can walk .....
- c) The film was so long that we missed our last bus.  
It was .....
- d) Tina felt unhappy and she cried.  
Tina felt so .....
- e) Tom has lots of money, and doesn't know what to do with it.  
Tom has so .....
- f) Jim is too young to get married.  
Jim isn't .....
- g) I can't afford to buy this bike.  
I haven't got .....
- h) There are too few plates I'm afraid.  
There aren't .....

## Explanations

*but, yet and  
although*

- We can use *but* and *although* to make a contrast. *Although* is more typical of careful or formal speech or writing.

*Maria felt ill, **but** she went to school.*

*Maria went to school **although** she was ill.*

The clause with *although* can come at the beginning.

***Although** she was ill, Maria went to school.*

- We can emphasize *but* and *although* with *still* and *anyway*.

*Maria felt ill, **but** she went to school **anyway**.*

*Maria felt ill, **but** she **still** went to school.*

***Although** she was ill, Maria went to school **anyway**.*

- We can use *yet* instead of *but* in writing.

*Maria felt ill, **yet** she went to school.*

*even though and  
though*

- We can use *even though* like *although* to give a stronger contrast.

***Even though** she felt very ill, Maria went to school.*

- We can use *though* like *although* in informal speech and writing. We often make two separate sentences and put *though* at the end.

*Maria went to school. She was ill, **though**.*

*while and whereas*

- *While* and *whereas* can be used in formal speech and writing to compare two facts and emphasize the difference between them.

***While/Whereas** some experts expect the Government to win the election, most believe that the opposition will win.*

*despite and  
in spite of*

- *Despite* and *in spite of* are also used to make a contrast. But they are followed by a noun or noun phrase (not subject + verb like *although*). The *-ing* form of the verb acts like a noun here.

***Despite her illness**, Maria went to school.*

(NOT ~~*Despite she felt ill, Maria ...*~~)

***Despite being ill**, Maria went to school.*

***In spite of her illness**, Maria went to school.*

***In spite of being ill**, Maria went to school.*



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*however and on the other hand*

- *However* introduces or completes a contrasting sentence. *However* always has punctuation before and after.

*Maria was ill. **However**, she went to school.*

*Maria went to school. She was ill, **however**.*

*However* is more common in formal speech and writing.

- Note that we cannot say:

~~*However she was ill, Maria went to school.*~~

- *On the other hand* introduces a contrasting opinion. It is more common in formal speech and writing.

*Television has many advantages. It keeps us informed about the latest news, and also provides entertainment in the home. **On the other hand**, television has been blamed for the violent behaviour of some young people, and for encouraging children to sit indoors, instead of taking exercise.*

Linking words

- Words like *but*, *although* and *however* are called 'linking words'.

→ SEE ALSO

**Grammar 47: Linking words**

# Practice

**1 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.**

- a) I read the book you suggested. I didn't enjoy it, *although/however*.
- b) *In spite of/Although* we warned him, Harry still got lost.
- c) *Although/However* I like it here, I won't stay here long.
- d) Cars are convenient. *On the other hand/Whereas*, they cause pollution.
- e) I didn't have much time, *but/however* I managed to visit lots of places.
- f) Catherine won the race, *although/despite* falling over.
- g) *Although/In spite of* the delay, the train arrived on time.
- h) I didn't manage to jump over the wall, *although/yet* I tried twice.

**2 Complete each sentence with one suitable word.**

- a) ...*Although*.. Tim felt tired, he stayed up to finish his homework.
- b) Sam didn't like skating, ..... he went with his friends all the same.
- c) I found French hard at first. .... , I soon started to enjoy it.
- d) Jane kept running, ..... though she knew she couldn't win.
- e) Mike was lost, but he ..... refused to look at the map.
- f) Carol went to see the film, ..... she had seen it before.
- g) ..... the rain, the school sports were a great success.
- h) Helen won the swimming competition, in ..... of her cold.

**3 Rewrite each sentence beginning as shown. Do not change the meaning.**

- a) Although it was snowing, we went out for a walk.  
Despite ...*the snow, we went out for a walk*.....
- b) Some experts think prices will fall, but others disagree.  
While .....
- c) Even though they were losing at half-time, City won in the end.  
Despite .....
- d) Despite the heat, Diana wore her winter clothes.  
Although .....
- e) Whereas last summer was good, this summer it's rained all the time.  
Last summer was good .....
- f) James had a headache, but he still read until late.  
In spite of .....
- g) Although Jon hadn't studied, he did well in the test.  
Jon hadn't studied .....

## Explanations

### What is a function?

- A function is a way of describing language according to its purpose (how it is used). Functions can be short phrases as well as single words. Typical functions are: offering something, asking for permission, making a suggestion etc.
- The same function can be expressed in different ways. Our choice of words depends on:
  - The situation we are in: is it public or private? who else is present?
  - The person we are talking to: someone of our own age? how well do we know them?
  - What we are talking about: is the topic sensitive? or is it light and unimportant?
- The functions below are classified as formal (= polite), neutral or informal, but remember that the choice of words depends on many things. You might be talking to a friend and you want to borrow a pen, so you are informal. But if you are talking to the same friend and you want to borrow a large amount of money you will use more formal language.

### Asking for information

- To ask for information we can use an indirect question:
  - Can you tell me what time the bus from Glasgow arrives?* (neutral)
  - Could you tell me what time the bus from Glasgow arrives?*
  - *Of course. It arrives at 9.30.* (neutral)
  - Would you mind telling me what time the bus from Glasgow arrives?*
  - *Of course not. It arrives at 9.30.* (formal)
- Note the indirect question form (NOT ~~what time does~~ ...).

### Offers

Offering help:

*Shall I carry this suitcase for you?* (neutral)

*Let me carry your suitcase.* (neutral)

→ *Thank you very much. / Thanks, but I can manage.*

Offering things:

*Would you like a soft drink?* (neutral)

→ *Yes, please, I'll have an orange juice. / No thanks, it's OK.*

*Would you like tea or coffee?* (neutral)

→ *I'd rather have coffee, please. / I'd prefer tea, please. / I don't mind.*

## Permission

*Is it all right if I leave early?* (informal)

*Can I leave early, please?* (neutral)

→ *Yes, of course.*

→ *Sorry, but you can't. You have to stay to the end.*

*Could I possibly leave a bit early, please?* (formal)

→ *Yes, you can.*

*May I leave early, please?* (formal)

→ *Yes, you may.*

When we reply we often repeat the modal verb, but notice that when we reply to *Could I* we say *can* not *could*.

## Promising

*I'll be back at 11.30.* (neutral)

*I won't do anything silly!* (neutral)

The word *will* is used in many functions.

## Requests

*Can you open the window, please?* (neutral)

*Can you help me?* (neutral)

*Could you open the window please?* (formal)

*Will/Would you wait here, please?* (formal)

We can reply to a request by agreeing or refusing:

→ *Sure. / No problem. / Of course.*

→ *Actually, it's a bit inconvenient. / I'm sorry but that's not possible.*

Requests with  
*mind*

- Requests with *mind* are confusing for learners because *Would you mind ...* means 'Is it a problem for you?'. So we say 'no' if we want to be helpful.

*Would you mind helping me?*

→ *No, of course not.*

→ *Actually, I'm quite busy at the moment. Perhaps later.*

- Note that we use an *-ing* form after *Would you mind*.

Suggesting and  
advising

*Let's go to the cinema.* (neutral)

*Why don't we go to the cinema?* (neutral)

*How about going to the cinema?* (neutral)

*We could go to the cinema.* (neutral)

If we make a suggestion to another person it is advice:

*I think you should stay at home.* (formal)

*If I were you, I'd stay at home.* (formal)

→ SEE ALSO

**Grammar 9:** Future 2

**Grammar 28:** Questions 2

## Practice

### 1 Match what people say (a-j) with the functions (1-10).

- a) Would you like a cup of tea? .....<sup>4</sup>.....
- b) Excuse me, do you know what time the museum opens? .....
- c) Actually, I think I'd rather have a Chinese meal. ....
- d) I know, we could walk along the river. How about that? .....
- e) Sorry, but I won't do it. ....
- f) That looks difficult. Shall I help you? .....
- g) Excuse me, but do you think you could turn your music down a bit? .....
- h) Well, to be honest, I think you should go to the police. ....
- i) Is it all right if I go out to the shops for a moment? .....
- j) I'll definitely be there at 6.00. I won't be late! .....

- 1 Giving advice
- 2 Asking for information
- 3 Offering help
- 4 Offering something
- 5 Asking permission
- 6 Refusing to do something
- 7 Expressing a preference
- 8 Making a promise
- 9 Making a request
- 10 Making a suggestion

### 2 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- a) I'm very busy. *Let's/*Would you mind giving me a hand?
- b) *If I were you, I'd write/*How about you write the letter again.
- c) Why don't we *go/going* to the theatre tomorrow?
- d) *Would you mind/*Could you close the door please?
- e) *Do you like/*Would you like some more water?
- f) I promise *I won't do it/I don't do it* again.
- g) I'm quite good at cooking too. *Shall I help/*Would I help you?
- h) I've a suggestion. *Why don't you go/*Could you go to the beach?
- i) *Would I borrow/*Could I borrow your ruler?
- j) Are you tired? I think you *can go/should go* to bed early.

**3** Replace the parts in *italics* with a more appropriate or accurate expression.

- a) Look, don't worry about me, there's a bus at 12.30. So *I'm back* by 2.00, I promise!  
*I'll be back*.....
- b) A: Would you like an ice-cream? Or some cake perhaps?  
 B: *I choose ice-cream*, please.  
 .....
- c) A: I'm having problems at school. What do you think I should do?  
 B: *I talk it over with your parents*.  
 .....
- d) A: This suitcase is really heavy, and my back is killing me!  
 B: *Do I carry it?*  
 .....
- e) A: I'm not sure what to do this evening. Any ideas?  
 B: *You will go to the cinema, perhaps?*  
 .....
- f) A: I've got an appointment at the dentist's. *Shall I leave school early?*  
 B: Have you brought a note from your parents?  
 .....
- g) Excuse me, I want to catch a bus from here to London. *Tell me how much does it cost.*  
 .....
- h) A: I feel really hungry. Have you got anything to eat?  
 B: *Do you like some lemonade?*  
 .....
- i) A: It's very hot in here. *Are you opening the window?*  
 B: Of course.  
 .....
- j) A: Come on, hurry up! Tidy your room and make your bed!  
 B: *No, I don't!* It's not fair!  
 .....

**4** For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using no more than three words.

- a) Please take a seat.  
Would *you mind taking* ..... a seat?
- b) Fruit juice would be better for me.  
I ..... fruit juice.
- c) I'd like you to wait for me.  
..... for me, please?
- d) Will you allow me to leave the room?  
..... the room?
- e) I'd like you to turn off the television.  
Could ..... the television?
- f) Let's go for a walk.  
..... for a walk?
- g) I promise not to talk to Richard again.  
I ..... to Richard again.
- h) Would you like me to help you?  
..... you?
- i) When does the plane arrive?  
Would you ..... when the plane arrives?
- j) My advice is to see a doctor.  
If I ..... I'd see a doctor.

**5** Complete each sentence with one suitable word. More than one answer may be possible.

- a) I think you *should* ..... spend more time on your homework.
- b) ..... you help me carry these bags?
- c) Excuse me. .... you tell me what street this is?
- d) What a terrible noise! ..... you please be quiet!
- e) ..... go skating tomorrow.
- f) Would you ..... telling me what time it is?
- g) Thanks for the offer, but I'd ..... stay at home.
- h) ..... you sign your name here, please, sir?
- i) ..... you like another slice of pizza?
- j) Please ..... I leave the table?

## Relative clauses

## Explanations

Relative clauses are short phrases beginning with words like *who*, *that* and *which* (called 'relative pronouns') that define or describe people and things. There are two types:

- Defining relative clauses: we use these to identify exactly which person or thing we mean. The information is necessary for the sentence to make sense.

*The doctor **who treated me** told me not to worry.*

In this example there is more than one doctor and we only know which one by the relative clause.

- Non-defining relative clauses: we use these to give extra information. The information is not necessary for the sentence to make sense. To show this in writing we use commas.

*Pablo Picasso, **who died in 1973**, was a painter and sculptor.*

## Relative pronouns

- *which*, *that*

*Which* refers to things and *that* refers to people and things. *That* is more common, especially in speech.

*The bus **which** goes to Cairo leaves from here.*

*The woman **that** we spoke to gave us directions.*

*The road **that** we took led to an ancient temple.*

- *who* and *whom*

*Who* and *whom* refer to people.

In formal speech and writing we can use *whom* instead of *who* where *who* is the object of the sentence (see below). We can also use *whom* after a preposition. However, this is becoming less common and in modern English speakers rarely use *whom* – instead they use *who* or *that*.

*The people **who** live next door make a lot of noise.*

*The people **that** live next door make a lot of noise.*

*It was the same boy **whom** I met yesterday.*

(*I* is the subject, *'whom'* is the object)

*No one knows **by whom** the victim was shot.*

(after the preposition *'by'*, but very rare in modern English.)

*No one knows **who** the victim was shot **by**.*

(normal usage in speech and writing)

- *whose*

*Whose* shows that something belongs to someone.

*The girl **whose** case had been stolen went to the police station.*



## INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE PRACTICE

### Leaving out the relative pronoun

- To understand whether you can leave out the relative pronoun you first need to look at whether the relative clause refers to the subject or object of the sentence.

A relative clause that refers to the subject of the sentence:

*The doctor who treated me told me not to worry.*

*The doctor (subject) treated me (object).*

A relative clause that refers to the object of the sentence:

*The doctor that/who/whom I spoke to told me not to worry.*

*I (subject) spoke to the doctor (object).*

- We can leave out the relative pronoun in a defining relative clause that refers to the object.  
*The doctor I spoke to told me not to worry.*
- We cannot leave out the relative pronoun in a defining relative clause that refers to the subject.  
*The doctor who treated me told me not to worry.*
- In a non-defining relative clause we must keep the relative pronoun.  
*Pablo Picasso, who died in 1973, was a painter and sculptor.*
- We can also leave out the relative pronoun after a superlative.  
*That was the best meal (that) I've ever eaten!*

## Practice

### 1 Underline the correct word in each sentence.

- An old man, who/which was carrying a suitcase, knocked at the door.
- The winner, which/whose bike was an unusual design, won a medal.
- The girl who/which spoke to me turned out to be in my class.
- The museum, which/whose was in a beautiful building, was closed.
- A policewoman that/which we asked told us how to get there.
- The boy whose/whom house I was staying at was an old friend.
- The last person which/whose pen I borrowed didn't get it back.

### 2 Complete each sentence with *who*, *whose* or *that*.

- The friend ...whose..... house I stayed in is coming to stay with us.
- The guidebook ..... we bought explained everything.
- The couple ..... house I bought both worked in my office.
- I'd like you to tell me ..... you were talking to.
- The girl ..... ruler I had borrowed wanted it back.
- I can't remember ..... I lent my bike to.
- Do you know ..... Catherine works for?

### 3 Decide whether the clause in *italics* is Defining or Non-defining. Write D or N next to each sentence.

- The girl *who was waiting* was becoming impatient. ....<sup>D</sup>.....
- The room, *which was enormous*, was filled with lines of chairs. ....
- The students, *who were late*, waited in the playground. ....
- The food *which was left* was eaten the following day. ....
- A tall girl, *who was wearing a hat*, came into the room. ....
- The dog, *which was lying on the sofa*, had long pointed ears. ....
- The train *which leaves at 8.00* doesn't stop at Bath. ....

### 4 Underline relative pronouns which can be left out in these sentences.

- The book that John was reading was a bit frightening.
- The travel agency which sold me the ticket was near my office.
- In the end, our holiday was the best that we had ever had.
- The dentist who I go to isn't very expensive.
- The film which we saw last week was much better than this one.
- The people who were leaving couldn't find their coats.
- The garden, which wasn't very large, was full of flowers.

**5 Rewrite each formal sentence as an informal one, ending with the word given.**

- a) These are the boys with whom I went on holiday.  
*These are the boys I went on holiday* ..... with.
- b) This is the letter for which I've been waiting.  
 ..... for.
- c) That is the shop from which Sue bought her bike.  
 ..... from.
- d) That is the hotel at which I stayed.  
 ..... at.
- e) Tim is someone to whom I hardly ever write.  
 ..... to.
- f) Do you know by whom this book was written?  
 ..... by?
- g) Ravenna was the most interesting town in which we stayed.  
 ..... in.
- h) United were the best team against which we played.  
 ..... against.

**6 Add a relative pronoun to each sentence.**

- a) Friday was the last time I saw Jim.  
*Friday was the last time that I saw Jim.* .....
- b) The island we visited was extremely beautiful.  
 .....
- c) The girl I met was a friend of Philip's.  
 .....
- d) The meal we ate wasn't very tasty.  
 .....
- e) Gina was the first person I asked.  
 .....
- f) The book I read didn't explain the problem.  
 .....
- g) The teacher we usually have was away ill.  
 .....
- h) The friends I met last night send you their love.  
 .....

## Explanations

### Combining sentences

- Look at these short sentences.

*A bus goes to Cairo. It leaves from here.*

*A woman teaches us music. She also plays in an orchestra.*

*We took a road. It led to an ancient temple.*

*We spoke to a woman. She gave us directions.*

We can combine the sentences using relative clauses.

*The bus **that** goes to Cairo leaves from here.*

*The woman **who** teaches us music also plays in an orchestra.*

*The road (**that**) we took led to an ancient temple.*

*The woman (**that**) we spoke to gave us directions.*

- Note that articles often change (e.g. from *a/an* to *the*) when sentences are combined.

*A girl's case was stolen. She went to the police station.*

***The** girl whose case was stolen went to the police station.*

*A doctor treated me. She told me not to worry.*

***The** doctor who treated me told me not to worry.*

*I spoke to **a** doctor. She told me not to worry.*

***The** doctor I spoke to told me not to worry.*

- Note this common error: *The bus that goes to Cairo ~~it~~ leaves from here.*  
When we combine sentences we do not repeat the subject by adding another pronoun (*The bus ... it*).

The relative clause often has a continuous verb form:

*Can all the students **who are leaving** tomorrow give back their books?*

*I sent a card to the girl **who was living** across the street.*

In this case we can leave out both the relative pronoun and the verb *be*.

*Can all the students **leaving** tomorrow give back their books?*

*I sent a card to the girl **living** across the street.*

### Relative clauses with an -ing form

### What as a relative pronoun

We can use the relative pronoun *what* to mean *the thing(s) that*.

*We didn't understand **what** she said.* (= the things that she said)

***What** I want now is a cup of tea.* (= the thing that I want)

## Practice

**1** Underline the correct word in each sentence.

- a) The train which/who goes to Brighton leaves from here.
- b) That/What I like best is an afternoon at the beach.
- c) I didn't know who/which to ask about my timetable.
- d) The people which/whose luggage was lost had to wait a long time.
- e) Where's the ruler whose/that I left on this desk?
- f) The shop what/that I went to didn't have any milk.
- g) Do you know whom/whose bag this is?
- h) Everyone who/which was there will remember the day forever.
- i) The second bus, which/whose was full, didn't stop either.
- j) Jim was helped by someone who/whom told him the answer.

**2** Some sentences have a word which should not be there. Write the word in the space. If the sentence is correct, put a tick (✓).

- a) The man whose his car had been damaged was very angry.      his.....
- b) That was the longest film I've ever seen.      .....
- c) The train which it goes to London leaves from here.      .....
- d) The policewoman who she stopped me asked me my name.      .....
- e) The Eiffel Tower, which it was finished in 1889, is made of iron.      .....
- f) Everyone that Elena spoke to advised her to try again.      .....
- g) The children that they live next door are my friends.      .....

**3** Rewrite each pair of sentences as one sentence, and include the word in bold. Begin as shown, and make any necessary changes.

- a) We want to visit a museum. It opens at 12.00.  
**that**  
 The museum that we want to visit opens at 12.00......
- b) A boy's bike was taken. He visited the police station.  
**whose**  
 The .....
- c) A friend met me at the airport. He carried my suitcase.  
**who**  
 The .....
- d) Tom cooked a meal. It was delicious.  
**that**  
 The .....
- e) A friend is staying with me. She comes from Paris.  
**who**  
 The .....

f) I found a man's wallet. He gave me a reward.

**whose**

The .....

g) I go to a shop in the centre. It is cheaper.

**that**

The .....

h) I went to a girl's party. She phoned me.

**whose**

The .....

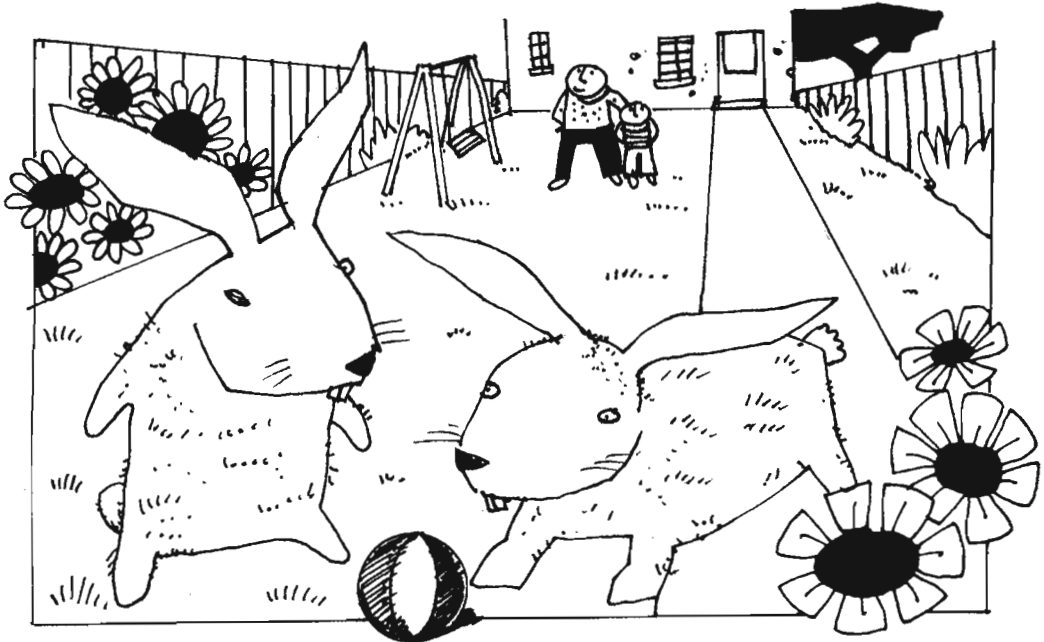
i) I know someone. This person likes you.

**who**

I .....

**4** Put one word in each space, or tick (✓) the space if the sentence is correct.

- a) We sent a present to the children ..... ✓ ..... living next door.
- b) Mike doesn't really know ..... he wants.
- c) I started talking to some boys ..... sitting by the side of the road.
- d) I asked Mary ..... she was thinking, but she wouldn't tell me.
- e) There were lots of people at the party ..... we went to.
- f) I don't really know ..... you're talking about.
- g) ..... we need now is a map and a compass.
- h) We saw two rabbits ..... playing in the garden.



## Explanations

### Yes/No questions

Questions with the answer *yes* or *no* are formed with an auxiliary verb + subject + main verb. The auxiliary can be *do*, *be*, *have* or a modal verb like *can*, *will* etc.

Present simple	<i>Do you live in Prague?</i>
Present continuous	<i>Are you sitting comfortably?</i>
Present perfect	<i>Have you ever eaten octopus?</i>
Past simple	<i>Did you phone Sue?</i>
Past continuous	<i>Were you having a bath?</i>
Past perfect	<i>Had you already left?</i>
<i>can/could</i>	<i>Can you swim? Could you see?</i>
<i>must/have to</i>	<i>Must you go? Do you have to go?</i>

### Wh- questions

We can also make a question with a question word: *what*, *why*, *when*, *who*, *whose*, *which* and *how*. After the question word we use the same structure as a Yes/No question: auxiliary verb + subject + main verb.

Present simple	<i>When do you usually leave?</i>
Present continuous	<i>What are you doing?</i>
Present perfect	<i>Why have you stopped?</i>
Past simple	<i>How did you feel?</i>
Past continuous	<i>Where were you living?</i>
Past perfect	<i>Who had you told?</i>
<i>can/could</i>	<i>What can I do? Where could he go?</i>
<i>must/have to</i>	<i>What must I do? What do I have to do?</i>

### Question words as the subject

Sometimes the question word is the subject of the sentence. In this case we do not use *do/does/did*.

<i>Who did you meet in England?</i>	(‘you’ is the subject)
<i>Who met you at the airport?</i>	(‘who’ is the subject, ‘you’ is the object)
<i>What do cats eat?</i>	(‘cats’ is the subject)
<i>Who eats seafood?</i>	(‘who’ is the subject, ‘seafood’ is the object)

**Negative questions**

A positive question could have a *yes* or *no* answer.

*Do you like dogs?*

→ *Yes, I do. / No, I don't.*

We use negative questions when we expect the answer will be *no*. In social situations this makes it easier for the other person to reply politely. Compare:

*Do you like Mexican food?*

→ *No, not really* (the answer seems very strong)

***Don't you like Mexican food?***

→ *No, not really.* (the same answer seems more polite)

**Short answers**

To make a short answer we repeat the auxiliary verb.

***Do you speak French?***

*Yes, I do.*

***Have you seen this film?***

*No, I haven't.*

***Did you stay long?***

*No, I didn't.*

***Will you be late?***

*No, I won't.*

***Have you got a pen?***

*Yes, I have.*

***Can you drive?***

*No, I can't.*



# Practice

**1** Write a question for each answer.

- a) *What time do you usually get up?* Get up? At about 7.30 usually.
- b) ..... I was reading *War and Peace*.
- c) ..... I went there to buy some food.
- d) ..... So far I've only eaten breakfast.
- e) ..... Now you have to put it in the oven!
- f) ..... Yesterday? I felt absolutely awful.
- g) ..... I'm washing my hair. I can't talk, sorry.
- h) ..... Because I haven't paid the electricity bill!
- i) ..... My bike? I left it at school.
- j) ..... My party? All my friends are coming.

**2** Write a *who* or *what* question for each answer.

- a) *Who lives next door?* ..... A family of three lives next door.
- b) ..... I play with my little brother.
- c) ..... Mrs Dawson teaches me maths.
- d) ..... I usually eat a sandwich for lunch.
- e) ..... Horror films frighten me.
- f) ..... I talk most to my friend Dina.
- g) ..... I sit next to Maria in English.
- h) ..... Music helps me study.

**3** Write a short answer for each question, beginning as shown.

- a) Have you been ill long? No, *I haven't* .....
- b) Are you waiting for me? Yes, .....
- c) Did you go to the cinema? Yes, .....
- d) Will you be here tomorrow? Yes, .....
- e) Did you have to pay a lot? No, .....
- f) Can you help me with this problem? No, .....
- g) Do you know where the theatre is? Yes, .....
- h) Is George going to be there? No, .....

## Explanations

Tag questions:  
form

- A tag question is a short phrase at the end of a statement that turns it into a question. Tag questions are formed using auxiliaries (*do, be, have* or a modal). A positive statement has a negative tag, and vice-versa.

*You speak French, don't you?* (negative tag)

*You don't speak French, do you?* (positive tag)

- Here are some examples of tag questions showing different verb forms and a mixture of positive and negative tags.

Present simple	<i>You don't know the answer, do you?</i>
Present continuous	<i>We're enjoying ourselves, aren't we?</i>
Present perfect	<i>He's moved house, hasn't he?</i>
Past simple	<i>You didn't tell her, did you?</i>
Past continuous	<i>I wasn't driving fast, was I?</i>
Past perfect	<i>She hadn't met him then, had she?</i>
<i>can</i>	<i>They can't be here yet, can they?</i>
<i>could</i>	<i>You couldn't give me a hand, could you?</i>
<i>should</i>	<i>You shouldn't do that, should you?</i>

Tag questions: use

- Negative tags: if we use a negative tag we expect the answer will be *yes*.

A: *You speak French, don't you?*

B: *Yes, that's right, I do.*

The intonation on the tag can either rise or fall:

- if it rises then it is a real question -- the speaker is not sure and needs information. The other person will continue speaking afterwards.

A: *You speak French, don't you?*

B: *Yes, that's right, I do. I learned while I lived in France when I was a student.*

- if it falls then it is just a question for confirmation -- the first speaker wants to check information and will continue speaking afterwards.

A: *You speak French, don't you?*

B: *Yes, that's right, I do.*

A: *Good, because we need someone to translate this email which we've just received.*

- Positive tags: if we use a positive tag we expect the answer will be *no*.

A: *You don't speak French, do you?*

B: *No, sorry, I don't.*

The intonation can rise or fall just like with a negative tag.

## INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE PRACTICE

### Problems with tags

- The tag for *I am* is *aren't*. The tag for *let's* is *shall*.  
*I'm a fool, aren't I?*  
*Let's go to the cinema, shall we?*
- After an imperative we use *will you?* or *won't you?*  
*Sit down, will you?*      *Sit down, won't you?*  
The imperative with *be* also uses *will* or *won't*.  
*Be quiet, will you?*      *Be quiet, won't you? This is an order!*  
The imperative with *have* also uses *will* or *won't*.  
*Have a seat, won't you?*

### Reply questions

We can use a short question to reply to what someone says. We do this to show interest, surprise or uncertainty. The meaning is like *Really?* or *Is that true?*

*I've never eaten spaghetti.*

→ *Haven't you?* (surprise)

*We're leaving at 6.00.*

→ *Are we?* (not sure)

The reply question uses an auxiliary verb like a tag question, but there is no change of positive to negative.

### Indirect questions

- We can be more polite by beginning a question with a short phrase like:  
*Could you tell me ... ?*    *Do you know ... ?*
- The word order of an indirect question is like a statement, not like a direct question.  
direct:    *Where is the post office?*  
indirect: *Could you tell me where **the post office is**?* (NOT ~~*where is the post office*~~)  
direct:    *When does the film start?*  
indirect: *Do you know when **the film starts**?* (NOT ~~*when does the film start*~~)
- **Yes/No questions use if**  
direct:    *Is **this** the right street?*  
indirect: *Do you know **if this is** the right street?*

## Practice

This unit also includes further practice for Grammar 27.

### 1 Add a short answer to each sentence.

- |  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| a) Have you ever been to Brazil?         | No, ... <i>I haven't</i> ..... |
| b) Do you like sausages?                 | Yes, .....                     |
| c) Are you coming to the match tomorrow? | Yes, .....                     |
| d) Did Helen phone you today?            | No, .....                      |
| e) Has Jack done his homework?           | Yes, .....                     |
| f) Can Robert and Sue skate?             | Yes, .....                     |
| g) Will you be late?                     | No, .....                      |
| h) Has Julie got a brother?              | No, .....                      |
| i) Is that your house?                   | Yes, .....                     |
| j) Did Jane give you that book?          | No, .....                      |

### 2 Add a reply question to each sentence.

- |  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| a) We've got a test tomorrow.          | ... <i>Have we</i> ..... ? |
| b) I don't understand this sentence.   | ..... ?                    |
| c) Fiona phoned me last night.         | ..... ?                    |
| d) I don't like ice-cream.             | ..... ?                    |
| e) Tom is leaving tomorrow.            | ..... ?                    |
| f) There's a policeman at the door.    | ..... ?                    |
| g) Lisa has just had a baby.           | ..... ?                    |
| h) I haven't eaten Chinese food.       | ..... ?                    |
| i) There isn't any milk in the fridge. | ..... ?                    |
| j) I met David in France.              | ..... ?                    |

### 3 Add a tag question to each sentence.

- |   |
|---|
| a) We're nearly there, ... <i>aren't we</i> ... ? |
| b) You haven't got a spare pen, ..... ?           |
| c) You're coming to my party, ..... ?             |
| d) You won't be late, ..... ?                     |
| e) Harry's fifteen, ..... ?                       |
| f) Kate and Pat live in Leeds, ..... ?            |
| g) You don't feel well, ..... ?                   |
| h) You like fish, ..... ?                         |
| i) Richard's bought a new bike, ..... ?           |
| j) I shouldn't tell you this, ..... ?             |

**4** Make a new sentence with a tag question which has the same meaning as the first sentence, beginning as shown. Make any necessary changes.

- a) I'm sure that Paul doesn't like football.  
Paul doesn't like football , does he?
- b) I'm checking that you've got a sister.  
You .....
- c) I don't think that you've done your homework!  
You .....
- d) I'm angry that you sat next to Ellen!  
You .....
- e) I'm surprised that the guests have arrived.  
The guests .....
- f) I'm checking that your name is John.  
Your name .....
- g) I'm surprised to meet you and think that your name might be John.  
Your name .....
- h) You're certain that you didn't leave your wallet on the desk.  
I .....
- i) You're surprised that William has got married.  
William .....
- j) You're checking that this book is by Martin Aimless.  
This book .....

**5** Underline the best sentence in each context.

- a) Why did you forget your keys! You are silly!  
1 I didn't tell you to forget them, did I?  
2 I told you not to forget them, didn't I?
- b) Ugh! I can't believe it! I'm sure they must taste horrible!  
1 You like eating snails, don't you?  
2 You don't like eating snails, do you?
- c) If we go to Brazil, we might have problems with the language.  
1 You speak Portuguese, don't you?  
2 You don't speak Portuguese, do you?
- d) I told you to keep the party a secret. It's supposed to be a surprise for Stella.  
So, I just want to make sure.  
1 You didn't tell her, did you?  
2 You told her, didn't you?

- e) Well, Mr Robinson, I think it's time you told the police the truth. You see, we've found your fingerprints on the murder weapon.
  - 1 You didn't murder Lord Chumley, did you?
  - 2 You murdered Lord Chumley, didn't you?
- f) Only two minutes to the end of the match and United are still 5-1 in the lead. It looks certain now.
  - 1 United aren't going to win, are they?
  - 2 United are going to win, aren't they?
- g) I haven't see Ann for ages. She's working abroad I think.
  - 1 She's got a job in France, hasn't she?
  - 2 She hasn't got a job in France, has she?
- h) I just can't answer this question. It would be nice to have some help.
  - 1 You could help me, couldn't you?
  - 2 You couldn't help me, could you?

**6 Rewrite each question, beginning as shown. Do not change the meaning.**

- a) What's the time?  
 Could you tell me *what the time is?* .....
- b) What does this mean?  
 Do you know .....
- c) How much does this cost?  
 Could you tell me .....
- d) What time does the museum open?  
 Do you know .....
- e) Am I in the right seat?  
 Could you tell me .....
- f) Where's Asham Street?  
 Do you know .....
- g) Is this Trafalgar Square?  
 Could you tell me .....
- h) When does this bus leave?  
 Do you know .....

## Explanations

### Introducing new information

- We often use *there* to introduce new information. Typical structures are:
 

something exists:	<i>There are many possibilities.</i>
something happens:	<i>There's a football match every Saturday.</i>
number or amount:	<i>There are twelve students in this class.</i>
modals:	<i>There could/may/shouldn't be a problem.</i>
<i>There seems/appears to be:</i>	<i>There seems/appears to be a mistake.</i>
  
- We can also use *it* to introduce new information. Typical structures are:
 

times, days, dates:	<i>It's one o'clock. It's Tuesday.</i>
the weather:	<i>It's raining. It rained all night.</i>
opinions:	<i>It was a difficult choice.</i>
adjectives:	<i>It's strange that we've never spoken before.</i>
<i>It looks like:</i>	<i>It looks like the sun is going to come out this afternoon.</i>
<i>It seems/appears:</i>	<i>It seems/appears (that) our new teacher is Jane.</i>
  
- Note these structures with *look*, *seem* and *appear*. *Look* is usually followed by *as if* + subject + verb, or by *like* + noun phrase.
 

*It looks as if Carol has won. She looks like a real champion.*

*Seem* and *appear* are followed by *(that)* + subject + verb.

*It seems (that) the Brazilians are going to win.*

*It appears (that) one of the customers called the police.*

### Referring back

*It* refers back to something already mentioned.

*There is a shop at the end of the street. It is open every day.*

Notice in this example how the new information is introduced with *there*.

### Referring to a place

*There* can refer to a place.

*A famous writer used to live there.*

*Who is that over there?*

### it's and its

*It's* is a contraction of *it is* or *it has*. *Its* is the possessive form of *it*.

*I like this hotel. It's (= it is) comfortable and its restaurant is good.*

*It's (= it has) got a lovely swimming-pool, too.*

### they're and their

*They're* is a contraction of *they are*. *Their* is the possessive form of *they*.

*Nancy and Dominique have arrived. They're both wearing the same dress!*

*Ask them to leave their coats in the hall.*

→ SEE ALSO

**Grammar 46: Possession**

## Practice

### 1 Underline the correct word in each sentence.

- Are their/there any eggs in the fridge?
- It's/Its really cold this morning.
- Peter says they're/there arriving at about 5.00.
- I like this bike but its/it's wheels are too small.
- Is there/they're anybody their/there?
- It's/Its a pity we missed the opening of the film.
- Patrick and Bridget have sold their/they're house.
- What a lovely dog. What's it's/its name?

### 2 Put *it* or *there* in each space.

- There ..... is a tree in the garden. It ..... is an apple tree.
- ..... looks as if ..... is going to rain.
- ..... is strange that ..... are no restaurants in this town.
- 'Who's that at the door?' '..... is only me!'
- 'Which house is yours?' '..... is the one at the end of the street.'
- ..... seems to be something under the cupboard, but what is ..... ?
- ..... appears that ..... was nobody ..... when I phoned.

### 3 Rewrite each sentence, ending as shown, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, and so that it contains *it* or *there*.

- Near the hotel is a small restaurant.  
There is a small restaurant ..... near the hotel.
- You went to Thailand for your holiday too, which is strange.  
..... to Thailand  
for your holiday too.
- My road has a big tree at the end of it.  
..... road.
- Brian seems to have left.  
..... has left.
- Today is really cold!  
..... today.
- Budapest is a long way from here.  
..... to Budapest.
- Your torch hasn't got any batteries in it.  
..... torch.
- We appear to be lost again!  
..... lost again!



## Explanations

*in, inside, out, outside*

- *In* describes something contained by something else.

*There are some cups **in** that cupboard.*

*Inside* has the same meaning but is used for emphasis.

*Luckily there was nobody **inside** the burning house.*

- *Out* means 'away from the inside' and also 'not in the place where you usually are'.

*Close the door on your way **out**.*

*I'm sorry, Kate's not here right now. She's **out**.* (= she's not at home)

*Outside* means 'out of a particular room or building, but still near it'.

*Kate's **outside** in the garden. I'll just call her.*

Expressions with *in*

There are many expressions with *in*. This is a selection. Note that sometimes the definite article *the* is not used.

countries	<i>My parents are <b>in</b> Canada at the moment.</i>	(no article)
cities	<i>My sister lives <b>in</b> Madrid.</i>	(no article)
streets	<i>Jack lives <b>in</b> Garden Avenue.</i>	(no article)
roads	<i>She was walking <b>in the</b> road, not on the pavement.</i>	
'the mirror'	<i>Tony could see his face <b>in the</b> mirror.</i>	
'hole/crack in'	<i>There was a <b>hole in</b> my shoe.</i>	
'hand'	<i>Ellen had a bunch of flowers <b>in one</b> hand.</i>	
'armchair'	<i>She sat <b>in an</b> armchair.</i>	
'the country'	<i>Paul and Mary live <b>in the</b> country, not in the city.</i>	
hospital	<i>Sally is ill and is <b>in</b> hospital.</i>	(no article)
prison	<i>Keith stole some money and ended up <b>in</b> prison.</i>	(no article)

*on*

*On* describes a thing touching the surface of another thing.

*Don't leave your bag **on** the floor.*

*There's a photograph of London **on** the wall.*

Expressions with *on*

There are many expressions with *on*. This is a selection.

transport	<i>There were few passengers <b>on the</b> plane/bus/train.</i>
'chair'	<i>She sat <b>on a</b> chair.</i>
'television'	<i>What's <b>on</b> television/the radio this evening?</i>
'wall'	<i>Let's hang this picture <b>on that</b> wall.</i>
injuries	<i>Tim cut his foot <b>on a</b> piece of glass.</i>
'left'/'right'	<i>There's a cinema <b>on the</b> left.</i>
'side'	<i>There are small houses <b>on this</b> side of the street.</i>
'pavement'	<i>She was walking in the road, not <b>on the</b> pavement.</i>

**at, in or to?**

- *At* and *in* are both used to describe a person's position. *At* shows a general location at a point or place. *In* is used with the name of a container, place or area to show that someone or something is inside it. Study these examples.

*We met **at the airport**.* (the place in general)  
*We met **in the airport building**.* (inside the building)  
*I'll see you **at the cinema**.* (the place in general)  
*I'll see you **in the cinema**.* (inside the building)  
*We arrived **at Prague Airport**.* (the place)  
*We arrived **in Prague**.* (the city)

- *To* is used with verbs of motion.

*Last night we **went to the cinema**.*  
*Could you **take this letter to the post office**?*  
*I **sent a parcel to my sister**.*

**Expressions with at**

There are many expressions with *at*. This is a selection, and note that sometimes the definite article *the* is not used.

'the beginning'/'the end' *There's a café **at the end of the street**.*  
 'the front'/'the back' *Do you sit **at the front or at the back of the class**?*  
 'school' *John isn't **at school**.* (no article)  
 'home' *He's **at home**.* (no article)  
 'work' *Mr King wasn't **at work yesterday**.* (no article)

**above/below, over/under**

- *Above/below* mean 'higher/lower than'. They can be used without an object.

*You can see the top of the tower **above the trees**.*  
*From the mountain, I could see the lake **below**.*

*Over/under* mean 'directly above/below'. They both need an object.

*The alien spaceship **hovered over the building**.*  
*I keep my suitcase **under my bed**.*

- *Over* can also be used like 'across' or 'covering'.

*There is a footbridge **over the motorway**.* (= across)  
*There was a plastic sheet **over the hole in the roof**.* (= covering)

**next to/beside, near/by**

- *Next to* and *beside* mean 'exactly at the side of'. *Beside* can be more formal.

*Maria sits **next to Paula**.*  
*Come and sit **beside me** on the sofa.*

- *Near* means 'close to'. *By* mean 'at the side of' and is often used in descriptions of rooms.

*Tom's house is **near the sports centre**.*  
*There was a table **by the window**. He was standing **by the door**.*  
*We had a holiday **near the sea**. (close to the sea – a few kilometres away)*

**opposite**

- *Opposite* means 'exactly on the other side of' a space.

*There is a baker's **opposite our house**.*

**Practice**

**1 Underline the correct word in each sentence.**

- a) There's a small shop at/by the end of the road.
- b) Paula was standing on/with one foot.
- c) Laura has moved at/to Barcelona.
- d) Don't walk at/in the road! It's dangerous!
- e) From the plane we could see the mountains below/under.
- f) Brian spent his holiday at/in Hungary.
- g) When the horse came to a small stream it jumped above/over it.
- h) Julia's house is at/on the other side of the street.
- i) Lisa cut her foot at/on some broken glass.
- j) Tim was sitting in/on an armchair.

**2 If the word underlined is not appropriate, write a new word in the space. Tick (✓) the space if the word is correct.**

- a) Jane's sister has a job at Manchester Airport. .... ✓ .....
- b) I met David yesterday by the city centre. ....
- c) Ellen had a large hole at her left boot. ....
- d) Jack sits in the back of the class. ....
- e) There was a small table at the bed. ....
- f) The robber was holding a gun in one hand. ....
- g) There was a beautiful portrait hanging at the wall. ....
- h) William didn't feel well and his doctor sent him to hospital. ....
- i) The children usually sit at the back seat of the car. ....
- j) To reach our village we take a road above the mountains. ....

**3 Complete each sentence with one suitable preposition.**

- a) Maria lives ... in ..... Bellingham Road.
- b) Can you put the plates back ..... the shelf please?
- c) Please don't stand ..... your desks!
- d) I'd really like to live ..... the country.
- e) Go down this street, and you'll see the cinema ..... the right.
- f) The police searched the building but there was no one .....
- g) I met Anna ..... the bus yesterday.
- h) Sorry, George isn't here at the moment. He's .....
- i) Alice wants to know what's ..... television this evening.
- j) Just as Tom arrived ..... the bus stop, the bus left.

**4 Complete each sentence with one suitable preposition.**

- a) The statue was holding a sword ..... *in* ..... one hand.  
 b) What's on ..... the cinema this week?  
 c) When I look ..... the mirror, I don't recognize myself!  
 d) What have you got ..... your bag?  
 e) Pete found someone's wallet ..... the pavement.  
 f) My family moved from the country ..... the city.  
 g) You've got a small hole ..... your pullover.  
 h) The burglar climbed ..... the fence and into the garden.

**5 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.**

- a) Karen is living at/in London Street.  
 b) Maggie sits by/next to Sally in the physics class.  
 c) I want to send this letter at/to Brazil.  
 d) When I opened the box, there was nothing in/inside.  
 e) Exactly by/opposite the cinema, there's a really good restaurant.  
 f) We had a holiday in a small village by/near Monte Carlo.  
 g) Paula lay down at/on the floor to do her exercises.  
 h) We had a lovely meal in/on the plane.

**6 Complete each sentence with one suitable preposition.**

- a) Bye for now. I'll see you .... *at* ..... school tomorrow.  
 b) We put a blanket ..... the injured man to keep him warm.  
 c) It's not far. We're getting .....  
 d) We found our cat hiding ..... a car.  
 e) Daniel hung his coat ..... the back of a chair.  
 f) I decided to go to the shops ..... my bike.  
 g) What time is the news ..... the radio?  
 h) I decided to visit my grandmother ..... hospital.



## Explanations

### *in, on and at*

- **in**
  - Years *in 1999*
  - Months *in January*
  - Seasons *in the summer*
  - Parts of the day *in the morning/afternoon/evening*
- **on**
  - Days of the week *on Wednesday, on Friday morning*
  - Special days *on my birthday, on Christmas Day*
- **at**
  - Times of the day *at 4.00, at midday, at midnight*
  - 'the weekend' *at the weekend*
  - Holiday periods *at Christmas/Easter*
  - Meals *at breakfast/lunch/dinner*
  - Parts of the day: 'night' *at night*

### Relation to today

- |             |                                 |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
| 5 September | <i>the day before yesterday</i> |
| 6 September | <i>yesterday</i>                |
| 7 September | <i>today</i>                    |
| 8 September | <i>tomorrow</i>                 |
| 9 September | <i>the day after tomorrow</i>   |

### Parts of yesterday, today and tomorrow

- |                          |                            |                       |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>yesterday morning</i> | <i>yesterday afternoon</i> | <i>last night</i>     |
| <i>this morning</i>      | <i>this afternoon</i>      | <i>tonight</i>        |
| <i>tomorrow morning</i>  | <i>tomorrow afternoon</i>  | <i>tomorrow night</i> |

### Calendar references

- In the UK people say *the seventh of September* or *September the seventh*. People write *7 September* or *7th September* or *September 7th*. Full dates are written Day/Month/Year: *7/9/03*.
- In the US people say *September seven* and write *September 7*. Full dates are written Month/Day/Year: *9/7/03*.

### *for, since and ago*

We use *for* and *since* with the present perfect to talk about time. *For* refers to a period of time and *since* refers to when it started.

*I've lived here for six years.*      *I studied French for two years.*

*I've lived here since 2001.*      *I've been waiting since 3.30.*

*Ago* means 'before the present'

*We arrived five hours ago.*      *I knew that ages ago!*

## INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE PRACTICE

- during or for?** *During* and *for* are both used to talk about periods of time. *During* answers the question 'When?'. *For* answers the question 'How long?'.  
*I didn't feel nervous **during** the performance.*  
*The performance lasted **for** forty-five minutes.*
- by or until?** *By* means 'on or before'. *Until* means 'up to'.  
*We'll be there **by** 6.00.* (perhaps earlier)  
*I waited for Alex **until** 6.00, and then I left.* (all the time up to 6.00)  
*Please give me your homework **by** Friday.* (Thursday would be fine)  
*I'll be away **until** Friday.* (all the time up to Friday)
- on time or in time?** *On time* means 'at the right time'. *In time* means 'with enough time to do something'.  
*The plane took off exactly **on time**.*  
*We arrived **in time** to have a meal before the plane left.*
- once and one day** *Once* means 'at one time in my life' and only refers to the past. *One day* can refer to the past or the future.  
***Once** I owned a motorbike.*  
***One day** I was walking through the town centre when I met Jill.*  
***One day** I'll be famous!*
- now and nowadays** *Now* means 'at the present time' or 'immediately'. *Nowadays* also means 'at the present time' and is used to make a strong contrast with the past.  
*Peter used to live in Rome, but **now** he's living in Florence.*  
*You have to finish ... **Now!***  
***Nowadays** people are not as polite as they used to be.*
- Note that the word 'actually' in English does not mean 'at the present time'. It means 'in fact' or 'really'. This is a common mistake.
- then, afterwards, after and later**
- *Then* and *afterwards* are similar. *Then* is used like 'next' in a sequence, *afterwards* is used like 'at a later time'. *Afterwards* can come at the end of the sentence.  
*We went to the cinema, and **then** we had a pizza.*  
*We went to the cinema, and **afterwards** we had a pizza.*  
*We went to the cinema, and had a pizza **afterwards**.*
  - *After* is usually followed by an object.  
***After the film** we had a pizza. **After that** we went home.*
  - *Later* means 'after some time'.  
*Mrs James isn't here at the moment. Can you come back **later**?*
- at the end, in the end and at last**
- *At the end* refers to a point in time.  
***At the end** of the film we all cried.*
  - *In the end* means 'after a lot of time' or eventually'.  
*We waited for Tim for ages, and **in the end** we left.*
  - *At last* makes a comment that we are pleased a long wait has ended.  
***At last** we can be together!*

## Practice

### 1 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- I met Tina a day/one day last week.
- In these days/Nowadays everyone seems to watch too much television.
- This morning/The morning I was busy in the garden.
- We have to finish this project by/until the end of the week.
- Bye. I'll see you the day after tomorrow/the next day.
- During/While the film I remembered where I'd left my keys.
- John played tennis, and after/afterwards had a shower.
- Helen's birthday is in/on January 10th.

### 2 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- We had lunch, and afterwards we went for a coffee.  
After we had/had had lunch, we went for a coffee .....
- Jill is never late for lessons.  
Jill is always .....
- I won't leave before 8.00.  
I'll be here .....
- I've been living here for three months.  
I started living here .....
- When we met for lunch it was 12.00.  
We met for lunch .....
- What do you do in your country on January 1st?  
What do you do in your country on the ..... ?
- I'll see you not tomorrow but the next day.  
I'll see you the .....
- It's 10.00 and I've been waiting here since 7.00.  
I've been waiting here ..... hours.

### 3 Complete each sentence with one suitable word.

- Would you like to go out on ..... my birthday?
- Rita moved to this town four years .....
- I won't phone Jason now. I'll phone him .....
- I woke up twice ..... the night.
- ..... midnight the frog turned into a prince.
- People in cities used to take the bus, but ..... most use their cars.
- Luckily Rachel arrived just ..... time to catch the train.
- We felt fine in the restaurant, but we both felt ill .....

**4 Rewrite each sentence so that it has a similar meaning and contains the word in bold.**

a) I spend the summer at the seaside.

**in**

..... *I go to the seaside in the summer.* .....

b) I started at this school in 1997.

**since**

.....

c) George had a bath and after that washed his hair.

**then**

.....

d) Dina left my house at 10.00.

**until**

.....

e) The train arrived exactly when it was supposed to.

**on time**

.....

f) I won't arrive later than 2.00.

**by**

.....

g) Paul tried hard but finally gave up.

**end**

.....

h) I was too late to say goodbye to Lisa.

**time**

.....

**5 Complete each sentence with one suitable word.**

a) Did you sleep well ..... *last* ..... night?

b) ..... the hot weather, we have our meals in the garden.

c) ..... the lesson, Mike and Carmen decided to play basketball.

d) John hasn't seen Cristina ..... three weeks.

e) I know that ..... day you will be a star!

f) It's very important to arrive ..... time for the examination.

g) The robber ran out of the bank and was arrested shortly .....

h) There is a lot of noise in our street ..... night.



## Explanations

### Countable and uncountable

- A countable noun has a singular and a plural form. The plural may be irregular. We can use numbers with it.

*one book, three books one possibility, two possibilities, one piece, four pieces  
one person, three people one child, two children one woman, four women*

- An uncountable noun has only one form. We cannot use numbers with it.

*work love progress water information English (language)*

- Typical uncountables are:

Materials and substances: *plastic, iron, wood, paper, water, air, coffee*

Abstract ideas: *life, fun, freedom, progress, health, time*

Activities: *work, travel, sleep, football, help, research*

Human feelings: *happiness, anger, honesty, hope, respect, courage*

- Note the words below which are uncountable in English but countable in many other languages:

*accommodation, advice, behaviour, business, cash, equipment, furniture, health, homework, information, knowledge, luggage, money, permission, rubbish, scenery, traffic, travel, weather, work*

### Countable and uncountable: grammar

- Countable nouns can be singular or plural.

*The book **is** over there.*

*The books **are** over there.*

Uncountable nouns are always singular.

*French **is** difficult.*

*His advice **was** very useful.*

- With countable nouns we can use *a/an* and *some*.

*Sue has got **a book/some books** about Ancient Egypt.*

With uncountable nouns we cannot use *a/an*.

*Sue has got **some money** to go on holiday this year.*

*Could I have **some information**?*

### some or any?

- *Some* is common in positive sentences. *Any* is common in questions and negatives.

*We've got **some juice**, but we haven't got **any glasses**.*

*Have you got **any cups**?*

- But we can use *some* in a question if it is an offer or request.

***Could I have some more tea, please?***

And we can use *any* in positive sentences if we mean 'it doesn't matter which'.

*I'm free **any day** next week.*

## INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE PRACTICE

- *Any* always has the meaning of 'no limit'. Compare:  
*Is there something I can do to help?* (I know what to do)  
*Is there anything I can do to help?* (I'll do whatever I can)  
*Have you got some letters for me?*  
(There are particular letters I am expecting)  
*Have you got any letters for me?*  
(I have no idea if you have letters for me or not)

### many and much

*Many* is used for countable nouns and *much* is used for uncountable nouns. They are used mainly in questions and negatives.

*How many chairs are there?*      *There aren't many cushions.*  
*How much money have we got?*      *There isn't much water here.*

### Change of meaning

- Some words can be countable or uncountable with a change in meaning. The countable meaning is specific and the uncountable meaning is general.

<i>a fish</i> (the animal)	<i>some fish</i> (a portion of food)
<i>a business</i> (a company)	<i>business</i> (in general)
<i>a noise</i> (a specific noise)	<i>noise</i> (in general)
<i>a hair</i> (a single piece)	<i>hair</i> (all together)
<i>a painting</i> (one object)	<i>painting</i> (the activity/hobby)
<i>a work</i> (a work of art)	<i>work</i> (in general)
<i>a loaf</i> (a loaf of bread)	<i>some bread</i> (in general)
<i>a coffee</i> (a cup of coffee)	<i>some coffee</i> (the material)
<i>a paper</i> (a newspaper)	<i>some paper</i> (the material)
<i>a wood</i> (a small forest)	<i>some wood</i> (the material)
<i>an iron</i> (for pressing clothes)	<i>some iron</i> (the material)
<i>a glass</i> (for drinking)	<i>some glass</i> (the material)

- Look at these examples:  
*I heard a strange noise.*      *I can't stand noise.*  
*I bought a painting last week.*      *Do you like painting?*  
*Diana had a very good education.*      *Education is very important.*  
*A knowledge of boats is useful.*      *Knowledge is the key to success.*  
*Can you buy a loaf from the shop?*      *Can you buy some bread from the shop?*

### Other problems

- One group of nouns only has a plural form and takes a plural verb: *clothes, contents, feelings, glasses* (for your eyes), *jeans, stairs, trousers*  
*My trousers are too tight.*      *The stairs are very steep.*
- One group of nouns can be followed by either a singular or plural verb: *army, audience, class, company, crowd, family, government, group, public, team*  
*The Government has/have decided to resign.*
- The word 'news' is followed by a singular verb.  
*The news is on.*
- The word 'police' is followed by a plural verb  
*The police are coming.*

## Practice

### 1 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- How much/How many pasta have we got?
- Where is/are my new trousers?
- I put some/any chocolate somewhere, but where is it?
- Peter went to buy a/some glass so he could fix the broken windows.
- I'm afraid we haven't got much/many time.
- How much/How many furniture shops are there?
- I've found the milk but I can't find a/some glass.
- Mary's advice was/were not very useful.

### 2 Put one word in each space. Put a dash (–) if the space should be blank.

- My trousers need ironing. Have you got ..... **an** ..... iron?
- Could you go to the baker's and buy ..... loaf, please?
- I'd like ..... information about trains to Paris.
- Louise has ..... very good health.
- The war ended ..... years ago.
- Vanessa bought ..... paper and read it on the bus.
- Could you give me ..... advice, please?
- Do you know ..... people in this village?

### 3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence and contains the word in **bold**.

- Let me tell you what I think you should do.  
**advice**  
Let me give you some advice .....
- I need a clean pair of trousers.  
**any**  
I haven't got .....
- There isn't a lot of water in the pool.  
**much**  
..... water in the pool.
- I have to wash my hair.  
**washing**  
My hair .....
- The book didn't contain any information.  
**in**  
The information .....

**4** Choose the best alternative, 1 or 2, to complete each sentence.

- a) The fire is going to go out. Can you go and get *some wood* .....  
1 a wood 2 some wood
- b) ..... money all over the floor!  
1 There was 2 There were
- c) Lemonade? Sorry, no, we haven't got .....  
1 some 2 any
- d) Peter keeps ..... at the bottom of his garden.  
1 a chicken 2 some chicken
- e) The information we were given .....  
1 were very useful 2 was very useful
- f) ..... people were there on the bus?  
1 How many 2 How much
- g) Look at Rita's hair. .... !  
1 It's green 2 They're green
- h) I've called the police and .....  
1 they're on their way 2 it's on its way
- i) The assembly hall was full of .....  
1 a noise 2 noise

**5** Complete each sentence with one suitable word.

- a) I wanted to have a bath but there wasn't any hot *water*.....
- b) When is the ..... on? I haven't heard any today.
- c) Tim's eyesight was bad and he had to have new .....
- d) Laura had to pay extra at the airport because she had too much .....
- e) If you want to make an omelette there are some ..... in the fridge.
- f) You can't cut that with a knife. You need some .....
- g) We need some bread. Could you go and buy a large .....
- h) When the burglar ran out of the house he was arrested by a .....



## Explanations

### Indefinite article: a/an

- We use *a/an* when the listener does not know which person or thing we are talking about. Compare:
 

<i>Tim works in <b>a</b> factory.</i>	<i>(we don't know which factory)</i>
<i>Tim works in <b>the</b> factory down the road.</i>	<i>(we know which factory)</i>
- If we refer to something for the first time it will be new information for the listener and so we use *a/an*. Other references to the same thing use *the* because now the listener knows what we are talking about.
 

*I've bought **a** new mobile **phone**. It's great. **The** phone connects to the Internet.*
- We use *a/an* to describe something.
 

<i>It's <b>a</b> lovely <b>day</b>.</i>	<i>Kazakstan is <b>an</b> enormous <b>country</b>.</i>
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 Note these two ways of saying the same thing:
 

<i>An ocelot is <b>a</b> wild <b>animal</b>, similar to <b>a</b> leopard.</i>	
<i>Ocelots are <b>wild</b> <b>animals</b>, similar to <b>leopards</b>.</i>	
- We use *a/an* to describe the job or the character of a person.
 

<i>Mary is <b>an</b> <b>engineer</b>.</i>	<i>Peter is <b>a</b> <b>fool</b>!</i>
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- *A/an* mean 'one', so we cannot use *a/an* with uncountable nouns.
 

<i>I've got <b>a</b> brother and <b>a</b> sister.</i>	<i>(not two)</i>
<i>Can you give me some information?</i>	<i>(not <del>an</del> information)</i>
- Note that *a/an* are unstressed, and are pronounced /ə/ and /ən/.

### Zero article (no article)

- We use zero article with plurals and uncountable nouns when we are talking generally. Compare:
 

<i><b>Dogs</b> are not allowed in this shop</i>	<i>(dogs in general)</i>
<i><b>The dogs</b> next door bark all night.</i>	<i>(some particular dogs)</i>
<i><b>Milk</b> is good for you.</i>	<i>(milk in general)</i>
<i><b>The milk</b> on the top shelf is fat-free.</i>	<i>(we know which milk)</i>

Here are some examples showing the use of zero article to talk generally:

Materials:	<i>This chair is made of <b>plastic</b> and <b>leather</b>.</i>
Food and drink	<i>I love <b>chocolate</b>. I don't like <b>orange</b> juice.</i>
Abstract ideas:	<i><b>War</b> is a terrible thing.</i>
Languages:	<i><b>Spanish</b> is spoken by about 300 million people.</i>
Activities:	<i><b>Speaking</b> is not permitted during the examination.</i>

- Zero article is used with most countries, states and cities.

<i>Marie comes <b>from</b> <b>France</b>.</i>
<i><b>Los Angeles</b> is in <b>California</b>.</i>

But countries which are a group or plural have a definite article.

*We left **the** **United Kingdom** and crossed to **the** **Netherlands**.*

Note also that *Great Britain* has zero article.

- Zero article is used with geographical areas, lakes, mountains and islands.  
*We visited **Lake Victoria**. It's in **East Africa**.*  
*They climbed **Mt. Everest** in record time.*  
*Helen spent her holidays on **Crete**.*
  
- Zero article is used with most streets.  
*I bought this dress from a shop **in Bond Street**.*  
 But we use *the* for the phrase **the High Street** (this means the main shopping street in a town).
  
- Zero article is used with names of buildings with a place name before.  
*We visited **Blenheim Palace** and **Coventry Cathedral**.*  
 But we use *the* when there is a phrase with *of* after the noun.  
*We visited **the Houses of Parliament**.*
  
- Zero article is used with names, but *the* is used with titles.  
*Carol Parker is **the Minister of Communications**.*
  
- Zero article is used with meals when we refer to them in general.  
*Dinner is at 7.30.*  
 But compare with these examples where we are not talking generally:  
*At the end of the conference there was **a dinner**.* (mentioned for first time)  
*The **dinner** they serve here is really fantastic.* (we know which dinner)
  
- Zero article is used with general historical references  
*Prehistoric **Europe/Ancient Rome** is a fascinating period of history.*
  
- Zero article is used with *by* for general forms of transport.  
*We went there **by car**.*  
 But compare with these examples where we are not talking generally:  
*We went there in **a really old car**.* (mentioned for first time)  
*We went there in **the car** my sister uses.* (we know which car)  
 Note also that we say *on foot*.
  
- Zero article is used with certain buildings, where the purpose of the building is more important than the place itself. Compare:  
*Jim is **in prison**.* (which prison is not important)  
*My company is rebuilding **the prison**.* (one particular building)  
 Words of this type are:  

<i>be in or go to</i>	<i>hospital, prison, bed, class, court</i>
<i>be at or go to</i>	<i>work, school, university, sea</i>
<i>with 'home'</i>	<i>be at home, go home</i>

→ SEE ALSO

**Grammar 33: Countable and uncountable nouns**

## Practice

See Grammar 35 for activities including *the*.

### 1 Underline the errors in these sentences. Rewrite each sentence.

- a) Have you ever visited United Kingdom?  
 ..... *Have you ever visited the United Kingdom?* .....
- b) On our trip, we visited the Canterbury Cathedral.  
 .....
- c) Love is wonderful thing.  
 .....
- d) The pets are not permitted in this hotel.  
 .....
- e) Rabbit is small wild furry animal with long ears.  
 .....
- f) The New York is in United States of the America.  
 .....

### 2 Put *a/an* or leave the space blank.

- a) ..... love makes the world go round.
- b) Sheila has got ..... German car.
- c) Rita works in ..... office in ..... West Street.
- d) I've got ..... friend who is ..... electrician.
- e) Paul goes to ..... special school for ..... musicians.
- f) Jack is in ..... hospital and can't go to ..... school.
- g) Valerie wants to go to ..... university and study to be ..... doctor.

### 3 For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using no more than three words.

- a) Mary teaches English.  
 Mary *is an* ..... English teacher.
- b) Charles has a factory job.  
 Charles works ..... factory.
- c) You are not allowed to park here.  
 ..... not allowed here.
- d) Fabio is on a ship at the moment.  
 At the moment ..... sea.
- e) We walked to the station.  
 We went to ..... foot.

## Explanations

- Definite article: *the*
- We use *the* when it is clear which thing or person we are talking about. The points below explain this in more detail. Compare:
    - The war between the two countries lasted for six weeks.*  
(we know which war)
    - War is a terrible thing.*  
(war in general, so zero article)
  - We often use *the* when we refer to something that we mentioned before, using *a/an*.
    - We saw a good film last night. It was the new film by Berghini.*
 But we can use *the* for the first time that we refer to something if it is clear from the context which one we mean.
    - Where's the newspaper?*
  - We often use *the* with phrases including *of*. Compare:
    - The film was about the love of a girl for her cat.*
    - Love is a wonderful thing!* (love in general, so zero article)
  - We use *the* when there is only one of something. It is clear which one we mean.
    - How many astronauts have landed on the moon?*
  - We use *the* for nationalities and other groups.
    - I really admire the Italians.*
    - The old, the sick and the unemployed need our special care.*
  - Note these other uses of *the*:
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playing musical instruments:</li> <li>Time:</li> <li>Superlatives</li> <li>Fixed phrases</li> <li>Names of ships</li> <li>Oceans</li> <li>Rivers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Do you play the guitar?</i></li> <li><i>In the past/in the future</i></li> <li>But: <i>at present</i></li> <li><i>This is the biggest one. / You are the first.</i></li> <li><i>The sooner the better.</i></li> <li><i>We sailed on the Neptune.</i></li> <li><i>The Pacific, the Atlantic</i></li> <li><i>The Amazon, the Danube</i></li> </ul>
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  - *The* is usually pronounced /ðə/ before consonants and /ði:/ before vowels.
    - The beginning. The end.*

→ SEE ALSO

**Grammar 38: Making comparisons**



## Practice

- 1** Underline the correct word in each sentence.
- Where's *an/the* electric heater? I can't find it.
  - What happened at *an/the* end of *a/the* film?
  - David has *an/the* appointment at *a/the* optician's.
  - An/The* old person sometimes feels lonely.
  - Peter owns *a/the* largest model plane in *a/the* world.
  - Luckily *a/the* fire brigade soon came and put out *a/the* fire.
  - Harry's mother bought him *a/the* guitar for his birthday present.
  - I'm thinking of buying *a/the* new pair of trousers.
  - In the end there was *a/the* war between the two countries.
  - I didn't know *an/the* answer to *a/the* question, so I left it out.
- 2** Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.
- Frances is a very good pianist.  
Frances ... *plays the piano* ..... very well.
  - Poor people need help from the Government.  
The Government should ..... poor.
  - Tracey's bike is faster than everyone else's.  
Tracey's ..... fastest.
  - Tom has a doctor's appointment.  
Tom ..... doctor's.
  - The film was about an artist's life.  
The film ..... of an artist.
  - The only goal of the match was scored by Italy.  
The only goal of the match ..... Italians.
- 3** Put *a/an* or *the* in each space or leave the space blank.
- ..... President is ..... largest cruise ship in ..... world.
  - Everyone in ..... class agreed that ..... happiness was important.
  - There's ..... strange person at ..... door.
  - Someone who saw ..... robbery called ..... police.
  - At ..... beginning of ..... film, ..... tall man sat in front of me.
  - When I arrived at ..... station, I ate ..... sandwich and waited for ..... train.
  - ..... person with ..... good education usually gets ..... good job.
  - Have you seen ..... new film at ..... Embassy cinema?

## Practice

Includes practice of Grammar 34 and 35.

### 1 Put *a/an/the* in each space, or leave the space blank.

- a) *The* ..... Chinese eat *a* ..... lot of ..... rice.
- b) ..... most people thought that ..... Beatles were ..... very good group.
- c) I usually drink ..... glass of ..... milk in ..... morning.
- d) What's ..... difference between ..... rabbit and ..... hare?
- e) ..... first person who crosses ..... finishing line is ..... winner.
- f) ..... playing ..... guitar is ..... interesting ..... hobby.
- g) ..... Rebecca got on ..... bus and bought ..... ticket.
- h) There's ..... newspaper shop at ..... end of ..... street.
- i) In ..... past, most of ..... population lived in ..... country.
- j) I needed ..... new pair of trousers so my mother gave me ..... money.

### 2 Correct the errors in these sentences by adding or removing *a/an/the*.

- a) Could you get loaf of bread from baker's?  
*Could you get a loaf of bread from the baker's?* .....
- b) The milk is good for the children.  
 .....
- c) The John is at a work at moment.  
 .....
- d) We travelled to the Hungary by a car.  
 .....
- e) Have you got a brother or the sister?  
 .....
- f) War between two countries was longest in the history.  
 .....
- g) Who was first astronaut who walked on moon?  
 .....
- h) Nile is longest river in world.  
 .....

**3 Rewrite each sentence so that it has a similar meaning and contains the word in bold.**

a) We travelled there by train.

**on**

*We travelled there on the train.*

b) There isn't a larger size than this one.

**largest**

c) Clara sings for her living.

**singer**

d) People who are unemployed often feel depressed.

**the**

e) Anna is learning to be a guitarist.

**play**

f) Mike is an office-worker.

**works**

g) Marie is a Frenchwoman.

**France**

h) David is still working.

**at**

**4 Put a/an/the in each space, or leave the space blank.**

(a) ...~~A~~... friend of mine, Sally Milton, wanted to become (b) ..... dancer when she was (c) ..... girl. (d) ..... every morning before (e) ..... school she used to practise in (f) ..... living room at (g) ..... home. (h) ..... dancers need (i) ..... lot of (j) ..... exercise, so Sally used to go to (k) ..... gym two or three times (l) ..... week. In (m) ..... end she got (n) ..... job in (o) ..... theatre company and became (p) ..... actress. In (q) ..... fact, (r) ..... last week I saw her in (s) ..... programme on (t) ..... television!

**5** Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- a) I didn't expect to see Darrel.  
    *Darrel was the* ..... last person I expected to see.
- b) Do you have a dog in your house?  
    Do ..... home?
- c) Nick teaches chemistry.  
    Nick is ..... teacher.
- d) My friends gave me a wonderful present.  
    ..... gave me was wonderful.
- e) The Australian capital is Canberra.  
    Canberra ..... Australia.
- f) The French lesson is the first tomorrow.  
    ..... French.
- g) Someone is phoning you.  
    There's someone on .....
- h) We saw a very entertaining film last night.  
    ..... was very entertaining.

**6** In each pair of sentences, fill in one space with *the* and the other space with a dash (-) to show no article.

- a) 1 For me, ..... football is my life.  
    2 *The* ..... football in the second division is a much lower standard.
- b) 1 They say that ..... love makes the world go round.  
    2 They say that ..... love of a mother for her child is the strongest kind.
- c) 1 ..... information in this article will be very useful for my project.  
    2 ..... information about the Government's defence plans is hard to find.
- d) 1 ..... students in my new class all seem very friendly.  
    2 ..... students should be in their classes by 9.00.
- e) 1 I need ..... help!  
    2 Thanks very much for ..... help you gave me yesterday.
- f) 1 ..... computers in the January sale are not too expensive.  
    2 These days everybody needs to know how to use ..... computers.
- g) 1 ..... English are famous for their strange sense of humour.  
    2 ..... English programmes are quite easy to find on satellite TV.
- h) 1 Many of my friends are studying ..... business at university.  
    2 My father is involved in ..... business of buying and selling houses.

## Explanations

all, some

### ■ all

*All* is usually followed by a plural noun and verb.

*All students are expected to arrive on time.*

In the expressions *all day*, *all night*, *all the time*, the noun is singular.

We can also say *All (of) the ...*, and in this expression we can replace *the* by a possessive adjective (*my* etc.).

*All (of) the tickets for the match had been sold.*

*All (of) my friends have bikes.*

*Not* is also used with *all*.

*Not all students have bikes.*

*Not all (of) my friends have bikes.*

*All* is also used as a pronoun at the beginning of a sentence.

*All I want is some peace and quiet!*

*All I need is £400! All I have is £50!*

*All* is not normally used as a single-word object. Instead we use *everything*.

*Tell me everything that happened on your holiday.*

(NOT ~~*Tell me all that happened...*~~)

### ■ some

*Some* is used in the same way. *Some* is not used with *not*.

*Some students are expected to help.*

no, none

### ■ no

We can use *no* with a singular noun or a plural noun.

*No students arrived on time for the last lesson!*

*No student arrived on time for the last lesson!*

We do not use *no* if there is another negative word. In this case we use *any*.

*I didn't see any students arriving on time for the last lesson.*

### ■ none

We do not use *No of ...* or *No the ...*. Instead, we use *none of the* or *none* on its own.

*None of the guests are here yet.*

*'Were there any letters for me?' Sorry, none for you.'*

Note that in the first example there is a plural verb 'are'. This is more common, although a singular verb is possible.

## INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE PRACTICE

To emphasize the idea of *none* we can use *none at all*, or *not one*, or *not a ...* .

'How many people were surfing?' → '**None at all!**'

'How many people were surfing?' → '**Not one!**'

'How many people were surfing?' → '**Not a single one!**'

Other examples:

**Not one person** has done any homework!

I haven't had **a single phone-call** today.

*each, every*

The meaning of *each* and *every* is similar and often either word is possible. They are both followed by a singular noun.

**Each person** in the room was wearing a hat.

**Every person** in the room was wearing a hat.

### ■ *each*

We use *each* when we think of the members of a group separately, one by one.

She spent some time talking to **each person** in the room.

*Each* is often used with *one*.

There were ten people in the room. **Each one** was wearing a hat.

*Each of ...* can be used.

**Each of you** can carry one parcel.

*Each* can be used after the subject, or at the end of a sentence.

**My sisters each** have their own room.

**My uncle gave my brother and I \$50 each.** (= gave \$50 to each of us.)

### ■ *every*

We use *every* when we think of all the members of a group together.

**Every box** was wrapped in coloured paper.

We cannot say *every of*.

We cannot use *every* after the subject, or at the end of a sentence.

*both, either, neither*

### ■ *both*

*Both* refers to two things and means 'the one and the other'. It is used with a plural noun and verb. Note the structures and positions.

**Both people/Both the people/Both of the people** in the room were wearing hats.

The people in the room were **both wearing hats**.

There were two people in the room. **Both (of them)** were wearing hats.

**Both of you** can help me.

**You can both** help me.

■ *either*

*Either* means 'this one or the other one'. It is followed by a singular noun and verb.

*We can paint it green or blue. **Either colour** matches the walls.*

But note that when we use *either* with the words 'end' or 'side' then the meaning changes to *both*.

*There are trees on **either side** of the street.*

We can use *either of*.

***Either of the books** will be very useful.*

■ *neither*

*Neither* means 'not this one or the other one'.

*We can't paint it green or blue. **Neither colour** matches the walls.*

*There are trees on **neither side** of the street.*

***Neither of these books** will be very useful.*

→ SEE ALSO

**Grammar 45: Pronouns**

## Practice

**1** Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- a) There were *none/no* people at the bus stop.
- b) My two brothers *each/every* have their own car.
- c) *Not one/Not no* student has come late this week!
- d) *Some of/Some* restaurants charge extra for bread.
- e) Sorry, but I can't hear *either/neither* of you properly.
- f) When I got on my bike I noticed that *both tyres/every tyre* were flat.

**2** Put one suitable word in each space.

- a) I sent letters to ten people, but ..... *not* ..... *one* ..... replied!
- b) I'm sorry, but there are ..... tickets left for the concert.
- c) ..... I ate for breakfast was a banana.
- d) I tried ..... the supermarkets, but ..... one was closed.
- e) I had two phone calls, but there were ..... for you, I'm afraid.
- f) Both roads lead to the city centre. You can take ..... one.

**3** Rewrite each sentence so that it has a similar meaning and contains the word in **bold**.

- a) All the dogs in the garden were barking.  
every  
...*Every dog in the garden was barking*.....
- b) Nobody at all came to the meeting.  
**single**  
.....
- c) Not one of my friends has got a car.  
**none**  
.....
- d) This chair is not comfortable, and nor is this other one.  
**neither**  
.....
- e) There weren't any boys in the class.  
**no**  
.....
- f) We only want to listen to a few CDs.  
**all**  
.....
- g) The two books are interesting.  
**both**  
.....



**4** Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- a) These books aren't interesting.  
None *of these books is/are interesting.*
- b) You have only ten minutes left.  
All .....
- c) The hotels were both unsuitable.  
Neither .....
- d) No one replied to my letter.  
Not a .....
- e) Paul and his brother David are ill.  
Both .....
- f) Nobody in the team played badly.  
All .....
- g) The police searched all the houses in the street.  
Every .....
- h) Not all the questions in the test were easy.  
Some .....

**5** Underline the correct continuation of each sentence.

- a) We looked at two different houses but ...  
1 both of them were too small. 2 either of them was too small.
- b) Liz invited a dozen guests to her party but ...  
1 no turned up. 2 none turned up.
- c) Helen and Mark are well behaved, but please let me know if ...  
1 both of them misbehave. 2 either of them misbehaves.
- d) Michaela feels so tired because she ...  
1 didn't sleep for a single moment. 2 slept all for a moment.
- e) Write down the number of the car on this list ...  
1 each time one passes. 2 all the time one passes.
- f) How many presents did you get on your birthday? ...  
1 One at all. 2 None at all.
- g) There were ten people standing at the bus stop and ...  
1 all people had umbrellas. 2 each one had an umbrella.
- h) We wrote all our answers on the blackboard but ...  
1 no one of us was right. 2 none of us was right.

## Explanations

### Adjectives

Adjectives describe a noun and are used in front of nouns. They have the same form for singular and plural. They do not change for male and female.

### Order of adjectives

- When we have more than one adjective, we use this order:

Opinion	<i>lovely, difficult</i>
Size	<i>large, long</i>
Age	<i>old, second-hand</i>
Shape	<i>round, square</i>
Temperature	<i>hot, cold</i>
Colour	<i>green, blue</i>
Material	<i>wooden, plastic</i>
Purpose (what it is for?)	<i>swimming pool</i>
Final noun	<i>swimming pool</i>

Here are some examples:

*An old leather football boot.* (age, material, purpose, noun)

*A lovely green silk shirt.* (opinion, colour, material, noun)

It is not advisable to put more than three adjectives together.

- In the 'material' and 'purpose' categories we can have nouns used as adjectives: *plastic, steel, swimming, football*.

### Gradable adjectives

- Look at this sequence:

*boiling* ←————— *hot warm cool cold* —————→ *freezing*

Adjectives in the middle of the sequence are called 'gradable'. We can make them stronger or weaker with words like *very, a bit, extremely*.

Adjectives at the end of the sequence are called 'non-gradable'. We cannot make them stronger or weaker because they are already extreme. But we can emphasise them with *absolutely*.

*It was **absolutely boiling** in Athens last week.* (NOT ~~very boiling~~)

### Adjectives ending -ing and -ed

- Adjectives ending *-ing* describe something that we are reacting to (outside us).

Adjectives ending *-ed* describe our feelings and reactions (inside us).

*My work was **tiring**.*      *It made me **tired**.*

*This film is **interesting**.*      *I'm **interested** in the film.*

Others of the same kind are: *excited/exciting, embarrassed/embarassing, worried/worrying, bored/boring*.

Adjectives with *be*,  
*become*, *feel*, *look*

- Adjectives can be used on their own, without a noun, after these verbs.

*This beach is fantastic! Sue has become rich.*

*I feel terrible! You look ill!*

If we use more than one adjective, note the use of commas and the word 'and':

*Sue has become happy and rich.*

*Sue has become happy, rich and famous.*

one

- We can use *one* instead of repeating a noun.

*I like your new coat. It's a really lovely one!*

Adverbs

- Adverbs describe a verb. An adverb says how (*quickly*), when (*tomorrow*) or where (*over there*) something happens.

Many 'how' adverbs are formed by adding *-ly* to an adjective.

*slow – slowly quick – quickly careful – carefully*

- Some adverbs have the same form as adjectives. Examples include: *fast, hard, early, late, high, low, right, wrong*.

*This train is very fast.* (adj)

*This train goes fast.* (adv)

*It was a very hard question.* (adj)

*We worked hard.* (adv)

- Note that the adverb *hardly* is not related to the meaning of *hard*.

*I could hardly stand up.* ('hardly' = almost not)

- Remember that frequency adverbs come after *be* and auxiliaries, but before other verbs.

*Katherine is never late. She has never arrived late.*

*Katherine never arrives late.*

Adverbs of degree  
(intensifiers)

- Adverbs of degree are used with adjectives to describe how much.

*Peter is very/really/extremely happy at his new school.*

Other adverbs of degree are: *a little, a bit, quite, terribly*.

→ SEE ALSO

Grammar 3: Present time 2

## Practice

**1** Put each group of words into the best order.

a) old a plastic large bag green

*a large old green plastic bag*

b) wooden square two tables

c) red a dress silk beautiful

d) silver a of jugs antique pair

e) bowl small a plastic

f) winding road country long a

g) boots some old football dirty

h) cotton long a skirt yellow

i) squeezed cold juice a freshly glass orange of

**2** Underline the correct adjective in each sentence.

a) I can't drink this tea! It's warm/boiling!

b) Look at that skyscraper! It's large/gigantic!

c) Jill couldn't drive any further that day as she was so tired/tiring.

d) I love summer evenings when at last it feels cool/freezing.

e) The first part of the film was really excited/exciting.

f) That was the best play I've ever seen. It was good/fantastic.

g) You look worried/worrying. Is anything the matter?

h) We won't go camping until the weather is more boiling/warmer.

i) If you feel bored/boring, why don't we go to the cinema?

j) I didn't think you were interested/interesting in ancient history.

**3** Rewrite each sentence so that it has a similar meaning and contains the word in **bold**.

- a) The old couple lived together and were happy.

**happily**

*The old couple lived happily together.*

- b) This has been hard work for you.

**worked**

- c) Chris and Paul are slow walkers.

**walk**

- d) Georgia is a good pianist.

**plays**

- e) Sue is a graceful dancer.

**dances**

- f) Kate is ill.

**well**

- g) Michael's skating was wonderful.

**skates**

- h) Mary is a careful writer.

**writes**

- i) Alex didn't sleep well.

**slept**

- j) Ann completed the course with success.

**successfully**

**4** Complete each sentence with one of the words from the box. Use each word once only.

extremely    fast    good    ~~happy~~    hard    hardly  
ill    quite    terrible    well

- a) When I heard that Suzannah had passed her driving test I was really  
...*happy*.....
- b) Jack dances very ..... and never steps on people's feet.
- c) Alan was so tired that he could ..... keep his eyes open.
- d) The hotel was ..... , but we didn't like the food in the restaurant.
- e) Alison was extremely ..... and spent a month in hospital.
- f) Jonny was driving too ..... and was stopped by the police.
- g) It's not a wonderful film, but it's ..... good.
- h) Gina worked very ..... and was given an extra holiday.
- i) When I realized I hadn't paid for the coat, I felt .....
- j) I can't afford to buy that bike because it's ..... expensive.

**5** Underline the errors in these sentences. Rewrite each sentence.

- a) Peter has been working very hardly.  
.....  
*Peter has been working very hard.*
- b) My sister bought me a blue lovely woollen sweater.  
.....
- c) This book I'm reading is extremely excellent.  
.....
- d) David felt badly because he'd shouted at his mother.  
.....
- e) Everyone in the team played good.  
.....
- f) Too much exercise can make you feel tiring.  
.....
- g) Paula felt happily when her exams were over.  
.....
- h) Hans has arrived late at school never.  
.....
- i) One boxer hit the other really hardly right on the chin.  
.....
- j) I'm not really interesting in this car.  
.....

## Explanations

Comparatives and superlatives: meaning

Comparatives compare two separate things.

*Mary is a **better player** than Monica.*

Superlatives compare one thing in a group with all the others.

*Sarah is **the best player** in the team.*

Comparatives and superlatives: form

### ■ One syllable

Comparative adjectives with one syllable are normally formed by adding *-er* to the adjective. In one syllable words ending with one consonant, the final consonant is doubled. Words ending in consonant + *-y* change *-y* to *-i*.

*long – longer    big – bigger    dry – drier*

Superlative adjectives are normally formed by adding *-est* to the adjective.

*long – the longest    big – the biggest    dry – the driest*

### ■ Two or more syllables

Comparative adjectives with two or more syllables are normally formed with *more*.

*modern – more modern    interesting – more interesting*

Superlative adjectives are normally formed with *most*.

*modern – the most modern    interesting – the most interesting*

Some adjectives with two syllables can be formed in either way.

*common            commoner            the commonest    OR*  
*common            more common            the most common*

Other examples include: *quiet, tired, clever, polite, simple.*

### ■ Note from the examples above that *the* is used with superlatives. *The* + superlative can also be used without a noun.

*Sarah is **the best** swimmer.*

*Sarah is **the best**.*

Irregular forms

Note the following irregular forms:

<i>good</i>	<i>better</i>	<i>the best</i>
<i>bad</i>	<i>worse</i>	<i>the worst</i>
<i>far</i>	<i>farther/further</i>	<i>the farthest/furthest</i>
<i>little</i>	<i>less</i>	<i>the least</i>
<i>much/many</i>	<i>more</i>	<i>the most</i>

And there is a special use of *old* to describe family members that has an irregular form:

*old                    elder                    the eldest*

*This is my **elder** brother. Jane is their **eldest** daughter.*

**Adverbs**

In general adverbs follow the same rules as adjectives, although many common short adverbs can make comparatives in two ways.

- Could you drive **slower**, please?*
- Could you drive **more slowly**, please?*
- Can you work **quicker**?*
- Can you work **more quickly**?*

Adverbs that can use both forms like this include: *early, far, fast, hard, late, loud, quick, slow.*

**Making comparisons**

- *Than* is used with comparatives.  
*Mary is **better than** Monica.*  
*Mary is **a better player than** Monica.*
- Note that when we compare actions, we use an auxiliary at the end of the sentence.

*Mary plays better than Monica **does**.* (NOT ... ~~than Monica plays~~)  
*You've done more work than I **have**.* (NOT ... ~~than I have done~~)

We can also say:

*Mary plays **better than** Monica.*  
*You've done more work **than** me.*

- *just as ... as* is used when we compare two equal things.  
*Mary is **just as good as** Cathy.*  
*Mary is **just as good a player as** Cathy.*
- *not as ... as* is used when we compare two things that are not equal.  
*Cathy is **not as good as** Mary.*  
*Cathy is **not as good a player as** Mary.*
- As well as saying *more than*, we can also say *less than*.  
*This game is **more interesting than** the last one.*  
*I think this game is **less interesting than** that one.*

**Intensifiers**

We can use adverbs of degree to make comparisons. Adverbs of degree include: *a bit, much, a lot, far.*

*This house is **much/a lot/far** bigger than that one.*  
*The Italian film was **much more interesting** than this one.*  
*That film was **far less frightening** than this one.*

→ SEE ALSO

**Grammar 37: Adjectives and adverbs**



## Practice

### 1 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- The fish was *so tasty as/as tasty as* the meat.
- This book is *the most interesting/the more interesting* I've ever read.
- This temple is the *eldest/oldest* in Europe.
- That dress is a lot longer *than/that* the other one.
- Nothing is *worse/worst* than being stuck in a traffic jam.
- That skyscraper is one of the *taller/tallest* buildings in the world.
- The test wasn't *as hard as/hard as* I thought.
- Actually, today I feel *more bad/worse* than I did yesterday.
- Our journey took *longer than/the longest* we expected.
- Could you work *more quietly/more quieter* please?

### 2 Complete each sentence with a comparative or superlative form of the adjective in bold. Include any other necessary words.

- The Nile is *the longest* ..... river in the world.  
**long**
- I was disappointed as the film was ..... than I expected.  
**entertaining**
- Most planes go a lot ..... trains.  
**fast**
- Yesterday was one of ..... days of the year.  
**hot**
- I think this book is much ..... the other one.  
**good**
- The twins are the same height. Tim is ..... Sue.  
**tall**
- The first exercise was easy but this one is .....  
**difficult**
- The Mediterranean is not ..... the Pacific Ocean.  
**large**
- This classroom is ..... the one next door.  
**big**
- This is ..... television programme I've ever watched.  
**bad**

**3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.**

- a) David is a better runner than Paul.  
Paul is not *as good a runner as David (is)*.
- b) Nobody in the class is taller than Alison.  
Alison is the .....
- c) I haven't written as much as you.  
You've written .....
- d) Jane's hair isn't as long as Sophie's.  
Sophie's hair is .....
- e) No student in the school is noisier than I am!  
I'm the .....
- f) This exhibition is much more interesting than the last one.  
The last exhibition was not .....
- g) This is as fast as the car can go.  
The car can't .....
- h) Kate ate much less than Andrew did.  
Kate didn't .....

**4 Put one suitable word in each space.**

- a) Our team is *just* ..... *as* ..... good ..... *as* ..... your team.  
They're both the same.
- b) This is one of ..... famous paintings in the world.
- c) Everyone did ..... work ..... Philip .....
- d) You're not a safe driver! You should drive ..... slowly.
- e) Ann is taller ..... Mike but their son Dave is ..... tallest in the family.
- f) What an awful book. It's one of ..... interesting I've ever read.
- g) It makes no difference, because this road is ..... bad ..... that one.
- h) Today is ..... cold ..... yesterday, so I'm wearing my shorts.

**5 Correct the spelling of these words where necessary.**

- a) biggest *biggest* f) fater ..... k) fiter .....
- b) greatest ..... g) smalest ..... l) tighter .....
- c) shorter ..... h) longest ..... m) newest .....
- d) likeliest ..... i) hardder ..... n) heavier .....
- e) tallest ..... j) wetttest ..... o) widder .....

**6** For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using no more than three words.

- a) Could you not talk so fast, please?  
 Could you ... *talk more slowly* ....., please?
- b) The last film we saw was more frightening than this one.  
 This film ..... as the last one.
- c) Nobody in the class cooks better than Sam.  
 Sam is ..... in the class.
- d) You ran a lot faster than I did.  
 I didn't run ..... you.
- e) Small cars are more economical than large cars.  
 Large cars are ..... small cars.
- f) Skating isn't as exciting as skiing.  
 Skiing is ..... skating.
- g) Richard doesn't work harder than Alan.  
 Alan works just ..... Richard.
- h) Jack isn't as interested in football as his brother is.  
 Jack's brother ..... in football than he is.
- i) Bill is the youngest in the family.  
 Everyone else in the family ..... Bill.
- j) I haven't eaten as much as you.  
 You've eaten .....



## Explanations

### Understanding phrasal verbs

- The term 'phrasal verb' means a normal verb like *get*, *look*, *take* followed by one or two prepositions like *back*, *off*, *up* etc. Look at these examples:
  - 1 Please **take** *this note* **to** *my teacher*.  
(normal verb meaning: 'to move something from one place to another')
  - 2 **Take off** *your shoes* **before** *you come in*.  
(phrasal verb meaning: 'to remove something')
  - 3 **We took off** *in the middle of a storm*.  
(phrasal verb meaning: 'when a plane goes up into the air')

When the preposition is added the meaning of the original verb changes. Sometimes there is still a relationship and you can guess the meaning (see 2 above), sometimes there is a new meaning that is completely different (see 3 above).

- There are different types of phrasal verbs, depending on whether there is one preposition or two, and whether the verb and preposition can be separated. In this book Grammar 38 and 39 cover different types.
- There are many phrasal verbs, and only a few common ones are given in these two units. When you see a new phrasal verb for the first time you should study the context of use, and check the meaning in a dictionary. Phrasal verbs are particularly common in informal writing and speech.

### Verbs with three parts

Most of the verbs in the list below need an object, and the object can only come at the end, after both the prepositions:

*I'm **looking forward to** my holidays.*

With verbs marked with an asterisk \* there is no object, and the final preposition is not used.

***catch up with**\* (reach someone by going faster)*

*You can rest now and **catch up with** us later.*

*You're going too fast! I can't **catch up**!*

***cut down on**\* (reduce the amount of)*

*Sheila has decided to **cut down on** holidays this year.*

*You're eating too many sweets. You should **cut down**.*

***drop in on**\* (visit for a short time)*

*Let's **drop in on** David while we're in Paris.*

*The next time you're nearby, please do **drop in**!*

***get along/on with**\* (have a friendly relationship with)*

*James doesn't **get on** well **with** his maths teacher.*

*We work in the same office, but we don't **get on**.*

*keep up with\** (move at the same speed as)  
*You're going too fast! I can't **keep up with** you.*  
*Patty finds this class difficult, and can't **keep up**.*

*live up to* (be as good as someone expects)  
*The film didn't **live up to** our expectations.*

*look forward to* (think you will enjoy)  
*I'm **looking forward to** going on holiday this year.*

Note that *to* is a preposition here and so is followed by the *-ing* form of the verb.

*look out onto/over* (have a view of)  
*Our hotel room **looks out onto** the lake.*

*put up with* (accept without complaining)  
*I can't **put up with** all this noise!*

*run out of\** (have no more of)  
*I think the car is about to **run out of** petrol!*  
*There isn't any more milk. We've **run out**.*

**Verbs with two parts: transitive and inseparable**

These phrasal verbs take an object (the word for this is 'transitive'). The object must come after the preposition, not between the verb and the preposition (the word for this is 'inseparable').

*call for* (come to your house and collect)  
*We'll **call for** you about 8.00 so please be ready.* (NOT ~~*call you for*~~)

*call on* (visit for a short time)  
*I **called on** Professor Jones and wished her a Happy Birthday.*

*deal with* (take action to solve a problem)  
*Could you **deal with** this customer's problem please?*

*get at* (try to say, suggest)  
*Helen couldn't understand what her boss was **getting at**.*

*get over* (recover from)  
*Peter was ill with flu, but he's **getting over** it now.*

*head for* (go in the direction of)  
*The escaped prisoner is thought to be **heading for** London.*

*join in* (take part in, contribute to)  
*When Alex started singing, everyone **joined in**.*

*see to* (pay attention to, often meaning 'repair')  
*The brakes on your car need **seeing to**.*

*stand for* (tolerate)  
*I will not **stand for** so much talking!*

*take after* (be similar in appearance or character)  
*Karen **takes after** her mother. They're very similar.*

## Practice

### 1 Complete each sentence (a–h) with an ending (1–8).

- a) If you have any kind of problem, just call me and I'll deal .....<sup>3</sup>
- b) I've been so busy lately that I've decided to cut .....
- c) Ann and Sue are really looking .....
- d) Our teacher told us that she would not stand .....
- e) Nearly everybody says that Mark takes .....
- f) Jackie is very friendly and generally gets .....
- g) Half-way through the race, Martin found that he couldn't keep .....
- h) We were told that the concert was going to be good but it didn't live .....
- 1 for cheating in our end-of-term test.
- 2 on well with the people she works with.
- 3 with it as soon as I can.
- 4 after his father's side of the family.
- 5 down on the amount of time I spend watching television.
- 6 up with the others any more.
- 7 up to our expectations at all.
- 8 forward to seeing you both again in July.

### 2 Underline the correct preposition in each sentence.

- a) Can you explain that again? I don't know what you're getting *by/with/at*?
- b) He's a very strict teacher. He doesn't stand *for/up/with* any bad behaviour in class.
- c) I enjoyed London, but it didn't really live up *to/with/for* my expectations.
- d) I smoke 20 cigarettes a day, but I'm trying to cut *off/through/down*.
- e) I think she has got *over/by/down* the break-up with her boyfriend.
- f) I'll call *by/in/for* you at eight o'clock, and then we'll go to the party together.
- g) I'm going crazy! I can't put *off/up/down* with so much confusion!
- h) I'm lucky, I get *on/off/over* really well with my colleagues.
- i) If you miss too many lessons, it's difficult to catch *over/up/with*.
- j) It's difficult to keep *along/by/up* with changes in bio-technology.
- k) My car needs a service – the engine needs seeing *in/to/at*.
- l) The printer is working, but it's run *away/out/down* of ink.

**3** Complete each sentence with a suitable form of one of the phrasal verbs in the box. Use each one once only.

catch up with    cut down on    drop in on    get on with  
 keep up with    ~~(not) live up to~~    look forward to    run out of

- a) The book you lent me ..... *didn't live up to* ..... my expectations.
- b) Any time you're in the area, feel free to ..... us.
- c) Sorry, we have ..... orange juice. Would you like some water?
- d) Unfortunately Susie doesn't ..... her new neighbours.
- e) Bill left before I did, but I ran and ..... him.
- f) I'm really ..... my holiday in Italy next week.
- g) It was a difficult class, and I couldn't ..... the other students.
- h) You should ..... smoking if you can't stop completely.

**4** Rewrite each sentence so that it does not contain the words in *italics*, but does contain a phrasal verb.

- a) Brian and his mother *are very similar*.  
 ..... *Brian takes after his mother.* .....
- b) *There isn't any food left!*  
 .....
- c) Mike and Tom *aren't very good friends*.  
 .....
- d) Jean is very good at *handling* people's problems.  
 .....
- e) The handlebars on my bike need *fixing*.  
 .....
- f) Julia was very ill, but she's *recovered* now.  
 .....
- g) What exactly are you *suggesting*?  
 .....
- h) Paul's new school *wasn't as good as he expected it to be*.  
 .....

**5** Rewrite each sentence so that it has a similar meaning and contains the word in **bold**.

a) Someone needs to look at the central heating system.

**seeing**

.....*The central heating system needs seeing to.*.....

b) Let's pay a surprise visit to Julia while we're here.

**drop**

.....

c) We're going in the direction of Paris.

**heading**

.....

d) Our hotel room has a view of the main road!

**looks**

.....

e) Two children started playing, and then the others played too.

**joined**

.....

f) We paid a visit to my aunt on her birthday.

**called**

.....

g) I'm afraid that we haven't got any eggs left.

**run**

.....

h) Monica will come and collect you at 6.30.

**call**

.....

i) Nobody understood what I was trying to say.

**getting**

.....

j) I can't bear so much air pollution!

**put**

.....



Verbs with two parts: transitive and separable

## Explanations

These phrasal verbs take an object (the word for this is 'transitive'). This object can come after the preposition or between the verb and the preposition (so the verbs are 'separable').

*We **brought up** this child. We **brought her up**.*

In general, as in the examples above, object phrases tend to be put after the preposition while pronouns (such as *you, it, him, her, us, them*) are always put between the verb and the preposition.

*bring up* (look after a child until adult)

*Tom's aunt **brought him up** after his parents died.*

*call off* (cancel)

*The school **called off** the match because of bad weather.*

*clear up* (make clean and tidy)

*Could you help me **clear up** the room after the party?*

*cut off* (be disconnected during a phone-call)

*I'd just got through to Delhi when I was **cut off**.*

This is usually used in the passive.

*fill in* (complete by writing)

*Could you **fill this form in** with all your details, please?*

*give up* (stop doing something)

*Paul had to **give up** gymnastics because of injury.*

*knock out* (make unconscious)

*Bryson **knocked his opponent out** in the second round.*

*let down* (disappoint, fail to keep a promise)

*Ann said she would help, but she **let me down**.*

*look up* (find information in a reference book)

*I **looked this word up** in a dictionary and in an encyclopedia.*

*pick up* (collect in a car)

*The taxi will **pick you up** at 6.30.*

*put off* (postpone)

*The weather was bad, so they **put off** the match for a week.*

*put up* (provide accommodation in someone's house)

*A friend in Prague **put me up** for a couple of nights.*

*take up* (start a hobby or activity)

*Sam has just **taken up** parachuting.*

*try on* (put on clothes to see if they are suitable)

*I **tried the coat on**, but it was too big and the wrong colour.*

*turn on/off* (begin or stop operating electrical equipment)

*Don't forget to **turn off** the light before you go to bed.*

*wash up* (clean plates, knives and forks etc.)

*After the party, Martin **washed up** all the glasses.*

Verbs with two  
parts: intransitive

These phrasal verbs do not have an object.

*break down* (stop working, especially cars)

*The car **broke down** when we were on the motorway.*

*drop out* (stop before you finish)

*Two of the runners **dropped out** half-way through the race.*

*get on* (make progress)

*Nina likes her new college, and is **getting on** well.*

*get away* (escape)

*One of the burglars was caught, but the other **got away**.*

*grow up* (change from a child to an adult)

*I **grew up** in a small town in Peru.*

*set off/out* (begin a journey)

*We **set off** early to avoid the traffic.*

*take off* (when a plane leaves the ground)

*Our plane **took off** more than three hours late.*

*turn up* (arrive, often unexpectedly)

*We invited twenty people, but only five **turned up**.*

→ SEE ALSO

Grammar 39: Phrasal verbs

**Practice**

**1 Complete each sentence with one suitable word.**

- a) Jess asked if she could help me ...*wash*..... up the dirty dishes.
- b) I need a dictionary, so I can ..... up this word.
- c) If I were you I'd ..... off early because Edinburgh is a long way.
- d) Our meeting tomorrow has been ..... off, I'm afraid.
- e) I'm not sure about the size of this coat, so can I ..... it on?
- f) Robert had to ..... in a form, giving all his personal details.
- g) You'll never guess who ..... up at our school party last week!
- h) Six people applied for the job, but one of them ..... out.

**2 Rewrite each sentence so that it has a similar meaning and contains the word in bold.**

- a) Don't leave the lights on when you leave the school.  
**turn**  
 ..... *Turn the lights off when you leave the school.* .....
- b) Jack arrived half-way through the lesson.  
**turn**  
 .....
- c) You can stay with us for a week.  
**put**  
 .....
- d) Marta is doing well in her English class.  
**get**  
 .....
- e) Lidia spent her childhood in Uruguay.  
**grew**  
 .....
- f) How do you start the computer?  
**turn**  
 .....
- g) Carol checked the dates in an encyclopedia.  
**look**  
 .....
- h) Surfing is a great sport. When did you start doing it?  
**take**  
 .....

**3** Complete each sentence (a-h) with an ending (1-8).

- a) It's very cold and wet at the moment so we've put ....<sup>3</sup>....
- b) Mary's parents were quite strict and brought her .....
- c) Your room is very untidy! Could you clear .....
- d) I was talking to Helen when suddenly we were cut .....
- e) Zoe tried to persuade her mother to give .....
- f) Tim started painting his room this morning and he's getting .....
- g) If you like, we could come and pick .....
- h) A branch of a tree fell and knocked .....

- 1 it up please, and put everything away.
- 2 Peter out for a few moments.
- 3 off our garden party until next week.
- 4 up smoking, but she didn't have much success.
- 5 on very well so far.
- 6 off and I couldn't get her number after that.
- 7 you up in our car at about 7.00.
- 8 up to be very polite and obedient.



## Explanations

When you learn a new verb, it is advisable to check in a dictionary whether it is followed by the *-ing* form (also called the gerund) or an infinitive with or without *to*. If the infinitive is without *to* it can be called a bare infinitive. Grammar 42 and 43 include some of the most common verbs, but these are only a selection.

Verbs followed by *-ing* or infinitive: little or no change of meaning

- Some verbs can be followed either by an *-ing* form, or *to* + infinitive, and there is little or no change in meaning. Verbs in this list include:

*begin, continue, not bear, hate, intend, like, love, prefer, start*

*When she stood up, the President **began to speak/speaking.***

*Some people at the back **continued chatting/to chat.***

*I can't **bear listening/to listen** for a long time.*

*What do you **intend doing/to do** about it?*

*I don't like **watching television. I prefer reading/to read.***

*I think you should **start practising/to practise** now!*

- There can be a small difference between *like to do* and *like doing*. *To* + infinitive suggests that something is a good idea although you don't necessarily enjoy it. The *-ing* form shows you enjoy something.

*I **like to have** a short walk after my evening meal.*

*I **like listening** to the radio.*

- Note that with 'prefer' we **prefer** one thing **to** another thing. If the things are activities, the *-ing* form is used.

*Tom **prefers reading to watching** television.*

- *Hate doing* is more common, except in the fixed expression 'I hate to tell you this, but ...'.

*I **hate doing** the washing-up!*

*I **hate to tell** you this, but we've missed the last train!*

- When we use the modal verb *would* with *like, love, prefer* and *hate* we must use *to* + infinitive.

*I'd **like to go** to Portugal this summer.*

*I'd **prefer to do** it myself, if you don't mind.*

Verbs followed by *to* + infinitive

Some verbs can only be followed by the infinitive with *to*. These include: *afford, ask, choose, happen, help, manage, offer, refuse, wait, want*

*I can't **afford to go** to the cinema twice in one week.*  
*In the end, Laura **chose to study** Economics.*  
*Do you **happen to know** the time?*  
*Could someone **help me to carry** this? \**  
 (Help is also used without to. *Could you **help me carry** this?)*  
*Jim can't **manage to come** this evening.*  
*I **offered to give** her a lift, but she said she'd ordered a taxi.*  
*The manager **refused to see** me.*  
*There are some people **waiting to see** you.*  
*What do you **want to do** this evening?*

Verbs followed by  
to + infinitive, or  
that-clause

- Some verbs can be followed by the infinitive with *to*, or a *that* clause. It is possible to leave out *that* in everyday speech. These verbs include:  
*agree, decide, expect, hope, learn, pretend, promise, seem, wish*

<i>We <b>decided to go</b> home.</i>	<i>We <b>decided (that) we would go</b> home.</i>
<i>Mike <b>expects to win</b>.</i>	<i>Mike <b>expects (that) he will</b> win.</i>
<i>I <b>hope to see</b> you later.</i>	<i>I <b>hope (that) I'll see</b> you later.</i>
<i>Helen <b>pretended to be</b> ill.</i>	<i>Helen <b>pretended (that) she was</b> ill.</i>

- Note that if we use a *that*-clause we follow the tense rules of reported speech. So, for example, *will* changes to *would* in the past:  
*Sarah **agrees to meet** you after school.*  
*Sarah **agrees that she will meet** you after school.*  
*Sarah **agreed to meet** me after school.*  
*Sarah **agreed (that) she would meet** me after school.*
- There is a small difference between *learn to* and *learn that*.  
*At school Graham **learned to speak** French. (learn a skill)*  
*At school we **learned that** the Earth goes round the Sun. (learn information)*
- Note the two forms of *seem*. *It + seem + that-clause* is very common.  
*You **seem to know** the answer!*  
*It **seems that you know** the answer.*
- *Wish* followed by *to + infinitive* has a similar meaning to *want*.  
*I **wish to leave** early today.*  
*Wish* followed by a *that*-clause usually includes *would* or *could*.  
*I **wish (that) I could** leave early.*  
*I **wish (that) my teacher would** let me leave early.*

→ SEE ALSO

**Grammar 11:** Reported speech 1  
**Grammar 12:** Reported speech 2  
**Grammar 43:** Verbs followed by -ing or infinitive 2

## Practice

**1** Underline the errors in these sentences. Some sentences do not have errors. Rewrite each sentence that has an error and tick (✓) the sentences which are correct.

- a) Jim can't afford going to the cinema twice a week.  
*... Jim can't afford to go to the cinema twice a week. ....*
- b) David wishes leaving the room.  
 .....
- c) Are you waiting to use the phone?  
 .....
- d) I'd really like going swimming on Saturday.  
 .....
- e) Emma pretended leaving, but waited outside.  
 .....
- f) James agreed to meet me at the beach.  
 .....
- g) My bike seems having something wrong with it.  
 .....
- h) The director refused answering Helen's phone call.  
 .....

**2** Complete each sentence with a form of one of the verbs from the box. Use each verb once only.

afford	bear	continue	expect	happen
learn	<del>love</del>	offer	prefer	pretend

- a) John really ..... *loves* ..... spending all day at the beach.
- b) I'm completely broke, so I can't ..... to go on holiday.
- c) Excuse me, but do you ..... to know the way to Old Street?
- d) We ..... our team to win, but they were badly beaten.
- e) Carolyn ..... to speak French and German when she was at school.
- f) Even when the examiner told him to stop, Robert ..... speaking.
- g) I'm sorry, but I can't ..... to listen to this awful music!
- h) Last week Chris ..... to help me paint my bike.
- i) Paul ..... to have a bad leg so he didn't have to go to the gym.
- j) Sam usually ..... playing football to doing homework.

**3** Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- a) My teacher wouldn't let me leave early.  
My teacher refused *to let me leave early*.....
- b) Jill sang without stopping for an hour.  
Jill continued .....
- c) Apparently you've passed the exam.  
It seems .....
- d) Richard thinks he's going to do well.  
Richard expects .....
- e) What are your plans for the summer?  
What do you intend ..... ?
- f) Clearing up my room is something I dislike!  
I hate .....
- g) Liz said she'd go to the cinema with me.  
Liz agreed .....
- h) Tina and Brian are getting married.  
Tina and Brian have decided .....
- i) See you later, I hope.  
I hope .....
- j) What do you fancy doing this evening?  
What do you want ..... ?

**4** Complete each sentence with one of the words from the box.

agreed	asked	chose	decided	hate
hopes	like	refused	<del>seems</del>	want

- a) Greg often *seems*..... to be worried.
- b) I ..... to tell you this, but we've lost all our money.
- c) Do you ..... to go for a walk this afternoon?
- d) I ..... Ann to wait for me, but she didn't.
- e) Katrina ..... to become a champion skater.
- f) The police officer ..... to listen to my explanation.
- g) Peter ..... to work on Saturday instead of on Friday.
- h) I'd ..... to see you again some time.
- i) After a lot of thought, Jim finally ..... to spend his holiday in Peru.
- j) I asked my teacher for help, and she ..... to give me extra lessons.



**5** Rewrite each sentence so that it has a similar meaning and contains the word in **bold**.

a) What are you thinking of doing?

**intend**

*What do you intend to do?*

b) I find getting up early unbearable!

**bear**

c) I'll see you in the morning, I expect.

**to**

d) 'I'll be back at 6.00,' said Susan.

**promised**

e) Pat was taught to drive when he was young.

**learned**

f) 'Would you like me to help you?' I asked Joe.

**offered**

g) Ellen didn't have enough money for the ticket.

**afford**

h) 'I won't help!' said Tom.

**refused**



Verbs followed by  
*-ing* or infinitive:  
change of  
meaning

## Explanations

Some verbs can be followed either by an *-ing* form, or *to* + infinitive, and there is a change in meaning. Study the examples below carefully.

*remember* and *forget*

We use *remember/forget doing* (or *remember/forget* followed by *that*-clause) for memories of the past (the action happens before the remembering). We use *remember/forget to do* for actions someone is/was supposed to do (the remembering happens before the action).

<i>I remember telling you!</i>	(tell ← remember)
<i>Then I remembered that you were out.</i>	(go out ← remember)
<i>Remember to take your keys!</i>	(remember → take)
<i>I'll never forget learning to drive!</i>	(learn ← forget)
<i>I forgot that I'd promised to phone you.</i>	(promise ← forget)
<i>Sorry, I forgot to post your letter.</i>	(forget → post)

*mean*

We use *mean doing* (or *mean* followed by *that*-clause) when one thing results in or involves another. We use *mean to do* to express an intention.

<i>Keeping fit means taking exercise every day!</i>	(= involves)
<i>When I miss the bus, it means that I have to walk to school.</i>	(= involves)
<i>Jan meant to watch the programme, but she forgot.</i>	(= intended)

*stop*

We use *stop doing* when we end an action. We use *stop to do* when we give the reason for stopping.

<i>Jo has stopped learning French.</i>	(= gave up learning)
<i>We stopped to look at the view.</i>	(= in order to look)

*Stop* is not followed by a *that*-clause.

*try*

We use *try doing* when we do something and see what happens. We use *try to do* when we make an effort to do something, but don't necessarily succeed.

<i>If you have a headache, try taking two of these pills.</i>	(= experiment)
<i>Peter tried to lift the table, but it was too heavy.</i>	(he failed in this case)

*Try* is not followed by a *that*-clause.

Verbs followed by  
*-ing* or infinitive  
without *to*: change  
of meaning

- Some verbs can be followed by an object + *ing*, or an infinitive without *to*. There is a change in meaning. These verbs are sometimes called 'verbs of perception' and include:

*feel, hear, listen to, see, watch*

- If we see or hear only part of the action, or it continues, we use the *-ing* form. If we see or hear the whole action from beginning to end, we use the infinitive without *to*.

Compare:

<i>I could feel my hands shaking with fear!</i>	(continuing action)
<i>I felt the building move!</i>	(completed action)
<i>We watched Joe eating his lunch.</i>	(part of the action)
<i>We watched Joe eat his lunch.</i>	(whole action)

- These verbs can be used with a *that*-clause with a change of meaning.

<i>I feel that this is the time to resign.</i>	(= believe)
<i>We heard that you were ill.</i>	(= receive news)
<i>I saw that it was too late.</i>	(= realize)

Verbs followed by  
-ing or noun

Some verbs can be followed either by another verb in an *-ing* form or a noun. These include: *dislike, enjoy, fancy, \*can't help, \*keep, mind, practise, can't stand*. Those marked \* have two meanings.

<i>I dislike going out in the rain.</i>	
<i>I really dislike my new boss.</i>	
<i>Everyone enjoys going to parties.</i>	
<i>I enjoyed this lesson.</i>	
<i>Do you fancy going to the cinema?</i>	
<i>I fancy a swim!</i>	
<i>I can't help feeling hungry.</i>	
<i>I can't help myself!</i>	(= I can't stop)
<i>Keep this. Don't throw it away.</i>	
<i>Sue keeps phoning me late at night.</i>	(= continues with a bad habit)
<i>Do you mind waiting?</i>	
<i>Do you mind cold weather?</i>	
<i>I must practise speaking French more often.</i>	
<i>Julia practises the violin every day.</i>	
<i>I can't stand waking up early.</i>	
<i>I can't stand hot and spicy food.</i>	

Verbs followed by  
-ing, or noun, or  
*that*-clause

- Some verbs can be followed either by another verb in an *-ing* form, or a noun, or a *that*-clause. These include: *admit, deny, imagine, suggest*.

<i>The Minister admitted taking a bribe.</i>
<i>Paul admitted that he was wrong.</i>
<i>Tina denied stealing the money.</i>
<i>Both men denied that they had done anything wrong.</i>
<i>Imagine travelling to another planet!</i>
<i>Do you really imagine that I want to see you again?</i>
<i>I suggest going for a pizza.</i>
<i>I suggest that we go for a pizza.</i>

- *Suggest* can also be followed by *should*.  
*I suggest that we should go for a pizza.*

→ SEE ALSO

Grammar 42: Verbs followed by *-ing* or infinitive 1

## Practice

Contrasts with verbs from Grammar 42 are included here.

### 1 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- Tom suddenly realized he'd forgotten to lock/locking his door.
- On the way back we stopped to have/having some tea.
- Could you stop to talk/talking, please.
- Learning a language means to be/being interested in another culture.
- Ann tried to open/opening the window, but it was too high to reach.
- Please remember to take/taking the dog for a walk.
- Cathy says she'll never forget to sky-dive/sky-diving for the first time.
- I don't really remember to start/starting school when I was five.

### 2 For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using no more than three words.

- Would you like to go to the beach?  
Do you fancy ..... going to the beach?
- The boy admitted stealing the bike.  
The boy admitted ..... stolen the bike.
- Why don't we wait for the bus?  
..... waiting for the bus.
- David often interrupts me.  
David ..... me.
- Is it all right if you come back later?  
..... coming back later?
- Think what being a millionaire would be like!  
..... a millionaire!
- It's not my fault if I eat a lot.  
I ..... eating a lot.

### 3 Underline the correct verb in each sentence.

- Helen enjoyed/chose to learn French.
- I really can't stand/afford to travel by plane.
- Do you mind/want coming back in half an hour?
- Tina suggested/meant to buy some potatoes, but she forgot.
- Emily denied/refused opening the office safe.
- Bill admitted/agreed making a serious mistake.
- My parents disliked/decided to send me to a different school.
- I really like/fancy a trip to the country.

**4** Complete each sentence with a form of one of the verbs in the box.

deny	enjoy	expect	imagine	manage	mean
<del>try</del>	practise	pretend	refuse		

- a) If you *try*..... to work a bit harder, I'm sure you'll pass the exam.
- b) Kevin ..... to have toothache, and left school early.
- c) The builders are not sure of the exact date, but ..... to start work soon.
- d) Emma ..... to call you last week, but she forgot.
- e) The woman arrested by the police ..... robbing the bank.
- f) You should ..... speaking to an audience, to gain confidence.
- g) It's interesting to ..... myself living on a desert island.
- h) I phoned the director six times, but she ..... to speak to me.

**5** Complete each sentence with one suitable word.

- a) Don't *forget*..... to buy some milk on your way home.
- b) If I'm late, it ..... I have to wait until the next lesson begins.
- c) I ..... throwing the ball, but I didn't break the window.
- d) Paul can't ..... thinking about his favourite team.
- e) Lisa ..... forgetting where she put her keys.
- f) Gina ..... to climb in through the window, but it was locked.
- g) I ..... playing with my friends when I was little.
- h) I can't ..... walking home in the rain! It's horrible!



## Explanations

### Verb + preposition

- Some verbs are followed by a particular preposition. You can check this in a dictionary. Some common examples are given below.

#### About

*dream*

*I **dreamed about** Harry last night.*

*know*

*Do you **know** a lot **about** economics?*

*talk*

*What are you **talking about**?*

#### At

*laugh*

*Don't **laugh at** me.*

*look*

***Look at** that beautiful cherry tree!*

#### For

*apologize*

*I must **apologize for** being late.*

*apply*

*Jill has **applied for** a new job.*

*ask*

*Why don't we **ask for** the bill?*

*look*

*I'm **looking for** the bus station.*

*pay*

*Sheila **paid for** my ticket.*

*wait*

*I'll **wait for** you outside.*

#### In

*believe*

*Do you **believe in** ghosts?*

*succeed*

*Helen **succeeded in** collecting £35 for charity.*

#### Of

*accuse*

*Albert was **accused of** spying.*

*remind*

*This city **reminds me of** Buenos Aires.*

*taste*

*Does your coffee **taste of** soap?*

#### On

*depend*

*I might come. It **depends on** the weather.*

*rely*

*You can **rely on** Ann to work hard.*

#### To

*belong*

*Does this **belong to** you?*

*explain*

*Could you **explain something to** me please?*

*lend*

*Brian **lent his car to** me for the weekend.*

We can also say: *Brian **lent me** his car.*

*listen*

*You're not **listening to** me!*

*talk*

*Ellen was **talking to** her mother on the phone.*

## INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE PRACTICE

- In questions the preposition usually goes at the end.

*What are you talking **about**?*

*Who are you **looking for**?*

*What are you listening **to**?*

### *be + adjective + preposition*

Note that in the list below the following adjectives occur twice: *angry, annoyed, pleased, sorry*. One of the prepositions is used when they refer to people and one when they refer to things (this is shown in the list).

<i>About</i>	<i>angry (+ things), annoyed (+ things), excited, happy, pleased (+ things), right, sorry (+ things), upset Helen is <b>excited about</b> winning the prize. I'm <b>sorry about</b> your difficulties. Can I help?</i>
<i>At</i>	<i>bad, good Dora is really <b>good at</b> maths.</i>
<i>For</i>	<i>famous, late, ready, sorry (+ people) Our city is <b>famous for</b> its beautiful buildings. I was <b>sorry for</b> George when he came last in the race.</i>
<i>From</i>	<i>different This room is <b>different from</b> the other one.</i>
<i>In</i>	<i>interested Are you <b>interested in</b> computers?</i>
<i>Of</i>	<i>afraid, fond, frightened, full, jealous, tired My sleeping bag was <b>full of</b> ants!</i>
<i>On</i>	<i>keen I'm not very <b>keen on</b> fried food.</i>
<i>To</i>	<i>kind, married, used Ellen is <b>married to</b> Jack.</i>
<i>With</i>	<i>angry (+ people), annoyed (+ people), bored, pleased (+ people) I'm really <b>angry with</b> you.</i>

## Practice

**1** Complete each sentence with one suitable word.

- a) Fiona is very different *from* her sister.  
 b) Please try and listen ..... my instructions.  
 c) My home town is famous ..... its peaches.  
 d) Excuse me, but does this umbrella belong ..... you?  
 e) What exactly was Alistair talking ..... ?  
 f) I think we should ask ..... some information.  
 g) Gemma is very keen ..... growing her own vegetables.

**2** Complete the sentences with one word from list A and one from list B.

A	apologizes	belongs	depends	knows	<del>laughs</del>	reminds	succeeds
B	about	<del>at</del>	for	in	of	on	to

- a) I don't like him. I think he *laughs* *at* me behind my back.  
 b) I'll be surprised if he ..... walking to the top of the mountain.  
 c) Isabel sends her love and ..... not contacting you. She's been really busy.  
 d) It's difficult to know when the bus will come. It ..... the time of day.  
 e) She's very intelligent. She ..... a lot ..... economics and things like that.  
 f) This dictionary isn't mine. I think it ..... Jorge.  
 g) This music ..... me ..... the time I spent in India.

**3** Complete the sentences with one word from list A and one from list B.

A	<del>right</del>	good	famous	interested	frightened	kind	annoyed
B	<del>about</del>	at	for	in	of	to	with

- a) I was *right* *about* the train times. It does leave at 16.30.  
 b) I love science, but I'm not very ..... mathematics.  
 c) Istanbul is ..... the beautiful Blue Mosque.  
 d) Are you ..... American movies from the fifties?  
 e) I'm ..... Paul. He should have called me, but he hasn't.  
 f) Eliza is very ..... her dog. She *walks it every day*.  
 g) I know it's ridiculous, but I'm quite ..... spiders.



**4 Rewrite each sentence so that it has a similar meaning and contains the word in bold.**

a) Dick found his work boring.

**bored**

*Dick was bored with his work.*

b) This town is a bit like Glasgow.

**reminds**

c) Sara has a good knowledge of biology.

**knows**

d) I'm trying to find the art gallery.

**looking**

e) I like cream cakes.

**fond**

f) Sue is Adrian's wife.

**to**

g) Dina always treats animals kindly.

**kind**

h) Ugh! This cake has a rubbery taste!

**rubber**

i) You make Lisa feel jealous!

**is**

j) Our new house makes me feel excited!

**about**

**5** For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using no more than three words.

- a) You've made me angry.  
I *'m angry with* ..... you.
- b) I'd like my lunch now.  
I'm ..... for lunch.
- c) Geography is Richard's best subject.  
Richard is very ..... geography.
- d) The bad news made me feel upset.  
I ..... the bad news.
- e) My dog was in my dreams last night!  
I ..... my dog last night.
- f) Sue is a reliable person.  
You can ..... Sue.
- g) Jack borrowed my bike for the weekend.  
I lent my ..... for the weekend.
- h) The dark makes me afraid.  
I'm ..... the dark.

**6** Complete each sentence with one suitable verb and preposition.

- a) We asked our teacher to *explain* ..... a difficult problem ..... *to* ..... us.
- b) The ring I found ..... an old lady in my block of flats.
- c) We may come to your party, but it ..... our finding a babysitter.
- d) When Joe flew to Australia, his aunt ..... his ticket.
- e) Harry ..... to his neighbours ..... his bad behaviour.
- f) You ..... me ..... my brother. You're very alike!
- g) Tony ..... passing his driving test at the first attempt.
- h) See you in a minute! I'll ..... you outside the cinema.

**7** Complete each part sentence (a-g) with one of the endings (1-7).

- |  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| a) Ellen is not really interested .... <i>4</i> .... | 1 at making new friends.          |
| b) The hotel was different .....                     | 2 about losing my new calculator. |
| c) Little Suzie was jealous .....                    | 3 for another big meal.           |
| d) I was really annoyed .....                        | 4 in learning how to ski.         |
| e) Paul is very keen .....                           | 5 of her new sister at first.     |
| f) Jane is really good .....                         | 6 from what we expected.          |
| g) I don't think I'm ready .....                     | 7 on collecting old bottles.      |

## Explanations

### Indefinite pronouns

- Words like *everyone*, *anything* etc. are called indefinite pronouns. They refer to people, things or places without saying exactly who, what or where they are.

People:	<i>someone</i>	<i>anyone</i>	<i>everyone</i>	<i>no one</i>
Things:	<i>something</i>	<i>anything</i>	<i>everything</i>	<i>nothing</i>
Places:	<i>somewhere</i>	<i>anywhere</i>	<i>everywhere</i>	<i>nowhere</i>
Time:	<i>sometime</i>	<i>anytime</i>	(all the time)	(never)

- In the 'People' list we can make a form with *-body* with no change in meaning: *somebody*, *anybody*, *everybody*, *nobody*.
- Indefinite pronouns are followed by a singular verb, but we refer back to them in a sentence with *they/them/their*.

*Someone is waiting for you. They have been waiting for some time.*

*Someone phoned, and I told them you were out.*

*someone, anyone etc.*

Words with *some-* and *any-* follow the rules given in Grammar 33:

- Some* is common in positive sentences and *any* in questions and negatives.  
*There's someone at the door. Something is worrying me.*  
*Does anyone know the answer?*  
*There isn't anybody at home.*

- But we can use *some* in a question if it is an offer or request.

*Can I ask you something?*

- And we can use *any* in positive sentences to mean 'it doesn't matter which'.

*We can go anywhere we want during our holidays.*

- Some* has the idea of a definite idea, and *any* has the meaning of 'no limit'.

Compare:

*Is someone coming to collect you?* (there must be a particular person)

*Is anyone coming to collect you?* (anyone at all)

*Have you got some letters for me?* (There are particular letters I am expecting)

*Have you got any letters for me?* (I have no idea if you have letters for me or not)

*everyone, no one etc.*

- Words with *every-* mean all the people, things or places in a group.

*Everybody likes Sue.*

*Everything in the room was red.*

- Every one* (two words) has a different meaning. It means *each single one* and is used to give emphasis. In pronunciation, both words have equal stress.

*There were ten chocolates in the box and you've eaten every one!*

- *Everything* is used as a single word subject instead of *all*.  
*Everything has gone wrong.* (NOT ~~*All has gone wrong*~~)  
*All my plans have gone wrong.*
- Words with *no-* mean no people, things or places.  
*No one knows the answer.*  
*Nobody is at home.*  
*There is nothing to eat.*
- Double negatives are not used.  
*No one knows.* (NOT ~~*No one doesn't know*~~)
- Reflexive pronouns are used for actions that we do to ourselves.  
*I have cut myself.*                      *We enjoyed ourselves.*  
*Did you cut yourself?*                *Have you hurt yourselves?*  
*He cut himself.*                        *They introduced themselves.*  
*She introduced herself.*
- Verbs often used in this way include: *cut, enjoy, hurt, introduce, kill*.  
*At the end of the play, Cleopatra kills herself.*  
 But other verbs are not normally used with a reflexive pronoun, even though they are in other languages. Examples: *change (clothes), complain, decide, dress, feel, meet, relax, remember, rest, sit down, stand up, wake up, wash, worry*.
- Reflexive pronouns are also used for emphasis.  
*Jon cooked all the food himself.* (no one helped him)
- In normal conversation we use *you* to refer to 'people in general'.  
*As you get older you tend to forget things.*  
*You take the train to the airport from the Central Station.*  
 But in formal speech and writing we can use *one* with this meaning. This is considered over-formal by many speakers.  
*One takes the train to the airport from the Central Station.*
- There is a possessive form *one's*.  
*One's luggage is carried in a special compartment.*
- If *one* is used as a subject, all later references also use *one*.  
*One takes the train to the airport from the Central Station and one can reserve one's seat in advance.*  
 If you use *one*, you must continue to use it. Do not mix *one* and *you*.
- In everyday speech it is more common to use *you* or a passive than to use *one*.  
*You can reserve seats in advance.*  
*Seats can be reserved in advance.*

Reflexive  
pronouns: *myself*  
etc.

personal *one*

→ SEE ALSO

**Grammar 33: Countable and uncountable nouns**

## Practice

- 1** Underline the correct word in each sentence.
- There isn't anyone/*no one* in the garden.
  - Excuse me, could you move? I can't see *anything*/something.
  - There is *anything*/nothing to drink.
  - There's *anyone*/someone to see you outside.
  - You can do *anything*/something you want.
  - Anyone*/Someone stole the money, but we don't know who.
  - I don't know *anything*/nothing about it.
  - No one*/Someone would tell me the answer, so I guessed.
  - I've lost my bag and I can't find it *somewhere*/anywhere.
  - I must have put my bag *somewhere*/anywhere, but I don't know where.
- 2** Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.
- There was nothing I could do.  
I couldn't do anything.....
  - I know Mary better than anyone.  
No one .....
  - No one was on time yesterday.  
Everyone .....
  - I haven't got any work.  
I've got ..... to do.
  - There's something I'd like to ask you.  
May I ..... ?
  - We're all milk drinkers here!  
Everybody ..... milk.
  - When I phoned, there was no reply.  
No one .....
  - Are we going to be driven there?  
Is ..... ?
  - I make new friends wherever I go.  
Everywhere .....
  - You had a call this morning.  
Someone .....

**3** Complete each sentence so that it includes a suitable form of one of the verbs from the box, and a reflexive pronoun.

behave blame cut **enjoy** express hurt introduce talk

- a) Have a good holiday, both of you! And *enjoy*..... *yourselves* .
- b) Our teacher told us to stop shouting and to .....
- c) When I fell off the horse, I didn't .....
- d) Beth knows a lot of French, but can't ..... easily.
- e) Let me ..... I'm Susan Perry.
- f) The accident wasn't your fault. Don't .....
- g) When I ..... to ....., other people stare at me!
- h) While Tom was picking up the broken glass, he .....

**4** Rewrite each sentence so that it has a similar meaning and contains the word in **bold**.

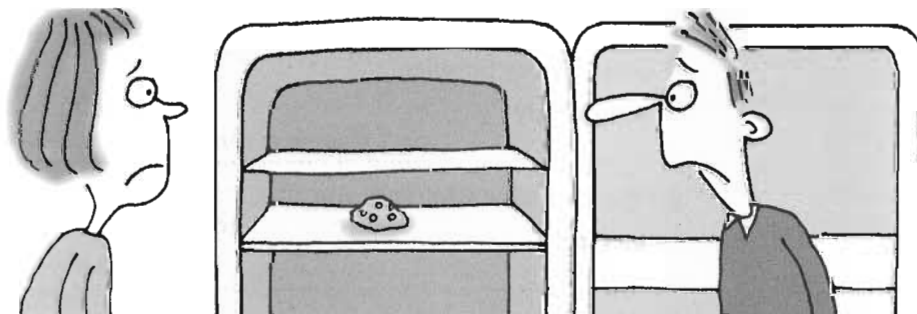
- a) The box isn't empty.  
**something**  
*There's something in the box.*.....
- b) All the people were dancing.  
**everyone**  
.....
- c) I feel annoyed.  
**something**  
.....
- d) We haven't got any food.  
**nothing**  
.....
- e) The office is empty.  
**no one**  
.....
- f) Julia is very popular.  
**everybody**  
.....
- g) You can have whatever you like.  
**anything**  
.....
- h) The best place is home.  
**Nowhere**  
.....

**5** Complete each sentence with one suitable word.

- a) That's an easy question! Everybody knows the answer!
- b) Is ..... the matter? Can I help you?
- c) ..... is wrong with the car, and it won't start.
- d) There's ..... to see you. Shall I ask them to wait?
- e) They introduced ..... as Helen and Ann.
- f) ..... never really knows what will happen, does one?
- g) ..... I've done so far today has gone wrong!
- h) ..... you could say would make me change my mind, I'm afraid.
- i) Did you do it all by .....
- j) Yes, I did it by .....

**6** Underline the errors in these sentences. Rewrite each sentence.

- a) Someone spoke to me, but I can't remember its name.  
*Someone spoke to me, but I can't remember their name.*
- b) All in the garden has been growing a lot lately.  
 .....
- c) Carol didn't do nothing yesterday.  
 .....
- d) There isn't no one waiting for you.  
 .....
- e) Pete and Kate enjoyed themselves at the party.  
 .....
- f) One fills in an application form, and then you wait for an answer.  
 .....
- g) We need to do some shopping. There isn't something in the fridge.  
 .....



## Explanations

### 's (apostrophe s)

- We use apostrophe 's to show that something belongs to a person. We can use the 's form without a following noun if the meaning is clear.

*This is **Jim's** scarf.*

*This is **Jim's**.*

*Those are **Helen's** gloves.*

*Those are **Helen's**.*

*Where is **the director's** office?*

- An apostrophe is sometimes used when something is part of another thing.

*What is the **book's** title?*

*What is this **plant's** name?*

- With plural nouns we add the apostrophe only.

*Those are the **students'** coats.*

- A special use of 's is to refer to someone's home, a shop name or a place name.

*George bought this melon in the **greengrocer's** / in **Smith's**.*

*I went to the **doctor's** and the **dentist's** on the same day.*

- If there is no possession, we do not use an apostrophe. Note this common mistake: ~~*Apple's sold here.*~~

- Note that an apostrophe can also be a short form of *is* or *has*.

***It's** a lovely day. (It's = It is)*

***It's** got a battery. (It's = It has)*

### of and compound nouns

- We use *of* to show that one thing belongs to or with another thing.

*The end **of the** street.*

(NOT ~~*the street's end*~~)

*The last twenty pages **of the** book.*

(NOT ~~*the book's last twenty pages*~~)

- Compound nouns are formed from two nouns together. The first noun is like an adjective and describes the second noun.

*I saw the shirt in a **shop window**.*

*I bought some new **football boots**.*

- Compound nouns are very common in technical descriptions.

*Loosen the **corner brackets** first.*

- Sometimes a hyphen is used to join the words. Check in a **dictionary** to see when a hyphen is used.

*I bought a chocolate **ice-cream**.*



## INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE PRACTICE

### Possessive adjectives

- Possessive adjectives are used before nouns. They are:  
*my your her its his our their*
- We do not use an article (*the* or *a*) with a possessive adjective.  
*Peter is **my** cousin. He doesn't live in **our** town.*
- We can add *own* to a possessive adjective for emphasis.  
*Paul cooks all **his own** meals.*  
*This isn't **my own** bike. I've borrowed it from a friend.*

### Possessive pronouns

- Possessive pronouns are used instead of a possessive adjective and noun. They are:  
*mine yours hers his ours theirs*
- Possessive pronouns stand on their own. They are not used with another noun.  
*This is **my bike**. (possessive adjective + noun)*  
*This bike is **mine**. (possessive pronoun)*
- Note that there is no apostrophe in possessive pronouns ending in *s*.  
*Whose keys are these? Are they **yours** or **mine**?*  
***Yours** are on the table. These are **mine**.*

### Double possessive

There are two common situations where we use two possessive forms together. Both are when we describe the relationship between people.

#### 1 *of* and apostrophe

*Jo is a friend **of my brother's**.*

#### 2 *of* and possessive pronoun

*I met a cousin **of mine** at the party.*

A common usage of this structure is to describe things owned by people.

*Do you like this new hat **of mine**?*

→ SEE ALSO

**Vocabulary 6: Compound words**

## Practice

### 1 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- a) Jane met a friend of *her/hers* in the street.
- b) Lucy does all *herself/her own* decorating.
- c) Are these scissors *your/yours*?
- d) The desk next to the window is *my/mine*.
- e) Chris and Anna introduced me to a neighbour of *their/theirs*.
- f) Excuse me, is this *your/yours* seat?
- g) David asks if you've seen that old coat of *his/him*.
- h) Pete has borrowed *my/mine* bike.
- i) We haven't brought *our/ours* books with us.
- j) The dog is black and white, and *its/it's* ears are very long.

### 2 Put an apostrophe where necessary.

- a) Tell Monica its Elenas turn, not hers.  
*Tell Monica it's Elena's turn, not hers.*
- b) Alices younger brothers called Bill.  
 .....
- c) Tims sandwiches were tastier than ours.  
 .....
- d) The films beginning is good but its ending is weak.  
 .....
- e) Are these keys yours or hers?  
 .....
- f) Barbara fills in the patients record cards at the doctors.  
 .....
- g) When its raining, everybodys raincoats get wet.  
 .....
- h) The managers assistant reads all the customers letters.  
 .....
- i) Your sisters dog runs faster than ours.  
 .....
- j) Ones our teachers car and the others a visitors.  
 .....

**3** Make two compound words from the words listed.

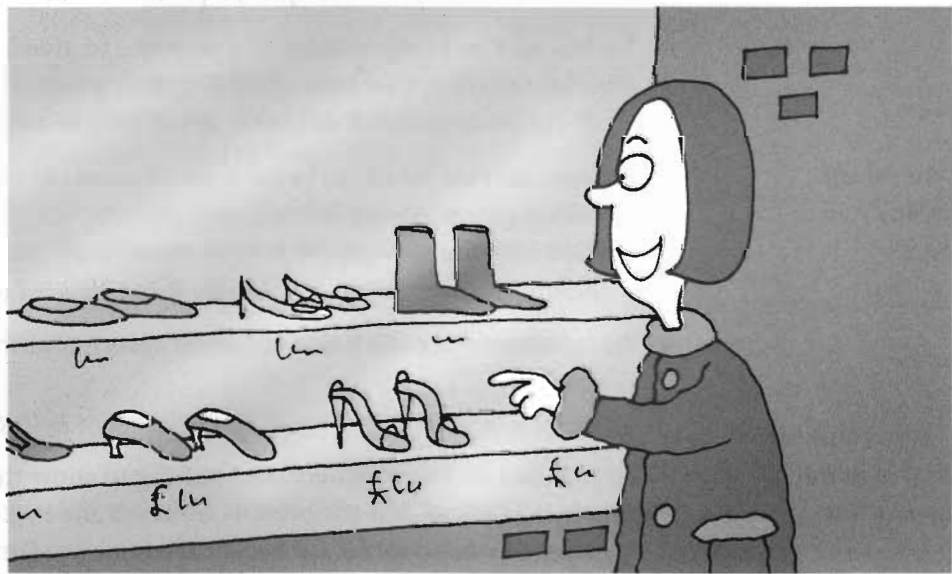
- a) football cheese boot sandwich  
*football boot* ..... *cheese sandwich* .....
- b) window pocket coat shop  
 .....  
 .....
- c) gate garden light bicycle  
 .....  
 .....
- d) department cottage store country  
 .....  
 .....
- e) engine singer rock fire  
 .....  
 .....
- f) post sharpener office pencil  
 .....  
 .....
- g) ground report school football  
 .....  
 .....
- h) assistant shop station railway  
 .....  
 .....

**4** For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using no more than three words.

- a) Naomi is a friend of my sister's.  
 Naomi is *my sister's* ..... friend.
- b) These shoes belong to Sam.  
 These ..... shoes.
- c) I met one of my friends outside the school.  
 I met a ..... outside the school.
- d) This is my favourite programme on television.  
 This is ..... programme.
- e) What are your teachers called?  
 What ..... names?
- f) Have you got a thing for opening tins?  
 Have you got ..... ?
- g) Those bikes belong to our neighbours.  
 Those ..... bikes.
- h) I put my books on the table in the kitchen.  
 I put my books ..... table.

**5** Underline the errors in these sentences. Rewrite each sentence.

- a) There are two bus stop's near my house.  
*.....There are two bus stops near my house.....*
- b) Our cat sleep's all day in it's bed.  
 .....
- c) Have you met the sister of Jane?  
 .....
- d) Creature's like these live at the sea's bottom.  
 .....
- e) This book is the mine.  
 .....
- f) Those are two friends' of my fathers.  
 .....
- g) Everybodys drawing's were better than our's.  
 .....
- h) Are these your's or mine glove's?  
 .....
- i) The house stand's on it's own at the street's end.  
 .....
- j) I noticed these shoe's in a window's shop.  
 .....



## Explanations

This unit includes words and phrases used to organize ideas in speaking and writing. Notice the position of the words in the example sentences. Sometimes a word comes in the middle of a sentence to join two clauses, such as *and*. Other times the word or phrase comes at the beginning of a sentence and is followed by a comma in writing or a pause in speech, such as *First of all, ...*.

*and, both, too,  
as well, also*

- *And* is used to join words or parts of sentences. To emphasize the fact that there are two things we can use *both ... and*.

*Helen put on her coat **and** picked up the suitcase.*

*Helen picked up **both** her suitcase **and** her umbrella.*

- *Too, as well, as well as* and *also* are used to describe two actions at the same time. Note the positions.

*Helen picked up her suitcase **and** her umbrella **too**.*

*Helen picked up her suitcase **and** her umbrella **as well**.*

*Helen picked up her suitcase **as well as** her umbrella.*

*Helen picked up her suitcase, her coat **and also** her umbrella.*

*For example,  
such as*

- Note the possible positions of *For example*.

*Diet varies from place to place. **For example**, in hot countries, people tend to eat more fruit.*

*In hot countries, **for example**, people tend to eat more fruit.*

- We use *such as* in the middle of a sentence to give examples. It is the same as *like*. *Such as* cannot be used at the beginning of a sentence.

*In hot countries, **such as** Greece, people tend to eat more fruit.*

*First (of all),  
secondly etc.,  
finally*

- We can use *First (of all)* to begin a list of points in formal speech and writing. For other points we use *Secondly* etc.

*Television has changed our lives in several ways. **First of all**, it has ...*

***Secondly**, more people ... **Finally**, it has changed the way that ...*

- To introduce our final point in formal speech and writing we can say *In conclusion*.

***In conclusion**, we can say that television has both good and bad features.*

*As well as this,  
besides this*

These are used in formal speech and writing to show that we are adding a point. The meaning is 'and' but the phrases comes at the beginning of a sentence.

*Television has changed our lives in several ways. **As well as this**, it has ...*

***Secondly**, more people ... **As well as this/Besides this**, more people ...*

**In fact, actually**

*In fact* and *actually* are used to give more detail, or to give surprising information.

*Dave has several dogs. **In fact**, he's got four.* (more detail)

*I thought Gina was a doctor but, **in fact**, she's a vet.* (surprise)

*I thought Gina was a doctor but, **actually**, she's a vet.* (surprise)

**In my view, personally**

These are used in formal speech and writing to introduce our own ideas.

*Some people believe that television has killed the art of conversation. **In my view/Personally**, I think it gives people something to talk about.*

**either, or**

- *Either ... or* is used to describe a choice or an alternative.

*We can **either** go to the cinema, **or** stay at home.*

***Either** we can go to the cinema, **or** we can stay at home.*

(NOT ~~Or we can go~~ ...)

Note that the structure *Or... or...* does not exist in English. It is possible to begin a sentence with *Or* only when we complete someone else's sentence.

A: *'We could go to the cinema I suppose ...'*

B: *'... **or** we could stay at home and watch a video.'*

**instead (of)**

- We use *instead (of)* to mean 'in the place of something else'.

***Instead of** cooking I ordered a take-away meal.*

*Jill came to the party **instead of** her sister.*

- At the end of a sentence, *instead* is used without *of*.

*I didn't cook. I ordered a take-away meal **instead**.*

**except**

*Except* and *except for* mean 'not including'.

*They gave presents to everyone **except** me.*

*We have painted all the house, **except (for)** the front door.*

**even**

- We use *even* to say that something is surprising.

*Sam studies very hard. He **even** gets up at 5.30 to study!*

***Even** Sam found the exam difficult.*

- *Even* is also used to emphasize comparative adjectives.

*This question is **even harder than** the last one.*

**Time words with other meanings**

The time words *since*, *yet* and *while* have a completely different meaning and use as linking words. With this use they are more common in writing.

*since* meaning 'as'

*I couldn't swim, **since** I had a cold.*

*yet* meaning 'although'

*No one replied to my knock, **yet** all the lights were on.*

*while* meaning 'although'

*The first two buses were full, **while** the next was completely empty.*

## Practice

**1** Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- a) Mrs Davis taught us *except for/instead of* Mr Taylor.
- b) We can *either/or* wait here, or phone for a taxi.
- c) Helen plays the guitar and *also/too* writes songs.
- d) In Scandinavian countries, *for example/such as* Finland, they have very cold winters.
- e) Everyone in the team played badly *also/except* Sam.
- f) All the shops were closed, *since/yet* it was a public holiday.
- g) Jack studies *and/both* geography and history.
- h) The Peakworth tent is strong and waterproof, *since/yet* light to carry.

**2** Rewrite each sentence so that it has a similar meaning and contains the word in **bold**.

- a) Debra visited both the castle and the museum.

**too**

..... *Debra visited the castle and the museum, too.* .....

- b) Jill was the only person who came late.

**except**

.....

- c) Although I said it was raining, it isn't!

**fact**

.....

- d) Karen hurt her leg, so she couldn't play tennis.

**since**

.....

- e) My opinion is that smoking is bad for you.

**view**

.....

- f) I ate the chocolate cake and the apple pie.

**as well as**

.....

- g) Daniel played in goal, in his brother's place.

**instead**

.....

- h) Finally, I'd like to thank the head teacher, Ann Coles.

**in**

.....

**3** Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

Nowadays there are many good reasons for using bicycles (1) ..... cars to travel in city centres. (2) ....., bicycles are (3) ..... silent and clean, (4) ..... are easy to park. (5) ....., using a bicycle (6) ..... keeps people fit. However, city centres must (7) ..... have cycle lanes (8) ..... be free of private cars completely. Some large cities, (9) ..... Amsterdam in the Netherlands, are already organized in this way. (10) ....., a combination of the use of bicycles with very cheap or free public transport solves the problem of traffic jams and makes the city centre a more pleasant place.

- |                    |                    |                |                       |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1) A but           | B except for       | C instead of   | D such as             |
| 2) A As well       | B First of all     | C In fact      | D Personally          |
| 3) A both          | B and              | C too          | D as well             |
| 4) A also          | B for example they | C except       | D and as well as this |
| 5) A And           | B Yet              | C While        | D Secondly            |
| 6) A and           | B both             | C also         | D too                 |
| 7) A in conclusion | B either           | C besides this | D both                |
| 8) A such as       | B yet              | C also         | D or                  |
| 9) A such as       | B as well          | C in my view   | D while               |
| 10) A personally   | B finally          | C for example  | D actually            |

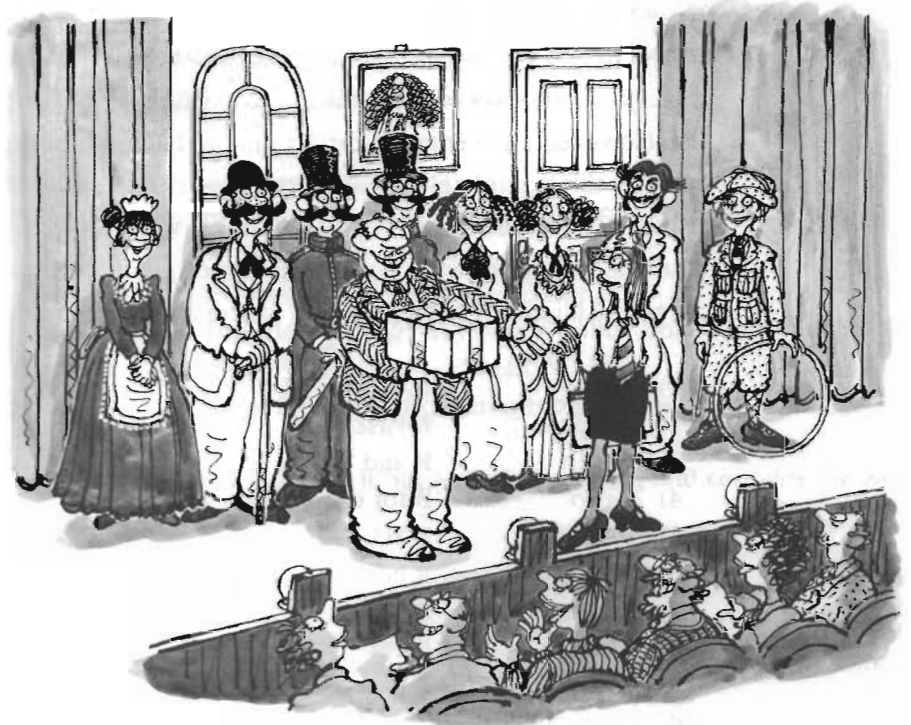
**4** Complete each sentence with a word or phrase from the box. Use each word or phrase once only.

actually	as well as this	both	either
<del>except</del>	instead	personally	such as

- a) Everyone ..... *except* ..... Julia remembered to bring their dictionaries.
- b) We've repaired the roof, and ..... we've repainted the whole house.
- c) ....., I don't think that there are aliens or flying saucers.
- d) I managed to lose ..... my passport and my wallet.
- e) I was going to go to the cinema, but I went to the theatre .....
- f) People think that Tim is shy, but ..... he's very talkative.
- g) Some illnesses, ..... the common cold, do not have a cure.
- h) We're going to ..... go camping, or stay with some friends.



5 Complete the spaces (a-j) with the words (1-10).



(a) .....<sup>5</sup>..... I'd like to thank everyone who has helped with the school play.  
 (b) ..... the actors, and the stage hands, have worked very hard, and everyone who made the costumes worked hard (c) ..... I would (d) ..... like to thank all those who have sold tickets. This year we had an (e) ..... larger audience than last year, and (f) ..... Tuesday evening, every single seat was sold. This year the play ran for a week (g) ..... for two days. We did not have a lot of time for rehearsals, and (h) ..... the play was a great success. (i) ..... , I feel that we should congratulate all the actors for their wonderful performance. (j) ..... , I'd like to give Judy Walker, the director, this present from everyone at the school.

- 1 even
- 2 yet
- 3 as well
- 4 except for
- 5 first of all
- 6 in conclusion
- 7 also
- 8 personally
- 9 both
- 10 instead of

## Explanations

### Capital letters

- Capital letters (also called upper-case letters) are used:
 

to begin a sentence	<i>This is a beautiful place.</i>
for names of people	<i>Jim, Helen</i>
for addressing people	<i>Mrs Jones, Uncle Peter, Mum</i>
for personal pronoun <i>I</i>	<i>I saw Ellen last night.</i>
for titles of books etc.	<i>'War and Peace' is a great book.</i>
for names of places	<i>France, Hungary</i>
for calendar information	<i>Wednesday, March, New Year's Day</i>
- In book and film titles, small words like *and*, *a/the* and prepositions do not usually have capitals, unless they are at the beginning.
 

*'Four Weddings and a Funeral' is a funny film.*
- Some words can be written with capitals, or in lower-case. These are:
 

names of the seasons	<i>in Spring, in spring</i>	
decades	<i>the Fifties, the fifties</i>	
jobs	<i>Sanderson was a good president.</i>	(general use)
	<i>Paul met President Brunswick.</i>	(job title)
compass points	<i>I live in the north of Scotland.</i>	(description)
	<i>Sally works in the Far East.</i>	(place name)

### Full stop (.)

- Full stops are used at the end of a sentence. They are also used in abbreviations to show that letters in a word are missing.
 

*e.g. etc.*

Full stops are often left out after the abbreviations Mr and Mrs.

### Comma (,)

- A comma in writing represents a brief pause in speech. It is also used in lists, except for the last two items where we use *and*.
 

*I bought some bananas, some oranges and some potatoes.*

If the last two items of the list are long then we do use a comma.

*All day we cleaned the floors, washed the walls, and tidied the house.*
- Linking words at the beginning of a sentence are followed by commas.
 

*First of all, this can be dangerous.*

Linking words in the middle of a sentence have commas before and after.

*Ann, on the other hand, did not agree.*
- Commas are used with non-defining relative clauses.
 

*Tony, who is usually late, turned up at 10.30.*
- Commas are used in direct speech.
 

*Jim said, 'I'll be late.'*

But they are not used after reporting verbs in reported speech.

*Jim said he would be late.*

- Commas cannot be used to join sentences directly, without any other changes. Look at this example.

*Two men were walking down the street. They were carrying a box.*

These two sentences cannot be joined simply by changing the full stop to a comma.

~~*Two men were walking down the street, they were carrying a box.*~~

But there are other ways to combine the sentences. For example:

*Two men were walking down the street, carrying a box.*

*Two men carrying a box were walking down the street.*

Semi-colon (;)

- We can join two sentences with related meanings using a semi-colon.

*Road users annoy pedestrians; pedestrians annoy road users.*

A semi-colon is also used to separate long items in a list.

*Students are asked not to leave bicycles by the entrance; not to leave bags in the sitting room; and not to leave coats in the dining room.*

Colon (:)

- A colon introduces items in a list.

*There are two rules: one, don't do it; two, don't get caught.*

It can also introduce an explanation of the previous part of the sentence.

*Finally, we had to stop: we were tired and it was dark.*

Speech marks ( ' ' )  
( " " )

- Speech marks (also called quotation marks) are used with direct speech. Punctuation goes inside. They can be single or double.

*'It might rain later,' I explained.*

*"Why are we leaving so early?" Helen asked.*

- Titles of books, films, plays etc. are put inside single quotation marks. Punctuation is put outside in this case.

*We went to a performance of Ibsen's 'Ghosts'.*

However, in printed text, the titles of books, films, plays etc. are usually put in italics.

Question mark (?)  
and exclamation  
mark (!)

- Question marks only occur after the question.

*What's the time?*

- Exclamation marks are used in informal writing, but are not considered appropriate in formal writing.

*You'll never guess what! I've just got engaged!*

→ SEE ALSO

**Grammar 25:** Relative clauses  
**Grammar 47:** Linking words

# Practice

**1** Underline the sentence which is punctuated correctly.

- a) 1 'Would you mind telling me where we are?' Petra asked.  
 2 'Would you mind telling me, where we are Petra asked?'  
 3 'Would you mind telling me, where we are,' Petra asked?
- b) 1 I agreed, that a cottage in the mountains, would be better.  
 2 I agreed that a cottage in the mountains would be better.  
 3 I agreed that a cottage, in the mountains would be better.
- c) 1 Angela who arrived after I did, asked me when the play finished?  
 2 Angela, who arrived after I did, asked me when the play finished.  
 3 Angela, who arrived after I did asked me, when the play finished.
- d) 1 Peter told me, not to wait and said 'I'll see you later.'  
 2 Peter told me not to wait and said, 'I'll see you later.'  
 3 Peter told me not to wait and said I'll see you later.
- e) 1 In the end I went home, I was wet and hungry, and felt ill.  
 2 In the end I went home; I was wet and hungry; and felt ill.  
 3 In the end I went home: I was wet and hungry and felt ill.
- f) 1 I bought some flour, some eggs, two lemons and some sugar.  
 2 I bought some: flour, some: eggs, two: lemons and some sugar.  
 3 I bought some flour some eggs two lemons, and some sugar.

**2** Rewrite each sentence putting in any necessary capital letters.

- a) we're meeting uncle david on tuesday evening at eight.  
*We're meeting Uncle David on Tuesday evening at eight.*
- b) last february i met mrs wilkinson for the first time.  
 .....
- c) tim lives in the south of france near cannes.  
 .....
- d) we saw a great film at the abc called 'the remains of the day'.  
 .....
- e) we went to a party at mrs harrisons' house on new year's eve.  
 .....
- f) julia's reading 'a portrait of a lady' by henry james.  
 .....

**3 Rewrite each group of words so that it contains the punctuation listed.**

- a) First of all who is going to carry the suitcase asked Emilie  
(one full stop, one comma, one question mark, speech marks)  
*'First of all, who is going to carry the suitcase?' asked Emilie.*  
.....  
.....
- b) Kate said she'd be on time but I didn't believe her  
(one full stop, one comma)  
.....  
.....
- c) James said that he'd missed the train got lost and been arrested  
(one full stop, two commas)  
.....  
.....
- d) When the bell rang our teacher stood up and said Stop writing please  
(one full stop, three commas, speech marks)  
.....  
.....
- e) On the other hand we could go to the cinema couldn't we said David  
(one full stop, two commas, one question mark, speech marks)  
.....  
.....
- f) Good morning Alan said Tina how do you feel today  
(one full stop, one comma, one question mark, speech marks, one capital letter)  
.....  
.....
- g) If I were you I'd ask for some help or perhaps start again  
(one full stop, two commas)  
.....  
.....
- h) The old stadium was eventually demolished very few people went there and it was becoming dangerous  
(one full stop, one comma, one colon)  
.....  
.....

## Explanations

### Adding *-ing* to verbs

- One-syllable words which end in one vowel and one consonant double the last consonant.

*swim/swimming*                      *put/putting*

Compare these words which do not double the consonant:

*shoot/shooting*                      *lift/lifting*

- Two-syllable words which end in one vowel and one consonant double the last consonant when the stress is on the second syllable.

*begin/beginning*                      *control/controlling*

Compare these words with the stress on the first syllable.

*wonder/wondering*                      *threaten/threatening*

One exception to this rule in British English is *travel/travelling*.

- Words which end in one vowel, one consonant and *-e* drop the final *-e*.

*write/writing*                      *leave/leaving*

The suffix *-ful* has only one *l*.

*beautiful*                      *successful*

When *-ly* is added to make an adverb, the *l* becomes double.

*beautifully*                      *successfully*

### Words ending in *-ful*

### *-ie* or *-ei*?

There is a useful rule: *i* before *e* except after *c*.

*field*                      *niece*  
but                      *receive*

But note that this rule only works when the sound is 'ee' /i:/. For example in this word the sound is different and *e* comes before *i*:

*reign*

### Silent letters

- Many words contain letters which do not form a sound. These are sometimes referred to as 'silent letters'. The silent letters are underlined.

bt/mb                      *doubt*   *plumber*   *thumb*

kn                      *knee*   *knife*   *know*

ps                      *psychology*   *psychiatrist*

sc                      *descend*   *ascend*

- *q* and *u*

The letter *q* is always followed by *u*.

*question*                      *squid*                      *acquire*

## Practice

Words commonly spelled wrongly are also included here.

### 1 Correct the spelling where necessary.

- |              |                             |                 |       |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| a) decideing | ..... <i>deciding</i> ..... | g) thier        | ..... |
| b) swiming   | .....                       | h) beatiful     | ..... |
| c) foto      | .....                       | i) reciept      | ..... |
| d) qestion   | .....                       | j) begining     | ..... |
| e) whistle   | .....                       | k) phychiatrist | ..... |
| f) knowen    | .....                       | l) sucesfull    | ..... |

### 2 Use the letters in brackets to make a word which fits the space.

- a) Sue said she'd (nehop) ..... *phone* ..... me but I haven't  
(iredvece) ..... *received* ..... a call yet.
- b) When the referee blew the (stewlih) ..... the players left  
the (edlif) .....
- c) Ellen (feclyslusucs) ..... completed the course in nuclear  
(shipscy) .....
- d) I didn't (wonk) ..... how to cut the string without a  
(inkef) .....
- e) The police arrested the (itfeh) ..... as he was  
(negvial) ..... the bank.
- f) Jim asked a (siqontue) ..... , but his teacher wasn't  
(nilsigent) .....
- g) At the (nigengibn) ..... of the film, I had a poor  
(wive) ..... of the screen.
- h) These ancient (mulcosn) ..... are  
(yitbuelfual) ..... made.

### 3 Write each verb with an -ing ending.

- |            |                                |            |       |
|------------|--------------------------------|------------|-------|
| a) control | ..... <i>controlling</i> ..... | g) upset   | ..... |
| b) thicken | .....                          | h) hook    | ..... |
| c) grip    | .....                          | i) write   | ..... |
| d) choose  | .....                          | j) improve | ..... |
| e) fly     | .....                          | k) swim    | ..... |
| f) make    | .....                          | l) ride    | ..... |

**4 Correct the spelling in this letter.**

Dear Becky,

I'm sorry that I haven't written to you for so long. I'm afraid I've been very busy at school, and I haven't had much time for writing letters. Last week I finished my examinations, so now I'm getting ready to go on holiday.

I was wondering whether you would like to come to stay for a few days? You can meet my friends, and we could all go swimming. The weather is really good now here in Italy, and I'm sure you will enjoy yourself.

Best wishes,

Silvia

**5 Correct these words commonly spelled wrongly.**

- a) tomorrow ..... *tomorrow* .....
- b) Wednesday .....
- c) advertisement .....
- d) neighbour .....
- e) through .....
- f) grateful .....
- g) necessary .....
- h) disappointed .....
- i) weather .....
- j) remember .....
- k) library .....
- l) answer .....

**6 Underline the silent letter/s in these words.**

- a) debt
- b) exhibition
- c) high
- d) knife
- e) lamb
- f) psychologist
- g) receipt
- h) what
- i) yacht
- j) autumn
- k) answer
- l) daughter
- m) half
- n) light
- o) salmon
- p) whole
- q) would
- r) writing



## Explanations

### Same sound, different spelling

In English one particular sound can be spelt using different letters. In each group below the sound underlined is the same.

#### Vowels

*company brother love trouble rubbish blood*  
*road most home though low*  
*earth further word hurt*  
*wait great late weight*  
*now shout drown plough*

#### Consonants

*relation shock sure conscious delicious*  
*church furniture watch*  
*leisure measure confusion*

### Same pronunciation, different spelling and meaning

Different words can have exactly the same pronunciation. Common examples are:

<i>court/caught</i>	<i>stair/stare</i>	<i>sore/saw</i>	<i>allowed/aloud</i>
<i>lesson/lessen</i>	<i>find/fined</i>	<i>waste/waist</i>	<i>fare/fair</i>
<i>warn/worn</i>	<i>wait/weight</i>	<i>no/know</i>	<i>two/too</i>

### Words which look similar

Some words may have only a letter or two difference to other words, but they have a completely different meaning. Be especially careful with these commonly confused words:

<i>later/latter</i>	<i>quiet/quite</i>
<i>recent/resent</i>	<i>accept/except</i>
<i>through/thorough</i>	<i>formerly/formally</i>
<i>insure/ensure</i>	<i>lose/loose</i>

### Words with a syllable which is not pronounced

Some words are particularly difficult to spell because they seem to have a syllable which is not pronounced. The examples below show how many syllables are actually pronounced in speech:

<i>temperature</i> (3 syllables)	<i>library</i> (3 syllables)
<i>Wednesday</i> (2 syllables)	<i>vegetable</i> (3 syllables)
<i>people</i> (2 syllables)	<i>interesting</i> (3 syllables)

### Nouns and verbs with c and s

Noun	<i>advice</i>	<i>practice</i>
Verb	<i>advise</i>	<i>practise</i>

### How to improve spelling

- Use a dictionary to check the pronunciation of new words.
- Relate the spelling of new words to words you already know.
- Make lists of the words you usually spell wrongly. Test yourself or ask friends to test you.
- Read widely to give you experience of the way words are spelled.

## Practice

Words commonly spelled wrongly are also included here.

### 1 Find pairs of words with the same sound underlined.

- |                             |   |                    |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------|
| a) <u>dirt</u>              | 1 | company            |
| b) pl <u>u</u> m            | 2 | meas <u>u</u> re   |
| c) h <u>e</u> art           | 3 | furnit <u>u</u> re |
| d) <u>catch</u>             | 4 | <u>word</u>        |
| e) ph <u>o</u> ne           | 5 | r <u>u</u> le      |
| f) <u>s</u> ure             | 6 | br <u>o</u> wn     |
| g) <u>d</u> oubt            | 7 | t <u>o</u> ast     |
| h) <u>f</u> ood             | 8 | confus <u>o</u> n  |
| i) <u>c</u> aut <u>i</u> on | 9 | par <u>k</u>       |

### 2 Underline the correct word in each sentence.

- Please stop looking at me like that! It's very rude to *stair/stare*.
- I think you should *practice/practise* diving every day.
- The doctor gave Martin a *through/thorough* examination.
- Could you give me some *advice/advise* about language courses?
- We wanted to go by train, but we couldn't afford the *fair/fare*.
- Could you wait a moment? I'm not *quiet/quite* ready.
- Reading *allowed/aloud* is hard unless you have time to check first.
- Sorry I didn't come to your party, but I just felt *two/too* tired.
- You can have model J6 or model J8, but the *later/latter* is more expensive.
- The back of the chair is nearly falling off – it's really *lose/loose*.

### 3 Tick (✓) if a pair of words rhymes.

- |                  |       |                  |       |
|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| a) sweet/eat     | ..✓.. | i) chose/bruise  | ..... |
| b) worse/horse   | ..... | j) low/go        | ..... |
| c) worn/torn     | ..... | k) abroad/afford | ..... |
| d) lose/loose    | ..... | l) quite/diet    | ..... |
| e) tea/bee       | ..... | m) friend/leaned | ..... |
| f) thought/short | ..... | n) blood/food    | ..... |
| g) later/latter  | ..... | o) weight/height | ..... |
| h) word/heard    | ..... |                  |       |

**4 Correct the spelling in this letter.**

Dear Silvia,

Thanks for your leter and your invittation to Italy! I've never traveled abraod before, and I'm realy looking forwerd to staying with you and your family. I've spokken to my parrents and they've agreed. They say they're going to phone soon to discus the arrangements.

I've dicided to have some Italian lesons so that I can practice when I come to Italy. I'd like you to write some simple sentances for me. Please note my new adress. We moved last weak and now I've got a much biger bedroom.

best wishes,

Becky

**5 Correct these words commonly spelled wrongly.**

- a) vegetable ..... *vegetable* .....
- b) langage .....
- c) qeueu .....
- d) recieve .....
- e) peple .....
- f) beatiful .....
- g) intresting .....
- h) biscit .....
- i) cieling .....
- j) difrent .....
- k) knowlige .....
- l) indipendant .....

**6 There is another word with exactly the same pronunciation as the word given. Write it in the space.**

- |           |                          |          |       |
|-----------|--------------------------|----------|-------|
| a) ate    | ..... <i>eight</i> ..... | h) nun   | ..... |
| b) been   | .....                    | i) peace | ..... |
| c) Czeck  | .....                    | j) pear  | ..... |
| d) flour  | .....                    | k) right | ..... |
| e) hole   | .....                    | l) rose  | ..... |
| f) mussel | .....                    | m) sew   | ..... |
| g) no     | .....                    | n) stare | ..... |

## Dealing with vocabulary

**When you find a new word**

If you are reading and you find a word you do not know, do not immediately use a dictionary. Ask yourself:

- Is this an important, useful word?
- Do I need to know the exact meaning?

If the word seems important, and you have time, then of course use a dictionary and add the word to your vocabulary notebook.

If the word seems unimportant, or you are reading just for pleasure, or you don't have time, then you can:

- leave it and come back later
- try to guess the meaning of the word from the context
- compare the new word with other words that look similar, then guess
- ask someone

**Making the most of your dictionary**

Choose a dictionary which has all the information you need. To use a dictionary effectively you need to know:

- how to find words in alphabetical order
- what the abbreviations in each entry mean
- how to look for words if you don't find them at first (e.g. look further down in the same entry to find other words in the family or the collocation you are looking for)
- when to carry it with you
- when to use it and when not to use it (you might get bored if you use it too much)

**Keeping a vocabulary notebook**

Many people, when they find a new word, just write the translation at the side of the page and do nothing more. But this is not the best way to learn a word: first it is hard to remember words in isolation, and second you need extra information about how the word is used, not just its basic meaning. So it is a good idea to keep a vocabulary notebook where you can review and revise new words. For each word in the book you might want to include:

Definition

Grammatical class (e.g. noun)

Pronunciation

Translation

Collocation (words which combine with the main word)

An example sentence that shows how the word is used

Frequency (many dictionaries have a system to show how common it is)

Formal or informal

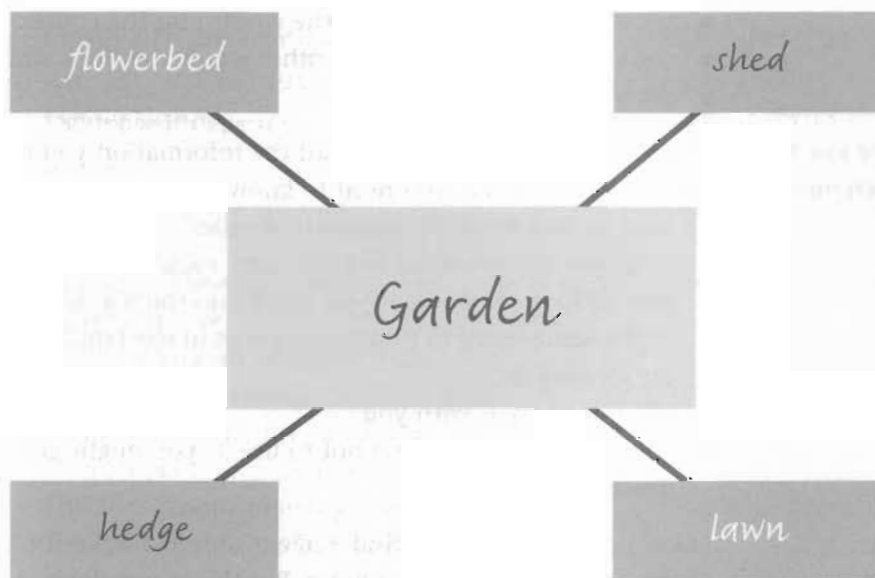
If you put the words in a notebook it will be easier to remember them. But if you organize the words inside the book then it is even better. Here are some ideas:

- Record words in alphabetical sections.
- Make sections for different large topic areas like 'Families and Friends', 'Hobbies and Interests', 'Places'.
- Make a 'Lexical set'. This is a small group of words based on one specific topic.

Garden

lawn hedge shed flowerbed

You can write this as a word spider:



- Make a 'Word family'. This is a group based on word formation.
 

beauty	noun
beautiful	adjective
beautify	verb
- Make sections for idioms and special expressions.
- Make sections for words that are useful to you personally, or that interest you, or that cause you problems.

Words can be formed by adding a prefix to the beginning or a suffix to the end. There are many prefixes and suffixes included in this unit and in Vocabulary 3.

Examples of prefixes: *un-, dis-, im-, mis-*

*un- + certain uncertain      dis- + appear disappear*  
*im- + possible impossible      mis + understand misunderstand*

Examples of suffixes: *-ness, -ful, -less, -ship*

*happy + -ness happiness      care + -ful careful*  
*end + -less endless      friend + -ship friendship*

Words of two or more syllables ending in *-y* change *-y* to *-i*. See Grammar 49.

**1** Add a word from the box to the prefix in each sentence to make a negative word.

advantage	agree	appear	employed	fortunately
interesting	patient	understanding		

- a) I didn't read all of the book because I found it un*interesting* . . .
- b) Cycling has one dis..... . It makes you feel hot and sweaty.
- c) Sue had a ticket for the theatre, but un..... she fell ill that night.
- d) Terry can't stand waiting in queues, because she's very im..... .
- e) My brothers always dis..... when it's time to do the washing-up.
- f) After Jack lost his job, he was un..... for three months.
- g) Oh, I completely dis..... with you. I think it was a great film.
- h) Because of a mis..... , half the class went to the wrong classroom.

**2** Complete the word in each sentence with a prefix from the box.

out-	over-	under-	re-
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- a) My alarm clock didn't go off, and so I over..... slept this morning.
- b) Pete packed some shirts and socks, some ..... wear, and his jeans.
- c) It's very cold this morning, so wear your ..... coat.
- d) Our team was completely ..... played by the team from Wales.
- e) I've decided to ..... write my letter, because I made too many mistakes.
- f) Steve ..... cooked the meat, and it was burnt in places.
- g) I have to go to the library today and ..... new my ticket.
- h) The staff went on strike because they were ..... paid and overworked.

**3** Complete the word in each sentence with a suffix from the box. Make any other necessary changes to the word.

-er    -let    -ess    -hood    -ship    -ful    -ery

- a) After two years of friend.....*ship*..... , Kate got to know David really well.
- b) If you don't speak the language you feel more like a foreign..... .
- c) Sarah spent a very happy child..... on a small island.
- d) I asked a steward..... what time the plane arrived, but she didn't know.
- e) Every teenage..... knows that parents worry a lot.
- f) Don't forget to add a spoon..... of sugar, and some milk.
- g) We live in a beautiful neighbour..... on the outskirts of the city.
- h) Tina picked up a hand..... of snow, and threw it in my face.
- i) Under the floor there was a rumbling sound of machine..... .
- j) The college sent Sue a small book..... describing its courses.

**4** Complete each sentence with a noun made from the verb given.

- a) There are over one million .....*inhabitants*..... in this city.  
**inhabit**
- b) Greg often suffers from ..... in the school holidays.  
**bore**
- c) This is the tallest ..... in the whole of the country.  
**build**
- d) Some students can't find suitable ..... .  
**accommodate**
- e) I was upset by Carol's ..... to help me.  
**refuse**
- f) It took Richard years to become a successful ..... .  
**act**
- g) Every ..... in this company has received a pay rise.  
**employ**
- h) You need a lot of ..... to write a good story.  
**imagine**
- i) Don't forget to turn off the ..... before you leave.  
**cook**
- j) I saw an interesting ..... in the local paper.  
**advertise**

**5** Complete each sentence with a noun ending in *-ness* made from a word in the box. Make any necessary changes.

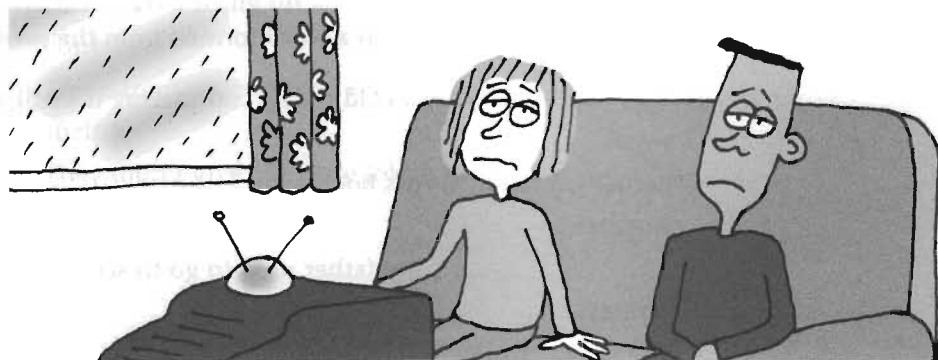
dark	friendly	happy	lonely	<del>short</del>	sick
silly	thin	tired	thorough		

- a) The *shortness* of the journey surprised me, as I thought it would be longer.
- b) Sue was impressed by the ..... of everyone in her new school.
- c) We knew it was going to rain because of the ..... of the sky.
- d) Old Mrs Holt's ..... was cured when she was given a pet cat.
- e) The doctor told Peter that his ..... was a result of overwork.
- f) Wendy's teacher was impressed by the ..... of her work.
- g) We wished the bride and groom ..... in their new life together.
- h) Joe's teachers began to grow tired of his ..... in class.
- i) I felt rather cold when I arrived because of the ..... of my clothes.
- j) Jean took a travel ..... pill, and then she felt much better.

**6** Complete the word in each sentence with a suffix from the box.

-less	-ly	-y	-ish	-ie	-al	-ous
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- a) Everyone thanked the fire-fighters for their heroic..... efforts.
- b) Paul received most of his music..... education from his mother.
- c) The government is going to provide more houses for home..... people.
- d) Lisa's mother..... qualities made her a favourite with the children.
- e) This road is extremely danger..... when the weather is bad.
- f) It was very fool..... of you to leave all the doors and windows open.
- g) On rain..... days, we spend a lot of time indoors watching television.





**1** Underline the correct word in each sentence.

- a) By 11.00 I felt so tired/tiring that I went to bed.
- b) I heard the film was good, but it was very disappointed/disappointing.
- c) Being alone in an old house at night can be frightened/frightening.
- d) Julie was so embarrassed/embarrassing that her whole face turned red.
- e) Jim gets bored/boring if he has to study too much.
- f) It's very confused/confusing to be taught in so many classrooms.
- g) Andy said that the twenty-mile walk was exhausted/exhausting.
- h) Are you interested/interesting in going to the beach tomorrow?
- i) I was really surprised/surprising when my boss gave me the day off.
- j) Why don't you go away and stop being so annoyed/annoying!

**2** Complete the word in *italics* in each sentence with a prefix or suffix from the box. Make any other necessary changes to the word.

-age    dis-    -ful    im-    un-    -y    -ness

- a) I suppose Paul might help us, but it seems *likely*.    ..... unlikely
- b) Fred can't fill his pool because there's a water *short*.    .....
- c) I found most of the maths questions completely *possible*.    .....
- d) Jan has taken up *photograph* as a hobby.    .....
- e) Thanks for those notes. They were really *use*.    .....
- f) I *like* winter sports so I never go skiing.    .....
- g) When it's time for bed I start feeling *sleep*.    .....
- h) This is a really *usual* stamp. I've not seen one like it before.    .....
- i) I really like Dan. He's always so happy and *cheer*.    .....
- j) I'm writing to thank you for the *kind* you showed me.    .....

**3** Complete each sentence with a word formed from the word in **bold**.

- a) It's ..... unusually ..... cold today, considering it's still summer.  
usual
- b) Actually, I found Tony's book was ..... interesting.  
surprise
- c) ....., my father used to go to school with your father.  
interest
- d) The police managed ..... to find the missing children.  
success

- e) Jean's compositions are always ..... written.  
**beautiful**
- f) I'm ..... ashamed of your behaviour!  
**thorough**
- g) This question is ..... difficult, isn't it!  
**awful**
- h) Mike tried ..... to phone Cathy several times.  
**success**
- i) These instructions seem ..... complicated.  
**necessary**
- j) Someone had ..... left the front door open.  
**obvious**

**4** Complete each word with a word formed from the word in **bold**.

- a) I can't sit on this chair. It's really un...*comfortable*...  
**comfort**
- b) Ann has left home and is in..... of her parents.  
**depend**
- c) These old envelopes are re..... so we can save money.  
**use**
- d) Not being chosen for the team was a great dis.....  
**appoint**
- e) Maria and Louis have a really good .....ship.  
**relate**
- f) Being un..... means that you share with others.  
**self**
- g) Not taking exercise is rather un.....  
**health**
- h) David has a really un..... temper, and gets angry easily.  
**control**
- i) These trousers won't get smaller. They're un.....  
**shrink**
- j) They didn't give Gary the job as he was in.....  
**experience**

**5 Complete each sentence with a word formed from the word in bold.**

- a) Harry asked for a ..... *receipt* ..... and the cashier gave him one.  
**receive**
- b) Nina wants to be a ..... and join the government.  
**politics**
- c) No one knows the exact ..... of the water here.  
**deep**
- d) You have to have a lot of ..... to go fishing.  
**patient**
- e) ..... is a serious matter, and you have to think about it.  
**marry**
- f) Tom sent in his ..... for the job the next day.  
**apply**
- g) Helen's mind is filled with all kinds of unusual .....  
**know**
- h) There was no ..... for the crash of the airliner.  
**explain**

**6 Complete each sentence with a word formed from the word in bold.**

- a) The ..... *theft* ..... of the diamonds baffled the police.  
**thief**
- b) Most people have no real ..... in ghosts.  
**believe**
- c) Tina had no ..... that anything was wrong.  
**suspect**
- d) We measured the ..... of the room with a ruler.  
**long**
- e) Our teacher was really ..... when she found out.  
**anger**
- f) George won a medal for .....  
**brave**
- g) Looking in the mirror too much is an example of .....  
**vain**
- h) Do you think you have the ..... to pass the test?  
**able**

**1** Complete each sentence with a word from the box. Each word is used **THREE** times.

do    make    have    take    give

- a) .....*Have*..... a nice day!
- b) At the weekend I like to relax and just ..... nothing.
- c) Can I ..... a chat with you sometime about Anna?
- d) Hello? Is that the doctor's surgery? I'd like to ..... an appointment.
- e) I'll ..... you my answer by the end of the week.
- f) I'm going to have an early night to make sure I ..... a good performance tomorrow.
- g) If you have a headache you can ..... an aspirin.
- h) Sometimes it's difficult to ..... any progress with English.
- i) Sorry, I can't come out tonight, I have to ..... my homework.
- j) That was a lovely meal. I'll ..... the dishes in a moment.
- k) We always ..... a lot of fun when we go clubbing on Fridays.
- l) We can't wait any longer. We have to ..... action.
- m) Would you like me to ..... you a lift to the station?
- n) You can catch a taxi or ..... the bus.
- o) You should dress well for your interview to ..... a good impression.

**2** Match each group of adjectives (a–j) with a noun (1–10).

- |   |               |
|---|---------------|
| a) an ambitious/a clever/a three-point    | 1 sofa        |
| b) a sudden/a violent/a loud              | 2 sister      |
| c) a powerful/a notebook/a desktop        | 3 control     |
| d) a comfortable/a three-seater/a leather | 4 plan        |
| e) a neat/a suspicious/a software         | 5 computer    |
| f) complete/strict/quality                | 6 improvement |
| g) a considerable/a dramatic/a short-term | 7 rent        |
| h) a serious/a deadly/an infectious       | 8 explosion   |
| i) an elder/a much-loved/an unmarried     | 9 disease     |
| j) monthly/affordable/unpaid              | 10 package    |

**3** Complete each sentence with a verb from list A and a noun from list B.

- |   |           |       |         |        |                    |                 |        |          |
|---|-----------|-------|---------|--------|--------------------|-----------------|--------|----------|
| A | appear    | clear | control | fight  | <del>protect</del> | rent            | return | take     |
| B | behaviour | call  | flat    | minute | screen             | <del>skin</del> | space  | survival |

- a) You should use suntan lotion when you go to the beach to .....*protect*.....  
your .....*skin*..... .
- b) I need to ..... a ..... on my desk for my new computer.
- c) I hate it when I'm using my computer and error messages ..... on the .....
- d) I left a message on her answering machine but she didn't ..... my .....
- e) It's going to be expensive to live in London. I'll have to ..... a ..... and pay for all my food.
- f) Belgium are losing by two goals to nil against Brazil. Now they have to **really** ..... for .....
- g) Could you give me a hand? It will only ..... a .....
- h) The problem with modern society is that parents don't ..... the ..... of their children.

**4** In each sentence one of the adverbs in *italics* does NOT make a common collocation with the verb in **bold**. Cross out the wrong collocation.

- a) 'I'm back,' she **said** ~~*especially*~~/*simply*/*calmly*.
- b) I *particularly*/*strongly*/*properly* **dislike** restaurants where the waiters are rude.
- c) The government **acted** *firmly*/*completely*/*immediately* against the threat of terrorism.
- d) She **spoke** *briefly*/*greatly*/*warmly* about her grandmother.
- e) He went to the police and **confessed** his crime *openly*/*really*/*voluntarily*.
- f) The price of oil **rose** *highly*/*sharply*/*dramatically* last month.
- g) The sun was **shining** *brightly*/*directly*/*perfectly* onto the old town square.
- h) Ronaldo was *deliberately*/*largely*/*suddenly* **pushed** in the penalty area.
- i) He held the rope and **pulled** *deeply*/*hard*/*gently*.
- j) He always **spends** his money *strongly*/*carefully*/*wisely*.

**5** Complete each sentence with one noun from list A and one noun from list B.

- |   |                 |         |      |       |       |         |         |
|---|-----------------|---------|------|-------|-------|---------|---------|
| A | <del>bank</del> | bargain | meat | sea   | space | stomach | student |
| B | account         | ache    | dish | floor | loan  | price   | shuttle |

- a) I can't spend much money this weekend. My *bank* *account* is in the red.
- b) Only forty euros for a top-name sports shoe! That's a real .....
- c) They say that in the future we'll be able to go to the moon for our holidays by .....
- d) There's a lot of volcanic activity on the ..... that we don't normally see.
- e) I'll need to get a ..... from the bank to help me complete my university studies.
- f) I went to Sandra's house last night and she made us all a lovely .....
- g) I think I'm going to go home now. I've got a bit of a .....

**6** Complete each sentence with a verb phrase from the box.

- |                      |                 |            |            |         |           |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|---------|-----------|
| <del>afford to</del> | designed to     | forget to  | hard to    | hope to | likely to |
| slow to              | teach me how to | try not to | willing to |         |           |

- a) Don't break it. I can't *afford to* buy a new one.
- b) The weather is changing. It's getting much colder and we're ..... have snow tomorrow.
- c) I'd love some more chocolate cake. It's ..... resist.
- d) What do you ..... gain by your actions?
- e) It's the first time I've tried ice-skating. Please ..... laugh!
- f) Can you ..... play chess as well as you?
- g) The government was ..... react to the threat of war.
- h) Don't ..... ask him about his mother. She's been ill recently.
- i) These exercises are ..... strengthen your stomach muscles.
- j) She's a great music teacher – she's ..... share her love of Mozart with us all.

- 1** Complete the expression based on the word *time* in each sentence, using a word from the box.

high in lose on pass spare tell time

- a) Come on John! It's ..... *high* ..... time you started doing some work!  
 b) What do you most enjoy doing in your ..... time?  
 c) I don't go sailing often, but I enjoy doing it from time to .....  
 d) When I have to wait at the airport, I do a crossword to ..... the time.  
 e) When Carol was given her first watch, she learned to ..... the time.  
 f) Sally is never late. She's always ..... time for her lessons.  
 g) Thank goodness the doctor hurried. She saved Jim's life just ..... time.  
 h) Hurry up. We've no time to ..... . The train leaves in five minutes!

- 2** Complete the sentences with the most suitable verb from the box.

burst caught got had lost ~~made~~ paid spent told took

- a) Peter's father ..... *made* ..... lots of money by selling old cars.  
 b) Sophie ..... a party last week and most of her friends came.  
 c) I ..... some very good photos of our dog with my new camera.  
 d) Dave ..... a lot of money on rebuilding his motorbike.  
 e) The ending of the film was so sad that many people ..... into tears.  
 f) According to the story, George Washington always ..... the truth.  
 g) Kelly ..... into trouble at school for playing a joke on her teacher.  
 h) You didn't understand because you ..... no attention to the instructions.  
 i) I ..... a cold last week so I couldn't play in the football match.  
 j) We ..... our way completely and had to ask for directions.

**3 Complete each sentence with a word from the box.**

alone    breath    difference    leaf    mad    ~~mess~~    secret    temper

- a) I made a complete *mess*..... of one exam, and had to take it again.
- b) When I swim underwater I can hold my ..... for two minutes.
- c) Peter told the boy to leave his little brother .....
- d) Can you tell the ..... between butter and margarine?
- e) The loud music from the house next door drove Mary .....
- f) When I stepped on Helen's foot again, she tried not to lose her .....
- g) I'll tell you, but only because I know that you can keep a .....
- h) Bob wanted to change his ways and turn over a new .....

**4 The words in *italics> are in the wrong sentences. Find the correct sentence for each one.***

- a) Now that my summer holidays have begun I feel as free as *houses*.  
..... *a bird*.....
- b) Without my glasses I'm as blind as *a pig*. .....
- c) After our search, suddenly David turned up as large as *rain!* .....
- d) As cool as *a bat*, the robber asked for all the money in the bank!  
.....
- e) Our dog eats too much, and is getting as fat as *a picture*. .....
- f) Little Sarah looked as pretty as *a cucumber* in her new dress. ....
- g) Take this medicine, and in a few days you'll be as right as *life*. .....
- h) Don't be frightened of being on this plane. It's as safe as *a bird*.  
.....

**5 Complete the expressions in *italics> in each sentence with a word from the box.***

down    ~~life~~    round    soul    sound    then    time    wide

- a) It's extremely important. In fact, it's a *matter of* ..... *life* ..... and death.
- b) Ann is great fun, and is always *the life and* ..... of the party.
- c) The police have been searching *far and* ..... for the stolen jewels.
- d) We were completely lost, and drove *round and* ..... for hours.
- e) I've told you ..... and *again* not to write tests in pencil!
- f) The two missing explorers have been found *safe and* .....
- g) That man has been walking *up and* ..... outside the house all day.
- h) I don't see Paul very often, but I visit him *now and* .....



**6** Replace each phrase in *italics* with one of the expressions in the box.

get ready    ~~have an early night~~    have fun    have nothing to do  
 take a day off    take it easy

- a) I'm really tired. I'm going to *go to bed before it gets late*.  
 ..... *have an early night* .....
- b) I think we should *prepare ourselves* for the trip as early as we can.  
 .....
- c) I felt ill last Tuesday, so I decided to *stay at home and not go to work*.  
 .....
- d) Let's go out tonight and *enjoy ourselves*.  
 .....
- e) I *don't have any work* this evening, so we can go to the cinema.  
 .....
- f) I've been working very hard, so I'm going to *relax and have some rest*.  
 .....



Compound words

1 Complete each compound word with a word from the box.

ache clip cut glasses lace ~~path~~ post table

- a) Make sure you walk on the foot...*path*..... , because the road is dangerous.
- b) I need to fix these two sheets together. Have you got a paper ..... ?
- c) As I was doing up my shoe, my shoe..... broke.
- d) On our first day at school, we copied down our time..... .
- e) Tom had a hair..... yesterday and his friends made fun of him.
- f) It's really sunny today, and I've forgotten my sun..... .
- g) Could I have a couple of aspirins? I've got a terrible head..... .
- h) The bus swerved to avoid a dog and hit a lamp ..... .

2 Complete each sentence with a compound noun made from two words from the box.

air alarm birthday central clock conditioning ~~fiction~~ heating machine party report school ~~science~~ stick walking washing

- a) I love *science* ..... *fiction* ..... films with robots in them.
- b) Old Mr Low has a bad leg and ~~always~~ leans on his .....  
..... .
- c) David's teachers wrote lots of *good things* in his .....  
..... .
- d) As soon as the ..... *rings*, I jump out of bed.
- e) When it's hot, I turn on the ..... and it cools the room.
- f) Julia invited all her friends from school to her ..... .
- g) This house has ..... and there is a radiator in every room.
- h) If you have any dirty clothes, just put ~~them~~ in the .....  
..... .

**3** The compound nouns in *italics* are in the wrong sentences. Find the correct sentence for each one.

- a) I couldn't unscrew the *pocket money*, so I couldn't drink my cola.  
.....  
..... *bottle top* .....
- b) On my way to school, I saw a fantastic bike in a *bathroom mirror*.  
.....
- c) My bike had a flat tyre, and I didn't have my *television screen* with me.  
.....
- d) As the girls were leaving, they saw their teacher at the *bottle top*.  
.....
- e) When I saw my face in the *school entrance*, I knew I really was ill.  
.....
- f) During my favourite serial, a newsflash appeared on the *door handle*.  
.....
- g) Paul's parents gave him a small amount of *bicycle pump* every week.  
.....
- h) Susie was too small to reach the *shop window*, so she knocked.  
.....

**4** Match each situation with an object from the box.

bottle opener   coffee maker   dishwasher   fire extinguisher   food mixer  
~~hairdrier~~   lawn mower   pencil sharpener   stain remover   water heater

- a) Comb it first and then use this. .... *hairdrier* .....
- b) Just put all the dirty plates in here. ....
- c) I've dropped ink all over my white trousers. ....
- d) Use this in an emergency. ....
- e) I've just broken mine, and I can't write. ....
- f) I'm really thirsty but I can't open this lemonade. ....
- g) That grass really needs cutting. ....
- h) It's much quicker preparing a cake with this. ....
- i) If you need a bath, I'll turn it on. ....
- j) If you'd like a cup, I've just put it on. ....

**5** Make a compound word which describes the person in each sentence, using one of the words in *italics*, and a word from the box.

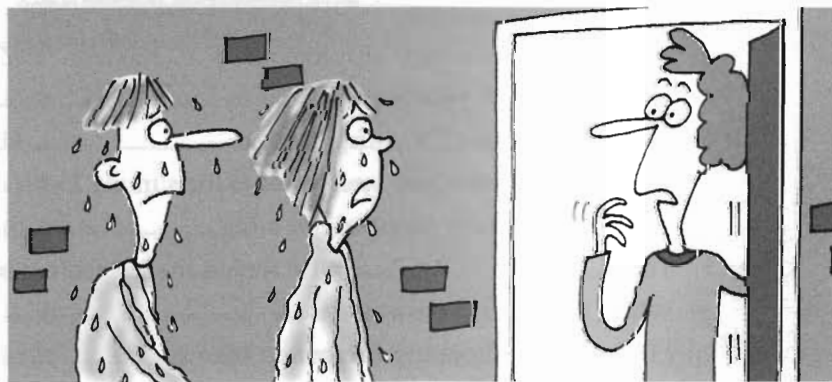
bather ~~dreamer~~ fighter keeper lifter maker manager sitter

- a) Someone who spends all *day* lost in pleasant thoughts. .... *day-dreamer*...
- b) Someone who owns or runs a *shop*. .....
- c) Someone who is lying in the *sun* to get a tan. ....
- d) Someone who looks after a *baby* while you're out. ....
- e) Someone who exercises with objects of great *weight*. ....
- f) Someone who is a member of the *fire* brigade. ....
- g) Someone who is in charge of the branch of a *bank*. ....
- h) Someone who is away from home on *holiday*. ....

**6** Complete each compound word with a word from the box.

about bringing coat ~~come~~ doors  
ground pour set skirts stairs

- a) Jane has a high in *come* ....., but she works very hard to earn it.
- b) I'm sorry I said that. I hope you're not up.....
- c) You have to turn left at the *next round*.....
- d) Kevin fell down..... and hurt his ankle.
- e) It's cold today, so you'd better wear your *over*.....
- f) That child is so polite. She obviously had a good up.....
- g) It's a lovely day. Why don't we have *lunch out*..... ?
- h) They live in a small house on the *out*..... of the town.
- i) It's easy to travel in London if you use the *Under*.....
- j) On our way home we got soaked in a terrific *down*.....



Money and shopping

1 Replace the words in *italics* with one of the phrases from the box.

in a sale    pay you back    save up    in debt    ~~second hand~~  
 be well-off    annual income    can't afford it

- a) Kate's car was *owned by someone else before her*.  
 ..... *second-hand* .....
- b) We're not going on holiday this year, because we *are short of money*.  
 .....
- c) Don't worry, next week I'll *give you the money you lent me*.  
 .....
- d) We decided to *put money aside* so we could buy a small boat.  
 .....
- e) I don't want to end up *owing a lot of money* to the bank.  
 .....
- f) What exactly is the amount of your *earnings every year*?  
 .....
- g) I bought my DVD-player *when the prices were reduced*.  
 .....
- h) Mary used to *have a lot of money*, but she's quite poor now.  
 .....

2 Complete the sentence with a compound noun formed from two words in the box. One word is used twice. Some compounds are written as one word.

assistant    bag    book    carrier    card    cash    credit    cut  
 department    desk    ~~money~~    ~~pocket~~    price    shop    store

- a) Most parents give their children some ..... *pocket money* ..... to spend.
- b) Perhaps you left your wallet at the ..... when you paid.
- c) Jane buys all her CDs cheap in a/an ..... store.
- d) I bought the new novel by Richard Francis in my local .....
- e) You can buy nearly anything in a big .....
- f) The ..... who served me helped me buy what I wanted.
- g) When I go abroad I always take a ..... with me.
- h) I brought my shopping home in a strong .....

**3 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.**

- a) Dora earns/gains/wins more money in her job than I do.
- b) The factory workers asked for a rise in their income/reward/wages.
- c) Paul borrowed/lent/loaned some money from me but didn't pay it back.
- d) I'm sorry, but we don't accept credit cards, only cash/coins/money.
- e) Is it all right if I pay with cheque/by cheque/from cheque?
- f) We don't exchange goods unless you still have the bill/cheque/receipt.
- g) I'm afraid I've only got a £50 note. Do you have change/money/rest?
- h) I still debt/owe/own the bank more than £5000.

**4 Complete the shopping situations (a-h) with a remark (1-8).**

- a) I can't decide whether to buy it or not, so I think .....<sup>6</sup>.....
- b) Have you got a pair like this in red? .....
- c) Can I pay by credit-card? .....
- d) Can I help you? No thanks, .....
- e) That's £45, please. ....
- f) Thanks very much for your help. ....
- g) There isn't a price label on this shirt. ....
- h) This computer looks difficult to use. ....

- 1 Not at all, madam. It's a pleasure.
- 2 I'm just looking.
- 3 Could you explain how it works?
- 4 How would you like to pay?
- 5 We're out of stock at the moment. Sorry.
- 6 I'll leave it.
- 7 Sorry, we only accept cash or cheques.
- 8 How much is it?

**5 Complete each phrase with a suitable word from the box.**

bar    box    bunch    carton    loaf    ~~packet~~    tin    tube

- a) a packet ..... of biscuits
- b) a ..... of toothpaste
- c) a ..... of tomatoes
- d) a ..... of milk
- e) a large ..... of tissues
- f) a ..... of chocolate
- g) a ..... of bananas
- h) a ..... of bread

**6** Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

*Shopping in the street*

When I (1) ..... shopping, I enjoy visiting street (2) ..... and looking for (3) ..... . I wander around looking at each (4) ..... , and asking about (5) ..... . Many (6) ..... on sale are less (7) ..... than those in high-street shops, though the (8) ..... is not always as good. It also depends on how much you want to (9) ..... . Clothes are often (10) ..... , but it is difficult to (11) ..... them on. It's always (12) ..... looking at second-hand books, because you can (13) ..... a lot of money in this way. Fresh fruit and vegetables are usually good (14) ..... , and there is always an excellent selection. The main problem is whether you can carry home lots of (15) ..... bags!

- |                |               |           |              |
|----------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1) A like      | B make        | C go      | D do         |
| 2) A markets   | B trades      | C shops   | D sales      |
| 3) A values    | B cheaper     | C special | D bargains   |
| 4) A counter   | B table       | C stall   | D department |
| 5) A costs     | B prices      | C values  | D figures    |
| 6) A produces  | B shopkeepers | C offers  | D goods      |
| 7) A expensive | B cost        | C priced  | D cheaper    |
| 8) A expense   | B package     | C kind    | D quality    |
| 9) A spend     | B use         | C make    | D cash       |
| 10) A fashion  | B cheaper     | C worn    | D logical    |
| 11) A purchase | B carry       | C try     | D wrap       |
| 12) A worth    | B more        | C been    | D time       |
| 13) A borrow   | B spend       | C save    | D count      |
| 14) A health   | B value       | C time    | D taste      |
| 15) A hand     | B papers      | C more    | D heavy      |

**1** Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

carpet   curtains   ~~cushion~~   drawer   pillow   radiator   sofa   socket

- a) Is that chair comfortable, or would you like to use a *cushion* ?
- b) Mark couldn't use his computer as there wasn't a ..... in the room.
- c) This house has central heating, and there's a ..... in every room.
- d) I was so tired that I fell asleep as soon as my head touched the .....
- e) Could you draw the ..... ? Someone is staring through the window.
- f) My bedroom has a fitted ..... which covers the whole floor.
- g) The knives and forks are in the second ..... on the left.
- h) Come over here and sit next to me on the .....

**2** Complete each part sentence (a-h) with one of the endings (1-8).

- a) Please sit down and make yourself .....<sup>4</sup>.....
- b) Many of our language students share .....
- c) I like Do-It-Yourself, but I've decided to have .....
- d) Alan seems to have so many clothes that he can never find .....
- e) If you can't find the house you can always ask for .....
- f) Susan lives on the tenth floor of .....
- g) If you're short of money you can buy .....
- h) As we live in a semi-detached house, we hear .....
- 1 room for all of them in the wardrobe.
- 2 a block of flats on the south side of the city.
- 3 directions at the bus-station.
- 4 at home, while I make some tea.
- 5 accommodation in the villages nearby.
- 6 the decorating done by a local firm.
- 7 a lot of noise through the wall from the family next door.
- 8 furniture from the street market near the cathedral.



**3** Each sentence contains an inappropriate word or phrase. Underline this word, and then replace it with a word or phrase from the box.

bookcase chimney fence floor gate window step towel

- a) Unfortunately the ball hit the house and broke a glass.  
.....  
.....window.....
- b) I washed my hands in the bathroom and dried them with a cloth.  
.....
- c) There was a small wooden door leading into the field.  
.....
- d) As I sat down at the kitchen table, I knocked my cup onto the ground.  
.....
- e) In the corner of Joe's room was a small library for his books.  
.....
- f) All round the garden there was a high wooden wall.  
.....
- g) On the roof-tops Tina could see a tall fireplace pouring out smoke.  
.....
- h) The floor of the kitchen is a bit lower, so mind the stair.  
.....

**4** Underline the correct word in each sentence.

- a) Will you be at home/at house later this evening?
- b) Paul's room is at the top of the stairs/steps opposite the bathroom.
- c) Can you remember to clean the wash-basin/sink in the bathroom?
- d) The rooms downstairs are so low I can touch the roof/ceiling.
- e) Tony is a keen cooker/cook and always uses an electric cooker/cook.
- f) You'll find plates in the cupboard/wardrobe next to the fridge.
- g) Ann was sitting at/to her desk, but Chris was sitting in/on an armchair.
- h) I won't be long. I'm just going upstairs for a bath/a bathe.
- i) Lisa didn't like doing homework/housework, so she paid a cleaner.
- j) Under the house there's a cave/cellar where we keep our old things.

**5 Complete the sentences with a compound word formed from two words in the box. One word is used twice.**

arm ash basin ~~bed~~ bin book case chair dish down  
dust flower hole key ~~room~~ stairs tray wash washer

- a) It's very cold in my *bedroom* , and I find it hard to sleep.
- b) Sarah spent all afternoon sitting in a large ..... in front of the TV.
- c) I left my socks soaking in the ..... in the bathroom.
- d) Do you think you could put all your rubbish outside in the ..... ?
- e) There's a beautiful ..... full of roses right outside my window.
- f) Don't worry about the washing-up. We'll put everything in the  
.....
- g) I can't open the front door. Something is stuck in the .....
- h) If you really insist on smoking, please use this .....
- i) Can you come ..... ? There's someone at the door for you.
- j) In this ..... are the dictionaries and an encyclopedia.

**6 Complete each sentence with a verb from the box in a suitable form. You can use a verb more than once.**

drop finish get look move ~~put~~ take turn

- a) I've got nowhere to stay tonight. Can you *put* ..... me up?
- b) We've bought a new house but we can't ..... in until next month.
- c) Adrian doesn't ..... on with his neighbours, because they're so noisy.
- d) Jan likes cooking, but she says it ..... up a lot of her time.
- e) Don't forget to ..... off the television before you go to bed.
- f) Helen has done most of the decorating and plans to ..... it off tomorrow.
- g) I have a large room, and it ..... out onto a beautiful garden.
- h) Karen and Mike live next door and they often ..... in for a chat.

**1** Underline the correct word in each sentence.

- a) When her bicycle was stolen, Jill became extremely angry/nervous.  
 b) Peter felt ashamed/embarrassed when he had to make a speech.  
 c) I always write thank-you letters, just to be gentle/polite.  
 d) You never do anything to help me! You're so lazy/tired.  
 e) Penny never does anything silly. She's very sensible/sensitive.  
 f) The children had to stay in the house all day and felt bored/tired.  
 g) Jackie doesn't worry about anything and is always cheerful/sympathetic.  
 h) Mr Jackson is very annoyed/bad-tempered and often shouts at people.  
 i) When he heard about the accident, Alan was very damaged/upset.  
 j) I've got an important exam tomorrow and I'm a bit jealous/nervous.

**2** Complete each sentence with one of the verbs from the box. Use each verb once only.

cheer complain cry nod shake his head shout smile whistle

- a) Please look at the camera and smile..... . Say 'cheese'!  
 b) If you agree with what I say, just .....  
 c) The food in the restaurant was terrible so we decided to .....  
 d) I had to ..... Ann's name three times before she heard me.  
 e) The little boy fell over and then started to .....  
 f) At the end of the President's speech, the crowd began to .....  
 g) Paul hardly ever says 'no'. He tends to ..... instead.  
 h) When I try to ..... I put my lips together but I can't do it!

**3** Complete each sentence with a word formed from the word in *italics*.

- a) You can't *rely* on Joe. He's very unreliable.....  
 b) Carla has very little *patience*. She's very .....  
 c) Jack shows no *interest* in this subject. He's .....  
 d) Pat is lacking in *honesty*. She's .....  
 e) Bill doesn't act like a *friend*. He's .....  
 f) Lisa doesn't have much *experience* of this work. She's .....  
 g) Peter never acts *politely*. He's .....  
 h) The official did not *help* us very much. She was .....  
 i) Graham doesn't *consider* other people. He's .....  
 j) Ann refused to *co-operate* with the police. She was .....

4 Complete each sentence with an adjective from the box. Use each adjective once only.

ashamed	annoyed	<del>disappointed</del>	exhausted
fascinating	glad	jealous	terrified

- a) When her team lost the cup final, Sue felt very *disappointed*.
- b) I was ..... when Jack accepted my invitation to dinner but didn't come.
- c) Mark was ..... when he saw smoke coming from the plane's engine.
- d) Thanks for your letter. I'm ..... to hear that you're feeling better.
- e) David was ..... to tell his parents that he had been sent to prison.
- f) After running for fifteen kilometres, Zara felt completely .....
- g) Helen felt ..... when she saw her boyfriend talking to another girl.
- h) Mrs Hobson told us *about her* life. She's a ..... person.

5 Replace the words in *italics* in each sentence with one of the phrases from the box.

are fond of	fancy	fed up with	get on my nerves
give up	let me down	<del>longing for</del>	put me off

- a) I'm *really looking forward to* a few *weeks'* holiday!  
*longing for* .....
- b) Sarah has decided to *do without* eating chocolate.  
.....
- c) I wanted to study biology, but my *teacher discouraged me*.  
.....
- d) Sports programmes on television really *annoy me*.  
.....
- e) Do you *feel like* going to the cinema *this evening*?  
.....
- f) Why can't you tell the truth? I'm *tired of your* excuses!  
.....
- g) Terry and I *like* going for walks in the country.  
.....
- h) George agreed to help me, but then *disappointed me*.  
.....

**6** Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

conscience    death    hand    heart    ~~mood~~  
 tears    temper    thanks    trouble    voice

- a) The children were happy because their teacher was in a good *mood* .....
- b) ..... to Mr Dawson, our car was repaired in time for our holiday.
- c) Ruth was helpful, and went to a lot of ..... to make us comfortable.
- d) Harry was leaning out of the window and shouting at the top of his .....
- e) When Alice heard the bad news, she burst into .....
- f) Neil is a very kind person. His ..... is in the right place.
- g) If you do something bad, it will be on your ..... for a long time.
- h) I was really angry, and lost my ....., and shouted at people.
- i) We need some help. Could you give us a ..... ?
- j) The first time I saw a horror film, I was scared to .....



**7** Match positive and negative words and put them in the columns below.

cheerful    clever    lazy    tense    ~~kind~~    generous    mean  
 miserable    relaxed    stupid    hard-working    ~~unpleasant~~

Positive

*kind* .....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

Negative

*unpleasant* .....

.....

.....

.....

.....

**1** Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

alike      children      couple      elder      engaged      friendship  
housewife      ~~husband~~      single      twin

- a) Jane got married to her ..... *husband* ....., Bob, four years ago.  
 b) Jane's friends think that she and Bob are the perfect .....  
 c) They haven't got any ..... yet, but they want a large family.  
 d) Jane's ..... sister, Mary, was born half an hour before she was.  
 e) Jane and Mary look ..... but are not exactly the same.  
 f) Mary isn't married. She says she prefers to be .....  
 g) She says she believes in ....., but doesn't believe in marriage.  
 h) Diana is Jane and Mary's ..... sister. She calls them her 'little sisters'.  
 i) Diana has been ..... for three years, but hasn't got married yet.  
 j) She has a career and doesn't like the idea of being a .....

**2** Complete each sentence with a noun formed from a verb in the box.

acquaint      celebrate      die      engage      greet      marry      ~~relate~~      resemble

- a) All Sue's friends and ..... *relations/relatives* ..... came to her party.  
 b) I occasionally meet Terry, but he's more an ..... than a friend.  
 c) When Paul arrived, he received a warm and friendly .....  
 d) Six months after their ....., Michael and Lisa got married.  
 e) There was a great ..... in the village when their team won the cup.  
 f) In an ideal ....., husband and wife share each other's problems.  
 g) Dina and her mother look alike. There is a strong ..... between them.  
 h) Tim cried when he heard about the ..... of his old dog.

**3 Underline the correct word in each sentence.**

- a) Children are not allowed to see this film. It's for *adults/old* only.
- b) By the time the vet arrived, the injured cat was already *dead/died*.
- c) Unfortunately it rained on Nick and Helen's *wedding/marriage* day.
- d) David and Diana have two sons and one *daughter/girl*.
- e) I think we should try to understand the problems of *aged/old* people.
- f) There should be more facilities for *youth/young* people in this town.
- g) More than fifty *relatives/parents* were invited to Jack's party.
- h) It's my *anniversary/birthday* today. I'm eighteen years old.

**4 Complete each part sentence (a-j) with an ending (1-10).**

- |                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| a) I've started going           | 1 takes after his father.                 |
| b) When little Tina is grown    | 2 together again next Friday evening?     |
| c) I wonder if you could put    | 3 up by an aunt after their parents died. |
| d) Carol doesn't really get     | 4 in on Steve for a chat.                 |
| e) Everyone says that Tom       | 5 after my dog while I'm away?            |
| f) Let's have some friends      | 6 out with George's younger sister.       |
| g) Do you think you could look  | 7 round for dinner on Friday.             |
| h) Why don't we all get         | 8 on well with her mother-in-law.         |
| i) Ellen and Laura were brought | 9 up she wants to be an astronaut.        |
| j) If I have time I'll drop     | 10 us up for a few days next week?        |

**5 Match each sentence (a-h) with a sentence (1-8) which helps to explain the meaning of the word in *italics*.**

- a) We've got a new *neighbour* called Helen Willis. ....<sup>5</sup>.....
  - b) This is Sue. She's a *colleague* of mine. ....
  - c) Andrew is going to be our *best man*. ....
  - d) At the end of the evening I thanked our *host*. ....
  - e) I'm sure that Mary will be a wonderful *bride*. ....
  - f) Next week I'm going to stay with my *grandparents*. ....
  - g) I've always got on well with my *sister-in-law*. ....
  - h) Georgina is the ideal *guest*. ....
- 1 I was happy that he'd invited me to his party.
  - 2 Even before she married my brother we'd become good friends.
  - 3 She always offers to help in the house when she stays with us.
  - 4 We both work in the same department at the bank.
  - 5 She moved into the house next door yesterday.
  - 6 They're both in their seventies, but they live a very full life.
  - 7 When John and I get married, he'll stand next to John.
  - 8 She's a dressmaker, and has designed her own wedding dress.

6 Complete each sentence with a word or phrase from the box. Use each word or phrase once only.

after against away ~~in~~ on on and off out over

- a) It would be nice to meet again. I'll get .....*in*..... touch with you next week.
- b) I'm afraid Sonia isn't here. She went ..... for the weekend.
- c) I keep leaving and coming back. I've lived here ..... for several years.
- d) Matthew brought up the children ..... his own after his wife died.
- e) The baby was called Clare, ..... its grandmother.
- f) Peter is ..... at the moment but he'll be back in half an hour.
- g) Ann decided to get married ..... the wishes of her parents.
- h) After their final quarrel, Carrie told Luke their relationship was .....



7 Who are these people?

- a) your mothers' parents ..... *grandparents* .....
- b) your mother's brother .....
- c) your mother's sister .....
- d) your husband's son from a previous marriage .....
- e) the sister of the person you marry .....
- f) your brother's (or sister's) male child .....
- g) your brother's (or sister's) female child .....
- h) a child with no brothers and sisters .....
- i) someone from another country .....
- j) someone you have not met before .....



## The body and clothes

1 **Underline the correct word in each sentence.**

- a) The trousers are the right length, but the *stomach/waist* is too small.  
 b) I like this watch, but the strap is too small for my *palm/wrist*.  
 c) The hand has four fingers and a *thumb/toe*.  
 d) When Robert is nervous he tends to bite his *nails/joints*.  
 e) This bag has a strap and I can carry it on my *neck/shoulder*.  
 f) Gina twisted her *ankle/elbow* and she can't walk very easily.  
 g) Paul dropped the stone on his foot and broke two *toes/fingers*.  
 h) When you're worried lines appear on your *eyebrows/forehead*.

2 **Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.***Clothes*

Choosing clothes can be difficult. Some people want to be (1) C , but they don't want to look exactly (2) ..... everybody else. Not all clothes are (3) ..... for work or school, perhaps because they're not (4) ..... enough, or simply not (5) ..... . It is easy to buy the (6) ..... size, and find that your trousers are too (7) ..... , especially if you're a little bit (8) ..... . Very (9) ..... clothes make you feel (10) ..... , but when they have (11) ..... in the washing machine, then you have the same problem! If you buy light (12) ..... clothes, then they might not be (13) ..... enough for winter. If your shoes are not (14) ..... , and if you aren't (15) ..... for the cold, you might look good, but feel terrible!

- |                 |              |               |               |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1) A of fashion | B fashioned  | C fashionable | D fashion     |
| 2) A alike      | B like       | C similar     | D same        |
| 3) A fitted     | B suitable   | C comfort     | D equal       |
| 4) A formal     | B strict     | C uniform     | D suited      |
| 5) A comforting | B comfort    | C comforted   | D comfortable |
| 6) A false      | B mistake    | C wrong       | D error       |
| 7) A straight   | B close      | C stiff       | D tight       |
| 8) A slim       | B overweight | C thin        | D enormous    |
| 9) A loose      | B lose       | C loosened    | D lost        |
| 10) A thin      | B slim       | C narrow      | D spare       |
| 11) A lessened  | B reduced    | C decreased   | D shrunk      |
| 12) A of cotton | B in cotton  | C cotton      | D cottoned    |
| 13) A warm      | B cold       | C hot         | D cool        |
| 14) A tight     | B enclosed   | C firm        | D waterproof  |
| 15) A worn      | B clothed    | C dressed     | D fitted      |

**3** Complete each sentence with a verb from the box. Use each verb once only.

disguise    dress up    ~~fit~~    go with    look    put on    suit    wear

- a) This dress doesn't ...*fit*..... me. It's far too big.
- b) The children decided to ..... as astronauts for the party.
- c) Sue always seems to ..... trousers. She says they're more comfortable.
- d) I like your new haircut. It makes you ..... younger.
- e) It's a nice pullover, but the colour doesn't ..... you.
- f) The escaped prisoner managed to ..... himself as a policeman.
- g) I got up late and had only a few minutes to ..... my clothes.
- h) I don't think that yellow socks ..... a black suit.

**4** Match the words from the box with the definitions.

blouse    cap    dress    shorts    skirt    ~~sleeve~~    sock    suit

- a) part of an item of clothing for covering the arm  
.....*sleeve*.....
- b) woman's or girl's clothing that covers the body from shoulders to knee or below  
.....
- c) jacket together with trousers or skirt made from the same material  
.....
- d) a soft covering for the head worn by young people, and in some sports  
.....
- e) trousers that end above or at the knee  
.....
- f) item of clothing for women or girls that hangs from the waist and covers all or part of the legs  
.....
- g) item of clothing for women or girls covering the upper half of the body  
.....
- h) soft item of clothing that covers the lower leg and foot inside the shoe  
.....

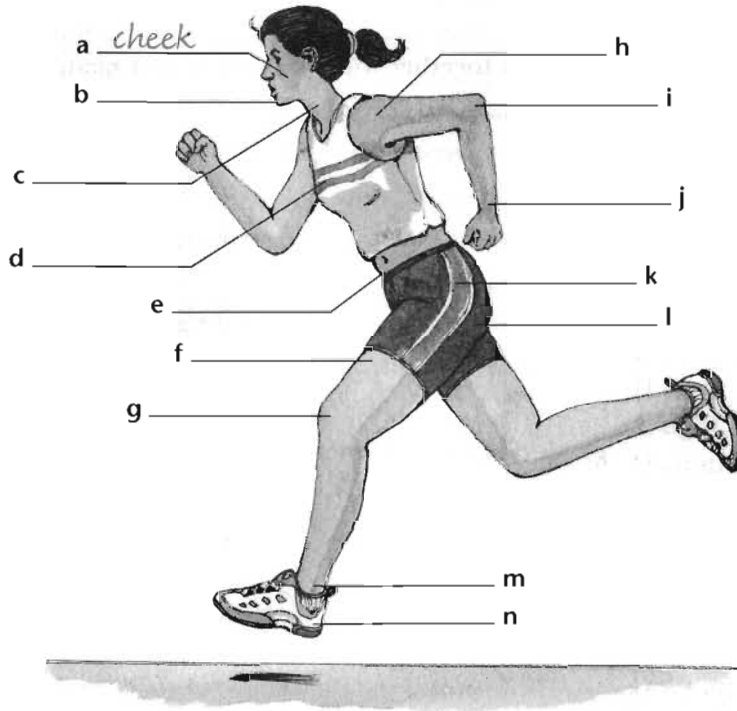
**5** Complete each expression in *italics* with one of the parts of the body from the box.

arms eye face foot hair hand head heart leg ~~tongue~~

- a) The word is on the *tip of my .....<sup>tongue</sup>.....* , but I just can't remember it.
- b) Crossing the mountains on my own was a .....-*raising* adventure.
- c) I know this is hard to believe, but you must ..... *the truth*.
- d) It is now over thirty years since man first *set* ..... *on* the moon.
- e) After his long trip Tom's parents *welcomed him with open* .....
- f) Peter knows the songs *by* ..... and doesn't need to look at a book.
- g) Try to stay calm, and don't *lose your* ..... , and everything will be fine.
- h) Have I really won the prize, or are you only *pulling my* ..... ?
- i) Lisa needs some help with her suitcase. Could you *give her a* ..... ?
- j) I waved at Ann, hoping *to catch her* ..... , but she didn't see me.

**6** Label the drawing with the words in the box.

ankle bottom ~~cheek~~ chest (man)/bust (woman) chin elbow  
heel hip knee neck shoulder thigh waist wrist



**1 Complete each sentence with a verb from the box.**

blocked	collapsed	<del>crashed</del>	exploded
flooded	injured	sank	trapped

- a) Yesterday a lorry ..... *crashed* ..... into a bus at the traffic lights.
- b) The falling roof tiles ..... several passers-by, though not seriously.
- c) The old wooden building ..... in a high wind.
- d) A terrorist bomb ..... at the railway station last week.
- e) The river burst its banks and ..... the town during the night.
- f) Rocks and mud from the mountain ..... the main road yesterday.
- g) The storm at sea ..... several small fishing boats.
- h) The rising water ..... two families in their homes for six hours.

**2 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.**

- a) The doctor gave Sue a prescription/recipe for some medicine.
- b) Tim's mother used a thermometer to take his fever/temperature.
- c) It took Julie a long time to get over/get off her illness.
- d) The cut on Katrina's leg took a long time to cure/heal.
- e) I couldn't run because I had a hurt/pain in my leg.
- f) I bought these sea-sickness pills from the chemist's/physician's.
- g) David was ill with a flu/flu for two weeks.
- h) Dick couldn't speak because he had a throat ache/sore throat.

**3 Complete each sentence with a word from the box.**

ambulance	<del>bandage</del>	blood	hospital
operation	patient	surgeon	ward

- a) A long white ..... *bandage* ..... was wound around my arm.
- b) This ..... was built only two years ago, but is already too small.
- c) The ..... in the bed next to mine was a man with a broken leg.
- d) The doctor told Jim that he would have to have a/an .....
- e) David's bed is in a small ..... with two others.
- f) Joanna was operated on by the best ..... in the city.
- g) Some people feel faint when they see .....
- h) Stephen was hurt in an accident and a passer-by called a/an .....

**4** Complete each sentence with a compound noun made from two words from the box.

air bus car centre city failure hour ~~jam~~  
 park parking pollution power rush shortage stop  
 strike ticket ~~traffic~~ train water

- a) The roads were crowded and I was stuck in a *traffic jam* for hours.
- b) The ..... is bad in this city. It's getting hard to breathe!
- c) All the lights went out because there was a .....
- d) I left my car in the wrong place and the police gave me a .....
- e) I couldn't use the railway yesterday because there was a .....
- f) I had to pay a fortune to leave my car in a multi-storey .....
- g) I waited at the ..... for hours but all the buses were full.
- h) There is always a lot of traffic during the .....
- i) It doesn't rain a lot here, and at the moment there is a .....
- j) The Government has decided to ban all cars from the .....

**5** Match the beginnings of the sentences (a-j) with the endings (1-10).

- |  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| a) Fire-fighters managed to put ..6..          | 1 fire accidentally.              |
| b) After a few minutes a fire .....            | 2 fire to the house deliberately. |
| c) It was believed that someone set .....      | 3 spark from a passing train.     |
| d) Luckily Paul carried a fire .....           | 4 into flames.                    |
| e) The fire was started by a .....             | 5 heat inside the burning car.    |
| f) Metal melted from the intense .....         | 6 out the fire after two hours.   |
| g) I could hardly breathe because of the ..... | 7 thick cloud of smoke.           |
| h) The old theatre caught .....                | 8 -extinguisher in his car.       |
| i) The wooden hut was burnt to .....           | 9 a heap of ashes.                |
| j) In seconds the building burst .....         | 10 engine arrived at the blaze.   |

**6 Match each sentence (a–h) with a sentence (1–8) which has a similar meaning.**

- a) They arrived too late to see her. ....<sup>3</sup>.....
- b) They didn't think it was safe. ....
- c) They asked her to come next week instead. ....
- d) They argued with her. ....
- e) They were injured. ....
- f) They didn't know where they were going. ....
- g) They asked someone to tell them the way. ....
- h) They've cancelled their party. ....

- 1 They asked for directions.
- 2 They had a row with her.
- 3 They missed her.
- 4 They were hurt.
- 5 They put her off for a week.
- 6 They felt it was dangerous.
- 7 Their party is off.
- 8 They'd lost their way.

**7 Match the beginnings of the sentences (a–i) with the endings (1–9).**

- |  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| a) All the surfaces in the living room are .... <sup>3</sup> ..... | 1 back to front. |
| b) The bathroom door .....   | 2 blocked.       |
| c) The sink is .....   | 3 dusty.         |
| d) The bread has .....   | 4 creased.       |
| e) The cola has .....  | 5 gone flat.     |
| f) You're wearing your pullover .....                              | 6 gone stale.    |
| g) The table cloth is .....  | 7 in a mess.     |
| h) That shirt needs ironing, it's very .....                       | 8 stained.       |
| i) My life is .....  | 9 won't lock.    |

**1** Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

*Holidays*

Most people enjoy going (1) .....<sup>C</sup>..... for their holidays, and having the opportunity to (2) ..... in an interesting city or a seaside (3) ..... . If you speak (4) ..... languages, you can make new friends, and (5) ..... home some interesting (6) ..... as presents. But before you can do that, you have to (7) ..... your destination, and that is often a problem! If you fly, then you may find that your flight has been (8) ..... . (9) ..... by train can also be difficult, since trains are often (10) ..... in the summer, and you might have to reserve a (11) ..... in advance. Whichever way you (12) ..... , you can have problems with your (13) ..... , and it is often difficult to find good (14) ..... . Apart from this, you might not be able to afford the (15) ..... !

- |                |             |             |                 |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1) A out       | B forward   | C abroad    | D foreign       |
| 2) A remain    | B pass      | C spend     | D stay          |
| 3) A resort    | B post      | C too       | D one           |
| 4) A strange   | B stranger  | C foreigner | D foreign       |
| 5) A fetch     | B take      | C go        | D get           |
| 6) A memories  | B souvenirs | C memoirs   | D recollections |
| 7) A reach     | B arrive    | C go        | D travel        |
| 8) A waited    | B reversed  | C delayed   | D booked        |
| 9) A Journeys  | B Travels   | C Voyages   | D Passes        |
| 10) A filling  | B occupied  | C overdone  | D crowded       |
| 11) A post     | B chair     | C seat      | D position      |
| 12) A voyage   | B travel    | C trip      | D tour          |
| 13) A baggages | B luggage   | C goods     | D sacks         |
| 14) A staying  | B homes     | C lodges    | D accommodation |
| 15) A fare     | B fair      | C far       | D fur           |

**2** Complete each sentence with a word from the box. Use each word once only.

after    ~~down~~    for    off    in    out    up

- a) The car broke .....<sup>down</sup>..... in the mountains, and we couldn't find a garage.  
 b) James had to set ..... at dawn to catch the early train.  
 c) Sue's bike passed me, and I had to ride fast to catch ..... with her.  
 d) I arrived at the airport, checked ..... , and then had some coffee.  
 e) We were heading ..... Paris, but we were not in a hurry to get there.  
 f) Jill ran ..... of money after a week, and had to go home.  
 g) Our next-door neighbours looked ..... our dog while we were away.

**3** Complete each sentence with a word formed from the word in **bold**.

- a) They told me to ask at the *information* desk.  
**inform**
- b) The plane gathered speed as it roared along the .....  
**run**
- c) The ..... of our plane has been delayed.  
**depart**
- d) The plane made a bumpy ..... and I felt ill.  
**land**
- e) The clerk asked me if I had made a .....  
**reserve**
- f) I got a seat because of another passenger's .....  
**cancel**
- g) We arrived late at the ..... , and missed the plane.  
**air**
- h) We fastened our seatbelts and prepared for .....  
**take**

**4** Complete each part sentence (a-j) with one of the endings (1-10) and make a compound word.

- |   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| a) I sent my friend a post ..... <sup>7</sup> | 1 suit with you to the beach.      |
| b) I fastened my seat .....                   | 2 table turned out to be wrong.    |
| c) We stayed on a small camp .....            | 3 belt, and waited for takeoff.    |
| d) I always forget my guide .....             | 4 port, you must tell the police.  |
| e) Don't forget to take your swim .....       | 5 hiking can be dangerous.         |
| f) If you lose your pass .....                | 6 side when I was little.          |
| g) We stayed in a quiet guest .....           | 7 card of the town where I stayed. |
| h) The train time .....                       | 8 book when I visit old cities.    |
| i) I used to like going to the sea .....      | 9 house down by the river.         |
| j) Nowadays I'm afraid that hitch .....       | 10 site just outside the town.     |



**5** Underline the correct word in each sentence.

- a) In Greece we visited several *ancient/antique* temples.
- b) Whenever Lucy travels by boat she feels *seasick/dizzy*.
- c) Brighton is a *popular/touristic* seaside town.
- d) Holidays in the mountains are always more *relaxed/relaxing*.
- e) We always eat the *local/topical* food when we're abroad.
- f) On my summer holidays I like getting *suntanned/sunburnt*.
- g) It may not be easy to find accommodation at *reasonable/logical* prices.
- h) After cycling all day, Bill was completely *exhausted/tired*.
- i) The owner of the hotel gave us a *hospitable/warm* welcome.
- j) Jack likes spending most of his holiday in the *open/plain* air.

**6** The words in *italics* are in the wrong sentences. Find the correct sentence for each one.

- a) We spent two weeks in a lovely seaside *station*.  
.....  
.....*resort*.....
- b) Jim stayed the night in a small bed and *hostel*.  
.....
- c) Karen was exhausted after her fifteen-mile *holiday*.  
.....
- d) Martin and Carol had a great time on their camping *cards*.  
.....
- e) As it was cheaper, I bought a return *stop*.  
.....
- f) We managed to find some petrol at a remote filling *village*.  
.....
- g) The bus made an overnight *breakfast* in a town near the border.  
.....
- h) The family rented a cottage in a country *walk* for the summer.  
.....
- i) If you're a student, you can save money by staying in a youth *ticket*.  
.....
- j) David never carried cash on holiday. He always takes credit *resort*.  
.....

**1** Underline the most suitable word in each sentence.

- a) United managed to beat/win City in the last minute of the match.
- b) At the end of the play, everyone in the theatre exploded/applauded.
- c) If you want to enter for/sign on the competition, you'll need a form.
- d) The cycling club is doing/holding a meeting next Thursday.
- e) The youth orchestra has acted/performed all over Europe.
- f) I'm doing/going fishing next week. Do you want to come?
- g) The final score was 2-2, so Rovers drew/equalled the game.
- h) David passes/spends an hour every day playing computer games.
- i) Did you enjoy/please yourself at the folk festival?
- j) We were late and so we lost/missed the beginning of the film.

**2** Match each word from the box with one of the explanations.

athletes	audience	cast	competitors	fans
group	members	<u>spectators</u>	team	viewers

- a) People who watch a sporting performance.  
..... spectators .....
- b) People who exercise and take part in games of speed and strength.  
.....
- c) People who support a sport, or a famous person.  
.....
- d) People who together take part in a sport.  
.....
- e) People who all belong to the same club.  
.....
- f) People who play rock music together.  
.....
- g) People who listen to or watch a play or performance.  
.....
- h) People who watch television.  
.....
- i) People who act together in a play.  
.....
- j) People who are all trying to win the same prize.  
.....

**3 Complete each sentence with a word from the box.**

exhibition      line      medal      ~~prize~~      queue  
 rod      screen      ticket      tyre      whistle

- a) Helen won first ... *prize* ..... in the competition.
- b) When Steve won the race, he was given a gold .....
- c) We had to wait in a ..... before we could get into the cinema.
- d) Rachel had to push her bike after she got a flat .....
- e) There was so much shouting that no one heard the referee's .....
- f) I've got a spare ..... for tomorrow's concert. Do you want to come?
- g) Have you seen the new ..... of paintings at the National Gallery?
- h) I'm going fishing tomorrow. I've just bought a new .....
- i) Kate was the first runner to cross the finishing .....
- j) We didn't enjoy the film because we were too close to the .....

**4 Complete each sentence with a word from the box.**

drop      go      join      ~~knock~~      live      make      stand      turn

- a) Lenny 'The Fist' Smith, the boxer, said he would ... *knock* ..... out his opponent.
- b) Carol won the match because the other player failed to ..... up.
- c) The singer asked the audience to ..... in and all sing together.
- d) It was a reasonable film, but it didn't really ..... up to my expectations.
- e) Tom and Sue used to ..... out together.
- f) From my seat, I couldn't ..... out what was happening on the stage.
- g) The referee made it clear that he would not ..... for bad behaviour.
- h) Peter had to ..... out of the race after his car broke down.

**5 Match each activity (a-h) with a place (1-8).**

- |  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| a) Sunbathing and wearing swimming costumes. .... <sup>8</sup> ..... | 1 a stage         |
| b) Watching elephants dancing. ....                                  | 2 a running track |
| c) Doing keep fit exercises. ....                                    | 3 a party         |
| d) Crossing the finishing line. ....                                 | 4 a funfair       |
| e) Taking a dog for a walk. ....                                     | 5 a circus        |
| f) Celebrating someone's birthday. ....                              | 6 a park          |
| g) Riding a ghost train or a big wheel. ....                         | 7 a gym           |
| h) Speaking clearly so the audience can hear. ....                   | 8 a beach         |

**6 Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.**

*Music*

What kind of music do you (1) ....<sup>B</sup>..... ? Some people like going to (2) ..... concerts, and listening to (3) ..... . The (4) ..... wear very formal clothes, and the (5) ..... is silent until the end of the (6) ..... . Perhaps you're a rock music (7) ..... . Rock concerts are often held at football (8) ..... or in parks. (9) ..... of the audience dance to the music, or sing the songs. (10) ..... music is (11) ..... at weddings and parties in many countries, and some people (12) ..... their own music at home. Nowadays we (13) ..... music in shops and lifts, and many people (14) ..... their own music with them, or even (15) ..... to music when they study. Music is everywhere!

- |                  |                |               |               |
|------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1) A listen      | B enjoy        | C have        | D preferring  |
| 2) A classic     | B classics     | C classical   | D classified  |
| 3) A a group     | B an orchestra | C a band      | D a record    |
| 4) A musicians   | B actors       | C musicals    | D instruments |
| 5) A spectators  | B people       | C guests      | D audience    |
| 6) A happening   | B action       | C music       | D performance |
| 7) A fan         | B enthusiasm   | C reader      | D friend      |
| 8) A matches     | B stadiums     | C pitches     | D pools       |
| 9) A Members     | B Selections   | C Persons     | D Those       |
| 10) A Historical | B Nation       | C Traditional | D Ancient     |
| 11) A acted      | B formed       | C done        | D played      |
| 12) A do         | B get          | C make        | D take        |
| 13) A listen     | B hear         | C perform     | D understand  |
| 14) A carry      | B wear         | C lift        | D play        |
| 15) A hear       | B have         | C follow      | D listen      |

## 1 Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

### A house in the country

The house is situated among beautiful (1) B, two miles from the nearest village, surrounded by (2) ..... . On a (3) ..... a short distance from the house is a (4) ..... , and a small (5) ..... flows past the end of the garden, which also contains a small (6) ..... . The name of the house, Rose Cottage, is on the garden (7) ..... , from which a (8) ..... leads to the (9) ..... door. On the (10) ..... floor there is a large (11) ..... room, a dining room, a kitchen, and (12) ..... and toilet. (13) ..... there are three bedrooms. There is also a garage next to the house. The village has a post (14) ..... , a small shop and a pub, and there is a railway (15) ..... three miles away.

- |                |            |            |            |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1) A view      | B scenery  | C sights   | D looks    |
| 2) A grass     | B flats    | C earth    | D fields   |
| 3) A mountain  | B peak     | C hill     | D summit   |
| 4) A wood      | B greenery | C jungle   | D forest   |
| 5) A river     | B channel  | C stream   | D canal    |
| 6) A sea       | B bath     | C water    | D pond     |
| 7) A gate      | B door     | C opening  | D entrance |
| 8) A road      | B path     | C way      | D pavement |
| 9) A forward   | B front    | C first    | D further  |
| 10) A bottom   | B back     | C ground   | D earth    |
| 11) A lounge   | B seating  | C saloon   | D living   |
| 12) A bathroom | B bath     | C basin    | D washing  |
| 13) A Over     | B Up       | C Upstairs | D Higher   |
| 14) A shop     | B centre   | C place    | D office   |
| 15) A station  | B stop     | C post     | D base     |

## 2 Underline the most suitable word in each sentence.

- We arranged to meet in the centre of town in the main place/square.
- Their cottage is in the heart of some beautiful country/countryside.
- The children spent all day playing on the sandy beach/seaside.
- I dropped my ice-cream on the earth/ground, so I couldn't eat it.
- This footpath/pavement leads across the fields to the village.
- There was a wonderful scenery/view from my hotel room.
- You can't stop here. Car-park/Parking is not allowed in this street.
- Helen decided to leave the country/land and work abroad.

**3** Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

block	centre	crossing	hall	junction
part	place	<del>station</del>	traffic	zone

- a) The police officer asked me to come with him to the police *station*.
- b) When you reach the road ..... turn right.
- c) The mayor's office is in the town .....
- d) Margaret lives on the top floor of a ..... of flats.
- e) Cars have to stop for you if you use a pedestrian .....
- f) Which ..... of town do you live in?
- g) You can buy fresh fish in the market ..... every Friday.
- h) Take the first turning on the left after the next set of ..... lights.
- i) The centre of town is now a traffic-free ..... and cars are banned.
- j) A new shopping ..... has been opened on the edge of the town.

**4** Replace the words in *italics* with one of the words from the box.

capital	crowded	international	isolated
local	neighbouring	<del>rural</del>	urban

- a) It's much healthier to live in a *country* area, far away from the city.  
*rural* .....
- b) Sue has just moved to a *nearby* town.  
.....
- c) We lived in the middle of nowhere in an *out of the way* cottage.  
.....
- d) Paris is the *most important* city of France.  
.....
- e) There is not a lot of *world* news in this newspaper.  
.....
- f) I do my shopping at the *neighbourhood* shops, not in the town centre.  
.....
- g) At weekends the town centre is always *full of people*.  
.....
- h) There is far too much pollution nowadays in *city* areas.  
.....

**5 Complete each compound noun with a word from the box.**

about bridge ~~ground~~ path park roads side skirts

- a) Our children spend a lot of time having fun at the local play ground .
- b) When you reach the cross..... , take the road to Linton.
- c) You have to turn left when you reach the next round..... .
- d) We can't leave the car here. We'll have to look for a car..... .
- e) Follow this foot..... until you reach the main road.
- f) There was an old woman selling fruit at the road..... .
- g) Paula lives on the out..... of the town, where the countryside begins.
- h) You can cross the railway line by walking over a foot..... .

**6 Match the words from the box with the explanations.**

bridge bungalow caravan ~~castle~~ cottage  
 semi-detached house terraced house tower

- a) A strong building made in the past to defend people against enemies.  
castle .....
- b) A small house on wheels which is pulled by a car.  
 .....
- c) A house which is one of a pair of houses joined together.  
 .....
- d) A house with only one floor.  
 .....
- e) This carries a road or railway over a river.  
 .....
- f) A house which is part of a row of houses all joined together.  
 .....
- g) A small house in the country.  
 .....
- h) A tall building standing alone, or as part of a castle or church.  
 .....

**1** Underline the correct word in each sentence.

- Would you like a *bread/roll* with your soup?
- The first *course/plate* consisted of cold fish and *salad*.
- That was a really lovely *food/meal*. Please let me *pay* for you.
- I felt so thirsty that I drank two *cans/tins* of Corky Cola.
- Nowadays many people buy *frozen/iced* food instead of fresh food.
- Could you give me the *receipt/recipe* for this cake? It's delicious!
- This pie is fantastic! It's really *tasteful/tasty*.
- Helen is a really good *cook/cooker*.
- Can I have a *fork/spoon* so I can stir my coffee?

**2** Complete each sentence with a suitable verb from the box.

add   bake   boil   chop   fry   grate   mix   peel   ~~roast~~   squeeze

- John decided to ..... *roast* ..... the beef in the oven for two hours.
- Put all the ingredients in a bowl and ..... them together well.
- First ..... the onions into small pieces.
- I wanted to ..... some cakes this morning, but I didn't have time.
- Taste the soup, and ..... salt and pepper if necessary.
- ..... the potatoes, and then cut them into large pieces.
- These vegetables taste great if you ..... them for a minute in hot oil.
- ..... some cheese, and sprinkle it over the pasta.
- ..... a lemon and sprinkle the juice over the salad.
- ..... the rice in salted water for ten minutes.

**3** Complete each phrase with a suitable word from the box.

bacon   biscuits   butter   chips   fork   ~~salt~~   saucer   vinegar

- |                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| a) pepper and ..... <i>salt</i> ..... | e) fish and ..... |
| b) knife and .....                    | f) oil and .....  |
| c) egg and .....                      | g) cup and .....  |
| d) bread and .....                    | h) tea and .....  |



**4 Complete the phrase with a suitable word from the box.**

bar carton cup glass jar loaf pinch ~~slice~~

- a) a *slice* ..... of bread or cake
- b) a ..... of chocolate
- c) a ..... of jam
- d) a ..... of tea
- e) a ..... of bread
- f) a ..... of water
- g) a ..... of salt
- h) a ..... of milk

**5 Match each description with the name of a kind of food from the box.**

cheese chop ~~grape~~ lamb lettuce onion pie plum

- a) Green or purple fruit which grows in bunches.  
*grape* .....
- b) Small vegetable with a strong smell and taste.  
.....
- c) Plant with large green leaves used in salads.  
.....
- d) Meat from a young sheep.  
.....
- e) Meat, vegetables or fruit baked in pastry.  
.....
- f) Small sweet fruit with red or yellow skin, and a stone in the centre.  
.....
- g) Solid food made from milk.  
.....
- h) Piece of pork or lamb with a bone, cut from the ribs of the animal.  
.....

**6 Complete each sentence with a word from the box.**

bill book dessert ~~menu~~ takeaway tip

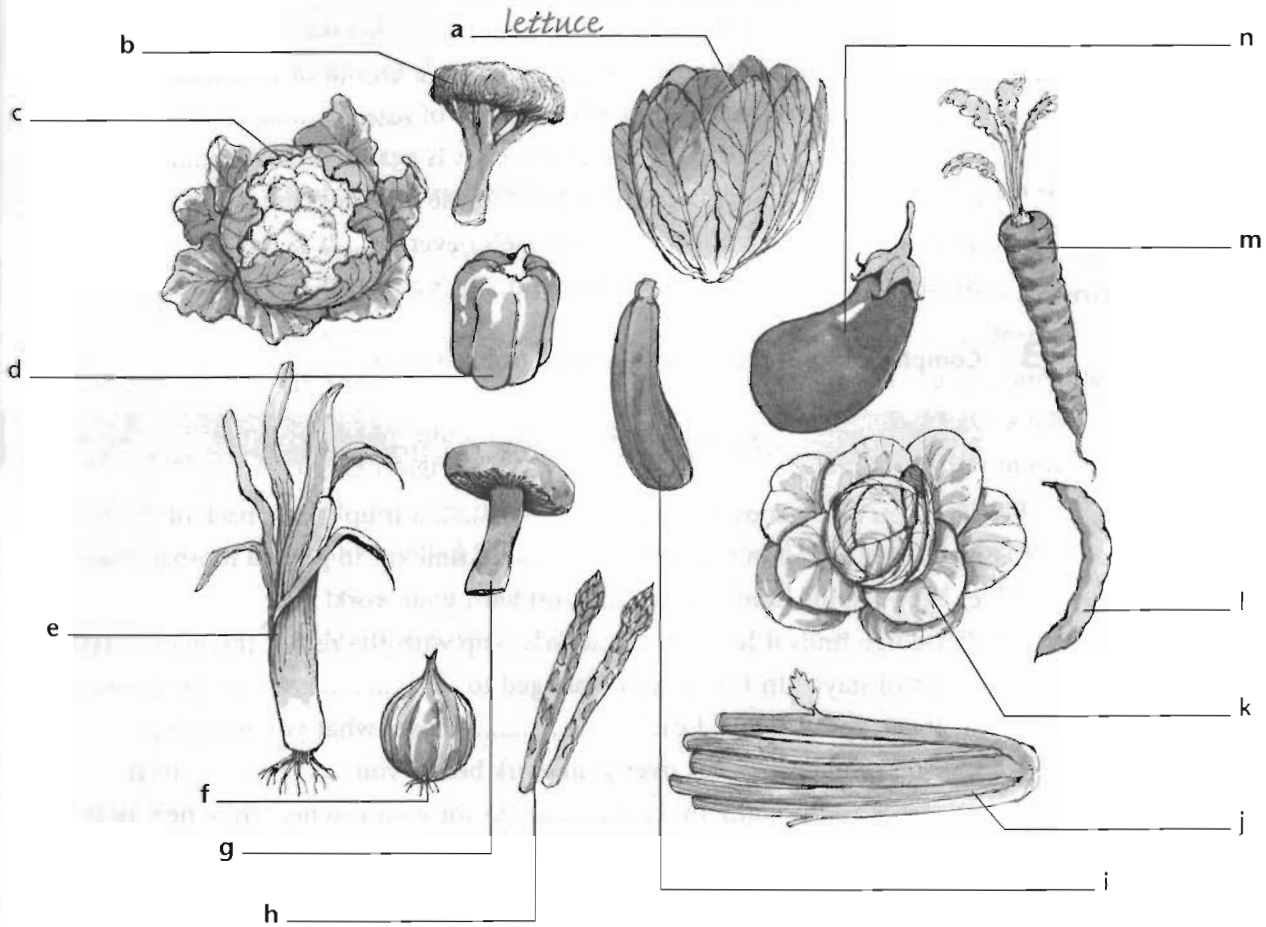
- a) We weren't sure what to have, so we asked for the *menu* .....
- b) Tony finished his meal, paid the ....., and left the restaurant.
- c) After two courses we felt full, so we didn't have any .....
- d) We had a very tasty Indian ..... for the main course.
- e) This is a popular restaurant and you have to ..... a table.
- f) The service was excellent so we left a large ..... on the table.

**7** Complete each sentence with *a* or *some*, or leave the space blank.

- a) I'd like .....<sup>a</sup>..... chicken, please, a large one for roasting.
- b) Could I have ..... bread, please?
- c) Do we have time for ..... snack before our bus leaves?
- d) Would you like to come to ..... lunch with me on Thursday?
- e) There's ..... milk jug in the cupboard near the fridge.
- f) George has decided to go on ..... diet, starting next week.
- g) I'm going to have ..... cheese and tomato sandwich.
- h) For breakfast I eat ..... toast and marmalade, and drink a glass of milk.
- i) Do you like ..... yoghurt? Personally, I can't stand it!
- j) Tim managed to eat ..... chicken, but felt too ill to eat anything else.

**8** Label the vegetables using the words from the box.

asparagus	aubergine (Br)/eggplant (Am)	bean	broccoli
cabbage	carrot	cauliflower	celery
leek	lettuce	mushroom	onion
		pepper	



**1** Underline the correct word in each sentence.

- Penny took three exams and managed to pass/succeed them all.
- Most people would prefer a job/work which was near home.
- Tim had to learn/teach fifty children how to swim.
- I can't come to the cinema tonight. I'm reading/studying for a test.
- Rita did very well, and was given maximum grades/marks.
- Every Friday, the building workers are given their salary/wages.
- It's hard reading aloud/loudly when you don't understand the words.
- The manager told David to make an application/invitation for the job.
- Ann works in advertising and earns/wins a very high salary.
- Would you like to come into my bureau/office? We can talk there.

**2** Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

business   date   ~~heart~~   phone   practice   rules   time   work

- Before her history exam, Laura learnt a list of dates by heart.....
- The manager will be with you in a moment. He's on the .....
- I haven't spoken Spanish for ages and I'm a bit out of .....
- Ever since Tim lost his job he's been out of .....
- Bringing your mobile phone to the class is against the .....
- This factory isn't very modern. Most of the machines are out of .....
- Our maths teacher is always late. He's never on .....
- Mrs Smith isn't here at the moment. She's away on .....

**3** Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

get   hand   keep   ~~look~~   pick   stand   take   write

- If you don't know the answer, look..... it up in the back of the book.
- My boss wouldn't let me ..... time off to go to a football match.
- Stop talking, and ..... on with your work!
- George finds it hard to ..... up with the rest of the maths class.
- Carol stayed in France and managed to ..... up the language.
- If you speak so fast I can't ..... down what you're saying.
- Don't forget to check over your work before you ..... it in.
- Mrs Wood is going to ..... in for your teacher while he's away.

**4 Complete each sentence with a word formed from the word in bold.**

- a) Nowadays it's very important to get a good ..... *education* .....  
**educate**
- b) Our company helps ..... people to find new jobs.  
**employ**
- c) Paul has good ideas, but writes very .....  
**care**
- d) Helen has become a ..... businesswoman.  
**succeed**
- e) I hope to leave school with some useful .....  
**qualify**
- f) Mr Dale was my ..... for ten years, and paid me well.  
**employ**
- g) According to the ..... , the French lesson starts at ten.  
**time**
- h) Cathy has three jobs, so she has a high .....  
**come**
- i) John's ..... of history is amazing for a boy of his age.  
**know**
- j) All the ..... in this company are given free meals.  
**employ**

**5 Match each sentence (a-j) with a sentence (1-10) which has a similar meaning.**

- |  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| a) She was given the sack. .... <sup>7</sup> ..... | 1 She was given a better job.    |
| b) She got a rise. ....                            | 2 She answered an advertisement. |
| c) She got a promotion. ....                       | 3 She decided to leave.          |
| d) She retired. ....                               | 4 She did the job carefully.     |
| e) She did it for a living. ....                   | 5 She didn't have a job.         |
| f) She resigned. ....                              | 6 She earned her money that way. |
| g) She was unemployed. ....                        | 7 She was dismissed.             |
| h) She applied for the job. ....                   | 8 She wanted a better job.       |
| i) She was ambitious. ....                         | 9 She was old and stopped work.  |
| j) She was conscientious. ....                     | 10 She was given more money.     |

**6** Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

*The wrong age for school!*

Are the years you (1) ..... at school the best years of your life? Personally, I found most (2) ..... rather uninteresting. We had to sit at our (3) ..... in silence and (4) ..... attention. The teachers used to (5) ..... on the blackboard and (6) ..... us difficult questions. We also had to (7) ..... lots of homework, and (8) ..... it in on time. We had to wear a school (9) ....., and we had to obey lots of (10) ..... . I (11) ..... school as soon as I could and started (12) ..... . I read books at the public (13) ....., and later I decided to (14) ..... college. I really enjoyed studying because I was older and knew that I wanted some (15) ..... . When I was at school, I was just the wrong age!

- |                      |                |            |              |
|----------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|
| 1) A go              | B have         | C pass     | D spend      |
| 2) A lectures        | B lessons      | C them     | D class      |
| 3) A chairs          | B desks        | C posts    | D parts      |
| 4) A pay             | B make         | C have     | D follow     |
| 5) A read            | B sit          | C write    | D talk       |
| 6) A make            | B do           | C get      | D ask        |
| 7) A answer          | B do           | C take     | D finish     |
| 8) A write           | B hand         | C pass     | D complete   |
| 9) A uniform         | B robe         | C dress    | D cloth      |
| 10) A ways           | B rules        | C laws     | D time       |
| 11) A passed         | B qualified    | C examined | D left       |
| 12) A job            | B labour       | C employee | D work       |
| 13) A bookshop       | B shelves      | C library  | D university |
| 14) A go             | B attend       | C study    | D follow     |
| 15) A qualifications | B examinations | C papers   | D grades     |



1 **Underline the correct word in each sentence.**

- a) Before we set off, we listened to the *climate/weather* forecast.
- b) Paula saw a flash of *lightning/thunder* and then heard a deep boom.
- c) The traffic had to slow down because of the thick *fog/vapour*.
- d) There won't be much rain. It's only a short *shower/stream*.
- e) Spring is my favourite *season/term* of the year.
- f) Last summer was very hot, and there was a real *heatwave/temperature*.
- g) Look at those clouds! There's going to be a *blast/storm*.
- h) On a hot day in summer, I look forward to the *chilly/cool* evening.
- i) We were caught in the rain and got *damp/soaked* to the skin.
- j) In the morning there was half a metre of *ice/snow* blocking the road.

2 **Choose the word which best matches the description.**

- |  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| a) Large white water bird with a long neck.              | duck/ <u>swan</u> |
| b) Four legged animal with horns, good at climbing.      | goat/sheep        |
| c) Sea animal with a shell and five pairs of legs.       | crab/frog         |
| d) Insect with large beautifully coloured wings.         | bee/butterfly     |
| e) Small reptile with four legs and a long tail.         | lizard/snake      |
| f) Small flying insect which drinks blood from the skin. | fly/mosquito      |
| g) Small long-eared animal that lives in a hole.         | mouse/rabbit      |
| h) Animal with long legs and neck and orangey skin.      | camel/giraffe     |
| i) Eight-legged creature which catches insects.          | bat/spider        |
| j) Young animal which barks, often a pet.                | kitten/puppy      |

3 **Complete each sentence with a word from the box.**

bark   berry   blossom   ~~branch~~   leaf   root   thorn   trunk

- a) Sue managed to reach the branch of a tree and climb up to the window.
- b) I felt ill after I ate a red ..... from a bush in the woods.
- c) The wall was cracked by the ..... of a tree growing underneath it.
- d) In the autumn, every ..... on the tree turns yellow and then falls off.
- e) Liz hurt herself on a ..... while she was picking some roses.
- f) The ..... of this tree can be removed and used as a kind of paper.
- g) In spring all the apple trees are covered in white .....
- h) An oak tree has a very broad ....., sometimes two metres thick.

**4 Choose the best ending (1–8) for each sentence (a–h).**

- |   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| a) In cities the air is hard to breathe because of car ..... <sup>8</sup> | 1 waste          |
| b) The earth's climate is changing because of .....                       | 2 pollution      |
| c) Not having enough of something is called a .....                       | 3 recycling      |
| d) Air, sea and land can suffer from .....                                | 4 global warming |
| e) Throwing things away unnecessarily is called .....                     | 5 rubbish        |
| f) A mixture of smoke and fog is called .....                             | 6 exhaust fumes  |
| g) Things which we throw away are called .....                            | 7 shortage       |
| h) To avoid wasting things we can use .....                               | 8 smog           |

**5 Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.**

*The threat to the Environment*

Nowadays people are more aware that wildlife all over the world is in (1) .....<sup>A</sup>  
 Many (2) ..... of animals are threatened, and could easily become (3) .....  
 if we do not make an effort to (4) ..... them. There are many reasons for this.  
 In some cases, animals are (5) ..... for their fur or for other valuable parts of  
 their bodies. Some birds, (6) ..... as parrots, are caught (7) ..... , and sold  
 as pets. For many animals and birds, the problem is that their habitat – the  
 (8) ..... where they live – is (9) ..... . More (10) ..... is used for farms,  
 for houses or industry, and there are fewer open (11) ..... than there once  
 were. Farmers use powerful chemicals to help them grow better (12) ..... , but  
 these chemicals pollute the environment and (13) ..... wildlife. The most  
 successful animals on earth – human beings – will soon be the only ones  
 (14) ..... , unless we can (15) ..... this problem.

- |                  |             |            |                |
|------------------|-------------|------------|----------------|
| 1) A danger      | B threat    | C problem  | D vanishing    |
| 2) A marks       | B more      | C species  | D forms        |
| 3) A disappeared | B vanished  | C empty    | D extinct      |
| 4) A harm        | B safe      | C protect  | D serve        |
| 5) A hunted      | B chased    | C game     | D extinct      |
| 6) A like        | B such      | C or       | D where        |
| 7) A lively      | B alive     | C for life | D for living   |
| 8) A spot        | B point     | C place    | D site         |
| 9) A exhausting  | B departing | C escaping | D disappearing |
| 10) A earth      | B land      | C soil     | D area         |
| 11) A spaces     | B air       | C up       | D parts        |
| 12) A products   | B fields    | C herbs    | D crops        |
| 13) A spoil      | B harm      | C wound    | D wrong        |
| 14) A survived   | B over      | C missing  | D left         |
| 15) A answer     | B calculate | C solve    | D explain      |

**6** Complete each sentence with a pair of verbs from the box with opposite meanings.

clean up	cut down	<del>destroy</del>	let	plant
pollute	prevent	<del>protect</del>	recycle	throw away

- a) People should be encouraged to ..... *protect* ..... the environment, rather than ..... *destroy* ..... it.
- b) We should try to ..... disasters happening, not just ..... them happen.
- c) Everyone should try to ..... beaches, and not ..... them.
- d) It would be a good idea to ..... more trees, not to ..... trees.
- e) We can use things again if we ..... rather than ..... them.

**7** Complete the sentences with the pairs of words from the box.

<del>country/city</del>	farm/cottage	fence/hedge	hills/mountains
paths/tracks	stream/river	town/village	crops/weeds

- a) Elderly people often move away from the ..... *city* ..... to live in the ..... *country* .....
- b) I've often walked over the ..... , but I don't like climbing .....
- c) A boat can sail up a ..... , but a ..... is too small.
- d) If you go for a walk, stay on the ..... . If you follow any of the animal ..... you might get lost.
- e) Farmers try to get rid of all the ..... and increase the quantity of ..... they grow.
- f) I come from a little ..... . The nearest big ..... is Bedford.
- g) One field has a wooden ..... , the other has a ..... made of bushes.
- h) In the middle of the ..... was a lovely old ..... *with a* garden.



**1 Underline the correct word in each sentence.**

- a) In the UK it's a 'mobile phone', but in the US it's a cell phone/pocket phone.
- b) In Britain most private cars run on gas/petrol or diesel.
- c) Ann's friends bought her an electric/electrical mixer for her birthday.
- d) Peter had to push his bike when he got a flat tyre/wheel.
- e) This car has got a really powerful engine/machine.
- f) When the machine is on, a little red light/torch comes on.
- g) The noise of the workmen banging in nails/screws was disturbing.
- h) The radiators will have to be fitted by a heater/plumber.

**2 Match the words from the box with the explanations.**

~~answering machine~~ camera dishwasher photocopier  
mobile phone sewing machine vacuum cleaner

- a) Use this if you can't stay in to take your calls. answering machine
- b) Use this to make calls when you're out and about. ....
- c) Use this to do your own dressmaking. ....
- d) Use this to get rid of dust and dirt. ....
- e) Use this to take a snapshot for your album. ....
- f) Use this to deal with dirty cutlery and crockery. ....
- g) Use this if you need several pages all the same. ....

**3 Complete each phrase in italics with a verb from the box.**

blow break cut go plug ~~ring~~ run turn warm wear

- a) I'm sorry I can't talk now, but I'll ring back in half an hour.
- b) The police think that a car bomb was used to ..... up the building.
- c) These tyres are strong, and won't ..... out for ages.
- d) Jane's old car used to ..... down all the time.
- e) You can ..... in the computer to the socket by the window.
- f) If you don't pay the electricity bill they will ..... you off.
- g) I think it's time to ..... off the television and go to bed.
- h) Whenever there is a thunder storm, all the lights ..... out.
- i) It's not necessary to ..... up the engine first, although it's so cold.
- j) If you leave the radio on all night the battery will ..... out.

**4** Complete the sentences about computers with a word from the box.

button	cursor	<del>hard disk</del>	highlight	icon
print out	memory	modem	website	

- a) The computer stores large amounts of information on its *hard disk*.
- b) When a program is running, it is using the computer's .....
- c) A small picture that represents a program is called an .....
- d) The flashing symbol that shows where text will appear is the .....
- e) When you've finished writing text you often want to .....
- f) You can click the left or right mouse .....
- g) Organizations use the internet to provide information about **themselves** - they put the information on their .....
- h) You connect the computer to the internet via a .....
- i) Hold down the left mouse button and drag the cursor across any text that you want to .....

**5** Replace the group word in *italics* in each sentence with an example word from the box.

<del>car</del>	cello	electric	toothbrush	oven
frying pan	gun	ladder	saw	

- a) The police discovered the *vehicle* more than twenty miles away.  
*car* .....
- b) My sister bought me this *gadget* to clean my teeth as a present.  
.....
- c) The builders left their *equipment* outside the house.  
.....
- d) The cost of the kitchen includes an *electrical appliance*.  
.....
- e) This *kitchen utensil* is lightweight and non-stick.  
.....
- f) I had to use a *tool* to cut the floorboards in half.  
.....
- g) One of the robbers was carrying a *weapon*.  
.....
- h) This *instrument* is rather heavy to carry.  
.....

**6** Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

battery ~~handle~~ key lock plug socket switch wire

- a) Lisa turned the door ..... *handle* ....., opened the door and entered the room.
- b) My watch stopped working because the ..... had run out.
- c) The television won't work in this room, as there isn't an electric ..... .
- d) Bill pressed the light ..... , but none of the lights was working.
- e) To wind up this old clock you need a special kind of ..... .
- f) Mary put the key in the ..... , but it wouldn't turn.
- g) I've bought an electric kettle, but the lead hasn't got a ..... on it.
- h) The electric bell didn't work because the ..... had been cut.

**7** Match each sentence with the necessary object from the box.

binoculars compass hairdrier iron lawnmower  
~~pump~~ razor scissors thermometer tin-opener

- a) There is no air in either of these tyres.  
 ... *pump* .....
- b) Do you fancy some tinned beans for lunch?  
 .....
- c) The grass in the back garden is awfully long.  
 .....
- d) Sam has been letting his beard grow but now he's going to shave.  
 .....
- e) When it's long like this you need more than a towel.  
 .....
- f) I've got to cut the ends off the legs of my new jeans.  
 .....
- g) Do you think I've got a temperature?  
 .....
- h) It's difficult to see wild animals when they're so far away.  
 .....
- i) Jean was completely lost, and needed to know where north was.  
 .....
- j) You can't go out with all those creases in your shirt.  
 .....

**1** Underline the correct word in each sentence.

- a) I have to do some sewing. Do you have a pin/needle?
- b) You need special glue/sticker when you make model aeroplanes.
- c) I always carry a carving knife/penknife in my pocket.
- d) Paul keeps his papers together with a rubber band/rubber ring.
- e) Sheets of paper can be fastened together with a paper clip/zipper.
- f) I wrapped up the parcel using brown paper and rope/string.
- g) Helen took the cutters/scissors and started trimming Mary's hair.
- h) Oh bother! One of my shirt bottoms/buttons has fallen off.
- i) As David was tying his shoelace/shoestring, it broke.
- j) Little Susie usually ties up her hair with a red ribbon/strip.

**2** Match each sentence with the necessary object from the box.

diary	dictionary	envelope	correction fluid	file
notepad	<del>notice</del>	ruler	sharpener	stamp

- a) It's important to let everyone know what time the meeting starts.  
... notice .....
- b) Hang on a minute, I'll just write down those details.  
.....
- c) Oh dear, I've written my name in the wrong place.  
.....
- d) Write down the date of the next match so you don't forget.  
.....
- e) I've written my letter but I've got nothing to put it in.  
.....
- f) I keep losing the sheets I wrote my homework on.  
.....
- g) How long is this piece of paper exactly?  
.....
- h) What a nuisance! My pencil has broken.  
.....
- i) My letter's ready for the post. How much will it cost?  
.....
- j) I'm not really sure what this word means.  
.....

**3** The words in *italics* are in the wrong sentence. Find the correct sentence for each one.

- a) You can hang your coat on the *fireplace* behind the door.  
    *hook*.....
- b) It's time for lunch. Can you put the *doormat* on the table?  
    .....
- c) I've bought a beautiful *hook* with long leaves for your room.  
    .....
- d) Don't forget to put all the rubbish from the kitchen into the *broom*.  
    .....
- e) Cathy pulled back the *plant* and looked out at the street.  
    .....
- f) You can sweep the floor with the *curtains* in that cupboard.  
    .....
- g) My mother insists that we all wipe our feet on the *tablecloth*.  
    .....
- h) Some logs were blazing and crackling in the *dustbin*.  
    .....

**4** Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

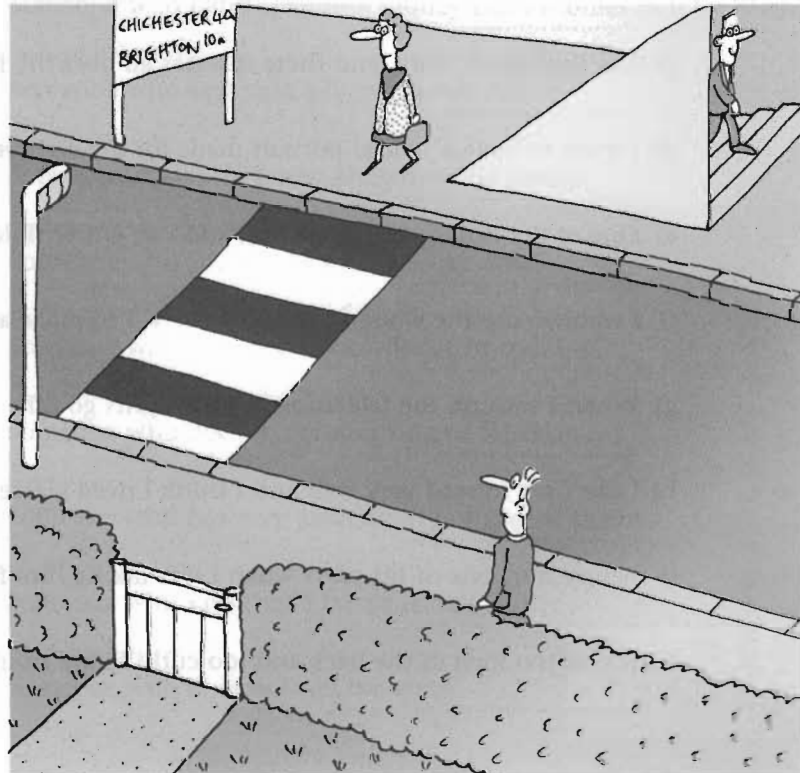
alarm	<del>comb</del>	gown	hanger	mirror	pillow
slippers	table	toothpaste	towel		

- a) My hair is in an awful mess. Have you got a ....*comb*..... ?
- b) When I get up I put on my dressing ..... and go downstairs.
- c) It's sometimes a shock to see your own face in the .....
- d) Helen always sits at her dressing ..... and brushes her hair.
- e) When I'm in the house I take off my shoes and put on my .....
- f) I want to clean my teeth but I can't find any .....
- g) Every morning at 6.30 the ..... clock goes off and I wake up.
- h) You can wash your hands here, and there's a ..... behind the door.
- i) I can't get to sleep unless I have a really comfortable .....
- j) You can put your coat in the wardrobe on a coat .....

5 Match the words from the box with the explanations.

street sign	hedge	kerb	lamp post	pavement
<del>pedestrian crossing</del>	gate	subway		

- a) This is a safe place to go from one side of the street to the other.  
*pedestrian crossing*
- b) This has a light at the top in the street.  
 .....
- c) This is where people walk in the street.  
 .....
- d) This is a kind of wall made of a living plant.  
 .....
- e) This closes the opening in an outside wall.  
 .....
- f) This is a line of stones between the footpath and the road.  
 .....
- g) This helps you know where you want to go.  
 .....
- h) This is a way of crossing under the road.  
 .....



**1** Underline the correct word in each sentence.

- a) Mrs Grant is a good *employee/employer* and pays her staff well.
- b) Excuse me, but are you the *ower/owner* of this bike?
- c) Tom works in a local garage as a car *engineer/mechanic*.
- d) I want to borrow some money, so I'm seeing the bank *boss/manager*.
- e) Little Jimmy has got a new *professor/teacher* at his primary school.
- f) Helen joined the army as an *officer/official*, and is now a captain.
- g) The house really needed decorating so I called a *painter/wallpaper*.
- h) Please ask the *cash/cashier* for a receipt.
- i) Have you thought about getting a job as a *waiter/table server*?
- j) I waited for my letters, but the *poster/postman* was late as usual.

**2** Match a person from the box with each problem.

carpenter	dentist	electrician	<del>gardener</del>	guide
hairdresser	optician	photographer	plumber	vet

- a) The lawn is really long and there are weeds everywhere.  
.....  
gardener.....
- b) I want to visit as much of the old city as possible in an afternoon.  
.....
- c) The taps don't work, and there is water all over the floor.  
.....
- d) I want to have a special portrait made for my eighteenth birthday.  
.....
- e) One of my fillings has come out, and I've got terrible toothache.  
.....
- f) I want to use the wood from these shelves to make a bookcase.  
.....
- g) When I turn on the television, all the lights go off.  
.....
- h) I can't see to read very well and I think I need glasses.  
.....
- i) Benny hurt one of his paws when I was taking him for a walk.  
.....
- j) It's far too long at the back and too curly at the front.  
.....

**3** Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

assistant	flatmate	employee	guest	host
<del>member</del>	partner	supporter	team-mate	

- a) Peter has just become a/an *member* of the fishing club.
- b) I started this business with my ....., Dora, about ten years ago.
- c) I've got a new ..... to help pay the rent. She moved in last week.
- d) We provide every ..... in the hotel with whatever he or she needs.
- e) At the end of the party, Bill thanked his ..... and then left.
- f) Any ..... who wishes to work at weekends should see the manager.
- g) I've been a/an ..... of Hull City FC for as long as I can remember.
- h) Mary was my ..... last year in the basketball tournament.
- i) This job is a lot for one person, so we think you need a/an .....

**4** Match each word from the box with an explanation.

celebrity	<del>coward</del>	expert	favourite	fool
genius	liar	miser	optimist	pessimist

- a) Someone who does not have any courage.  
*coward*
- b) Someone who hates spending money and becomes rich by keeping it.  
.....
- c) Someone who says that a bottle is half full.  
.....
- d) Someone who is very well known in the media.  
.....
- e) Someone who is loved more than any other.  
.....
- f) Someone who has special knowledge or training.  
.....
- g) Someone who does something silly or mistaken.  
.....
- h) Someone who has very great ability or special talent.  
.....
- i) Someone who says that a bottle is half empty.  
.....
- j) Someone who does not tell the truth.  
.....



**5** Complete each sentence with a group word from the box.

audience	cast	<del>crew</del>	crowd	group
queue	society	staff	team	trio

- a) The .....*crew*..... of the ship cheered as the new captain came on board.
- b) Paula has just joined the dramatic ..... at school.
- c) The head teacher thanked the ..... for working so hard.
- d) There was a long ..... of people waiting in the post office.
- e) A huge ..... had assembled outside the president's palace.
- f) The members of the ..... play the violin, the piano and the cello.
- g) A small ..... of us went on a trip to Rome last summer.
- h) When the music stopped, the ..... applauded for ten minutes.
- i) Last year Helen was the captain of the basketball .....
- j) When the play ended all the ..... came on stage and took a bow.

**6** Complete each sentence with a word formed from the word in **bold**.

- a) This city has over half a million .....*inhabitants*.....  
**inhabit**
- b) Margaret has decided to have a career as a .....  
**politics**
- c) Every ..... in this country has the right to vote.  
**city**
- d) Eric studied hard to become a rock .....  
**guitar**
- e) After the crash, Carla was the only .....  
**survive**
- f) David's mother is a famous .....  
**science**
- g) At nineteen, Tony became a professional .....  
**crime**
- h) I've always wanted to be a jazz .....  
**music**
- i) It'll take Kate years to become a .....  
**law**
- j) Jack was my ..... in the tennis match.  
**oppose**

# Formation rules

## 1 Tenses

### Present simple

I/you/we/they like.  
Do you like?  
You don't like.

She/he/it likes.  
Does she like?  
He doesn't like.

### Present continuous

I am going.  
She/he/it is going.  
Are you going?  
I am not going.  
She isn't going.

You/we/they are going.  
Am I going?  
Is she going?  
You aren't going.

### Present perfect

I/you/we/they have left.  
Have they left?  
They haven't left.

She/he/it has left.  
Has she left?  
He hasn't left.

### Present perfect continuous

I/you/we/they have been waiting.  
Have you been waiting?  
We haven't been waiting.

She/he/it has been waiting.  
Has she been waiting?  
He hasn't been waiting.

### Past simple

- 1 I/you/she/he/it/we/they started. (regular)  
Did you start?  
You didn't start.
- 2 I/you/she/he/it/we/they went. (irregular)  
Did you go?  
You didn't go.

### Past continuous

I/he/she/it was going.  
Was he going?  
She wasn't going.

You/we/they were going.  
Were you going?  
You weren't going.

### Past perfect

I/you/she/he/it/we/they had left.  
Had he left?  
They hadn't left.

**Future perfect**

I/you/she/he/it/we/they will have finished.

Will they have finished?

They won't have finished.

**2 Reported Speech**

'I always drink milk.'

'I'm leaving.'

'I'll be back soon.'

'I've forgotten it.'

'I took it.'

'I was reading.'

'I had left by then.'

'I must go.'

'I can help.'

'I would like to help.'

He said (that) he always drank milk.

She said she was leaving.

He said he would be back soon.

She said she had forgotten it.

He said he had taken it.

She said she had been reading.

He said he had left by then.

She said she had to go/must go.

He said he could help.

She said she would like to help.

**3 Passive Tenses**

**Active**

He helps.

He is helping.

He has helped.

He helped.

He was helping.

He will help.

He will have helped.

**Passive**

He is helped.

He is being helped.

He has been helped.

He was helped.

He was being helped.

He will be helped.

He will have been helped.

**4 Infinitives**

Present:

Present passive:

Past:

Past passive:

to like

to be liked

to have liked

to have been liked

**5 Participles (-ing forms)**

Present:

Present passive:

Past:

Past passive:

liking

being liked

having liked

having been liked

# Irregular verbs

## Infinitive

be  
beat  
become  
begin  
bend  
bite  
blow  
break  
bring  
build  
burn  
burst  
buy  
catch  
choose  
come  
cost  
cut  
deal  
dig  
do  
draw  
dream  
drink  
drive  
eat  
fall  
feed  
feel  
fight  
find  
fly  
forbid  
forgive  
freeze  
get  
give  
go  
grow  
hang  
have  
hear  
hide  
hit  
hold  
hurt  
keep  
know  
lay  
lead

## Past simple

was/were  
beat  
became  
began  
bent  
bit  
blew  
broke  
brought  
built  
burnt/burned  
burst  
bought  
caught  
chose  
came  
cost  
cut  
dealt  
dug  
did  
drew  
dreamt/dreamed  
drank  
drove  
ate  
fell  
fed  
felt  
fought  
found  
flew  
forbade  
forgave  
froze  
got  
gave  
went  
grew  
hung  
had  
heard  
hid  
hit  
held  
hurt  
kept  
knew  
laid  
led

## Past participle

been  
beaten  
become  
begun  
bent  
bitten  
blown  
broken  
brought  
built  
burnt/burned  
burst  
bought  
caught  
chosen  
come  
cost  
cut  
dealt  
dug  
done  
drawn  
dreamt/dreamed  
drunk  
driven  
eaten  
fallen  
fed  
felt  
fought  
found  
flown  
forbidden  
forgiven  
frozen  
got  
given  
gone  
grown  
hung  
had  
heard  
hidden  
hit  
held  
hurt  
kept  
known  
laid  
led

## INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE PRACTICE

learn	learnt/learned	learnt/learned
leave	left	left
lend	lent	lent
let	let	let
lie	lay	lain
light	lit	lit
lose	lost	lost
make	made	made
mean	meant	meant
meet	met	met
pay	paid	paid
put	put	put
read	read	read
ride	rode	ridden
ring	rang	rung
rise	rose	risen
run	ran	run
say	said	said
see	saw	seen
sell	sold	sold
send	sent	sent
set	set	set
shake	shook	shaken
shine	shone	shone
shoot	shot	shot
show	showed	shown
shut	shut	shut
sing	sang	sung
sink	sank	sunk
sit	sat	sat
sleep	slept	slept
speak	spoke	spoken
spell	spelt/spelled	spelt/spelled
spend	spent	spent
stand	stood	stood
steal	stole	stolen
stick	stuck	stuck
swim	swam	swum
take	took	taken
teach	taught	taught
tear	tore	torn
tell	told	told
think	thought	thought
throw	threw	thrown
understand	understood	understood
wake	woke	woken
wear	wore	worn
win	won	won
write	wrote	written

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