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# To the student

This book is for students who want help with English grammar. It is written for you to use without a teacher.

The book will be useful for you if you are not sure of the answers to questions like these:

- ☐ What is the difference between *I did* and *I have done*?
- ☐ When do we use *will* for the future?
- ☐ What is the structure after *I wish*?
- ☐ When do we say *used to do* and when do we say *used to doing*?
- ☐ When do we use *the*?
- ☐ What is the difference between *like* and *as*?

These and many other points of English grammar are explained in the book and there are exercises on each point.

## Level

The book is intended mainly for *intermediate* students (students who have already studied the basic grammar of English). It concentrates on those structures which intermediate students want to use, but which often cause difficulty. Some advanced students who have problems with grammar will also find the book useful.

The book is *not* suitable for elementary learners.

## How the book is organised

There are 145 units in the book. Each unit concentrates on a particular point of grammar. Some problems (for example, the present perfect or the use of *the*) are covered in more than one unit. For a list of units, see the *Contents* at the beginning of the book.

Each unit consists of two facing pages. On the left there are explanations and examples; on the right there are exercises. At the back of the book there is a Key for you to check your answers to the exercises (page 336).

There are also seven *Appendices* at the back of the book (pages 292–301). These include irregular verbs, summaries of verb forms, spelling and American English.

Finally, there is a detailed *Index* at the back of the book (page 373).

## How to use the book

The units are *not* in order of difficulty, so it is *not* intended that you work through the book from beginning to end. Every learner has different problems and you should use this book to help you with the grammar that *you* find difficult.

It is suggested that you work in this way:

- ☐ Use the *Contents* and/or *Index* to find which unit deals with the point you are interested in.
- ☐ If you are not sure which units you need to study, use the *Study guide* on page 326.
- ☐ Study the explanations and examples on the left-hand page of the unit you have chosen.
- ☐ Do the exercises on the right-hand page.
- ☐ Check your answers with the Key.
- ☐ If your answers are not correct, study the left-hand page again to see what went wrong.

You can of course use the book simply as a reference book without doing the exercises.

### **Additional exercises**

At the back of the book there are *Additional exercises* (pages 302–325). These exercises bring together some of the grammar points from a number of different units. For example, Exercise 16 brings together grammar points from Units 26–36. You can use these exercises for extra practice after you have studied and practised the grammar in the units concerned.



## To the teacher

*English Grammar in Use* was written as a self-study grammar book, but teachers may also find it useful as additional course material in cases where further work on grammar is necessary.

The book will probably be most useful at middle- and upper-intermediate levels (where all or nearly all of the material will be relevant), and can serve both as a basis for revision and as a means for practising new structures. It will also be useful for some more advanced students who have problems with grammar and need a book for reference and practice. The book is not intended to be used by elementary learners.

The units are organised in grammatical categories (*Present and past, Articles and nouns, Prepositions* etc.). They are not ordered according to level of difficulty, so the book should not be worked through from beginning to end. It should be used selectively and flexibly in accordance with the grammar syllabus being used and the difficulties students are having.

The book can be used for immediate consolidation or for later revision or remedial work. It might be used by the whole class or by individual students needing extra help. The left-hand pages (explanations and examples) are written for the student to use individually, but they may of course be used by the teacher as a source of ideas and information on which to base a lesson. The student then has the left-hand page as a record of what has been taught and can refer to it in the future. The exercises can be done individually, in class or as homework. Alternatively (and additionally), individual students can be directed to study certain units of the book by themselves if they have particular difficulties not shared by other students in their class. Don't forget the *Additional exercises* at the back of the book (see **To the student**).

This fourth edition of *English Grammar in Use* has been revised and updated. There are no new units, but some of the exercises have been rewritten or replaced.

An edition of *English Grammar in Use* without the Key is available. Some teachers may prefer this for use with their students.

An online version of *English Grammar in Use* is also available.

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## Present continuous (I am doing)

## A Study this example situation:

Sarah is in her car. She is on her way to work.  
She **is driving** to work.

This means: she is driving *now*, at the time of speaking.  
The action is not finished.

**Am/is/are + -ing** is the *present continuous*:

I	<b>am</b>	(= I'm)	<b>driving</b>
he/she/it	<b>is</b>	(= he's etc.)	<b>working</b>
we/you/they	<b>are</b>	(= we're etc.)	<b>doing</b> etc.

B **I am doing** something = I'm in the middle of doing it; I've started doing it and I haven't finished:

- ☐ Please don't make so much noise. **I'm trying** to work. (*not* I try)
- ☐ 'Where's Mark?' 'He's **having** a shower.' (*not* He has a shower)
- ☐ Let's go out now. It **isn't raining** any more. (*not* It doesn't rain)
- ☐ (at a party) Hi, Jane. **Are you enjoying** the party? (*not* Do you enjoy)
- ☐ What's all that noise? What's **going on**? (= What's happening?)

Sometimes the action is not happening at the time of speaking. For example:

Steve is talking to a friend on the phone. He says:



**I'm reading** a really good book at the moment.  
It's about a man who ...

Steve is not reading the book at the time of speaking.  
He means that he has started it, but has not finished it yet.  
He is in the middle of reading it.

Some more examples:

- ☐ Kate wants to work in Italy, so she's **learning** Italian. (but perhaps she isn't learning Italian at the time of speaking)
- ☐ Some friends of mine **are building** their own house. They hope to finish it next summer.

C You can use the present continuous with **today / this week / this year** etc. (periods around now):

- ☐ A: You're **working hard today**. (*not* You work hard today)
- B: Yes, I have a lot to do.
- ☐ The company I work for **isn't doing** so well **this year**.

## D We use the present continuous when we talk about changes happening around now, especially with these verbs:

**get change become increase rise fall grow improve begin start**

- ☐ **Is** your English **getting** better? (*not* Does your English get better)
- ☐ The population of the world **is increasing** very fast. (*not* increases)
- ☐ At first I didn't like my job, but I'm **beginning** to enjoy it now. (*not* I begin)



## Exercises

**1.1** The sentences on the right follow those on the left. Which sentence goes with which?

- 1 Please don't make so much noise.
- 2 I need to eat something soon.
- 3 I don't have anywhere to live right now.
- 4 We need to leave soon.
- 5 They don't need their car any more.
- 6 Things are not so good at work.
- 7 It isn't true what they said.
- 8 We're going to get wet.

- a It's getting late.
- b They're lying.
- c It's starting to rain.
- d They're trying to sell it.
- e I'm getting hungry.
- f ~~I'm trying to work.~~
- g I'm looking for an apartment.
- h The company is losing money.

- 1 f
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....
- 7 .....
- 8 .....

**1.2** Complete the conversations.

- 1 A: I saw Brian a few days ago.  
B: Oh, did you? What's he doing these days? (what / he / do)  
A: He's at university.  
B: .....? (what / he / study)  
A: Psychology.  
B: ..... it? (he / enjoy)  
A: Yes, he says it's a very good course.
- 2 A: Hi, Nicola. How .....? (your new job / go)  
B: Not bad. It wasn't so good at first, but ..... better now.  
(it / get)  
A: What about Daniel? Is he OK?  
B: Yes, but ..... his work right now. (he / not / enjoy)  
He's been in the same job for a long time and ..... to get bored  
with it. (he / begin)

**1.3** Put the verb into the correct form, positive (I'm doing etc.) or negative (I'm not doing etc.).

- 1 Please don't make so much noise. I'm trying (I / try) to work.
- 2 Let's go out now. It isn't raining (it / rain) any more.
- 3 You can turn off the radio. .... (I / listen) to it.
- 4 Kate phoned me last night. She's on holiday in France. .... (she / have)  
a great time and doesn't want to come back.
- 5 I want to lose weight, so this week ..... (I / eat) lunch.
- 6 Andrew has just started evening classes. .... (he / learn) Japanese.
- 7 Paul and Sally have had an argument. .... (they / speak)  
to each other.
- 8 ..... (I / get) tired. I need a rest.
- 9 Tim ..... (work) today. He's taken the day off.
- 10 ..... (I / look) for Sophie. Do you know where she is?

**1.4** Complete the sentences using the following verbs:

start    get    ~~increase~~    change    rise

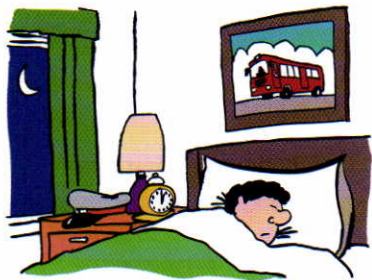
- 1 The population of the world is increasing very fast.
- 2 The world ..... Things never stay the same.
- 3 The situation is already bad and it ..... worse.
- 4 The cost of living ..... Every year things are more expensive.
- 5 The weather ..... to improve. The rain has stopped, and the wind isn't  
as strong.



## Present simple (I do)

A

Study this example situation:



Alex is a bus driver, but now he is in bed asleep.  
He is not driving a bus. (He is asleep.)

but He **drives** a bus. (He is a bus driver.)

Drive(s)/work(s)/do(es) etc. is the *present simple*:

I/we/you/they	<b>drive/work/do</b> etc.
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he/she/it	<b>drives/works/does</b> etc.
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B

We use the present simple to talk about things in general. We use it to say that something happens all the time or repeatedly, or that something is true in general:

- ☐ Nurses **look** after patients in hospitals.
- ☐ I usually **go** away at weekends.
- ☐ The earth **goes** round the sun.
- ☐ The cafe **opens** at 7.30 in the morning.

Remember:

I **work** ... but He **works** ... They **teach** ... but My sister **teaches** ...

For spelling (-s or -es), see Appendix 6.

C

We use **do/does** to make questions and negative sentences:

<b>do</b> <b>does</b>	I/we/you/they he/she/it	<b>work?</b> <b>drive?</b> <b>do?</b>	I/we/you/they he/she/it	<b>don't</b> <b>doesn't</b>	<b>work</b> <b>drive</b> <b>do</b>
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- ☐ I come from Canada. Where **do** you **come** from?
- ☐ I **don't go** away very often.
- ☐ What **does** this word **mean**? (*not* What means this word?)
- ☐ Rice **doesn't grow** in cold climates.

In the following examples, **do** is also the main verb (do you **do** / doesn't **do** etc.):

- ☐ 'What **do** you **do**?' 'I work in a shop.'
- ☐ He's always so lazy. He **doesn't do** anything to help.

D

We use the present simple to say how often we do things:

- ☐ I **get** up at 8 o'clock **every morning**.
- ☐ **How often** do you **go** to the dentist?
- ☐ Julie **doesn't drink** tea **very often**.
- ☐ Robert usually **goes** away **two or three times a year**.

E

**I promise / I apologise** etc.

Sometimes we do things by saying something. For example, when you *promise* to do something, you can say 'I **promise** ...'; when you *suggest* something, you can say 'I **suggest** ...':

- ☐ I **promise** I won't be late. (*not* I'm promising)
- ☐ 'What do you **suggest** I do?' 'I **suggest** that you ...'

In the same way we say: I **apologise** ... / I **advise** ... / I **insist** ... / I **agree** ... / I **refuse** ... etc.



## Exercises

## 2.1 Complete the sentences using the following verbs:

cause(s)    connect(s)    drink(s)    live(s)    open(s)    ~~speaks(s)~~    take(s)

- 1 Tanya speaks German very well.
- 2 I don't often ..... coffee.
- 3 The swimming pool ..... at 7.30 every morning.
- 4 Bad driving ..... many accidents.
- 5 My parents ..... in a very small flat.
- 6 The Olympic Games ..... place every four years.
- 7 The Panama Canal ..... the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

## 2.2 Put the verb into the correct form.

- 1 Julie doesn't drink (not / drink) tea very often.
- 2 What time ..... (the banks / close) here?
- 3 I've got a car, but I ..... (not / use) it much.
- 4 'Where ..... (Ricardo / come) from?' 'From Cuba.'
- 5 'What ..... (you / do)?' 'I'm an electrician.'
- 6 It ..... (take) me an hour to get to work. How long ..... (it / take) you?
- 7 Look at this sentence. What ..... (this word / mean)?
- 8 David isn't very fit. He ..... (not / do) any sport.

## 2.3 Use the following verbs to complete the sentences. Sometimes you need the negative:

believe    eat    flow    ~~go~~    ~~grow~~    make    rise    tell    translate

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1 The earth <u>goes</u> round the sun. | 7 An interpreter ..... from one language into another. |
| 2 Rice <u>doesn't grow</u> in Britain. | 8 Liars are people who ..... the truth.                |
| 3 The sun ..... in the east.           | 9 The River Amazon ..... into the Atlantic Ocean.      |
| 4 Bees ..... honey.                    |  |
| 5 Vegetarians ..... meat.              |  |
| 6 An atheist ..... in God.             |  |

## 2.4 You ask Lisa questions about herself and her family. Write the questions.

- 1 You know that Lisa plays tennis. You want to know how often. Ask her.  
How often do you play tennis ?
- 2 Perhaps Lisa's sister plays tennis too. You want to know. Ask Lisa.  
..... your sister ..... ?
- 3 You know that Lisa reads a newspaper every day. You want to know which one. Ask her.  
..... ?
- 4 You know that Lisa's brother works. You want to know what he does. Ask Lisa.  
..... ?
- 5 You know that Lisa goes to the cinema a lot. You want to know how often. Ask her.  
..... ?
- 6 You don't know where Lisa's grandparents live. You want to know. Ask Lisa.  
..... ?

## 2.5 Complete using the following:

I apologise    I insist    I promise    I recommend    ~~I suggest~~

- 1 Mr Evans is not in the office today. I suggest you try calling him tomorrow.
- 2 I won't tell anybody what you said. ....
- 3 (in a restaurant) You must let me pay for the meal. ....
- 4 ..... for what I did. It won't happen again.
- 5 The new restaurant in Hill Street is very good. .... it.



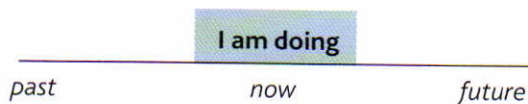
Present continuous and present simple 1  
(I am doing and I do)

A

Compare:

*Present continuous (I am doing)*

We use the continuous for things happening at or around the time of speaking. The action is not complete.



- ☐ The water **is boiling**. Can you turn it off?
- ☐ Listen to those people. What language **are they speaking**?
- ☐ Let's go out. It **isn't raining** now.
- ☐ 'I'm busy.' 'What **are you doing**?'
- ☐ I'm **getting** hungry. Let's go and eat.
- ☐ Kate wants to work in Italy, so she's **learning** Italian.
- ☐ The population of the world **is increasing** very fast.

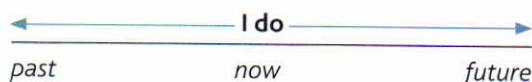
We use the continuous for *temporary* situations:

- ☐ I'm **living** with some friends until I find a place of my own.
- ☐ A: You're **working** hard today.  
B: Yes, I have a lot to do.

See Unit 1 for more information.

*Present simple (I do)*

We use the simple for things in general or things that happen repeatedly.



- ☐ Water **boils** at 100 degrees Celsius.
- ☐ Excuse me, **do you speak** English?
- ☐ It **doesn't rain** very much in summer.
- ☐ What **do you usually do** at weekends?
- ☐ I always **get** hungry in the afternoon.
- ☐ Most people **learn** to swim when they are children.
- ☐ Every day the population of the world **increases** by about 200,000 people.

We use the simple for *permanent* situations:

- ☐ My parents **live** in London. They have lived there all their lives.
- ☐ Joe isn't lazy. He **works** hard most of the time.

See Unit 2 for more information.

B

**I always do and I'm always doing**

**I always do** (something) = I do it every time:

- ☐ I **always go** to work by car. (*not* I'm always going)

'I'm always doing something' has a different meaning. For example:



**I'm always losing things** = I lose things very often, perhaps too often, or more often than normal.

More examples:

- ☐ You're **always playing** computer games. You should do something more active. (= You play computer games too often)
- ☐ Tim is never satisfied. He's **always complaining**. (= He complains too much)



## Exercises

3.1 Are the underlined verbs right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.

- 1 Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius. OK
- 2 The water boils. Can you turn it off? is boiling
- 3 Look! That man tries to open the door of your car. ....
- 4 Can you hear those people? What do they talk about? ....
- 5 The moon goes round the earth in about 27 days. ....
- 6 I must go now. It gets late. ....
- 7 I usually go to work by car. ....
- 8 'Hurry up! It's time to leave.' 'OK, I come.' ....
- 9 I hear you've got a new job. How do you get on? ....
- 10 Paul is never late. He's always getting to work on time. ....
- 11 They don't get on well. They're always arguing. ....

## 3.2 Put the verb into the correct form, present continuous or present simple.

- 1 Let's go out. It isn't raining (it / not / rain) now.
- 2 Julia is very good at languages. She speaks (she / speak) four languages very well.
- 3 Hurry up! ..... (everybody / wait) for you.
- 4 '..... (you / listen) to the radio?' 'No, you can turn it off.'
- 5 '..... (you / listen) to the radio every day?' 'No, just occasionally.'
- 6 The River Nile ..... (flow) into the Mediterranean.
- 7 The river ..... (flow) very fast today – much faster than usual.
- 8 ..... (we / usually / grow) vegetables in our garden, but this year  
..... (we / not / grow) any.
- 9 A: How's your English?  
B: Not bad. I think ..... (it / improve) slowly.
- 10 Rachel is in New York right now. .... (she / stay) at the Park Hotel.  
..... (she / always / stay) there when she's in New York.
- 11 Can we stop walking soon? ..... (I / start) to feel tired.
- 12 A: Can you drive?  
B: ..... (I / learn). My father ..... (teach) me.
- 13 Normally ..... (I / finish) work at five, but this week  
..... (I / work) until six to earn a little more money.
- 14 My parents ..... (live) in Manchester. They were born there and have never  
lived anywhere else. Where ..... (your parents / live)?
- 15 Sonia ..... (look) for a place to live. .... (she / stay)  
with her sister until she finds somewhere.
- 16 A: What ..... (your brother / do)?  
B: He's an architect, but ..... (he / not / work) at the moment.
- 17 (at a party) ..... (I / usually enjoy) parties, but  
..... (I / not / enjoy) this one very much.

3.3 Finish B's sentences. Use **always -ing**.

- 1 A: I've lost my phone again.  
B: Not again! You're always losing your phone.
- 2 A: The car has broken down again.  
B: That car is useless. It .....
- 3 A: Look! You've made the same mistake again.  
B: Oh no, not again! I .....
- 4 A: Oh, I've forgotten my glasses again.  
B: Typical! .....



# Present continuous and present simple 2 (I am doing and I do)

A

We use continuous forms for actions and happenings that have started but not finished (they **are eating** / it **is raining** etc.). Some verbs (for example, **know** and **like**) are not normally used in this way. We don't say 'I am knowing' or 'they are liking'; we say 'I **know**', 'they **like**'.

The following verbs are not normally used in the present continuous:

like	want	need	prefer				
know	realise	suppose	mean	understand	believe	remember	
belong	fit	contain	consist	seem			

- ☐ I'm hungry. I **want** something to eat. (*not* I'm wanting)
- ☐ **Do** you **understand** what I **mean**?
- ☐ Anna **doesn't seem** very happy at the moment.

B

## Think

When **think** means 'believe' or 'have an opinion', we do not use the continuous:

- ☐ I **think** Mary is Canadian, but I'm not sure. (*not* I'm thinking)
- ☐ What **do** you **think** of my plan? (= What is your opinion?)

When **think** means 'consider', the continuous is possible:

- ☐ I'm **thinking** about what happened. I often **think** about it.
- ☐ Nicky **is thinking** of giving up her job. (= she is considering it)

C

## See hear smell taste

We normally use the present simple (not continuous) with these verbs:

- ☐ **Do** you **see** that man over there? (*not* Are you seeing)
- ☐ This room **smells**. Let's open a window.

We often use **can + see/hear/smell/taste**:

- ☐ I **can hear** a strange noise. **Can** you **hear** it?

D

## Look feel

You can use the present simple or continuous to say how somebody looks or feels now:

- ☐ You **look** well today. *or* You're **looking** well today.
- ☐ How **do** you **feel** now? *or* How **are** you **feeling** now?

*but*

- ☐ I usually **feel** tired in the morning. (*not* I'm usually feeling)

E

## He is selfish and He is being selfish

He's **being** = He's behaving / He's acting. Compare:

- ☐ I can't understand why he's **being** so selfish. He isn't usually like that.  
(**being** selfish = behaving selfishly at the moment)
- ☐ He never thinks about other people. He **is** very selfish. (*not* He is being)  
(= He is selfish generally, not only at the moment)

We use **am/is/are being** to say how somebody is *behaving*. It is not usually possible in other sentences:

- ☐ It's hot today. (*not* It is being hot)
- ☐ Sarah **is** very tired. (*not* is being tired)





## Exercises

## 4.1 Put the verb into the correct form, present continuous or present simple.

- Are you hungry? Do you want (you / want) something to eat?
- Don't put the dictionary away. .... (I / use) it.
- Don't put the dictionary away. .... (I / need) it.
- Who is that man? What ..... (he / want)?
- Who is that man? Why ..... (he / look) at us?
- Alan says he's 80 years old, but nobody ..... (believe) him.
- She told me her name, but ..... (I / not / remember) it now.
- ..... (I / think) of selling my car. Would you be interested in buying it?
- ..... (I / think) you should sell your car. ....  
(you / not / use) it very often.
- Air ..... (consist) mainly of nitrogen and oxygen.

## 4.2 Use the words in brackets to make sentences. (You should also study Unit 3 before you do this exercise.)

<p>1</p>  <p>(you / not / seem / very happy today) You <u>don't seem</u> very happy today.</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>(what / you / do?) Be quiet! (I / think)</p>
<p>3</p>  <p>(who / this umbrella / belong to?) I have no idea.</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>(the dinner / smell / good)</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>Excuse me. (anybody / sit / there?) No, it's free.</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>(these gloves / not / fit / me) They're too small.</p>

4.3 Are the underlined verbs right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.

- Nicky is thinking of giving up her job. OK
- Are you believing in God? .....
- I'm feeling hungry. Is there anything to eat? .....
- This sauce is great. It's tasting really good. ....
- I'm thinking this is your key. Am I right? .....

4.4 Complete the sentences using the most suitable form of **be**. Use **am/is/are being** (continuous) where possible; otherwise use **am/is/are** (simple).

- I can't understand why he's being so selfish. He isn't usually like that.
- Sarah ..... very nice to me at the moment. I wonder why.
- You'll like Sophie when you meet her. She ..... very nice.
- You're usually very patient, so why ..... so unreasonable about waiting ten more minutes?
- Why isn't Steve at work today? ..... ill?



## Past simple (I did)

A Study this example:

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart **was** an Austrian musician and composer. He **lived** from 1756 to 1791. He **started** composing at the age of five and **wrote** more than 600 pieces of music. He **was** only 35 years old when he **died**.

**Lived/started/wrote/was/died** are all *past simple*.

B Very often the past simple ends in **-ed** (*regular verbs*):

- ☐ I work in a travel agency now. Before that I **worked** in a department store.
- ☐ We **invited** them to our party, but they **decided** not to come.
- ☐ The police **stopped** me on my way home last night.
- ☐ Laura **passed** her exam because she **studied** very hard.

For spelling (**stopped**, **studied** etc.), see Appendix 6.

But many verbs are *irregular*. The past simple does *not* end in **-ed**. For example:

- |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| write → <b>wrote</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Mozart <b>wrote</b> more than 600 pieces of music. |
| see → <b>saw</b>     | <input type="checkbox"/> We <b>saw</b> Tanya in town a few days ago.        |
| go → <b>went</b>     | <input type="checkbox"/> I <b>went</b> to the cinema three times last week. |
| shut → <b>shut</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> It was cold, so I <b>shut</b> the window.          |

C In questions and negatives we use **did/didn't** + *infinitive* (**enjoy/see/go** etc.):

I	<b>enjoyed</b>
she	<b>saw</b>
they	<b>went</b>

<b>did</b>	you	<b>enjoy?</b>
	she	<b>see?</b>
	they	<b>go?</b>

I		<b>enjoy</b>
she	<b>didn't</b>	<b>see</b>
they		<b>go</b>

- ☐ A: **Did** you **go** out last night?
- B: Yes, I **went** to the cinema, but I **didn't enjoy** the film much.
- ☐ 'When **did** Mr Thomas **die**?' 'About ten years ago.'
- ☐ They **didn't invite** us to the party, so we **didn't go**.
- ☐ '**Did** you **have** time to do the shopping?' 'No, I **didn't**.'

In the following examples, **do** is the main verb in the sentence (**did ... do / didn't do**):

- ☐ What **did** you **do** at the weekend? (*not* What did you at the weekend?)
- ☐ I **didn't do** anything. (*not* I didn't anything)

D The past of **be** (**am/is/are**) is **was/were**:

I/he/she/it	<b>was/wasn't</b>
we/you/they	<b>were/weren't</b>

<b>was</b>	I/he/she/it?
<b>were</b>	we/you/they?

Note that we do not use **did** in negatives and questions with **was/were**:

- ☐ I **was** angry because they **were** late.
- ☐ **Was** the weather good when you **were** on holiday?
- ☐ They **weren't** able to come because they **were** so busy.
- ☐ Did you go out last night or **were** you too tired?



## Exercises

## 5.1 Read what Laura says about a typical working day:



Laura

I usually get up at 7 o'clock and have a big breakfast. I walk to work, which takes me about half an hour. I start work at 8.45. I never have lunch. I finish work at 5 o'clock. I'm always tired when I get home. I usually cook a meal in the evening. I don't usually go out. I go to bed at about 11 o'clock, and I always sleep well.

Yesterday was a typical working day for Laura. Write what she did or didn't do yesterday.

- |                                   |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 She <u>got up</u> at 7 o'clock. | 7 _____ at 5 o'clock.             |
| 2 She _____ a big breakfast.      | 8 _____ tired when _____ home.    |
| 3 She _____                       | 9 _____ a meal yesterday evening. |
| 4 It _____ to get to work.        | 10 _____ out yesterday evening.   |
| 5 _____ at 8.45.                  | 11 _____ at 11 o'clock.           |
| 6 _____ lunch.                    | 12 _____ well last night.         |

## 5.2 Complete the sentences using the following verbs in the correct form:

buy catch cost fall hurt sell spend teach throw ~~write~~

- Mozart wrote more than 600 pieces of music.
- 'How did you learn to drive?' 'My father \_\_\_\_\_ me.'
- We couldn't afford to keep our car, so we \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- Dave \_\_\_\_\_ down the stairs this morning and \_\_\_\_\_ his leg.
- Joe \_\_\_\_\_ the ball to Sue, who \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- Ann \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money yesterday. She \_\_\_\_\_ a dress which \_\_\_\_\_ £100.

## 5.3 You ask James about his holiday. Write your questions.

Hi. How are things?

Fine, thanks. I've just had a great holiday.

- Where did you go ?  
To the U.S. We went on a trip from San Francisco to Denver.
- How \_\_\_\_\_ ? By car?  
Yes, we hired a car in San Francisco.
- It's a long way to drive. How long \_\_\_\_\_ to get to Denver?  
Two weeks.
- Where \_\_\_\_\_ ? In hotels?  
Yes, small hotels or motels.
- \_\_\_\_\_ good?  
Yes, but it was very hot – sometimes too hot.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the Grand Canyon?  
Of course. It was wonderful.

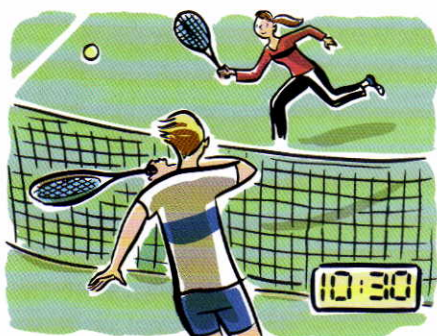
## 5.4 Complete the sentences. Put the verb into the correct form, positive or negative.

- It was warm, so I took off my coat. (take)
- The film wasn't very good. I didn't enjoy it much. (enjoy)
- I knew Sarah was busy, so I \_\_\_\_\_ her. (disturb)
- We were very tired, so we \_\_\_\_\_ the party early. (leave)
- The bed was very uncomfortable. I \_\_\_\_\_ well. (sleep)
- The window was open and a bird \_\_\_\_\_ into the room. (fly)
- The hotel wasn't very expensive. It \_\_\_\_\_ much to stay there. (cost)
- I was in a hurry, so I \_\_\_\_\_ time to phone you. (have)
- It was hard carrying the bags. They \_\_\_\_\_ very heavy. (be)



## Past continuous (I was doing)

A Study this example situation:



Yesterday Karen and Jim played tennis. They started at 10 o'clock and finished at 11.30.

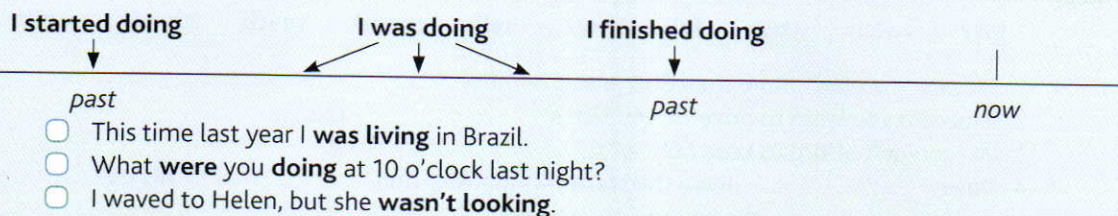
So, at 10.30 they **were playing** tennis.

They **were playing** = they were in the middle of playing. They had not finished playing.

**Was/were -ing** is the *past continuous*:

I/he/she/it	was	playing
we/you/they	were	doing
		working etc.

B **I was doing** something = I was in the middle of doing something at a certain time. The action or situation had already started before this time, but had not finished:



C Compare the *past continuous* (I was doing) and *past simple* (I did):

*Past continuous* (in the middle of an action)

- ☐ I **was walking** home when I met Dan. (in the middle of walking home)
- ☐ Kate **was watching** TV when we arrived.

*Past simple* (complete action)

- ☐ I **walked** home after the party last night. (= all the way, completely)
- ☐ Kate **watched** television a lot when she was ill last year.

D We often use the past simple and the past continuous together to say that something happened in the middle of something else:

- ☐ Matt **phoned** while we **were having** dinner.
- ☐ It **was raining** when I **got** up.
- ☐ I **saw** you in the park yesterday. You **were sitting** on the grass and **reading** a book.
- ☐ I **hurt** my back while I **was working** in the garden.

But we use the past simple to say that one thing happened after another:

- ☐ I **was walking** along the road when I **saw** Dan. So I **stopped**, and we **had** a chat.

Compare:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> When Karen arrived, we <b>were having</b> dinner. (= we had already started before she arrived) | <input type="checkbox"/> When Karen arrived, we <b>had</b> dinner. (= Karen arrived, and then we had dinner) |
|--|--|

E Some verbs (for example, **know** and **want**) are not normally used in the continuous (see Unit 4A):

- ☐ We were good friends. We **knew** each other well. (*not* We were knowing)
- ☐ I was enjoying the party, but Chris **wanted** to go home. (*not* was wanting)



## Exercises

**6.1** What were you doing at these times? Write sentences as in the examples. The past continuous is not always necessary (see the second example).

1 (at 8 o'clock yesterday evening) I was having dinner.

2 (at 5 o'clock last Monday) I was on a bus on my way home.

3 (at 10.15 yesterday morning) \_\_\_\_\_

4 (at 4.30 this morning) \_\_\_\_\_

5 (at 7.45 yesterday evening) \_\_\_\_\_

6 (half an hour ago) \_\_\_\_\_

**6.2** Use your own ideas to complete the sentences. Use the past continuous.

1 Matt phoned while we were having dinner.

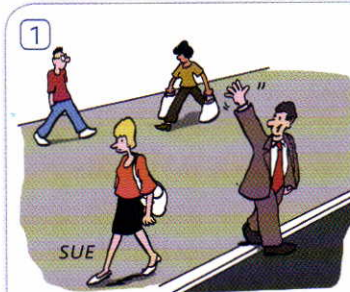
2 The doorbell rang while I \_\_\_\_\_.

3 The car began to make a strange noise when we \_\_\_\_\_.

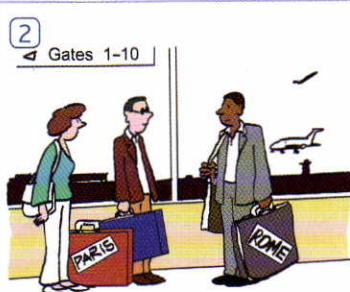
4 Jessica fell asleep while she \_\_\_\_\_.

5 The television was on, but nobody \_\_\_\_\_.

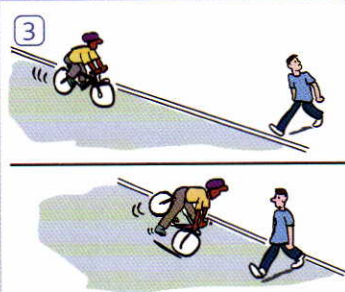
**6.3** Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.



1 I saw (see) Sue in town yesterday, but she \_\_\_\_\_ (not / see) me. She \_\_\_\_\_ (look) the other way.



2 I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) Tom and Jane at the airport a few weeks ago. They \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Paris and I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Rome. We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a chat while we \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for our flights.



3 I \_\_\_\_\_ (cycle) home yesterday when a man \_\_\_\_\_ (step) out into the road in front of me. I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) quite fast, but luckily I \_\_\_\_\_ (manage) to stop in time and \_\_\_\_\_ (not / hit) him.

**6.4** Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

1 Jenny was waiting (wait) for me when I arrived (arrive).

2 'What \_\_\_\_\_ (you / do) at this time yesterday?' 'I was asleep.'

3 '\_\_\_\_\_ (you / go) out last night?' 'No, I was too tired.'

4 How fast \_\_\_\_\_ (you / drive) when the accident \_\_\_\_\_ (happen)?

5 Sam \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a picture of me while I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / look).

6 We were in a very difficult position. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not / know) what to do.

7 I haven't seen Alan for ages. When I last \_\_\_\_\_ (see) him, he \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to find a job.

8 I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) along the street when suddenly I \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) footsteps behind me. Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ (follow) me. I was scared and I \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to run.

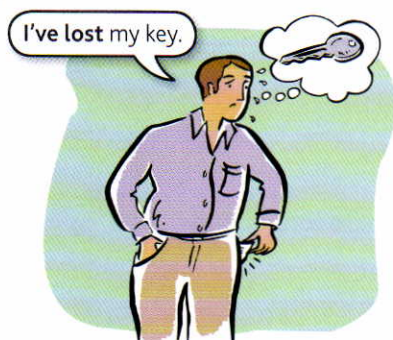
9 When I was young, I \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to be a pilot.

10 Last night I \_\_\_\_\_ (drop) a plate when I \_\_\_\_\_ (do) the washing-up. Fortunately it \_\_\_\_\_ (not / break).



## Present perfect 1 (I have done)

A Study this example situation:



Tom is looking for his key. He can't find it.  
He **has lost** his key.

He **has lost** his key = He lost it recently, and he still doesn't have it.

**Have/has lost** is the *present perfect simple*:

I/we/they/you <b>have</b> (= I've etc.)	<b>finished</b>
he/she/it <b>has</b> (= he's etc.)	<b>lost</b>
	<b>done</b>
	<b>been</b> etc.

The present perfect simple is **have/has + past participle**. The past participle often ends in **-ed** (finished/decided etc.), but many important verbs are *irregular* (lost/done/written etc.).

For a list of irregular verbs, see Appendix 1.

B When we say that 'something **has happened**', this is usually new information:

- ☐ Ow! I've **cut** my finger.
- ☐ The road is closed. There's **been** (there **has been**) an accident.
- ☐ (from the news) Police **have arrested** two men in connection with the robbery.

When we use the present perfect, there is a connection with **now**. The action in the past has a result **now**:

- ☐ 'Where's your key?' 'I don't know. I've **lost** it.' (= I don't have it **now**)
- ☐ He told me his name, but I've **forgotten** it. (= I can't remember it **now**)
- ☐ 'Is Sally here?' 'No, she's **gone** out.' (= she is out **now**)
- ☐ I can't find my bag. **Have** you **seen** it? (= Do you know where it is **now**?)

C Note the difference between **gone (to)** and **been (to)**:

- ☐ James is on holiday. He **has gone to** Italy. (= he is there now or on his way there)
- ☐ Jane is back home now. She **has been to** Italy. (= she has now come back)

D You can use the present perfect with **just**, **already** and **yet**.

**Just** = a short time ago:

- ☐ 'Are you hungry?' 'No, I've **just had** lunch.'
- ☐ Hello. **Have** you **just arrived**?

We use **already** to say that something happened sooner than expected:

- ☐ 'Don't forget to pay your electricity bill.' 'I've **already paid** it.'
- ☐ 'What time is Mark leaving?' 'He's **already left**.'

**Yet** = until now. **Yet** shows that the speaker is expecting something to happen. Use **yet** only in questions and negative sentences:

- ☐ **Has** it **stopped** raining **yet**?
- ☐ I've written the email, but I **haven't sent** it **yet**.

E You can also use the past simple (**did**, **went**, **had** etc.) in the examples on this page. So you can say:

- ☐ 'Is Sally here?' 'No, she **went** out.' or 'No, she's **gone** out.'
- ☐ 'Are you hungry?' 'No, I **just had** lunch.' or 'No, I've **just had** lunch.'



## Exercises

**7.1** Read the situations and write sentences. Use the following verbs in the present perfect:

arrive break fall go up grow improve ~~lose~~

- Tom is looking for his key. He can't find it.
- Lisa can't walk and her leg is in plaster.
- Last week the bus fare was £1.80. Now it is £2.
- Maria's English wasn't very good. Now it is better.
- Dan didn't have a beard before. Now he has a beard.
- This morning I was expecting a letter. Now I have it.
- The temperature was 20 degrees. Now it is only 12.

Tom has lost his key.  
 Lisa .....  
 The bus fare .....  
 Her English .....  
 Dan .....  
 The letter .....  
 The .....

**7.2** Put in **been** or **gone**.

- James is on holiday. He's gone to Italy.
- Hello! I've just ..... to the shops. I've bought lots of things.
- Alice isn't here at the moment. She's ..... to the shop to get a newspaper.
- Tom has ..... out. He'll be back in about an hour.
- 'Are you going to the bank?' 'No, I've already ..... to the bank.'

**7.3** Complete B's sentences. Make sentences from the words in brackets.

- A**
- Would you like something to eat?
  - Do you know where Julia is?
  - What time is David leaving?
  - What's in the newspaper today?
  - Is Sue coming to the cinema with us?
  - Are your friends here yet?
  - What does Tim think about your plan?

- B**
- No, thanks. I've just had lunch.  
 (I / just / have / lunch)  
 Yes, .....  
 (I / just / see / her)  
 .....  
 (he / already / leave)  
 I don't know. ....  
 (I / not / read / it yet)  
 No, .....  
 (she / already / see / the film)  
 Yes, .....  
 (they / just / arrive)  
 .....  
 (we / not / tell / him yet)

**7.4** Read the situations and write sentences with **just**, **already** or **yet**.

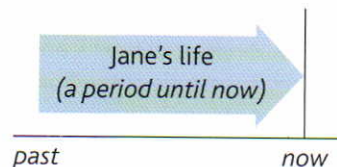
- After lunch you go to see a friend at her house. She says, 'Would you like something to eat?'  
 You say: No thank you. I've just had lunch. (have lunch)
- Joe goes out. Five minutes later, the phone rings and the caller says, 'Can I speak to Joe?'  
 You say: I'm afraid ..... (go out)
- You are eating in a restaurant. The waiter thinks you have finished and starts to take your plate away. You say: Wait a minute! ..... (not / finish)
- You plan to eat at a restaurant tonight. You phoned to reserve a table. Later your friend says, 'Shall I phone to reserve a table?' You say: No, ..... (do it)
- You know that a friend of yours is looking for a place to live. Perhaps she has been successful.  
 Ask her. You say: ..... ? (find)
- You are still thinking about where to go for your holiday. A friend asks, 'Where are you going for your holiday?' You say: ..... (not / decide)
- Linda went shopping, but a few minutes ago she returned. Somebody asks, 'Is Linda still out shopping?' You say: No, ..... (come back)



## Present perfect 2 (I have done)

A Study this example conversation:

- DAVE: **Have** you **travelled** a lot, Jane?  
 JANE: Yes, I've **been** to lots of places.  
 DAVE: Really? **Have** you ever **been** to China?  
 JANE: Yes, I've **been** to China twice.  
 DAVE: What about India?  
 JANE: No, I **haven't been** to India.



When we talk about a period of time that continues from the past until now, we use the *present perfect* (**have been** / **have travelled** etc.). Here, Dave and Jane are talking about the places Jane has visited in her life, which is a period that continues until now.

Some more examples:

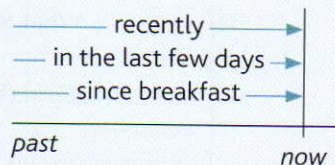
- ☐ **Have** you ever **eaten** caviar?
- ☐ We've never **had** a car.
- ☐ '**Have** you **read** *Hamlet*?' 'No, I **haven't read** any of Shakespeare's plays.'
- ☐ Susan really loves that film. She's **seen** it eight times!
- ☐ What a boring film! It's the most boring film I've **ever seen**.

**Been (to)** = visited:

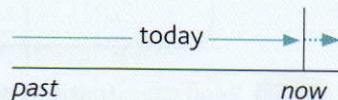
- ☐ I've never **been to** China. Have you **been** there?

B In the following examples too, the speakers are talking about a period that continues until now (**recently** / **in the last few days** / **so far** / **since breakfast** etc.):

- ☐ **Have** you **heard** anything from Brian **recently**?
- ☐ I've **met** a lot of people **in the last few days**.
- ☐ Everything is going well. We **haven't had** any problems **so far**.
- ☐ I'm hungry. I **haven't eaten** anything **since breakfast**. (= from breakfast until now)
- ☐ It's good to see you again. We **haven't seen** each other **for a long time**.

C In the same way we use the present perfect with **today** / **this evening** / **this year** etc. when these periods are not finished at the time of speaking (see also Unit 14B):

- ☐ I've **drunk** four cups of coffee **today**.
- ☐ **Have** you **had** a holiday **this year**?
- ☐ I **haven't seen** Tom **this morning**. **Have** you?
- ☐ Rob **hasn't worked** very hard **this term**.

D We say: It's the (first) time something **has happened**. For example:

- ☐ Don is having a driving lesson. It's his first one.  
It's the first time he **has driven** a car. (*not drives*)  
or He **has never driven** a car **before**.
- ☐ Sarah has lost her passport again. This is the second time this **has happened**. (*not happens*)
- ☐ Bill is phoning his girlfriend again. That's the third time he's **phoned** her **this evening**.





## Exercises

**8.1** You ask people about things they have done. Write questions with **ever**.

- (ride / horse?) Have you ever ridden a horse?
- (be / California?) Have
- (run / marathon?) .....
- (speak / famous person?) .....
- (most beautiful place / visit?) What's

**8.2** Complete B's answers. Some sentences are positive and some negative. Use these verbs:

be be eat happen ~~have~~ have ~~meet~~ play read see try

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <p><b>A</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What's Mark's sister like?</li> <li>Is everything going well?</li> <li>Are you hungry?</li> <li>Can you play chess?</li> <li>Are you enjoying your holiday?</li> <li>What's that book like?</li> <li>Is Brussels an interesting place?</li> <li>I hear your car broke down again yesterday.</li> <li>Do you like caviar?</li> <li>Mike was late for work again today.</li> <li>Who's that woman by the door?</li> </ol> | <p><b>B</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I've no idea. <u>I've never met</u> her.</li> <li>Yes, we <u>haven't had</u> any problems so far.</li> <li>Yes. I ..... much today.</li> <li>Yes, but ..... for ages.</li> <li>Yes, it's the best holiday ..... for a long time.</li> <li>I don't know. .... it.</li> <li>I've no idea. .... there.</li> <li>Yes, it's the second time ..... this month.</li> <li>I don't know. .... it.</li> <li>Again? He ..... late every day this week.</li> <li>I don't know. .... her before.</li> </ol> |
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**8.3** Write four sentences about yourself. Use **I haven't** and choose from the boxes.

used a computer      travelled by bus      eaten any fruit  
been to the cinema      read a book      lost anything

today  
this week  
recently  
for ages  
since ...  
this year

- I haven't used a computer today.
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....

**8.4** Read the situations and write sentences as shown in the example.

- Jack is driving a car, but he's very nervous and not sure what to do.  
You ask: Have you driven a car before?  
He says: No, this is the first time I've driven a car.
- Ben is playing tennis. He's not good at it and he doesn't know the rules.  
You ask: Have .....  
He says: No, this is the first .....
- Sue is riding a horse. She doesn't look very confident or comfortable.  
You ask: .....  
She says: .....
- Maria is in Japan. She has just arrived and it's very new for her.  
You ask: .....  
She says: .....



# Present perfect continuous (I have been doing)

A

## It has been raining

Study this example situation:



Is it raining?

No, but the ground is wet.

**It has been raining.**

**Have/has been -ing** is the *present perfect continuous*:

I/we/they/you	<b>have</b>	(= I've etc.)	<b>been</b>	<b>doing</b> waiting playing etc.
he/she/it	<b>has</b>	(= he's etc.)		

We use the present perfect continuous for an activity that has recently stopped or just stopped. There is a connection with *now*:

- ☐ You're out of breath. **Have you been running?** (= you're out of breath *now*)
- ☐ Paul is very tired. **He's been working** very hard. (= he's tired *now*)
- ☐ Why are your clothes so dirty? What **have you been doing?**
- ☐ **I've been talking** to Amanda about the problem and she agrees with me.
- ☐ Where have you been? **I've been looking** for you everywhere.

B

## It has been raining for two hours.

Study this example situation:



It began raining two hours ago and it is still raining.

How long **has it been raining?**

**It has been raining** for two hours.

We use the present perfect continuous in this way especially with **how long**, **for ...** and **since ...**. The activity is still happening (as in this example) or has just stopped.

- ☐ **How long have you been learning** English? (= you're still learning English)
- ☐ Tim is still watching TV. **He's been watching** TV **all day**.
- ☐ Where have you been? **I've been looking** for you **for the last half hour**.
- ☐ Chris **hasn't been feeling** well **recently**.

You can use the present perfect continuous for actions repeated over a period of time:

- ☐ Silvia is a very good tennis player. **She's been playing** **since she was eight**.
- ☐ Every morning they meet in the same cafe. **They've been going** there **for years**.

C

Compare **I am doing** (see Unit 1) and **I have been doing**:

**I am doing**  
*present continuous*

*now*

- ☐ Don't disturb me **now**. **I'm working**.
- ☐ We need an umbrella. **It's raining**.
- ☐ Hurry up! **We're waiting**.




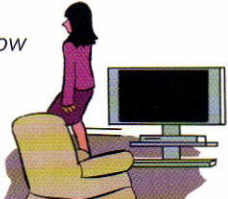




**I have been doing**  
*present perfect continuous*

*now*

- ☐ **I've been working** hard. **Now** I'm going to have a break.
- ☐ The ground is wet. **It's been raining**.
- ☐ **We've been waiting** for an hour.



## 9.1 What have these people been doing or what has been happening?

<p>1</p> <p>earlier</p> 	<p>now</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>earlier</p> 	<p>now</p> 
<p>They <u>'ve been shopping.</u></p>		<p>She .....</p>	
<p>3</p> <p>earlier</p> 	<p>now</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>earlier</p> 	<p>now</p> 
<p>They .....</p>		<p>He .....</p>	

## 9.2 Write a question for each situation.

- You meet Paul as he is leaving the swimming pool.  
You ask: (you / swim?) Have you been swimming?
- You have just arrived to meet a friend who is waiting for you.  
You ask: (you / wait / long?) .....
- You meet a friend in the street. His face and hands are very dirty.  
You ask: (what / you / do?) .....
- A friend of yours is now working in a shop. You want to know how long.  
You ask: (how long / you / work / there?) .....
- A friend tells you about his job – he sells mobile phones. You want to know how long.  
You ask: (how long / you / sell / mobile phones?) .....

## 9.3 Read the situations and complete the sentences.

- It's raining. The rain started two hours ago.  
It 's been raining for two hours.
- We are waiting for the bus. We started waiting 20 minutes ago.  
We ..... for 20 minutes.
- I'm learning Spanish. I started classes in December.  
I ..... since December.
- Jessica is working in a supermarket. She started working there on 18 January.  
..... since 18 January.
- Our friends always spend their holidays in Italy. They started going there years ago.  
..... for years.

## 9.4 Put the verb into the present continuous (I am -ing) or present perfect continuous (I have been -ing).

- Maria has been learning (Maria / learn) English for two years.
- Hello, Tom. .... (I / look) for you. Where have you been?
- Why ..... (you / look) at me like that? Stop it!
- Linda is a teacher. .... (she / teach) for ten years.
- ..... (I / think) about what you said and I've decided to take your advice.
- 'Is Paul on holiday this week?' 'No, ..... (he / work).'
- Sarah is very tired. .... (she / work) very hard recently.



Present perfect continuous and simple  
(I have been doing and I have done)

A

Study this example situation:



There is paint on Kate's clothes.  
She **has been painting** her bedroom.

**Has been painting** is the *present perfect continuous*.

We are thinking of the activity. It does not matter whether it has been finished or not. In this example, the activity (painting the bedroom) has not been finished.



Her bedroom was green. Now it is yellow.  
She **has painted** her bedroom.

**Has painted** is the *present perfect simple*.

Here, the important thing is that something has been finished. **Has painted** is a completed action. We are interested in the result of the activity (the painted bedroom), not the activity itself.

B

Compare these examples:

- ☐ My hands are very dirty. I've **been repairing** my bike.
- ☐ Joe **has been eating** too much recently. He should eat less.
- ☐ It's nice to see you again. What **have you been doing** since we last met?
- ☐ Where have you been? **Have you been playing** tennis?

- ☐ My bike is OK again now. I've **repaired** it.
- ☐ Somebody **has eaten** all the chocolates. The box is empty.
- ☐ Where's the book I gave you? What **have you done** with it?
- ☐ **Have you ever played** tennis?

C

We use the continuous to say *how long* (for something that is still happening):

- ☐ How long **have you been reading** that book?
- ☐ Lisa is writing emails. She's **been writing** emails all morning.
- ☐ They've **been playing** tennis since 2 o'clock.
- ☐ I'm learning Arabic, but I **haven't been learning** it very long.

We use the simple to say *how much, how many* or *how many times*:

- ☐ How much of that book **have you read**?
- ☐ Lisa is writing emails. She's **sent** lots of emails this morning.
- ☐ They've **played** tennis three times this week.
- ☐ I'm learning Arabic, but I **haven't learnt** very much yet.

D

Some verbs (for example, **know/like/believe**) are not normally used in the continuous:

- ☐ I've **known** about the problem for a long time. (*not I've been knowing*)
- ☐ How long **have you had** that camera? (*not have you been having*)

For a list of these verbs, see Unit 4A. For **have**, see Unit 17.

But note that you *can* use **want** and **mean** in the present perfect continuous:

- ☐ I've **been meaning** to phone Jane, but I keep forgetting.



**10.1** Read the situation and complete the sentences. Use the verbs in brackets.

- Tom started reading a book two hours ago. He is still reading it and now he is on page 53.  
He has been reading for two hours. (read)  
He has read 53 pages so far. (read)
- Rachel is from Australia. She is travelling round Europe at the moment. She began her trip three months ago.  
She ..... for three months. (travel)  
..... six countries so far. (visit)
- Patrick is a tennis player. He began playing tennis when he was ten years old. This year he won the national championship again – for the fourth time.  
..... the national championship four times. (win)  
..... since he was ten. (play)
- When they left college, Lisa and Sue started making films together. They still make films.  
They ..... films since they left college. (make)  
..... five films since they left college. (make)

**10.2** For each situation, ask a question using the words in brackets.

- You have a friend who is learning Arabic. You ask:  
(how long / learn / Arabic?) How long have you been learning Arabic?
- You have just arrived to meet a friend. She is waiting for you. You ask:  
(wait / long?) Have .....
- You see somebody fishing by the river. You ask:  
(catch / any fish?) .....
- Some friends of yours are having a party next week. You ask:  
(how many people / invite?) .....
- A friend of yours is a teacher. You ask:  
(how long / teach?) .....
- You meet somebody who is a writer. You ask:  
(how many books / write?) .....  
(how long / write / books?) .....
- A friend of yours is saving money to go on a world trip. You ask:  
(how long / save?) .....  
(how much money / save?) .....

**10.3** Put the verb into the more suitable form, present perfect simple (I have done) or continuous (I have been doing).

- Where have you been? Have you been playing (you / play) tennis?
- Look! ..... (somebody / break) that window.
- You look tired. .... (you / work) hard?
- '..... (you / ever / work) in a factory?' 'No, never.'
- 'Liz is away on holiday.' 'Is she? Where ..... (she / go)?'
- My brother is an actor. .... (he / appear) in several films.
- 'Sorry I'm late.' 'That's all right. .... (I / not / wait) long.'
- 'Is it still raining?' 'No, ..... (it / stop).'
- ..... (I / lose) my phone. .... (you / see) it anywhere?
- ..... (I / read) the book you lent me, but ..... (I / not / finish) it yet. It's very interesting.
- ..... (I / read) the book you lent me, so you can have it back now.
- This is a very old book. .... (I / have) it since I was a child.



## How long have you (been) ... ?

A Study this example situation:



Dan and Jenny are married. They got married exactly 20 years ago, so today is their 20th wedding anniversary.

They **have been** married **for 20 years**.

We say: They **are** married. (*present*)

but **How long have they been** married? (*present perfect*)  
(*not* How long are they married?)

They **have been** married **for 20 years**.

(*not* They are married for 20 years)

We use the *present perfect* to talk about something that began in the past and still continues now. Compare the *present* and the *present perfect*:

- ☐ Paul is in hospital.
- but He's **been** in hospital **since Monday**. (= He **has** been ...)  
(*not* Paul is in hospital since Monday)
- ☐ Do you **know** each other well?
- but Have you **known** each other **for a long time**?  
(*not* Do you know)
- ☐ She's **waiting** for somebody.
- but She's **been waiting** all morning.
- ☐ Do they **have** a car?
- but How long have they **had** their car?

*present*  
he is  
do you know  
she is waiting

*present perfect*  
he has been  
have you known  
she has been waiting

past

now

B I have known/had/lived etc. is the *present perfect simple*.

I have been learning / been waiting / been doing etc. is the *present perfect continuous*.

When we ask or say 'how long', the continuous is more usual (see Unit 10):

- ☐ I've **been learning** English **for six months**.
- ☐ It's **been raining** **since lunchtime**.
- ☐ Richard **has been doing** the same job **for 20 years**.
- ☐ 'How long have you **been driving**?' 'Since I was 17.'

Some verbs (for example, **know/like/believe**) are not normally used in the continuous:

- ☐ How long **have** you **known** Jane? (*not* have you been knowing)
- ☐ I've **had** a pain in my stomach all day. (*not* I've been having)

See also Units 4A and 10C. For **have**, see Unit 17.

C You can use either the present perfect continuous or simple with **live** and **work**:

- ☐ Julia **has been living** / **has lived** here for a long time.
- ☐ How long **have** you **been working** / **have you worked** here?

But use the simple (**I've lived** / **I've done** etc.) with **always**:

- ☐ I've **always lived** in the country. (*not* always been living)

D We say 'I haven't done something **since/for** ...' (*present perfect simple*):

- ☐ I **haven't seen** Tom **since Monday**. (= Monday was the last time I saw him)
- ☐ Sarah **hasn't phoned** for ages. (= the last time she phoned was ages ago)



## 11.1 Are the underlined verbs right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.

- 1 Ben is a friend of mine. I know him very well.
- 2 Ben is a friend of mine. I know him for a long time.
- 3 Sarah and Adam are married since July.
- 4 The weather is awful. It's raining again.
- 5 The weather is awful. It's raining all day.
- 6 I like your house. How long are you living there?
- 7 Gary is working in a shop for the last few months.
- 8 I don't know Tom well. We've only met a few times.
- 9 I gave up drinking coffee. I don't drink it for a year.
- 10 That's a very old bike. How long do you have it?

OK  
I've known him

## 11.2 Read the situations and write questions from the words in brackets.

- 1 A friend tells you that Paul is in hospital. You ask him:  
(how long / be / in hospital?) How long has Paul been in hospital?
- 2 You meet a woman who tells you that she teaches English. You ask her:  
(how long / teach / English?)
- 3 You know that Jane is a good friend of Katherine's. You ask Jane:  
(how long / know / Katherine?)
- 4 Your friend's brother went to Australia some time ago and he's still there. You ask your friend:  
(how long / be / in Australia?)
- 5 Tom always wears the same jacket. It's a very old jacket. You ask him:  
(how long / have / that jacket?)
- 6 You are talking to a friend about Joe. Joe now works at the airport. You ask your friend:  
(how long / work / at the airport?)
- 7 A friend of yours is having guitar lessons. You ask him:  
(how long / have / guitar lessons?)
- 8 You meet somebody on a plane. She says that she lives in Chicago. You ask her:  
(always / live / in Chicago?)

## 11.3 Complete B's answers to A's questions.

- A
- 1 Paul is in hospital, isn't he?
  - 2 Do you see Ann very often?
  - 3 Is Amy married?
  - 4 Are you waiting for me?
  - 5 You know Mel, don't you?
  - 6 Do you still play tennis?
  - 7 Is Joe watching TV?
  - 8 Do you watch TV a lot?
  - 9 Do you have a headache?
  - 10 Adrian is never ill, is he?
  - 11 Are you feeling ill?
  - 12 Sue lives in Berlin, doesn't she?
  - 13 Do you go to the cinema a lot?
  - 14 Would you like to go to New York one day?

- B
- Yes, he has been in hospital since Monday.
  - No, I haven't seen her for three months.
  - Yes, she is married for ten years.
  - Yes, I am for the last half hour.
  - Yes, we know each other a long time.
  - No, I don't play tennis for years.
  - Yes, he is watching TV all evening.
  - No, I don't watch TV for ages.
  - Yes, I have a headache all morning.
  - No, he isn't ill since I've known him.
  - Yes, I am ill all day.
  - Yes, she lives in Berlin for the last few years.
  - No, I don't go to the cinema for ages.
  - Yes, I would like to go to New York.  
(use **always** / **want**)

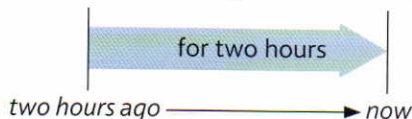


## For and since When ... ? and How long ... ?

A

We use **for** and **since** to say how long something has been happening.We use **for** + a period of time (two hours, six weeks etc.):

- ☐ I've been waiting **for two hours**.

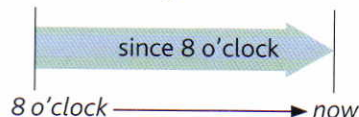


for		
two hours	20 minutes	five days
a long time	six months	50 years
a week	ages	years

- ☐ Sally has been working here **for six months**. (not since six months)  
☐ I haven't seen Tom **for three days**.

We use **since** + the start of a period (8 o'clock, Monday, 1999 etc.):

- ☐ I've been waiting **since 8 o'clock**.



since		
8 o'clock	Monday	12 May
April	2001	Christmas
lunchtime	we arrived	I got up

- ☐ Sally has been working here **since April**. (= from April until now)  
☐ I haven't seen Tom **since Monday**.

It is possible to leave out **for** (but not usually in negative sentences):

- ☐ They've been married (for) **ten years**. (with or without **for**)  
☐ They **haven't had** a holiday **for** ten years. (you must use **for**)

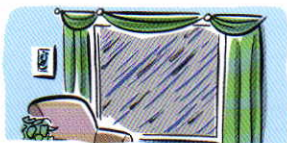
We do *not* use **for** + **all ...** (all day / all my life etc.):

- ☐ I've lived here **all my life**. (not for all my life)

You can use **in** instead of **for** in negative sentences (I **haven't** ... etc.):

- ☐ They **haven't had** a holiday **in ten years**. (= for ten years)

B

Compare **when ... ?** (+ *past simple*) and **how long ... ?** (+ *present perfect*):

- A: **When** did it start raining?  
 B: It started raining **an hour ago** / **at 1 o'clock**.  
 A: **How long** has it been raining?  
 B: It's been raining **for an hour** / **since 1 o'clock**.



- A: **When** did Joe and Carol first meet?  
 B: They first met { **a long time ago**.  
                               **when they were at school**.  
 A: **How long** have they known each other?  
 B: They've known each other { **for a long time**.  
   **since they were at school**.

C

We say:

<b>It's</b> (= It is)	a long time	since something happened
or <b>It's been</b> (= It has been)	six months (etc.)	

- ☐ **It's two years since** I last saw Joe. or **It's been two years since** ... (= I haven't seen Joe for two years)  
☐ **It's ages since** we went to the cinema. or **It's been ages since** ... (= We haven't been to the cinema for ages)  
☐ **How long is it since** Mrs Hill died? or **How long has it been since** ... ? (= When did Mrs Hill die?)



## 12.1 Write for or since.

- 1 It's been raining since lunchtime.
- 2 Sarah has lived in Paris ..... 1995.
- 3 Paul has lived in Brazil ..... ten years.
- 4 I'm tired of waiting. We've been sitting here ..... an hour.
- 5 Kevin has been looking for a job ..... he left school.
- 6 I haven't been to a party ..... ages.
- 7 I wonder where Joe is. I haven't seen him ..... last week.
- 8 Jane is away. She's been away ..... Friday.
- 9 The weather is dry. It hasn't rained ..... a few weeks.

## 12.2 Write questions with how long and when.

- 1 It's raining.  
(how long?) How long has it been raining?  
(when?) When did it start raining?
- 2 Kate is learning Japanese.  
(how long / learn?) .....  
(when / start?) .....
- 3 I know Simon.  
(how long / you / know?) .....  
(when / you / first / meet?) .....
- 4 Rebecca and David are married.  
(how long?) .....  
(when?) .....

## 12.3 Read the situations and complete the sentences.

- 1 It's raining. It's been raining since lunchtime. It started raining at lunchtime.
- 2 Ann and Jess are friends. They first met years ago. They've known each other for ..... years.
- 3 Mark is ill. He became ill on Sunday. He has ..... Sunday.
- 4 Mark is ill. He became ill a few days ago. He has ..... a few days.
- 5 Sarah is married. She's been married for a year. She got .....
- 6 You have a headache. It started when you woke up.  
I've ..... I woke up.
- 7 Sue has been in Italy for the last three weeks.  
She went .....
- 8 You're working in a hotel. You started six months ago.  
I've .....

## 12.4 Write B's sentences using the words in brackets.

- 1 A: Do you often go on holiday?  
B: No, I haven't had a holiday for five years.
- 2 A: Do you often see Laura?  
B: No, I ..... about a month.
- 3 A: Do you often go to the cinema?  
B: No, ..... a long time.
- 4 A: Do you often eat in restaurants?  
B: No, ..... ages.

Now write B's answers again. This time use **It's ... since ...**.

- 5 (1) No, it's five years since I had a holiday.
- 6 (2) No, its .....
- 7 (3) No, .....
- 8 (4) .....



## Present perfect and past 1 (I have done and I did)

A

Study this example situation:



Tom is looking for his key. He can't find it.

He **has lost** his key. (*present perfect*)This means that he doesn't have his key *now*.

Ten minutes later:

Now Tom **has found** his key. He has it now.**Has** he **lost** his key? No, he **has found** it.**Did** he **lose** his key? Yes, he **did**.He **lost** his key (*past simple*)but now he **has found** it. (*present perfect*)

The present perfect (something **has happened**) is a *present* tense. It always tells us about the situation *now*. 'Tom **has lost** his key' = he doesn't have his key *now* (see Unit 7).

The past simple (something **happened**) tells us only about the *past*. If somebody says 'Tom **lost** his key', this doesn't tell us whether he has the key now or not. It tells us only that he lost his key at some time in the past.

Do *not* use the present perfect if the situation now is different. Compare:

- ☐ They've **gone** away. They'll be back on Friday. (they are away *now*)  
They **went** away, but I think they're back at home now. (*not* They've gone)
- ☐ It **has stopped** raining now, so we don't need the umbrella. (it isn't raining *now*)  
It **stopped** raining for a while, but now it's raining again. (*not* It has stopped)

B

You can use the present perfect for new or recent happenings:

- ☐ 'I've **repaired** the washing machine. It's working OK now.' 'Oh, that's good.'
- ☐ 'Sally **has had** a baby! It's a boy.' 'That's great news.'

Usually, you can also use the past simple:

- ☐ I **repaired** the washing machine. It's working OK now.

Use the past simple (*not* the present perfect) for things that are not recent or new:

- ☐ Mozart **was** a composer. He **wrote** more than 600 pieces of music.  
(*not* has been ... has written)
- ☐ My mother **grew** up in Italy. (*not* has grown)

Compare:

- ☐ Did you know that somebody **has invented** a new type of washing machine?
- ☐ Who **invented** the telephone? (*not* has invented)


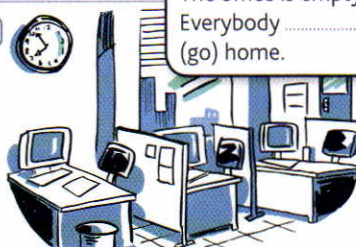


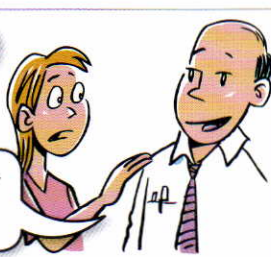
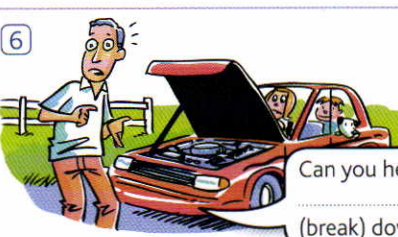
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We use the present perfect to give new information (see Unit 7). But if we continue to talk about it, we normally use the past simple:

- ☐ A: Ow! I've **burnt** myself.  
B: How **did** you **do** that? (*not* have you done)  
A: I **picked** up a hot dish. (*not* have picked)
- ☐ A: Look! Somebody **has spilt** something on the sofa.  
B: Well, it **wasn't** me. I **didn't do** it. (*not* hasn't been ... haven't done)



- 13.1** Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets. Use the present perfect where possible. Otherwise use the past simple.

<p>1</p>  <p>I can't get in. I <u>'ve lost</u> (lose) my key.</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>The office is empty now. Everybody ..... (go) home.</p>
<p>3</p>  <p>I meant to call you last night, but I ..... (forget).</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>HELEN</p> <p>Helen ..... (go) to Egypt for a holiday, but she's back home in England now.</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>Are you OK?</p> <p>Yes, I ..... (have) a headache, but I'm fine now.</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>Can you help us? Our car ..... (break) down.</p>

- 13.2** Are the underlined parts of these sentences right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.

- |  |      |
|--|------|
| 1 Did you hear about Sue? <u>She's given</u> up her job.   | OK   |
| 2 My mother <u>has grown</u> up in Italy.  | grew |
| 3 How many poems <u>has William Shakespeare written</u> ?  |      |
| 4 Ow! <u>I've cut</u> my finger. It's bleeding.  |      |
| 5 Drugs <u>have become</u> a big problem everywhere.   |      |
| 6 Who <u>has invented</u> paper?   |      |
| 7 Where <u>have you been born</u> ?  |      |
| 8 Ellie isn't at home. <u>She's gone</u> shopping.   |      |
| 9 Albert Einstein <u>has been</u> the scientist who <u>has developed</u> the theory of relativity. |      |

- 13.3** Put the verb into the correct form, present perfect or past simple.

- It stopped raining for a while, but now it's raining again. (it / stop)
- The town where I live is very different now. It has changed a lot. (it / change)
- I studied German at school, but ..... most of it now. (I / forget)
- The police ..... three people, but later they let them go. (arrest)
- What do you think of my English? Do you think ..... ? (it / improve)
- A: Are you still reading the paper?  
B: No, ..... with it. You can have it. (I / finish)
- ..... for a job as a tourist guide, but I wasn't successful. (I / apply)
- Where's my bike? ..... outside the house, but it's not there now. (it / be)
- Quick! We need to call an ambulance. .... an accident. (there / be)
- A: Have you heard about Ben? ..... his arm. (he / break)  
B: Really? How ..... ? (that / happen)  
A: ..... off a ladder. (he / fall)



## Present perfect and past 2 (I have done and I did)

A

Do not use the present perfect (**I have done**) when you talk about a *finished* time (for example, **yesterday** / **ten minutes ago** / **in 2005** / **when I was a child**). Use a past tense:

- ☐ It **was** very cold **yesterday**. (*not has been*)
- ☐ Paul and Lucy **arrived ten minutes ago**. (*not have arrived*)
- ☐ **Did you eat** a lot of sweets **when you were a child**? (*not have you eaten*)
- ☐ I **got** home late **last night**. I **was** very tired and **went** straight to bed.

Use the past to ask **When ... ?** or **What time ... ?**:

- ☐ **When did** your friends **arrive**? (*not have ... arrived*)
- ☐ **What time did** you **finish** work?

Compare:

*Present perfect*

- ☐ Tom **has lost** his key. He can't get into the house.
- ☐ Is Carla here or **has she left**?

*Past simple*

- ☐ Tom **lost** his key **yesterday**. He couldn't get into the house.
- ☐ **When did** Carla **leave**?

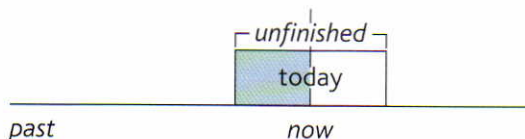
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Compare:

*Present perfect (have done)*

- ☐ I've **done** a lot of work **today**.

We use the present perfect for a period of time that continues *until now*. For example:  
**today** / **this week** / **since 2007**.

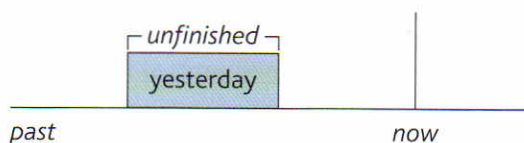


- ☐ It **hasn't** rained **this week**.
- ☐ **Have you seen** Anna **this morning**? (it is still morning)
- ☐ **Have you seen** Tim **recently**?
- ☐ I don't know where Lisa is. I **haven't seen** her. (= I haven't seen her recently)
- ☐ We've **been waiting** for an hour. (we are still waiting now)
- ☐ Jack lives in Los Angeles. He **has lived** there for seven years.
- ☐ I **have never played** golf. (in my life)
- ☐ It's the last day of your holiday. You say: It's **been** a really good holiday. I've really **enjoyed** it.

*Past simple (did)*

- ☐ I **did** a lot of work **yesterday**.

We use the past simple for a *finished* time in the past. For example:  
**yesterday** / **last week** / **from 2007 to 2010**.



- ☐ It **didn't** rain **last week**.
- ☐ **Did you see** Anna **this morning**? (it is now afternoon or evening)
- ☐ **Did you see** Tim **on Sunday**?
- ☐ A: **Was** Lisa at the party **on Sunday**?  
B: I don't think so. I **didn't** see her.
- ☐ We **waited** (or **were waiting**) for an hour. (we are no longer waiting)
- ☐ Jack **lived** in New York for ten years. Now he lives in Los Angeles.
- ☐ I **didn't play** golf **last summer**.
- ☐ After you come back from holiday you say: It **was** a really good holiday. I really **enjoyed** it.



**14.1** Are the underlined parts of these sentences right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.

- 1 I've lost my key. I can't find it anywhere. OK
- 2 Have you eaten a lot of sweets when you were a child? Did you eat
- 3 I've bought a new car. You must come and see it.
- 4 I've bought a new car last week.
- 5 Where have you been yesterday evening?
- 6 Lucy has left school in 1999.
- 7 I'm looking for Mike. Have you seen him?
- 8 'Have you been to Paris?' 'Yes, many times.'
- 9 I'm very hungry. I haven't eaten much today.
- 10 When has this book been published?

**14.2** Make sentences from the words in brackets. Use the present perfect or past simple.

- 1 (it / not / rain / this week) It hasn't rained this week.
- 2 (the weather / be / cold / recently) The weather .....
- 3 (it / cold / last week) It .....
- 4 (I / not / read / a newspaper yesterday) I .....
- 5 (I / not / read / a newspaper today) .....
- 6 (Emily / earn / a lot of money / this year) .....
- 7 (she / not / earn / so much / last year) .....
- 8 (you / have / a holiday recently?) .....

**14.3** Put the verb into the correct form, present perfect or past simple.

- 1 'What's Madrid like?' 'I don't know. I haven't been (I / not / be) there.'
- 2 When ..... (I / get) home last night, ..... (I / be) very tired and ..... (I / go) straight to bed.
- 3 A: ..... (you / see) Lisa recently?  
B: Yes, ..... (I / saw) her a few days ago.
- 4 I'm tired. .... (I / not / sleep) well last night.
- 5 The bus drivers were on strike last week. .... (there / be) no buses.
- 6 Mr Lee ..... (work) in a bank for 15 years. Then ..... (he / give) it up. Now he works as a gardener.
- 7 Mary lives in Dublin. .... (she / live) there all her life.
- 8 A: ..... (you / go) to the cinema last night?  
B: Yes, but ..... (it / be) a mistake. The film ..... (be) awful.
- 9 My grandfather ..... (die) before I was born. .... (I / never / meet) him.
- 10 I don't know Karen's husband. .... (I / never / meet) him.
- 11 It's nearly lunchtime, and ..... (I / not / see) Martin all morning. I wonder where he is.
- 12 'Where do you live?' 'In Boston.'  
'How long ..... (you / live) there?' 'Five years.'  
'Where ..... (you / live) before that?' 'In Chicago.'  
'And how long ..... (you / live) in Chicago?' 'Two years.'

**14.4** Write sentences about yourself using the ideas in brackets.

- 1 (something you haven't done today) I haven't eaten any fruit today
- 2 (something you haven't done today) .....
- 3 (something you didn't do yesterday) .....
- 4 (something you did yesterday evening) .....
- 5 (something you haven't done recently) .....
- 6 (something you've done a lot recently) .....

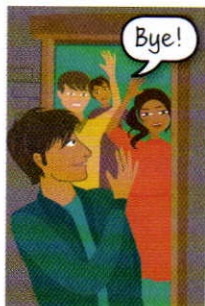


## Past perfect (I had done)

A

Study this example situation:

at 10.30



PAUL

at 11.00



SARAH

Sarah went to a party last week. Paul went to the party too, but they didn't see each other. Paul left the party at 10.30 and Sarah arrived at 11 o'clock. So:

When Sarah arrived at the party, Paul wasn't there.

He **had gone** home.

**Had gone** is the *past perfect (simple)*:

I/we/they/you he/she/it	<b>had</b>	(= I'd etc.) (= he'd etc.)	<b>gone</b> <b>seen</b> <b>finished</b> etc.
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The past perfect simple is **had** + *past participle* (**gone/seen/finished** etc.).

Sometimes we talk about something that happened in the past:

- ☐ Sarah **arrived** at the party.

This is the starting point of the story. Then, if we want to talk about things that happened *before* this time, we use the past perfect (**had** ...):

- ☐ When Sarah arrived at the party, Paul **had** already **gone** home.

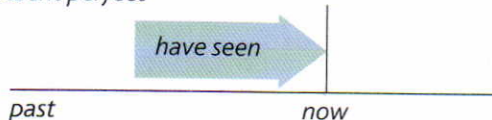
Some more examples:

- ☐ When we got home last night, we found that somebody **had broken** into the flat.  
☐ Karen didn't want to go to the cinema with us because she'd already **seen** the movie.  
☐ At first I thought I'd **done** the right thing, but I soon realised that I'd **made** a big mistake.  
☐ The man sitting next to me on the plane was very nervous. He **hadn't flown** before.  
 or ... He **had** never **flown** before.

B

Compare the *present perfect* (**have seen** etc.) and the *past perfect* (**had seen** etc.):

*Present perfect*



- ☐ Who is that woman? I've **seen** her before, but I can't remember where.  
☐ We aren't hungry. We've just **had** lunch.  
☐ The house is dirty. They **haven't cleaned** it for weeks.

*Past perfect*



- ☐ I wasn't sure who she was. I'd **seen** her before, but I couldn't remember where.  
☐ We weren't hungry. We'd just **had** lunch.  
☐ The house was dirty. They **hadn't cleaned** it for weeks.

C

Compare the *past simple* (**left, was** etc.) and the *past perfect* (**had left, had been** etc.):

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <p><input type="checkbox"/> A: Was Tom there when you arrived?<br/>         B: Yes, but he <b>left</b> soon afterwards.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Kate <b>wasn't</b> at home when I phoned.<br/>         She <b>was</b> at her mother's house.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> A: Was Tom there when you arrived?<br/>         B: No, he <b>had</b> already <b>left</b>.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Kate <b>had</b> just <b>got</b> home when I phoned.<br/>         She <b>had been</b> at her mother's house.</p> |
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## Exercises

**15.1** Read the situations and write sentences from the words in brackets.

- You went to Sue's house, but she wasn't there.  
(she / go / out) She had gone out.
- You went back to your home town after many years. It wasn't the same as before.  
(it / change / a lot) .....
- I invited Rachel to the party, but she couldn't come.  
(she / arrange / to do something else) .....
- You went to the cinema last night. You got to the cinema late.  
(the film / already / start) .....
- It was nice to see Daniel again after such a long time.  
(I / not / see / him for five years) .....
- I offered Sue something to eat, but she wasn't hungry.  
(she / just / have / breakfast) .....

**15.2** For each situation, write a sentence ending with **never ... before**. Use the verb in brackets.

- The man sitting next to you on the plane was very nervous. It was his first flight.  
(fly) He'd never flown before.
- Somebody sang a song. I didn't know it.  
(hear) I ..... before.
- Sam played tennis yesterday. He wasn't very good at it because it was his first game.  
(play) He .....
- Last year we went to Mexico. It was our first time there.  
(be there) We .....

**15.3** Use the sentences on the left to complete the paragraphs on the right. These sentences are in the order in which they happened – so (a) happened before (b), (b) before (c) etc. But your paragraph begins with the underlined sentence, so sometimes you need the past perfect.

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|--|--|
| (a) Somebody broke into the office during the night. | } We arrived at work in the morning and found that <u>somebody had broken</u> into the office during the night. So ..... the police. |
| (b) <u>We arrived at work in the morning.</u>        |  |
| (c) We called the police.                            |  |
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|----------------------------------|--|
| (a) Laura went out this morning. | } I went to Laura's house this morning and rang her doorbell, but ..... no answer. .... out. |
| (b) <u>I rang her doorbell.</u>  |  |
| (c) There was no answer.         |  |
- |  |   |
|--|---|
| (a) Jim came back from holiday a few days ago. | } I met Jim a few days ago. .... holiday. .... very well. |
| (b) <u>I met him the same day.</u>             |   |
| (c) He looked very well.                       |   |
- |  |   |
|--|---|
| (a) Kevin sent Sally lots of emails.               | } Yesterday Kevin ..... from Sally. .... very surprised. .... lots of emails, but ..... |
| (b) She never replied to them.                     |   |
| (c) <u>Yesterday he got a phone call from her.</u> |   |
| (d) He was very surprised.                         |   |

**15.4** Put the verb into the correct form, past perfect (**I had done**) or past simple (**I did**).

- 'Was Paul at the party when you arrived?' 'No, he had gone (go) home.'
- I felt very tired when I got home, so I ..... (go) straight to bed.
- The house was very quiet when I got home. Everybody ..... (go) to bed.
- Sorry I'm late. The car ..... (break) down on my way here.
- We were driving along the road when we ..... (see) a car which ..... (break) down, so we ..... (stop) to help.



## Past perfect continuous (I had been doing)

A Study this example situation:

yesterday morning



Yesterday morning I got up and looked out of the window. The sun was shining, but the ground was very wet.

It **had been raining**.

It was *not* raining when I looked out of the window; the sun was shining. But it **had been** raining before.

**Had been -ing** is the *past perfect continuous*:

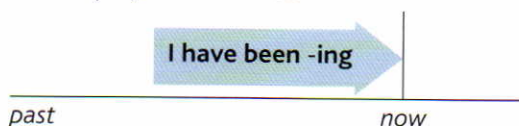
I/we/you/they he/she/it	had	(= I'd etc.) (= he'd etc.)	been	doing working playing etc.
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Some more examples:

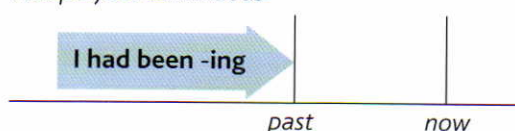
- ☐ When the boys came into the house, their clothes were dirty, their hair was untidy and one of them had a black eye. They'd **been fighting**.
- ☐ I was very tired when I got home. I'd **been working** hard all day.
- ☐ When I went to Madrid a few years ago, I stayed with a friend of mine. She **hadn't been living** there very long, but she knew the city very well.

B You can say that something **had been happening** for a period of time before something else happened:

- ☐ We'd **been playing** tennis for about half an hour when it started to rain heavily.
- ☐ Paul went to the doctor last Friday. He **hadn't been feeling** well for some time.

C Compare **have been -ing** (*present perfect continuous*) and **had been -ing** (*past perfect continuous*):*Present perfect continuous*

- ☐ I hope the bus comes soon. I've **been waiting** for 20 minutes. (*before now*)
- ☐ James is out of breath. He **has been running**.

*Past perfect continuous*

- ☐ At last the bus came. I'd **been waiting** for 20 minutes. (*before the bus came*)
- ☐ James was out of breath. He **had been running**.

D Compare **was -ing** (*past continuous*) and **had been -ing**:

- ☐ It **wasn't raining** when we went out. The sun **was shining**. But it **had been raining**, so the ground was wet.
- ☐ Katherine **was sitting** in an armchair resting. She was tired because she'd **been working** very hard.

E Some verbs (for example, **know** and **like**) are not normally used in the continuous:

- ☐ We were good friends. We **had known** each other for years. (*not had been knowing*)
- ☐ I was surprised when Lisa cut her hair. She'd **had** long hair since I first met her. (*not she'd been having*)

For a list of these verbs, see Unit 4A. For **have**, see Unit 17.



## Exercises

**16.1** Read the situations and make sentences from the words in brackets.

- I was very tired when I arrived home.  
(I / work / hard all day) I'd been working hard all day.
- The two boys came into the house. They had a football and they were both very tired.  
(they / play / football) \_\_\_\_\_
- I was disappointed when I had to cancel my holiday.  
(I / look / forward to it) \_\_\_\_\_
- Ann woke up in the middle of the night. She was frightened and didn't know where she was.  
(she / dream) \_\_\_\_\_
- When I got home, Mark was sitting in front of the TV. He had just turned it off.  
(he / watch / a film) \_\_\_\_\_

**16.2** Read the situations and complete the sentences.

- We played tennis yesterday. Half an hour after we began playing, it started to rain.  
We had been playing for half an hour when it started to rain.
- I had arranged to meet Tom in a restaurant. I arrived and waited for him. After 20 minutes I realised that I was in the wrong restaurant.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 minutes when I \_\_\_\_\_ the wrong restaurant.
- Sarah got a job in factory. Five years later the factory closed down.  
At the time the factory \_\_\_\_\_, Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ there for five years.
- I went to a concert last week. The orchestra began playing. After about ten minutes a man in the audience suddenly started shouting.  
The orchestra \_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_

This time make your own sentence:

- I began walking along the road. I \_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_

**16.3** Put the verb into the most suitable form, past continuous (I was doing), past perfect (I had done) or past perfect continuous (I had been doing).

- It was very noisy next door. Our neighbours were having (have) a party.
- We were good friends. We'd known (we / know) each other for years.
- John and I went for a walk. I had difficulty keeping up with him because \_\_\_\_\_ (he / walk) so fast.
- Sue was sitting on the ground. She was out of breath. \_\_\_\_\_ (she / run).
- When I arrived, everybody was sitting round the table with their mouths full.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (they / eat).
- When I arrived, everybody was sitting round the table and talking. Their mouths were empty, but their stomachs were full. \_\_\_\_\_ (they / eat).
- James was on his hands and knees on the floor. \_\_\_\_\_ (he / look) for his contact lens.
- When I arrived, Kate \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for me. She was annoyed because I was late and \_\_\_\_\_ (she / wait) for a long time.
- I was sad when I sold my car. \_\_\_\_\_ (I / have) it for a very long time.
- We were extremely tired at the end of the journey. \_\_\_\_\_ (we / travel) for more than 24 hours.



# Have and have got

A

**Have** and **have got** (= for possession, relationships, illnesses etc.)

You can use **have** or **have got**. There is no difference in meaning:

- ☐ They **have** a new car. or They've **got** a new car.
- ☐ Lisa **has** two brothers. or Lisa's **got** two brothers.
- ☐ I **have** a headache. or I've **got** a headache.
- ☐ Our house **has** a small garden. or Our house **has got** a small garden.
- ☐ He **has** a few problems. or He's **got** a few problems.

With these meanings (possession etc.), you cannot use continuous forms (**am having** etc.):

- ☐ We're enjoying our holiday. We **have** / We've **got** a nice room in the hotel. (not We're having a nice room)

For the past we use **had** (without **got**):

- ☐ Lisa **had** long hair when she was a child. (not Lisa had got)

B

In questions and negative sentences there are three possible forms:

**Do you have** any questions?

**Have you got** any questions?

**Have you** any questions? (*less usual*)

**Does she have** a car?

**Has she got** a car?

**Has she** a car? (*less usual*)

**I don't have** any questions.

**I haven't got** any questions.

**I haven't** any questions. (*less usual*)

She **doesn't have** a car.

She **hasn't got** a car.

She **hasn't** a car. (*less usual*)

In past questions and negative sentences we use **did/didn't**:

- ☐ **Did you have** a car when you were living in Paris?
- ☐ I **didn't have** my phone, so I couldn't call you.
- ☐ Lisa **had** long hair, **didn't** she?

C

**Have breakfast / have a shower / have a good time** etc.

We also use **have** (*but not have got*) for many actions and experiences. For example:

**have**

**breakfast / dinner / a cup of coffee / something to eat** etc.

**a bath / a shower / a swim / a break / a rest / a party / a holiday**

**an accident / an experience / a dream**

**a look** (at something)

**a chat / a conversation / a discussion** (with somebody)

**trouble / difficulty / fun / a good time** etc.

**a baby** (= give birth to a baby)

**Have got** is *not* possible in the expressions in the box. Compare:

- ☐ Sometimes I **have** (= eat) a sandwich for my lunch. (not I've got)
- but I've **got** / I **have** some sandwiches. Would you like one?

You can use continuous forms (**am having** etc.) with the expressions in the box:

- ☐ We're enjoying our holiday. We're **having** a great time. (not We have)
- ☐ Mark **is having** a shower at the moment. He has a shower every day.

In questions and negative sentences we use **do/does/did**:

- ☐ I **don't** usually **have** a big breakfast. (not I usually haven't)
- ☐ What time **does** Chris **have** lunch? (not has Chris lunch)
- ☐ **Did you have** trouble finding a place to live?



## Exercises

**17.1** Write negative sentences with **have**. Some are present and some are past.

- I can't get into the house. (a key) I haven't got a key.
- I couldn't read the letter. (my glasses) I didn't have my glasses.
- I can't get onto the roof. (a ladder) I .....
- We couldn't visit the museum. (enough time) We .....
- He couldn't find his way to our house. (a map) .....
- She can't pay her bills. (any money) .....
- I can't go swimming today. (enough energy) .....
- They couldn't take any pictures. (a camera) .....

**17.2** Which alternatives are correct? Sometimes two alternatives are possible, sometimes only one.

- Excuse me, ..... a pen I could borrow?  
(A) have you got    B are you having    (C) do you have *(both A and C are correct)*
- ..... time to go to the bank yesterday?  
A Had you got    B Did you have    C Had you
- I need a stamp for this letter. .... one?  
A Do you have    B Are you having    C Have you got
- What does Jack do? ..... a job?  
A Does he have    B Is he having    C Has he got
- ..... a lot of friends when you were a child?  
A Did you have    B Were you having    C Had you
- When you worked in your last job, ..... your own office?  
A had you    B have you got    C did you have

**17.3** Are the underlined verbs OK? Change them where necessary.

- Is there anything you want to ask? Do you have any questions? OK
- Lisa had got long hair when she was a child. Lisa had long hair.
- Tom couldn't contact us because he hadn't our number. ....
- 'Are you feeling OK?' 'No, I'm having a toothache.' ....
- Are you enjoying yourself? Are you having a good time? ....
- It started to rain. I got wet because I hadn't an umbrella. ....
- Will can't drive. He doesn't have a driving licence. ....
- Did your trip go OK? Had you any problems? ....
- My friend called me when I was having breakfast. ....

**17.4** Complete the sentences. Use an expression from the list with **have** in the correct form.

have a baby	have a break	have a chat	have trouble	have a good flight
have a look	<del>have lunch</del>	have a party	have a nice time	have a shower

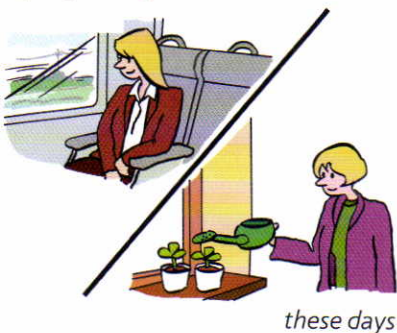
- I don't eat much during the day. I never have lunch.
- David starts work at 8 o'clock and ..... at 10.30.
- We ..... last week. It was great – we invited lots of people.
- Excuse me, can I ..... at your newspaper, please?
- Jim is away on holiday at the moment. I hope he .....
- I met Ann in the supermarket yesterday. We stopped and .....
- A: ..... finding the book you wanted?  
B: No, I found it OK.
- Suzanne ..... a few weeks ago. It's her second child.
- A: Why didn't you answer the phone?  
B: I .....
- You meet your friend Sally at the airport. She has just arrived. You say:  
Hi, Sally. How are you? ..... ?



## Used to (do)

A Study this example situation:

a few years ago

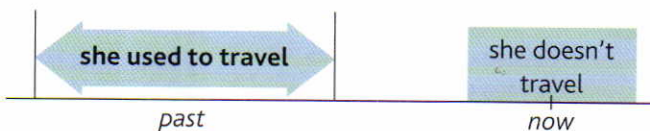


these days

Nicola doesn't travel much these days.  
She prefers to stay at home.

But she **used to travel** a lot.  
She **used to go** away two or three times a year.

She **used to travel** a lot = she travelled a lot often in the past, but she doesn't do this any more.

B Something **used to** happen = it happened often in the past, but no longer happens:

- ☐ I **used to play** tennis a lot, but I don't play very much now.
- ☐ David **used to spend** a lot of money on clothes. These days he can't afford it.
- ☐ 'Do you go to the cinema much?' 'Not now, but I **used to**.' (= I used to go)

We also use **used to** ... for things that were true, but are not true any more:

- ☐ This building is now a furniture shop. It **used to be** a cinema.
- ☐ I **used to think** Mark was unfriendly, but now I realise he's a very nice person.
- ☐ I've started drinking tea recently. I never **used to like** it before.
- ☐ Lisa **used to have** very long hair when she was a child.

C 'I **used to** do something' is past. There is no present. You cannot say 'I use to do'. To talk about the present, use the present simple (I **do**).

Compare:

past	he <b>used to play</b>	we <b>used to live</b>	there <b>used to be</b>
present	he <b>plays</b>	we <b>live</b>	there <b>is</b>

- ☐ We **used to live** in a small village, but now we **live** in London.
- ☐ There **used to be** four cinemas in the town. Now there **is** only one.

D The normal question form is **did** (you) **use to** ... ?:

- ☐ **Did** you **use to eat** a lot of sweets when you were a child?

The negative form is **didn't use to** ... (**used not to** ... is also possible):

- ☐ I **didn't use to** like him. (or I **used not to** like him.)

E Compare **I used to do** and **I was doing**:

- ☐ I **used to watch** TV a lot. (= I watched TV often in the past, but I no longer do this)
- ☐ I **was watching** TV when Rob called. (= I was in the middle of watching TV)

F Do not confuse **I used to do** and **I am used to doing** (see Unit 61). The structures and meanings are different:

- ☐ I **used to live** alone. (= I lived alone in the past, but I no longer live alone)
- ☐ I **am used to living** alone. (= I live alone, and I don't find it strange or difficult because I've been living alone for some time)



## Exercises

18.1 Complete the sentences with **use(d) to + a suitable verb**.

- Nicola doesn't travel much now. She used to travel a lot, but she prefers to stay at home these days.
- Sophie ..... a motorbike, but last year she sold it and bought a car.
- We moved to Spain a few years ago. We ..... in Paris.
- I rarely eat ice-cream now, but I ..... it when I was a child.
- Jackie ..... my best friend, but we aren't good friends any more.
- It only takes me about 40 minutes to get to work now that the new road is open. It ..... more than an hour.
- There ..... a hotel near the airport, but it closed a long time ago.
- When you lived in New York, ..... to the theatre very often?

## 18.2 Compare what Karen said five years ago and what she says today:

## FIVE YEARS AGO

~~I travel a lot.~~

I've got lots of friends.

I'm very lazy.

I don't like cheese.

I go to a lot of parties.

I'm a hotel receptionist.

I play the piano.

I never read newspapers.

I don't drink tea.

I've got a dog.

## TODAY

I eat lots of cheese now.

I work very hard these days.

I don't know many people these days.

I work in a bookshop now.

Tea's great! I like it now.

My dog died two years ago.

I read a newspaper every day now.

I haven't been to a party for ages.

I haven't played the piano for years.

~~I don't go away much these days.~~

Now write sentences about how Karen has changed. Use **used to / didn't use to / never used to** in the first part of your sentence.

- She used to travel a lot, but she doesn't go away much these days.
- She used ..... but .....
- ..... but .....
- ..... but .....
- ..... but .....
- ..... but .....
- ..... but .....
- ..... but .....
- ..... but .....
- ..... but .....

18.3 Write sentences about yourself like the examples. Begin **I used to ...** (I used to be/work/like/play/read etc.).

- I used to live in a small village, but now I live in London.
- I used to play tennis a lot, but I don't play any more.
- I used ..... , but .....
- I ..... , but .....
- .....

Now begin with **I didn't use to ...**

- I didn't use to read a lot, but I do now.
- I didn't ..... , but .....
- .....



Present tenses (**I am doing / I do**) for the futureA Present continuous (**I am doing**) with a future meaning

This is Ben's diary for next week.

He **is playing** tennis on Monday afternoon.

He **is going** to the dentist on Tuesday morning.

He **is having** dinner with Kate on Friday.

In all these examples, Ben has already decided and arranged to do these things.

**I'm doing** something (tomorrow) = I have already decided and arranged to do it:

- ☐ A: What **are you doing** on Saturday evening? (*not* What do you do)
- B: **I'm going** to the theatre. (*not* I go)
- ☐ A: What time **is** Katherine **arriving** tomorrow?
- B: Half past ten. **I'm meeting** her at the station.
- ☐ **I'm not working** tomorrow, so we can go out somewhere.
- ☐ Steve **isn't playing** football next Saturday. He's hurt his leg.

'**I'm going to (do)**' is also possible in these sentences:

- ☐ What **are you going to do** on Saturday evening?

But the present continuous is more natural when we talk about arrangements. See Unit 20B.

Do not use **will** to talk about what you have arranged to do:

- ☐ What **are you doing** this evening? (*not* What will you do)
- ☐ Alex **is getting** married next month. (*not* will get)

You can also use the present continuous for an action *just before you begin to do it*. This happens especially with verbs of movement (**go/come/leave** etc.):

- ☐ I'm tired. **I'm going** to bed now. Goodnight. (*not* I go to bed now)
- ☐ 'Jess, are you ready yet?' 'Yes, **I'm coming**.' (*not* I come)

B Present simple (**I do**) with a future meaning

We use the present simple when we talk about timetables, programmes etc. (for public transport, cinemas etc.):

- ☐ My train **leaves** at 11.30, so I need to be at the station by 11.15.
- ☐ What time **does** the film **start** this evening?
- ☐ It's Wednesday tomorrow. / Tomorrow **is** Wednesday.

You can use the present simple to talk about people if their plans are fixed like a timetable:

- ☐ I **start** my new job on Monday.
- ☐ What time **do** you **finish** work tomorrow?

But the continuous is more usual for personal arrangements:

- ☐ What time **are you meeting** Ann tomorrow? (*not* do you meet)

Compare:

## Present continuous

- ☐ What time **are you arriving**?
- ☐ **I'm going** to the cinema this evening.

## Present simple

- ☐ What time **does the train arrive**?
- ☐ **The film starts** at 8.15 (this evening).



## Exercises

- 19.1** A friend of yours is planning to go on holiday soon. You ask her about her plans. Use the words in brackets to make your questions.



- 1 (where / go?) Where are you going?
- 2 (how long / go for?) .....
- 3 (when / leave?) .....
- 4 (go / alone?) .....
- 5 (travel / by car?) .....
- 6 (where / stay?) .....

Scotland.  
Ten days.  
Next Friday.  
No, with a friend.  
No, by train.  
In a hotel.

- 19.2** Tom wants you to visit him, but you are very busy. Look at your diary for the next few days and explain to him why you can't come.



- TOM: Can you come on Monday evening?  
YOU: Sorry, but I'm playing volleyball. (1)  
TOM: What about Tuesday evening then?  
YOU: No, not Tuesday. I ..... (2)  
TOM: And Wednesday evening?  
YOU: ..... (3)  
TOM: Well, are you free on Thursday?  
YOU: I'm afraid not. .... (4)

- 19.3** Have you arranged to do anything at these times? Write sentences about yourself.

- 1 (this evening) I'm going out this evening. or I'm not doing anything this evening.
- 2 (tomorrow morning) I .....
- 3 (tomorrow evening) .....
- 4 (next Sunday) .....
- 5 (choose another day or time) .....

- 19.4** Put the verb into the more suitable form, present continuous or present simple.

- 1 I'm going (I / go) to the cinema this evening.
- 2 Does the film start (the film / start) at 3.30 or 4.30?
- 3 ..... (we / have) a party next Saturday. Would you like to come?
- 4 The art exhibition ..... (finish) on 3 May.
- 5 ..... (I / not / go) out this evening. ....  
(I / stay) at home.
- 6 '..... (you / do) anything tomorrow morning?' 'No, I'm free. Why?'
- 7 ..... (we / go) to a concert tonight. ....  
(it / start) at 7.30.
- 8 ..... (I / leave) now. I've come to say goodbye.
- 9 A: Have you seen Liz recently?  
B: No, but ..... (we / meet) for lunch next week.
- 10 *You are on the train to London and you ask another passenger:*  
Excuse me. What time ..... (this train / get) to London?
- 11 *You are talking to Helen:*  
Helen, ..... (I / go) to the supermarket. .... (you / come) with me?
- 12 *You and a friend are watching television. You say:*  
I'm bored with this programme. What time ..... (it / end)?
- 13 ..... (I / not / use) the car this evening, so you can have it.
- 14 Sue ..... (come) to see us tomorrow. ....  
(she / travel) by train and her train ..... (arrive) at 10.15.



## (I'm) going to (do)

A

I am going to do something = I have already decided to do it, I intend to do it:

- ☐ 'Are you **going to eat** anything?' 'No, I'm not hungry.'
- ☐ A: I hear Sarah has won some money. What **is she going to do** with it?  
B: She's **going to buy** a new car.
- ☐ I'm just **going to make** a quick phone call. Can you wait for me?
- ☐ This cheese smells horrible. I'm **not going to eat** it.

B

I am doing and I am going to do

We use **I am doing** (*present continuous*) when we say what we have *arranged* to do – for example, arranged to meet somebody, arranged to go somewhere:

- ☐ What time **are you meeting** Ann this evening?
- ☐ I'm **leaving** tomorrow. I've got my plane ticket.

I am going to do something = I've decided to do it (but perhaps not *arranged* to do it):

- ☐ 'Your shoes are dirty.' 'Yes, I know. I'm **going to clean** them.' (= I've decided to clean them, but I haven't *arranged* to clean them)
- ☐ I've decided not to stay here any longer. Tomorrow I'm **going to look** for somewhere else to stay.

Often the difference is very small and either form is possible.

C

You can also say that 'something **is going to happen**' in the future. For example:



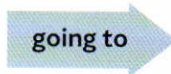
The man isn't looking where he is going.

He **is going to walk** into the wall.

When we say that 'something **is going to happen**', the situation *now* makes this clear. The man is walking towards the wall now, so we can see that he **is going to walk** into it.



situation now



future happening

Some more examples:

- ☐ Look at those black clouds! It's **going to rain**. (the clouds are there now)
- ☐ I feel terrible. I think I'm **going to be sick**. (I feel terrible now)
- ☐ The economic situation is bad now and things **are going to get** worse.

D

I was going to do something = I intended to do it, but didn't do it:

- ☐ We **were going to travel** by train, but then we decided to go by car instead.
- ☐ Peter **was going to do** the exam, but he changed his mind.
- ☐ I **was just going to cross** the road when somebody shouted 'Stop!'

You can say that 'something **was going to happen**' (but didn't happen):

- ☐ I thought it **was going to rain**, but it didn't.



## 20.1 Write a question with **going to** for each situation.

- 1 Your friend has won some money. You ask:  
(what / do with it?) What are you going to do with it?
- 2 Your friend is going to a party tonight. You ask:  
(what / wear?) .....
- 3 Your friend has just bought a new table. You ask:  
(where / put it?) .....
- 4 Your friend has decided to have a party. You ask:  
(who / invite?) .....

## 20.2 Read the situations and complete the dialogues. Use **going to**.

- 1 You have decided to clean your room this morning.  
FRIEND: Are you going out this morning?  
YOU: No, I'm going to clean my room.
- 2 You bought a sweater, but it doesn't fit you very well. You have decided to take it back to the shop.  
FRIEND: That sweater is too big for you.  
YOU: I know. ....
- 3 You have been offered a job, but you have decided not to accept it.  
FRIEND: I hear you've been offered a job.  
YOU: That's right, but .....
- 4 You have to phone Sarah. It's morning now, and you have decided to phone her tonight.  
FRIEND: Have you phoned Sarah yet?  
YOU: No, .....
- 5 You are in a restaurant. The food is awful and you've decided to complain.  
FRIEND: This food is awful, isn't it?  
YOU: Yes, it's disgusting. ....

## 20.3 What is going to happen in these situations? Use the words in brackets.

- 1 There are a lot of black clouds in the sky.  
(rain) It's going to rain.
- 2 It is 8.30. Tom is leaving his house. He has to be at work at 8.45, but the journey takes 30 minutes.  
(late) He .....
- 3 There is a hole in the bottom of the boat. A lot of water is coming in through the hole.  
(sink) The boat .....
- 4 Lucy and Chris are driving. There is very little petrol left in the tank. The nearest petrol station is a long way away.  
(run out) They .....

## 20.4 Complete the sentences with **was/were going to** + the following verbs:

buy   give up   phone   play   say   ~~travel~~

- 1 We were going to travel by train, but then we decided to go by car instead.
- 2 I ..... some new clothes yesterday, but I was very busy and didn't have time to go to the shops.
- 3 Oliver and I ..... tennis last week, but he had to cancel because he'd hurt his knee.
- 4 I ..... Jane, but I decided to email her instead.
- 5 A: When I last saw Tim, he ..... his job.  
B: That's right, but in the end he decided to stay where he was.
- 6 I'm sorry I interrupted you. What ..... you ..... ?



## Will/shall 1

**A** We use **I'll** (= **I will**) when we've just decided to do something. When we say 'I'll do something', we announce our decision:

- ☐ Oh, I've left the door open. **I'll go** and shut it.
- ☐ 'What would you like to drink?' **I'll have** an orange juice, please.'
- ☐ 'Did you phone Lucy?' 'Oh no, I forgot. **I'll phone** her now.'

You cannot use the *present simple* (**I do / I go** etc.) in these sentences:

- ☐ **I'll go** and shut the door. (*not I go and shut*)

We often use **I think I'll ...** and **I don't think I'll ...**:

- ☐ I feel a bit hungry. **I think I'll have** something to eat.
- ☐ **I don't think I'll go** out tonight. I'm too tired.

In spoken English the negative of **will** is usually **won't** (= **will not**):

- ☐ I can see you're busy, so **I won't stay** long.

**B** Do *not* use **will** to talk about what you decided before (see Units 19–20):

- ☐ **I'm going** on holiday next Saturday. (*not I'll go*)
- ☐ **Are you working** tomorrow? (*not Will you work*)

**C** We often use **will** in these situations:

*Offering to do something*

- ☐ That bag looks heavy. **I'll help** you with it. (*not I help*)

*Agreeing to do something*

- ☐ A: Can you give Tim this book?
- ☐ B: Sure, **I'll give** it to him when I see him this afternoon.

*Promising to do something*

- ☐ Thanks for lending me the money. **I'll pay** you back on Friday.
- ☐ **I won't tell** anyone what happened. I promise.

*Asking somebody to do something (Will you ... ?)*

- ☐ **Will you** please turn the music down? I'm trying to concentrate.

You can use **won't** to say that somebody refuses to do something:

- ☐ I've tried to give her advice, but she **won't listen**.
- ☐ The car **won't start**. (= the car 'refuses' to start)



**D** **Shall I ... ? Shall we ... ?**

**Shall** is used mostly in the questions **shall I ... ? / shall we ... ?**

We use **shall I ... ? / shall we ... ?** to ask somebody's opinion (especially in offers or suggestions):

- ☐ **Shall I** open the window? (= Do you want me to open the window?)
- ☐ I've got no money. What **shall I** do? (= What do you suggest?)
- ☐ '**Shall we** go?' 'Just a minute. I'm not ready yet.'
- ☐ 'Where **shall we** have lunch?' 'Let's go to Marino's.'

Compare **shall I ... ?** and **will you ... ?**:

- ☐ **Shall I** shut the door? (= Do you want me to shut it?)
- ☐ **Will you** shut the door? (= I want you to shut it)



## Exercises

**21.1** Complete the sentences with I'll + a suitable verb.

- I'm too tired to walk home. I think I'll take a taxi.
- 'It's cold in this room.' 'Is it?' ..... on the heating then.'
- 'Bye! Have a nice holiday!' 'Thanks. .... you a postcard.'
- 'Shall I do the washing-up?' 'No, it's all right. .... it later.'
- 'I don't know how to shut down this computer.' 'OK, .... you.'
- 'Would you like tea or coffee?' '..... coffee, please.'
- 'Are you coming with us?' 'No, I think ..... here.'
- Thanks for lending me the money. .... it back as soon as possible, OK?
- A: I know you're busy, but can you finish this report this afternoon?  
B: Well, ....., but I can't promise.

**21.2** Read the situations and write sentences with I think I'll ... or I don't think I'll ... .

- It's a bit cold. The window is open and you decide to close it. You say:  
I think I'll close the window.
- You are feeling tired and it's getting late. You decide to go to bed. You say:  
I think .....
- A friend of yours offers you a lift in his car, but you decide to walk. You say:  
Thank you, but .....
- You were going to have lunch. Now you decide that you don't want to eat anything. You say:  
I don't think .....
- You planned to go swimming. Now you decide that you don't want to go. You say:  
.....

**21.3** Which is correct? (If necessary, study Units 19–20 first.)

- 'Did you phone Lucy?' 'Oh no, I forgot. I phoned / I'll phone her now.' (I'll phone is correct)
- I can't meet you tomorrow. I'm playing / I'll play tennis. (I'm playing is correct)
- I meet / I'll meet you outside the hotel in half an hour, OK? 'Yes, that's fine.'
- 'I need some money.' 'OK, I'm lending / I'll lend you some. How much do you need?'
- I'm having / I'll have a party next Saturday. I hope you can come.
- 'Remember to get a newspaper when you go out.' 'OK, I don't forget / I won't forget.'
- What time does your train leave / will your train leave tomorrow?
- I asked Sue what happened, but she doesn't tell / won't tell me.
- Are you doing / Will you do anything tomorrow evening?' 'No, I'm free. Why?'
- I don't want to go out alone. Do you come / Will you come with me?

**21.4** What do you say in these situations? Write sentences with shall I ... ? or shall we ... ?

- You and a friend want to do something this evening, but you don't know what.  
You ask your friend: What shall we do this evening?
- You try on a jacket in a shop. You are not sure whether to buy it or not.  
You ask a friend for advice: ..... it?
- It's Helen's birthday next week. You want to give her a present, but you don't know what.  
You ask a friend for advice:  
What .....
- You and a friend are going on holiday together, but you have to decide where.  
You ask him/her: .....
- You and a friend are going out. You have to decide whether to go by car or to walk.  
You ask him/her: ..... or .....
- Your friend wants you to come and see her. You don't know what time to come.  
You ask her: .....



## Will/shall 2

A

We do not use **will** to say what somebody has already arranged or decided to do:

- ☐ Diane **is working** next week. (*not* Diane will work)
  - ☐ **Are you going to watch** anything on TV this evening? (*not* Will you watch)
- For '**is working**' and '**Are you going to ... ?**', see Units 19–20.

But often, when we talk about the future, we are *not* talking about what somebody has decided to do. For example:

Kate is doing an exam next week. Chris and Joe are talking about it.

Do you think  
Kate **will pass**  
the exam?

CHRIS



Yes, she'll **pass** easily.



JOE

**She'll pass** does *not* mean 'she has decided to pass'. Joe is saying what he knows or believes will happen.

He is *predicting* the future.

When we predict a future happening or situation, we use **will/won't**.

Some more examples:

- ☐ They've been away a long time. When they return, they'll **find** a lot of changes here.
- ☐ 'Where **will** you **be** this time next year?' 'I'll **be** in Japan.'
- ☐ That plate is hot. If you touch it, you'll **burn** yourself.
- ☐ Tom **won't pass** the exam. He hasn't studied hard enough.
- ☐ Anna looks completely different now. You **won't recognise** her.
- ☐ When **will** you **get** your exam results?

B

We often use **will** ('ll) with:

**probably**

(I'm) **sure**

(I) **think**

(I) **don't think**

**I wonder**

- ☐ I'll **probably** be home late tonight.
- ☐ Don't worry about the exam. I'm **sure** you'll pass.
- ☐ Do you **think** Sarah **will** like the present we bought her?
- ☐ I **don't think** the exam **will** be very difficult.
- ☐ I **wonder** what **will** happen.

After **I hope**, we generally use the present (**will** is also possible):

- ☐ I hope Kate **passes** the exam. (*or* I hope Kate **will pass** ...)
- ☐ I hope it **doesn't rain** tomorrow.

C

Generally we use **will** to talk about *the future*, but sometimes we use **will** to talk about *now*.

For example:

- ☐ Don't phone Ann now. She'll **be** busy. (= she'll be busy *now*)

D

**I shall ... / we shall ...**

Normally we use **shall** only with **I** and **we**. You can say:

**I shall or I will (I'll)**      **we shall or we will (we'll)**

- ☐ I **shall** be late this evening. (*or* I **will** be)
- ☐ **We shall** probably go to France in June. (*or* **We will** probably go)

In spoken English we normally use **I'll** and **we'll**:

- ☐ **We'll** probably go to France.

The negative of **shall** is **shall not** or **shan't**:

- ☐ I **shan't** be here tomorrow. (*or* I **won't** be)

Do not use **shall** with **he/she/it/you/they**:

- ☐ She **will** be very angry. (*not* She **shall** be)



## Exercises

**22.1** Which form of the verb is better in these sentences? The verbs are underlined.

- 1 Diane isn't free on Saturday. She'll work / She's working. (She's working is correct)
- 2 I'll go / I'm going to a party tomorrow night. Would you like to come too?
- 3 I think Amy will get / is getting the job. She has a lot of experience.
- 4 I can't meet you this evening. A friend of mine will come / is coming to see me.
- 5 A: Have you decided where to go for your holidays?  
B: Yes, we'll go / we're going to Italy.
- 6 Don't be afraid of the dog. It won't hurt / It isn't hurting you.

**22.2** Put in **will ('ll)** or **won't**.

- 1 Can you wait for me? I won't be long.
- 2 Don't ask Amanda for advice. She ..... know what to do.
- 3 I'm glad you're coming to see us next week. It ..... be good to see you again.
- 4 I'm sorry about what happened yesterday. It ..... happen again.
- 5 You don't need to take an umbrella with you. I don't think it ..... rain.
- 6 I've got some incredible news! You ..... believe it.

**22.3** Complete the sentences using **will ('ll)**. Choose from the following:

it / be	she / come	you / get	you / like
people / live	it / look	we / meet	<del>you / pass</del>

- 1 Don't worry about your exam. I'm sure you'll pass.
- 2 Why don't you try on this jacket? ..... nice on you.
- 3 You must meet Daniel sometime. I think ..... him.
- 4 It's raining. Don't go out. .... wet.
- 5 Do you think ..... longer in the future?
- 6 Bye! I'm sure ..... again before long.
- 7 I've invited Anna to the party, but I don't think .....
- 8 It takes me an hour to get to work at the moment, but when the new road is finished, ..... much quicker.

**22.4** Write questions using **do you think ... will ... ?** + the following:

be back	cost	end	get married	happen	<del>like</del>	rain
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- 1 I've bought this picture for Karen. Do you think she'll like it ?
- 2 The weather doesn't look very good. Do you ..... ?
- 3 The meeting is still going on. When do you ..... ?
- 4 My car needs to be repaired. How much ..... ?
- 5 Sally and David are in love. Do ..... ?
- 6 'I'm going out now.' 'OK. What time ..... ?'
- 7 The future situation is uncertain. What ..... ?

**22.5** Where do you think you will be at these times? Write true sentences about yourself. Use:  
**I'll be ... or I'll probably be ... or I don't know where I'll be**

- 1 (next Monday evening at 7.45) I'll be at home.  
or I'll probably be at home.  
or I don't know where I'll be.
- 2 (at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning) .....
- 3 (at 10.30 tomorrow morning) .....
- 4 (next Saturday afternoon at 4.15) .....
- 5 (this time next year) .....



## I will and I'm going to

## A

## Future actions

Study the difference between **will** and **(be) going to**:

Sarah is talking to Helen:

Let's have a party.

That's a great idea.  
We'll **invite** lots of people.

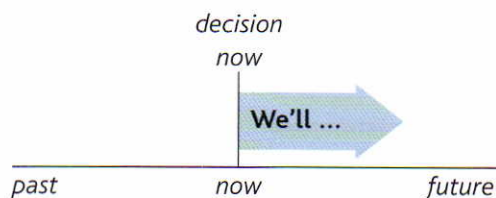


SARAH



HELEN

**will ('ll)**: We use **will** to announce a new decision. The party is a new idea.



Later that day, Helen meets Dan:

Sarah and I have decided to have a party.  
We're **going to invite** lots of people.

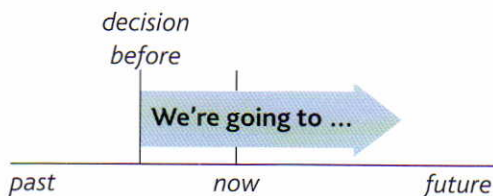


HELEN



DAN

**(be) going to**: We use **(be) going to** when we have *already decided* to do something. Helen had already decided to invite lots of people *before* she spoke to Dan.



Compare:

- ☐ 'Gary phoned while you were out.' 'OK. I'll **call** him back.'
- ☐ 'Gary **phoned** while you were out.' 'Yes, I know. I'm **going to call** him back.'
- ☐ 'Anna is in hospital.' 'Oh really? I didn't know. I'll **go** and visit her.'
- ☐ 'Anna is in hospital.' 'Yes, I know. I'm **going to visit** her this evening.'

## B

## Future happenings and situations (predicting the future)

We use both **will** and **going to** to predict future happenings and situations. So you can say:

- ☐ I think **the weather will be** nice later. *or*  
I think **the weather is going to be** nice later.
- ☐ Those shoes are well-made. **They'll last** a long time. *or*  
Those shoes are well-made. **They're going to last** a long time.

When we say something **is going to** happen, we know this from the situation *now*. What is happening *now* shows that something **is going to** happen in the future. For example:

- ☐ Look at those black clouds. **It's going to rain.** (*not* It will rain)  
(We can see that it **is going to rain** from the clouds that are in the sky *now*.)
- ☐ I feel terrible. I think **I'm going to be sick.** (*not* I think I'll be sick)  
(I think **I'm going to be sick** because I feel terrible *now*.)

Do not use **will** in this type of situation.



## Exercises

**23.1** Complete the sentences using **will ('ll)** or **going to**.

- A: Why are you turning on the TV?  
B: I'm going to watch the news. (I / watch)
- A: Oh, I've just realised. I haven't got any money.  
B: Haven't you? Well, don't worry. \_\_\_\_\_ you some. (I / lend)
- A: I've got a headache.  
B: Have you? Wait a second and \_\_\_\_\_ an aspirin for you. (I / get)
- A: Why are you filling that bucket with water?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_ the car. (I / wash)
- A: I've decided to repaint this room.  
B: Oh, have you? What colour \_\_\_\_\_ it? (you / paint)
- A: Where are you going? Are you going shopping?  
B: Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ some things for dinner. (I / buy)
- A: I don't know how to use the washing machine.  
B: It's easy. \_\_\_\_\_ you. (I / show)
- A: What would you like to eat?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_ a pizza, please. (I / have)
- A: Did you call Lisa?  
B: Oh, no. I completely forgot. \_\_\_\_\_ her now. (I / call)
- A: Has Dan decided what to do when he leaves school?  
B: Yes. Everything is planned. \_\_\_\_\_ a holiday for a few weeks.  
(he / have) Then \_\_\_\_\_ a management training course. (he / do)

**23.2** Read the situations and complete the sentences using **will ('ll)** or **going to**.

- The phone rings and you answer. Somebody wants to speak to John.  
CALLER: Hello. Can I speak to John, please?  
YOU: Just a moment. I'll get him. (I / get)
- It's a nice day, so you have decided to take a walk. Just before you go, you tell your friend.  
YOU: The weather's too nice to stay in. \_\_\_\_\_ a walk. (I / take)  
FRIEND: Good idea! I think \_\_\_\_\_ you. (I / join)
- Your friend is worried because she has lost her driving licence.  
YOU: Don't worry. I'm sure \_\_\_\_\_ it. (you / find)  
FRIEND: I hope so.
- There was a job advertised in the paper recently. At first you were interested, but then you decided not to apply.  
FRIEND: Have you decided what to do about that job you were interested in?  
YOU: Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ for it. (I / not / apply)
- You and a friend are stuck in traffic. You have to be in a meeting in five minutes and you need at least another 20 minutes to get there.  
YOU: The meeting begins in five minutes. \_\_\_\_\_ . (we / be late)
- Ann and Sam are staying at a hotel. Their room is in very bad condition, especially the ceiling.  
ANN: The ceiling doesn't look very safe, does it?  
SAM: No, it looks as if \_\_\_\_\_ . (it / fall down)
- Paul has to go to the airport to catch a plane tomorrow morning.  
PAUL: Kate, I need somebody to take me to the airport tomorrow morning.  
KATE: That's no problem. \_\_\_\_\_ you. (I / take) What time is your flight?  
PAUL: 10.30.  
KATE: OK, \_\_\_\_\_ you up at your house at about 8 o'clock then. (I / pick)  
Later that day, Joe offers to take Paul to the airport.  
JOE: Paul, do you want me to take you to the airport?  
PAUL: No thanks, Joe. \_\_\_\_\_ me. (Kate / take)



## Will be doing and will have done

A

Study this example situation:

These people are standing in a queue to get into the cinema.



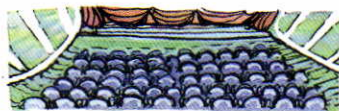
now

Half an hour from now, the cinema will be full.  
Everyone **will be watching** the film.



half an hour from now

Three hours from now, the cinema will be empty.  
The film **will have finished**.  
Everyone **will have gone** home.



three hours from now

B

I **will be doing** something (*future continuous*) = I will be in the middle of doing it:

- ☐ This time next week I'll be on holiday. I'll **be lying** on the beach or **swimming** in the sea.
- ☐ You have no chance of getting the job. You'll **be wasting** your time if you apply for it.

Compare **will be (do)ing** and **will (do)**:

- ☐ Don't phone between 7 and 8. We'll **be having** dinner.
- ☐ Let's wait for Liz to arrive and then we'll **have** dinner.

Compare **will be -ing** with other continuous forms:

- ☐ At 10 o'clock yesterday, Sally **was** in her office. She **was working**. (*past*)  
It's 10 o'clock now. She **is** in her office. She **is working**. (*present*)  
At 10 o'clock tomorrow, she **will be** in her office. She **will be working**.

C

We also use **will be -ing** to talk about complete actions in the future.

For example:

- ☐ The government **will be making** a statement about the crisis later today.
- ☐ **Will you be going** away this summer?
- ☐ Later in the programme, I'll **be talking** to the Minister of Education ...
- ☐ Our best player is injured and **won't be playing** in the game on Saturday.

Later in the programme  
I'll **be talking** to ...



In these examples **will be -ing** is similar to **(be) going to ...**

D

We use **will have (done)** (*future perfect*) to say that something will already be complete before a time in the future. For example:

- ☐ Sally always leaves for work at 8.30 in the morning. She won't be at home at 9 o'clock – she'll **have gone** to work.
- ☐ We're late. The film **will already have started** by the time we get to the cinema.

Compare **will have (done)** with other perfect forms:

- ☐ Ted and Amy **have been** married for 24 years. (*present perfect*)  
Next year they **will have been** married for 25 years.  
When their son was born, they **had been** married for three years. (*past perfect*)



## Exercises

**24.1** Read about Andy. Then tick (✓) the sentences which are true. In each group of sentences at least one is true.

Andy goes to work every day. He leaves home at 8 o'clock and arrives at work at about 8.45. He starts work immediately and continues until 12.30 when he has lunch (which takes about half an hour). He starts work again at 1.15 and goes home at exactly 4.30. Every day he follows the same routine and tomorrow will be no exception.

1



At 7.45

- a he'll be leaving the house
- b he'll have left the house
- c he'll be at home ✓
- d he'll be having breakfast ✓

4



At 12.45

- a he'll have lunch
- b he'll be having lunch
- c he'll have finished his lunch
- d he'll have started his lunch

2



At 8.15

- a he'll be leaving the house
- b he'll have left the house
- c he'll have arrived at work
- d he'll be arriving at work

5



At 4 o'clock

- a he'll have finished work
- b he'll finish work
- c he'll be working
- d he won't have finished work

3



At 9.15

- a he'll be working
- b he'll start work
- c he'll have started work
- d he'll be arriving at work

6



At 4.45

- a he'll leave work
- b he'll be leaving work
- c he'll have left work
- d he'll have arrived home

**24.2** Put the verb into the correct form, **will be (do)ing** or **will have (done)**.

- 1 Don't phone between 7 and 8. We'll be having dinner then. (we / have)
- 2 Phone me after 8 o'clock. \_\_\_\_\_ dinner by then. (we / finish)
- 3 Tomorrow afternoon we're going to play tennis from 3 o'clock until 4.30. So at 4 o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ tennis. (we / play)
- 4 A: Can we meet tomorrow?  
B: Yes, but not in the afternoon. \_\_\_\_\_ . (I / work)
- 5 B has to go to a meeting which begins at 10 o'clock. It will last about an hour.  
A: Will you be free at 11.30?  
B: Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ by then. (the meeting / end)
- 6 Ben is on holiday and he is spending his money very quickly. If he continues like this, \_\_\_\_\_ all his money before the end of his holiday. (he / spend)
- 7 Do you think \_\_\_\_\_ the same job in ten years' time?  
(you / still / do)
- 8 Lisa is from New Zealand. She is travelling around Europe at the moment. So far she has travelled about 1,000 miles. By the end of the trip, \_\_\_\_\_ more than 3,000 miles. (she / travel)
- 9 If you need to contact me, \_\_\_\_\_ at the Lion Hotel until Friday.  
(I / stay)
- 10 A: \_\_\_\_\_ Laura tomorrow? (you / see)  
B: Yes, probably. Why?  
A: I borrowed this DVD from her. Can you give it back to her?



## When I do / When I've done When and if

A

Study this example:



'I'll phone you when I get home' is a sentence with two parts:

the **main part**: I'll phone you  
and the **when-part**: when I get home

The time in the sentence is future (tomorrow), but we use a *present* tense (I **get**) in the **when-part** of the sentence.

We do *not* use **will** in the **when-part** of the sentence.

Some more examples:

- ☐ We'll go out **when** it **stops** raining. (*not* when it will stop)
- ☐ **When** you **are** in London again, come and see us. (*not* When you will be)
- ☐ (*said to a child*) What do you want to be **when** you **grow** up? (*not* will grow)

The same thing happens after **while** / **before** / **after** / **as soon as** / **until** or **till**:

- ☐ What are you going to do **while** I'm away? (*not* while I will be)
- ☐ I'll probably go back home on Sunday. **Before** I go, I'd like to visit the museum.
- ☐ Wait here **until** (or **till**) I come back.

B

You can also use the present perfect (**have done**) after **when** / **after** / **until** / **as soon as**:

- ☐ Can I borrow that book **when** you've **finished** with it?
- ☐ Don't say anything while Ian is here. Wait **until** he **has gone**.

If you use the present perfect, one thing must be complete *before* the other (so the two things do *not* happen together):

- ☐ **When** I've **phoned** Kate, we can have dinner.  
(= First I'll phone Kate and *after that* we can have dinner.)

Do not use the present perfect if the two things happen together:

- ☐ **When** I **phone** Kate, I'll ask her about the party. (*not* When I've phoned)

It is often possible to use either the present simple or the present perfect:

- ☐ I'll come **as soon as** I **finish**.      or      I'll come **as soon as** I've **finished**.
- ☐ You'll feel better **after** you **have** something to eat.      or      You'll feel better **after** you've **had** something to eat.

C

After **if**, we normally use the present simple (**if I do** / **if I see** etc.) for the future:

- ☐ It's raining hard. We'll get wet **if** we **go** out. (*not* if we will go)
- ☐ I'll be angry **if** it **happens** again. (*not* if it will happen)
- ☐ Hurry up! **If** we **don't hurry**, we'll be late.

D

## When and if

We use **when** for things which are *sure* to happen:

- ☐ I'm going out later. (for sure) **When** I go out, I'll get some bread.

We use **if** (*not* when) for things that will *possibly* happen:

- ☐ I might go out later. (it's possible) **If** I go out, I'll get some bread.
- ☐ **If** it is raining this evening, I won't go out. (*not* When it is raining)
- ☐ Don't worry **if** I'm late tonight. (*not* when I'm late)
- ☐ **If** they don't come soon, I'm not going to wait. (*not* When they don't come)



## Exercises

**25.1** Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets. All the sentences are about the future. Use **will/won't** or the present simple (**I see / he plays / it is** etc.).

- When you are (you / be) in London again, come and see us.
- I want to see Sophie before ..... (she / go) out.
- Call me when ..... (you / know) what time you're going to get here.
- I'm going out now. .... (you / be) here when  
..... (I / get) back?
- I think everything will be fine, but if ..... (there / be) any problems,  
..... (I / call) you, OK?
- We must do something soon before ..... (it / be) too late.
- Anna looks very different now. When ..... (you / see) her again,  
..... (you / not / recognise) her.
- Steve has applied for the job, but he isn't really qualified for it. .... (I / be)  
surprised if ..... (he / get) it.
- I'm going to be away for a few days. If ..... (you / need) to  
contact me while ..... (I / be) away, here's my mobile number.
- I don't want to go without you. .... (I / wait) for you until  
..... (you / be) ready.

**25.2** Make one sentence from two.

- It will stop raining soon. Then we'll go out.  
We'll go out ..... when it stops raining.
- I'll find somewhere to live. Then I'll give you my address.  
I ..... when .....
- I'll do the shopping. Then I'll come straight back home.  
..... after .....
- It's going to get dark. Let's go home before that.  
..... before .....
- She must apologise to me first. I won't speak to her until then.  
..... until .....

**25.3** Read the situations and complete the sentences.

- A friend of yours is going on holiday. You want to know what she is going to do.  
You ask: What are you going to do when you are on holiday ..... ?
- A friend is visiting you. She has to go soon, but you'd like to show her some pictures.  
You ask: Do you have time to look at some pictures before ..... ?
- You want to sell your car. Mark is interested in buying it, but he hasn't decided yet.  
You ask: Can you let me know as soon as ..... ?
- Your friends are going to Hong Kong soon. You want to know where they're going to stay.  
You ask: Where are you going to stay when ..... ?
- The traffic is very bad in your town, but they are going to build a new road.  
You say: I think things will be better when they .....

**25.4** Put in **when** or **if**.

- Don't worry if I'm late tonight.
- Be careful. You'll hurt yourself ..... you fall.
- I'm going to Rome next week. .... I'm there, I hope to visit a friend of mine.
- I'm going shopping. .... you want anything, I can get it for you.
- ..... I don't see you tomorrow, when will I see you again?
- I'm going away for a few days. I'll call you ..... I get back.
- I hope Sarah can come to the party. It will be a shame ..... she can't come.
- We can eat at home or, ..... you prefer, we can go to a restaurant.



## Can, could and (be) able to

**A** We use **can** to say that something is possible or allowed, or that somebody has the ability to do something. We use **can + infinitive (can do / can see etc.)**:

- ☐ We **can see** the lake from our hotel.
- ☐ 'I don't have a pen.' 'You **can use** mine.'
- ☐ **Can** you **speak** any foreign languages?
- ☐ I **can come** and see you tomorrow if you like.
- ☐ The word 'dream' **can be** a noun or a verb.

The negative is **can't (= cannot)**:

- ☐ I'm afraid I **can't come** to the party on Friday.

**B** You can say that somebody **is able to** do something, but **can** is more usual:

- ☐ We **are able to see** the lake from our hotel.

But **can** has only two forms: **can (present)** and **could (past)**. So sometimes it is necessary to use **(be) able to**. Compare:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I <b>can't</b> sleep.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> I <b>haven't been able to</b> sleep recently.                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tom <b>can</b> come tomorrow.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Tom <b>might be able to</b> come tomorrow.                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maria <b>can</b> speak French, Spanish and English. | <input type="checkbox"/> Applicants for the job <b>must be able to</b> speak two foreign languages. |

**C** Could

Sometimes **could** is the past of **can**. We use **could** especially with:

**see hear smell taste feel remember understand**

- ☐ We had a lovely room in the hotel. We **could see** the lake.
- ☐ As soon as I walked into the room, I **could smell** gas.
- ☐ I was sitting at the back of the theatre and **couldn't hear** very well.

We also use **could** to say that somebody had the general ability or permission to do something:

- ☐ My grandfather **could speak** five languages.
- ☐ We were totally free. We **could do** what we wanted. (= we were allowed to do)

**D** Could and was able to

We use **could** for *general* ability. But if you want to say that somebody did something in a specific situation, use **was/were able to** or **managed to (not could)**:

- ☐ The fire spread through the building very quickly, but fortunately everybody **was able to escape / managed to escape**. (*not could escape*)
- ☐ We didn't know where David was, but we **managed to find / were able to find** him in the end. (*not could find*)

Compare:

- ☐ Jack was an excellent tennis player when he was younger. He **could beat** anybody. (= he had the *general* ability to beat anybody)

*but* Jack and Andy played a match yesterday. Andy played well, but Jack **managed to beat** him. (= he managed to beat him this time)

The negative **couldn't (could not)** is possible in all situations:

- ☐ My grandfather **couldn't swim**.
- ☐ We looked for David everywhere, but we **couldn't find** him.
- ☐ Andy played well, but he **couldn't beat** Jack.



**26.1** Complete the sentences using **can** or **(be) able to**. Use **can** if possible; otherwise use **(be) able to**.

- Gary has travelled a lot. He can speak five languages.
- I haven't been able to sleep very well recently.
- Nicole ..... drive, but she doesn't have a car.
- I used to ..... stand on my head, but I can't do it any more.
- I can't understand Mark. I've never ..... understand him.
- I can't see you on Friday, but I ..... meet you on Saturday morning.
- Ask Katherine about your problem. She might ..... help you.

**26.2** Write sentences about yourself using the ideas in brackets.

- (something you used to be able to do)  
I used to be able to sing well.
- (something you used to be able to do)  
I used .....
- (something you would like to be able to do)  
I'd .....
- (something you have never been able to do)  
I've .....

**26.3** Complete the sentences with **can/can't/could/couldn't** + the following:

~~come~~ eat hear run sleep wait

- I'm afraid I can't come to your party next week.
- When Dan was 16, he ..... 100 metres in 11 seconds.
- 'Are you in a hurry?' 'No, I've got plenty of time. I .....'
- I was feeling sick yesterday. I ..... anything.
- Can you speak a little louder? I ..... you very well.
- 'You look tired.' 'Yes, I ..... last night.'

**26.4** Complete the answers to the questions with **was/were able to** ...

- A: Did everybody escape from the fire?  
B: Yes, although the fire spread quickly, everybody was able to escape.
- A: Did you finish your work this afternoon?  
B: Yes, there was nobody to disturb me, so I .....
- A: Did you have problems finding our house?  
B: Not really. Your directions were good and we .....
- A: Did the thief get away?  
B: Yes. No-one realised what was happening and the thief .....

**26.5** Complete the sentences using **could**, **couldn't** or **managed to**.

- My grandfather travelled a lot. He could speak five languages.
- I looked everywhere for the book, but I couldn't find it.
- They didn't want to come with us at first, but we managed to persuade them.
- Laura had hurt her leg and ..... walk very well.
- I ran my first marathon recently. It was very hard, but I ..... finish.
- I looked very carefully and I ..... see somebody in the distance.
- I wanted to buy some tomatoes. The first shop I went to didn't have any, but I ..... get some in the next shop.
- My grandmother loved music. She ..... play the piano very well.
- A girl fell into the river, but fortunately we ..... pull her out.
- I had forgotten to bring my camera, so I ..... take any pictures.



# Could (do) and could have (done)

A

We use **could** in a number of ways. Sometimes **could** is the past of **can** (see Unit 26):

- ☐ Listen. I **can** hear something. (*now*)
- ☐ I listened. I **could** hear something. (*past*)

But **could** is not only used in this way. We also use **could** to talk about possible actions now or in the future (especially to make suggestions). For example:

- ☐ A: What shall we do tonight?  
B: We **could** go to the cinema.
- ☐ A: When you go to Paris next month, you **could** stay with Sarah.  
B: Yes, I suppose I **could**.

What shall we do tonight?

We **could** go to the cinema.



**Can** is also possible in these sentences ('We **can** go to the cinema.' etc.). **Could** is less sure than **can**.

B

We also use **could** (*not can*) for actions that are not realistic. For example:

- ☐ I'm so tired, I **could** sleep for a week. (*not I can sleep for a week*)

Compare **can** and **could**:

- ☐ I **can** stay with Sarah when I go to Paris. (*realistic*)
- ☐ Maybe I **could** stay with Sarah when I go to Paris. (*possible, but less sure*)
- ☐ This is a wonderful place. I **could** stay here for ever. (*unrealistic*)

C

We also use **could** (*not can*) to say that something (a situation or a happening) is possible now or in the future. The meaning is similar to **might** or **may** (see Unit 29):

- ☐ The story **could** be true, but I don't think it is. (*not can be true*)
- ☐ I don't know what time Lisa is coming. She **could** get here at any time.

Compare **can** and **could**:

- ☐ The weather **can** change very quickly in the mountains. (*in general*)
- ☐ The weather is nice now, but it **could** change. (*the weather now, not in general*)

D

We use **could have** (done) to talk about the past. Compare:

- ☐ I'm so tired, I **could** sleep for a week. (*now*)  
I was so tired, I **could have** slept for a week. (*past*)
- ☐ The situation is bad, but it **could** be worse. (*now*)  
The situation was bad, but it **could have been** worse. (*past*)

Something **could have** happened = it was possible but did *not* happen:

- ☐ Why did you stay at a hotel when you were in Paris? You **could have** stayed with Sarah. (*you didn't stay with her*)
- ☐ David was lucky. He **could have** hurt himself when he fell, but he's OK.

E

We use **couldn't** to say that something would not be possible:

- ☐ I **couldn't** live in a big city. I'd hate it. (= it wouldn't be possible for me)
- ☐ Everything is fine right now. Things **couldn't** be better.

For the past we use **couldn't have** (done):

- ☐ We had a really good holiday. It **couldn't have been** better.
- ☐ The trip was cancelled last week. Paul **couldn't have gone** anyway because he was ill. (= it would not have been possible for him to go)



27.1 Answer the questions with a suggestion. Use **could**.

- Where shall we go for our holidays?
- What shall we have for dinner tonight?
- When shall I phone Vicky?
- What shall I give Ann for her birthday?
- Where shall we hang this picture?

(to Scotland) We could go to Scotland.  
 (fish) We .....  
 (now) You .....  
 (a book) .....  
 (in the kitchen) .....

27.2 In some of these sentences, you need **could** (not **can**). Change the sentences where necessary.

- The story can be true, but I don't think it is.
- It's a nice day. We can go for a walk.
- I'm so angry with him. I can kill him!
- If you're hungry, we can have dinner now.
- It's so nice here. I can stay here all day, but unfortunately I have to go.
- A: Where's my bag. Have you seen it?  
B: No, but it can be in the car.
- Peter is a keen musician. He plays the flute and he can also play the piano.
- A: I need to borrow a camera.  
B: You can borrow mine.
- Be careful climbing that tree. You can fall.

could be true  
OK (could go is also possible)

27.3 Complete the sentences. Use **could** or **could have** + a suitable verb.

- A: What shall we do this evening?  
B: I don't mind. We could go to the cinema.
- A: I spent a very boring evening at home yesterday.  
B: Why did you stay at home? You ..... out with us.
- A: Have you seen this job advertised in the paper? You ..... for it.  
B: What sort of job? Show me the advertisement.
- A: How was your exam? Was it difficult?  
B: It wasn't so bad. It ..... worse.
- A: I got very wet walking home in the rain last night.  
B: Why did you walk? You ..... a taxi.
- A: Where shall we meet tomorrow?  
B: Well, I ..... to your house if you like.

27.4 Complete the sentences. Use **couldn't** or **couldn't have** + these verbs (in the correct form):

~~be~~ be come find get ~~live~~ wear

- I couldn't live in a big city. I'd hate it.
- We had a really good holiday. It couldn't have been better.
- I ..... that hat. I'd look silly and people would laugh at me.
- We managed to find the restaurant you recommended, but we ..... it without the map that you drew for us.
- Paul has to get up at 4 o'clock every morning. I don't know how he does it. I ..... up at that time every day.
- The staff at the hotel were really nice when we stayed there last summer. They ..... more helpful.
- A: I tried to phone you last week. We had a party and I wanted to invite you.  
B: That was nice of you, but I ..... anyway. I was away all last week.



## Must and can't

A

Study this example:

My house is very near the motorway.

It **must be** very noisy.You can use **must** to say that you believe something is certain:

- ☐ You've been travelling all day. You **must be** tired. (Travelling is tiring and you've been travelling all day, so you **must be** tired.)
- ☐ 'Joe is a hard worker.' 'Joe? You **must be** joking. He doesn't do anything.'
- ☐ Louise **must get** very bored in her job. She does the same thing every day.
- ☐ I'm sure Sally gave me her address. I **must have** it somewhere.

You can use **can't** to say that you believe something is not possible:

- ☐ You've just had lunch. You **can't be** hungry already. (People are not normally hungry just after eating a meal. You've just eaten, so you **can't be** hungry.)
- ☐ They haven't lived here for very long. They **can't know** many people.

Study the structure:

I/you/he (etc.)	<b>must can't</b>	<b>be</b> (tired / hungry / at work etc.) <b>be (doing / going / joking etc.)</b> <b>do / get / know / have etc.</b>
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B

For the past we use **must have (done)** and **can't have (done)**.

Study this example:

There's nobody at home. They **must have gone** out.

Martin and Lucy are standing at the door of their friends' house.

They have rung the doorbell twice, but nobody has answered. Lucy says:

They **must have gone** out.

- ☐ 'We used to live very near the motorway.' 'Did you? It **must have been** noisy.'
- ☐ 'I've lost one of my gloves.' 'You **must have dropped** it somewhere.'
- ☐ Sarah hasn't contacted me. She **can't have got** my message.
- ☐ Tom walked into a wall. He **can't have been looking** where he was going.

Study the structure:

I/you/he (etc.)	<b>must can't</b>	<b>have</b>	<b>been</b> (asleep / at work etc.) <b>been (doing / looking etc.)</b> <b>gone / got / known etc.</b>
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You can use **couldn't have** instead of **can't have**:

- ☐ Sarah **couldn't have got** my message.
- ☐ Tom **couldn't have been looking** where he was going.



## Exercises

**28.1** Put in **must** or **can't**.

- 1 You've been travelling all day. You must be tired.
- 2 That restaurant ..... be very good. It's always full of people.
- 3 That restaurant ..... be very good. It's always empty.
- 4 I'm sure I gave you the key. You ..... have it. Have you looked in your bag?
- 5 I often see that woman walking along this street. She ..... live near here.
- 6 It rained every day during their holiday, so they ..... have had a very nice time.
- 7 Congratulations on passing your exam. You ..... be very pleased.
- 8 You got here very quickly. You ..... have walked very fast.
- 9 Bill and Sue always stay at luxury hotels, so they ..... be short of money.

**28.2** Complete each sentence with a verb (one or two words).

- 1 I've lost one of my gloves. I must have dropped it somewhere.
- 2 Their house is very near the motorway. It must be very noisy.
- 3 Sarah knows a lot about films. She must ..... to the cinema a lot.
- 4 I left my bike outside the house last night and now it's gone. Somebody must ..... it.
- 5 'How old is Ted?' 'He's older than me. He must ..... at least 40.'
- 6 I didn't hear the phone ring. I must ..... asleep.
- 7 A: You're going on holiday soon. You must ..... forward to it.  
B: Yes, it will be really good to get away.
- 8 The police have closed the road, so we have to go a different way. There must ..... an accident.
- 9 I'm sure you know this song. You must ..... it before.
- 10 There is a man walking behind us. He has been walking behind us for the last 20 minutes. He must ..... us.

**28.3** Read the situations and use the words in brackets to write sentences with **must have** and **can't have**.

- 1 We went to their house and rang the doorbell, but nobody answered. (they / go out)  
They must have gone out.
- 2 Sarah hasn't contacted me. (she / get / my message)  
She can't have got my message.
- 3 The jacket you bought is very good quality. (it / very expensive)  
.....
- 4 I haven't seen our neighbours for ages. (they / go away)  
.....
- 5 I can't find my umbrella. (I / leave / it in the restaurant last night)  
.....
- 6 Amy was in a very difficult situation when she lost her job. (it / easy for her)  
.....
- 7 There was a man standing outside the cafe. (he / wait / for somebody)  
.....
- 8 Rachel did the opposite of what I asked her to do. (she / understand / what I said)  
.....
- 9 When I got back to my car, the door was unlocked. (I / forget / to lock it)  
.....
- 10 I was woken up in the night by the noise next door. (my neighbours / have / a party)  
.....
- 11 The light was red, but the car didn't stop. (the driver / see / the red light)  
.....



## May and might 1

A

Study this example situation:

You are looking for Ben. Nobody is sure where he is, but you get some suggestions.

Where's Ben?



He **may** be in his office.

(= perhaps he is in his office)

He **might** be having lunch.

(= perhaps he is having lunch)

Ask Ann. She **might** know.

(= perhaps she knows)

We use **may** or **might** to say that something is possible. Usually you can use **may** or **might**, so you can say:

- ☐ It **may** be true. or It **might** be true. (= perhaps it is true)
- ☐ She **might** know. or She **may** know.

The negative forms are **may not** and **might not** (or **mightn't**):

- ☐ It **may not** be true. (= perhaps it isn't true)
- ☐ She **might not** work here any more. (= perhaps she doesn't work here)

Study the structure:

I/you/he (etc.)	<b>may</b> <b>might</b>	(not)	<b>be</b> (true / in his office etc.) <b>be (doing / working / having</b> etc.) <b>know / work / want</b> etc.
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B

For the past we use **may have (done)** or **might have (done)**:

- ☐ A: I wonder why Kate didn't answer her phone.  
B: She **may have been** asleep. (= perhaps she was asleep)
- ☐ A: I can't find my phone anywhere.  
B: You **might have left** it at work. (= perhaps you left it at work)
- ☐ A: Why wasn't Amy at the meeting yesterday?  
B: She **might not have known** about it. (= perhaps she didn't know)
- ☐ A: I wonder why David was in such a bad mood yesterday.  
B: He **may not have been feeling** well. (= perhaps he wasn't feeling well)

Study the structure:

I/you/he (etc.)	<b>may</b> <b>might</b>	(not) have	<b>been</b> (asleep / at home etc.) <b>been (doing / working / feeling</b> etc.) <b>known / had / wanted / left</b> etc.
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C

**Could** is similar to **may** and **might**:

- ☐ It's a strange story, but it **could be** true. (= it is possible that it's true)
- ☐ You **could have left** your phone at work. (= it's possible that you left it there)

But **couldn't** (negative) is different from **may not** and **might not**. Compare:

- ☐ Sarah **couldn't have** got my message. Otherwise she would have replied.  
(= it is not possible that she got my message)
- ☐ I wonder why Sarah hasn't replied to my message. I suppose she **might not have** got it.  
(= it's possible that she didn't get it – so perhaps she did, perhaps she didn't)



**29.1** Write these sentences in a different way using **might**.

- Perhaps Helen is in her office.
- Perhaps Helen is busy.
- Perhaps she is working.
- Perhaps she wants to be alone.
- Perhaps she was ill yesterday.
- Perhaps she went home early.
- Perhaps she had to go home early.
- Perhaps she was working yesterday.

She might be in her office.In sentences 9–11 use **might not**.

- Perhaps she doesn't want to see me.
- Perhaps she isn't working today.
- Perhaps she wasn't feeling well yesterday.

**29.2** Complete each sentence with a verb in the correct form.

- 'Where's Ben?' 'I'm not sure. He might be having lunch.'
- 'Who is that man with Anna?' 'I'm not sure. It might ..... her brother.'
- A: Who was the man we saw with Anna yesterday?  
B: I'm not sure. It may ..... her brother.
- A: What are those people doing by the side of the road?  
B: I don't know. I suppose they might ..... for a bus.
- 'Is Sarah here?' 'I can't see her. She may not ..... yet.'

**29.3** Read the situation and make sentences from the words in brackets. Use **might**.

- I can't find Jeff anywhere. I wonder where he is.  
a (he / go / shopping) He might have gone shopping.  
b (he / play / tennis) He might be playing tennis.
- I'm looking for Sophie. Do you know where she is?  
a (she / watch / TV) .....  
b (she / go / out) .....
- I can't find my umbrella. Have you seen it?  
a (it / be / in the car) .....  
b (you / leave / in the restaurant) .....
- Why didn't Dan answer the doorbell? I'm sure he was at home at the time.  
a (he / go / to bed early) .....  
b (he / not / hear / the doorbell) .....  
c (he / be / in the shower) .....

**29.4** Complete the sentences using **might not have ...** or **couldn't have ...**.

- A: Do you think Sarah got the message I sent her?  
B: No, she would have replied. She couldn't have got it.
- A: I was surprised Amy wasn't at the meeting. Perhaps she didn't know about it.  
B: That's possible. She might not have known about it.
- A: I wonder why they haven't replied to the email I sent. Do you think they received it?  
B: Maybe not. They .....
- A: I wonder how the fire started. Was it an accident?  
B: No, the police say it .....
- A: Mike says he needs to see you. He tried to find you yesterday.  
B: Well, he ..... very hard. I was in my office all day.
- A: The man you spoke to – are you sure he was American?  
B: No, I'm not sure. He .....



## May and might 2

A

We use **may** and **might** to talk about possible actions or happenings in the future:

- ☐ I haven't decided yet where to go on holiday. I **may go** to Ireland. (= perhaps I will go there)
- ☐ Take an umbrella with you. It **might rain** later. (= perhaps it will rain)
- ☐ The bus isn't always on time. We **might have** to wait a few minutes. (= perhaps we will have to wait)

The negative forms are **may not** and **might not (mightn't)**:

- ☐ Amy **may not go** out tonight. She isn't feeling well. (= perhaps she will not go out)
- ☐ There **might not be** enough time to discuss everything at the meeting. (= perhaps there will not be enough time)

Compare **will** and **may/might**:

- ☐ I'll **be** late this evening. (for sure)
- ☐ I **may/might be** late this evening. (possible)

B

Usually you can use **may** or **might**. So you can say:

- ☐ I **may go** to Ireland. or I **might go** to Ireland.
- ☐ Jane **might be** able to help you. or Jane **may be** able to help you.

But we use only **might (not may)** when the situation is *not real*:

- ☐ If they paid me better, I **might** work harder. (*not* I may work)

The situation here is not real because they do *not* pay me well, so I'm not going to work harder.

C

There is a continuous form: **may/might be -ing**. Compare this with **will be -ing**:

- ☐ Don't phone at 8.30. I'll **be watching** the football on television.
- ☐ Don't phone at 8.30. I **might be watching** (or I **may be watching**) the football on TV. (= perhaps I'll be watching it)

We also use **may/might be -ing** for possible plans. Compare:

- ☐ I'm **going** to Ireland in July. (for sure)
- ☐ I **might be going** (or I **may be going**) to Ireland soon. (possible)

But you can also say 'I **might go** / I **may go** ...' with little difference in meaning.

D

## Might as well

Helen and Clare have just missed the bus. The buses run every hour.

What shall we do? Shall we walk?

We **might as well**. It's a nice day and I don't want to wait here for an hour.

We **might as well** do something = We should do it because there is no better alternative. There is no reason not to do it.

**May as well** is also possible.



- ☐ A: What time are you going out?
- ☐ B: Well, I'm ready, so I **might as well go** now.
- ☐ Buses are so expensive these days, you **might as well get** a taxi. (= taxis are as good, no more expensive)



## Exercises

30.1 Write sentences with **might**.

- Where are you going for your holidays? (to Ireland???)  
I haven't decided yet. I might go to Ireland.
- What sort of car are you going to buy? (a Honda???)  
I'm not sure yet. I .....
- When is Tom coming to see us? (on Saturday???)  
He hasn't said yet. ....
- Where are you going to hang that picture? (in the dining room???)  
I haven't made up my mind yet. ....
- What is Tanya going to do when she leaves school? (go to university???)  
She's still thinking about it. ....

30.2 Complete the sentences using **might** + the following:bite break need ~~rain~~ slip wake

- Take an umbrella with you when you go out. It might rain later.
- Don't make too much noise. You ..... the baby.
- Be careful of that dog. It ..... you.
- Don't throw that letter away. We ..... it later.
- Be careful. The footpath is very icy. You .....
- Don't let the children play in this room. They ..... something.

30.3 Complete the sentences. Use **might be able to** or **might have to** + one of the following:fix ~~help~~ leave meet sell work

- Tell me about your problem. I might be able to help you.
- I'm not free this evening, but I ..... you tomorrow.
- I don't know if I'll be free on Sunday. I .....
- I can come to the meeting, but I ..... before the end.
- I'm short of money. I want to keep my car, but I ..... it.
- A: There's something wrong with my bike.  
B: Let me have a look. I ..... it.

30.4 Write sentences with **might not**.

- I'm not sure that Liz will come to the party.  
Liz might not come to the party.
- I'm not sure that I'll go out this evening.  
I .....
- I'm not sure that we'll be able to get tickets for the game.  
We .....
- I'm not sure that Sam will be able to go out with us tonight.  
.....

30.5 Read the situations and make sentences with **might as well**.

- You and a friend have just missed the bus. The buses run every hour.  
You say: We'll have to wait an hour for the next bus. We might as well walk.
- You've been invited to a party. You're not very excited about it, but you decide to go.  
You say: I'm not doing anything else, so I ..... to the party.
- You've just painted your kitchen. You still have a lot of paint, so why not paint the bathroom too?  
You say: We ..... There's plenty of paint left.
- You and a friend are at home. You're bored. There's a film on TV starting in a few minutes.  
You say: ..... There's nothing else to do.



## Have to and must

A

I **have to** do something = it is necessary to do it, I am obliged to do it:

- ☐ You can't turn right here. You **have to turn** left.
- ☐ I **have to wear** glasses for reading.
- ☐ Robert can't come out with us this evening. He **has to work** late.
- ☐ Last week Tina broke her arm and **had to go** to hospital.
- ☐ I haven't **had to go** to the doctor for ages.

You **have to** turn left here.



We use **do/does/did** in questions and negative sentences (for the present and past simple):

- ☐ What **do** I **have to do** to get a new driving licence? (*not* What have I to do?)
- ☐ Karen **doesn't have to work** Saturdays. (*not* Karen hasn't to)
- ☐ Why **did** you **have to leave** early?

You can say I'll **have to** ..., I'm **going to have to** ... and I **might** / I **may have to** ... :

- ☐ They can't fix my computer, so I'll **have to buy** a new one. *or* I'm **going to have to buy** a new one.
- ☐ Tom **might have to work** late tomorrow. *or* Tom **may have to work** ... (= it's possible that he will have to)

B

**Must** is similar to **have to**:

- ☐ It's later than I thought. I **must go**. *or* I **have to go**.

You can use **must** or **have to** to give your own opinion (for example, to say what *you* think is necessary, or to recommend someone to do something):

- ☐ I haven't spoken to Sue for ages. I **must phone** her. / I **have to phone** her. (= I say this is necessary)
- ☐ Mark is a really nice person. You **must meet** him. / You **have to meet** him. (I recommend this)

We use **have to** (*not usually must*) to say what someone is *obliged* to do. The speaker is not giving his/her own opinion:

- ☐ I **have to work** from 8.30 to 5.30 every day. (a fact, not an opinion)
- ☐ Jane **has to travel** a lot for her work.

But **must** is used in written rules and instructions:

- ☐ Applications for the job **must be received** by 18 May.
- ☐ (*exam instruction*) Answer all the questions. You **must write** your answers in ink.

You cannot use **must** to talk about the past:

- ☐ We didn't have much time. We **had** to hurry. (*not* we must hurry)

C

**Mustn't** and **don't have to** are completely different:

You **mustn't** do something = it is necessary that you do *not* do it (so don't do it):

- ☐ You **must keep** this a secret. You **mustn't tell** anyone. (= don't tell anyone)
- ☐ I promised I would be on time. I **mustn't be** late. (= I must be on time)

You **don't have to** do something = you don't need to do it (but you can if you want):

- ☐ You **don't have to tell** Tom what happened. I can tell him myself.
- ☐ I **don't have to be** at the meeting, but I think I'll go anyway.

D

You can use **have got to** instead of **have to**. So you can say:

- ☐ I've **got to** work tomorrow. *or* I **have to** work tomorrow.
- ☐ When **has** Helen **got to** go? *or* When **does** Helen **have to** go?



## Exercises

31.1 Complete the sentences using **have to** / **has to** / **had to**.

- 1 Bill starts work at 5 a.m. He has to get up at four. (he / get up)
- 2 'I broke my arm last week.' ' Did you have to go to hospital?' (you / go)
- 3 There was a lot of noise from the street. \_\_\_\_\_ the window. (we / close)
- 4 Karen can't stay for the whole meeting. \_\_\_\_\_ early. (she / leave)
- 5 How old \_\_\_\_\_ to drive in your country? (you / be)
- 6 I don't have much time. \_\_\_\_\_ soon. (I / go)
- 7 How is Paul enjoying his new job? \_\_\_\_\_ a lot? (he / travel)
- 8 'I'm afraid I can't stay long.' 'What time \_\_\_\_\_?' (you / go)
- 9 'The bus was late again.' 'How long \_\_\_\_\_?' (you / wait)
- 10 There was nobody to help me. I \_\_\_\_\_ everything by myself. (I / do)

31.2 Complete the sentences using **have to** + the verbs in the list. Some sentences are positive (**I have to ...** etc.) and some are negative (**I don't have to ...** etc.):ask do drive ~~get-up~~ go make make pay ~~show~~

- 1 I'm not working tomorrow, so I don't have to get up early.
- 2 Steve didn't know how to turn off the computer, so I had to show him.
- 3 Excuse me a moment – I \_\_\_\_\_ a phone call. I won't be long.
- 4 I'm not too busy. I have a few things to do, but I \_\_\_\_\_ them now.
- 5 I couldn't find the street I wanted. I \_\_\_\_\_ somebody for directions.
- 6 The car park is free. You \_\_\_\_\_ to park your car there.
- 7 A man was injured in the accident, but he \_\_\_\_\_ to hospital because it wasn't serious.
- 8 Jane has a senior position in the company. She \_\_\_\_\_ important decisions.
- 9 When Patrick starts his new job next month, he \_\_\_\_\_ 50 miles to work every day.

31.3 In some of these sentences, **must** is wrong or unnatural. Correct the sentences where necessary.

- 1 It's later than I thought. I must go. OK (have to is also correct)
- 2 I must work every day from 8.30 to 5.30. I have to work
- 3 You must come and see us again soon. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Tom can't meet us tomorrow. He must work. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I must work late yesterday evening. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 I must get up early tomorrow. I have a lot to do. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Julia wears glasses. She must wear glasses since she was very young. \_\_\_\_\_

31.4 Complete the sentences with **mustn't** or **don't/doesn't have to**.

- 1 I don't want anyone to know about our plan. You mustn't tell anyone.
- 2 Richard doesn't have to wear a suit to work, but he usually does.
- 3 I can sleep late tomorrow morning because I \_\_\_\_\_ go to work.
- 4 Whatever you do, you \_\_\_\_\_ touch that switch. It's very dangerous.
- 5 There's a lift in the building, so we \_\_\_\_\_ climb the stairs.
- 6 You \_\_\_\_\_ forget what I told you. It's very important.
- 7 Silvia \_\_\_\_\_ get up early, but she usually does.
- 8 Don't make so much noise. We \_\_\_\_\_ wake the children.
- 9 I \_\_\_\_\_ eat too much. I'm supposed to be on a diet.
- 10 You \_\_\_\_\_ be a good player to enjoy a game of tennis.



## Must mustn't needn't

## A Must and mustn't

You **must** do something = it is necessary that you do it:

- ☐ Don't tell anybody what I said. You **must** keep it a secret.
- ☐ We haven't got much time. We **must** hurry.

You **mustn't** do something = it is necessary that you do *not* do it (so don't do it):

- ☐ You **must** keep it a secret. You **mustn't** tell anyone. (= don't tell anyone)
- ☐ We **must** be very quiet. We **mustn't** make any noise.

## B Needn't and don't need to

You **needn't** do something = it's not necessary to do it (but you can if you like):

- ☐ We've got plenty of time. We **needn't** hurry. (= it is not necessary to hurry)
- ☐ Joe can stay here. He **needn't** come with us. (= it is not necessary for him to come)

You can also use **don't/doesn't need to**:

- ☐ We **don't need to** hurry.

Remember that we say **don't need to do / doesn't need to do**, but **needn't do** (without to).

## C Needn't have (done)

Study this example situation:



Paul and Sue decided to go to a restaurant. They reserved a table.

later



But the restaurant was almost empty. So they **needn't have reserved** a table.

They **needn't have reserved** a table. = They reserved a table, but this was not necessary.

Compare **needn't** (do) and **needn't have** (done):

- ☐ Everything will be OK. You **needn't** worry. (it is not necessary)
- ☐ Everything was OK. You **needn't have** worried. (you worried, but it was not necessary)

## D Needn't have (done) and didn't need to (do)

He **needn't have done** something = he did it, but now we know that it was not necessary:

- ☐ Why did he get up at 5 o'clock? He **needn't have got** up so early. He could have stayed in bed longer.

He **didn't need to** do something = it was not necessary to do it. It doesn't matter whether he did it or not:

- ☐ He **didn't need to** get up early, so he didn't.
- ☐ He **didn't need to** get up early, but it was a beautiful morning, so he did.

He **didn't have to** ... is also possible in these examples.



## Exercises

## 32.1 Which is correct?

- 1 We haven't got much time. We must / mustn't hurry. (must is correct)
- 2 We've got plenty of time. We mustn't / don't need to hurry.
- 3 I have to talk to Gary. I must / mustn't remember to call him.
- 4 I have to talk to Gary. I mustn't / needn't forget to call him.
- 5 There's plenty of time for you to make up your mind. You mustn't / don't need to decide now.
- 6 We needn't / mustn't wash these tomatoes. They've already been washed.
- 7 This is a valuable book. You must / needn't take good care of it and you mustn't / don't need to lose it.
- 8 A: What sort of house do you want to buy? Something big?  
B: Well, it mustn't / needn't be big – that's not so important. But it must / mustn't have a nice garden – that's essential.

32.2 Complete the sentences. Use **needn't** + one of these verbs:ask   come   explain   ~~leave~~   walk

- 1 We've got plenty of time. We needn't leave yet.
- 2 I can manage the shopping alone. You ..... with me.
- 3 We ..... all the way home. We can get a taxi.
- 4 Just help yourself if you'd like more to eat. You ..... first.
- 5 I understand the situation perfectly. You ..... further.

32.3 Write two sentences for each situation. Use **needn't have** in the first sentence and **could have** in the second (as in the example). For **could have**, see Unit 27.

- 1 Why did you rush? Why didn't you take your time?  
You needn't have rushed. You could have taken your time.
- 2 Why did you walk home? Why didn't you take a taxi?  
.....
- 3 Why did you stay at a hotel? Why didn't you stay with us?  
.....
- 4 Why did she phone me in the middle of the night? Why didn't she wait until the morning?  
.....
- 5 Why did you shout at me? Why weren't you more patient?  
.....
- 6 Why did you leave without saying anything? Why didn't you say goodbye to me?  
.....

## 32.4 Correct the sentences where necessary.

- 1 We have plenty of time. We don't need hurry. We don't need to hurry.
- 2 You must keep it a secret. You mustn't tell anybody else. OK
- 3 I'll be all right. You needn't to worry about me. ....
- 4 You mustn't wait for me. You go on and I'll join you later. ....
- 5 You don't need to keep these emails. You can delete them. ....
- 6 I needn't have gone out, so I stayed at home. ....
- 7 I needn't have bought eggs. We had some already. ....



## Should 1

A

You **should do** something = it is a good thing to do or the right thing to do. You can use **should** to give advice or to give an opinion:

- ☐ You look tired. You **should go** to bed.
- ☐ The government **should do** more to improve education.
- ☐ 'Should we **invite** Stephanie to the party?' 'Yes, I think we **should**.'

We often use **should** with **I think / I don't think / Do you think ... ?**:

- ☐ **I think** the government **should do** more to improve education.
- ☐ **I don't think** you **should work** so hard.
- ☐ 'Do you think I **should apply** for this job?' 'Yes, **I think you should**.'

You **shouldn't** do something = it isn't a good thing to do:

- ☐ You **shouldn't believe** everything you read in the newspapers.

**Should** is not as strong as **must** or **have to**:

- ☐ You **should** apologise. (= it would be a good thing to do)
- ☐ You **must** apologise. / You **have to** apologise. (= you have no alternative)

B

You can use **should** when something is not right or what you expect:

- ☐ Where's Tina? She **should be** here by now.  
(= she isn't here yet, and this is not normal)
- ☐ The price on this packet is wrong. It **should be** £2.50, not £3.50.
- ☐ That man on the motorbike **should be wearing** a helmet.

We also use **should** to say that we expect something to happen:

- ☐ Helen has been studying hard for the exam, so she **should pass**.  
(= I expect her to pass)
- ☐ There are plenty of hotels in the town. It **shouldn't be** hard to find a place to stay.  
(= I don't expect it to be hard)



He **should be wearing** a helmet.

C

You **should have done** something = you didn't do it, but it would have been the right thing to do:

- ☐ You missed a great party last night. You **should have come**. Why didn't you?  
(= you didn't come, but it would have been good to come)
- ☐ I wonder why they're so late. They **should have got** here long ago.

You **shouldn't have done** something = you did it, but it was the wrong thing to do:

- ☐ I'm feeling sick. I **shouldn't have eaten** so much. (= I ate too much)
- ☐ She **shouldn't have been listening** to our conversation. It was private.  
(= she was listening)

Compare **should** (do) and **should have** (done):

- ☐ You look tired. You **should go** to bed now.
- ☐ You went to bed very late last night. You **should have gone** to bed earlier.

D

**Ought to ...**

You can use **ought to** instead of **should** in the sentences on this page. We say 'ought to do' (with **to**):

- ☐ Do you think I **ought to apply** for this job? (= Do you think I **should apply** ... ?)
- ☐ Jack **ought not to go** to bed so late. (= Jack **shouldn't go** ...)
- ☐ It was a great party last night. You **ought to have come**.
- ☐ Helen has been studying hard for the exam, so she **ought to pass**.



**33.1** For each situation, write a sentence with **should** or **shouldn't** + one of the following:

~~go away for a few days~~

put some pictures on the walls

go to bed so late

take a photo

look for another job

use her car so much

1 Anna needs a change.

*She should go away for a few days.*

2 Your salary is very low.

You .....

3 Jack always finds it hard to get up.

He .....

4 What a beautiful view!

You .....

5 Sue drives everywhere. She never walks.

She .....

6 Dan's room isn't very interesting.

.....

**33.2** Read the situations and write sentences with **I think / I don't think ... should ...**

1 Joe and Catherine are planning to get married. You think it's a bad idea.

*I don't think they should get married.*

2 Jane has a bad cold, but plans to go out tonight. You don't think this is a good idea. You say to her: .....

3 Peter needs a job. He's just seen an advert for a job which you think would be ideal for him, but he's not sure whether to apply or not. You say to him: .....

4 The government wants to increase taxes, but you don't think this is a good idea. ....

**33.3** Complete the sentences with **should (have) + the verb in brackets**.

1 Helen *should pass* the exam. She's been studying very hard. (pass)

2 You missed a great party last night. *You should have come*. (come)

3 We don't see you enough. You ..... and see us more often. (come)

4 I'm in a difficult position. What do you think I ..... now? (do)

5 I'm sorry that I didn't take your advice. I ..... what you said. (do)

6 We lost the game yesterday, but we ..... We were the better team. (win)

7 Tanya has a tennis match against Jane tomorrow. Jane ..... – she's much better than Tanya. (win)

8 'Is Joe here yet?' 'Not yet, but he ..... here soon.' (be)

9 We went the wrong way and got lost. We ..... right, not left. (turn)

**33.4** Read the situations and write sentences with **should/shouldn't**. Some of the sentences are past and some are present.

1 I'm feeling sick. I ate too much. *I shouldn't have eaten so much.*

2 That man on the motorbike isn't wearing a helmet. That's dangerous.

He *should be wearing a helmet.*

3 When we got to the restaurant, there were no free tables. We hadn't reserved one.

We .....

4 The notice says that the shop is open every day from 8.30. It is 9 o'clock now, but the shop isn't open yet. ....

5 The speed limit is 30 miles an hour, but Kate is doing 50.

She .....

6 Laura told me her address, but I didn't write it down. Now I can't remember the house number.

I .....

7 I was driving behind another car. Suddenly, the driver in front stopped without warning and I drove into the back of his car. It wasn't my fault.

The driver in front .....

8 I walked into a wall. I was looking behind me. I wasn't looking where I was going. ....



## Should 2

**A** You can use **should** after:

**insist   recommend   suggest   demand   propose**

- ☐ I **insisted** that he **should apologise**.
- ☐ Doctors **recommend** that everyone **should eat** plenty of fruit.
- ☐ What do you **suggest** we **should do**?
- ☐ Many people are **demanding** that something **should be done** about the problem.

also

**It's important/vital/necessary/essential** that ... **should** ... :

- ☐ **It's essential** that everyone **should be** here on time.

**B** You can also leave out **should** in the sentences in section A. So you can say:

- ☐ **It's essential** that everyone **be** here on time. (= ... that everyone **should be** here)
- ☐ I **insisted** that he **apologise**. (= ... that he **should apologise**)
- ☐ What do you **suggest** we **do**?
- ☐ Many people are **demanding** that something **be done** about the problem.

This form (**be/do/apologise** etc.) is called the *subjunctive*. It is the same as the *infinitive* (without **to**).

You can also use normal present and past tenses:

- ☐ **It's essential** that everyone **is** here on time.
- ☐ I **insisted** that he **apologised**.

**C** After **suggest**, you cannot use **to** ... ('to do / to buy' etc.). You can say:

- ☐ What do you **suggest we should do**?
- or What do you **suggest we do**? (*but not* What do you suggest us to do?)
- ☐ Jane won the lottery.
- I **suggested** that she **should buy** a car with the money she'd won.
- or I **suggested** that she **buy** a car.
- or I **suggested** that she **bought** a car. (*but not* I suggested her to buy)

You can also use **-ing** after **suggest** (What do you **suggest doing**?). See Unit 53.

**D** You can use **should** after a number of adjectives, especially:

**strange   odd   funny   typical   natural   interesting   surprised   surprising**

- ☐ It's **strange** that he **should be** late. He's usually on time.
- ☐ I was **surprised** that he **should say** such a thing.

**E** You can say '**If** something **should** happen ...'. For example:

- ☐ We have no jobs at present, but **if** the situation **should change**, we will contact you.

You can also begin with **should** (**Should** something happen ...):

- ☐ **Should** the situation **change**, we will contact you.

This means the same as '**If** the situation **changes**, ...'. With **should**, the speaker feels that the possibility is smaller.

**F** You can use **I should** ... / **I shouldn't** ... to give somebody advice. For example:

- ☐ 'Shall I leave now?' 'No, **I should wait** a bit.'

Here, **I should wait** = I would wait if I were you, I advise you to wait.

More examples:

- ☐ 'I'm going out now. Is it cold out?' 'Yes, **I should wear** a coat.'
- ☐ **I shouldn't stay** up too late. You have to be up early tomorrow.



## Exercises

**34.1** Write a sentence (beginning in the way shown) that means the same as the first sentence.

- 1 'I think it would be a good idea to see a specialist,' the doctor said to me.

The doctor recommended that I should see a specialist.

- 2 'You really must stay a little longer,' she said to me.

She insisted that I .....

- 3 'Why don't you visit the museum after lunch?' I said to them.

I suggested that .....

- 4 'You must pay the rent by Friday,' the landlord said to us.

The landlord demanded that .....

- 5 'Why don't we go away for a few days?' Jack said to me.

Jack suggested that .....

**34.2** Are these sentences right or wrong?

- 1 a Tom suggested that I should look for another job. OK

b Tom suggested that I look for another job. ....

c Tom suggested that I looked for another job. ....

d Tom suggested me to look for another job. ....

- 2 a Where do you suggest I go for my holiday? .....

b Where do you suggest me to go for my holiday? .....

c Where do you suggest I should go for my holiday? .....

**34.3** Complete the sentences using **should** + the following:

ask ~~be~~ leave listen say worry

- 1 It's strange that he should be late. He's usually on time.

- 2 It's funny that you ..... that. I was going to say the same thing.

- 3 It's only natural that parents ..... about their children.

- 4 Isn't it typical of Joe that he ..... without saying goodbye to anybody?

- 5 I was surprised that they ..... me for advice. What advice could I give them?

- 6 I'm going to give you all some essential information, so it's important that everybody

..... very carefully.

**34.4** Use the words in brackets to complete these sentences. Use **If ... should ...**

- 1 We have no jobs at present. (the situation / change)

If the situation should change, we will contact you.

- 2 I've hung the washing out to dry on the balcony. (it / rain)

....., can you bring the washing in, please?

- 3 I think everything will be OK. (there / be / any problems)

....., I'm sure we'll be able to solve them.

- 4 I don't want anyone to know where I'm going. (anyone / ask)

....., just say that you don't know.

Write sentences 3 and 4 again, this time beginning with **Should**.

- 1 (3) Should ....., I'm sure we'll be able to solve them.

- 2 (4) ....., just say that you don't know.

**34.5** (Section F) Complete the sentences using **I should** + the following:

get keep phone ~~wait~~

- 1 'Shall I leave now?' 'No, I should wait a bit.'

- 2 'Shall I throw these things away?' 'No, ..... them. You may need them.'

- 3 'Shall I go and see Paul?' 'Yes, but ..... him first.'

- 4 'Is it worth getting this TV repaired?' 'No, ..... a new one.'



## Had better It's time ...

A

Had better (I'd better / you'd better etc.)

I'd better do something = it is advisable to do it. If I don't do it, there will be a problem or a danger:

- ☐ I have to meet Amy in ten minutes. **I'd better go** now or I'll be late.
- ☐ 'Shall I take an umbrella?' 'Yes, **you'd better**. It might rain.'
- ☐ **We'd better stop** for petrol soon. The tank is almost empty.

The negative is **I'd better not** (= I had better not):

- ☐ 'The jacket looks good on you. Are you going to buy it?' '**I'd better not**. It's too expensive.'
- ☐ You don't look very well. **You'd better not go** out tonight.

Remember that:

The form is '**had better**' (usually 'I'd better / you'd better' etc. in spoken English).

- ☐ I'd better phone Chris, **hadn't** I?

**Had** is normally past, but the meaning of **had better** is present or future, *not* past.

- ☐ I'd better go to the bank **now** / **tomorrow**.

We say 'I'd better **do**' (*not* to do):

- ☐ It might rain. We'd better **take** an umbrella. (*not* We'd better to take)

B

Had better and should

**Had better** is similar to **should**, but not exactly the same. We use **had better** only for a specific situation, not for things in general. You can use **should** in all types of situations to give an opinion or give advice:

- ☐ It's late. **You'd better go**. / You **should go**. (a specific situation)
- ☐ You're always at home. You **should go** out more often. (in general – *not* 'had better go')

Also, with **had better**, there is always a danger or a problem if you don't follow the advice.**Should** means only 'it is a good thing to do'. Compare:

- ☐ It's a great film. You **should go** and see it. (but no problem if you don't)
- ☐ The film starts at 8.30. **You'd better go** now or you'll be late.

C

It's time ...

You can say **It's time** (for somebody) **to** ... :

- ☐ It's time **to go** home. / It's time for us **to go** home.

But you can also say:

- ☐ It's late. It's time **we went** home.

When we use **it's time** + past (we **went** / I **did** / they **were** etc.), the meaning is present, *not* past:

- ☐ **It's time** they **were** here. Why are they so late? (*not* It's time they are here)

**It's time** somebody **did** something = they should have already done it or started it. We often use this structure to criticise or to complain:

- ☐ This situation can't continue. **It's time** you **did** something about it.
- ☐ He's very selfish. **It's time** he **realised** that he isn't the most important person in the world.

You can also say **It's about time** ... . This makes the criticism stronger:

- ☐ Jack is a great talker. But **it's about time** he **did** something instead of just talking.



## Exercises

**35.1** Read the situations and write sentences with **had better** or **had better not**. Use the words in brackets.

- You're going out for a walk with Tom. It looks as if it might rain. You say to Tom:  
(an umbrella) We'd better take an umbrella.
- Oliver has just cut himself. It's a bad cut. You say to him:  
(a plaster) .....
- You and Kate plan to go to a restaurant this evening. It's a popular restaurant. You say to Kate:  
(reserve) We .....
- Rebecca doesn't look very well this morning – not well enough to go to work. You say to her:  
(work) .....
- You received your phone bill four weeks ago, but you haven't paid it yet. If you don't pay soon, you could be in trouble. You say to yourself:  
(pay) .....
- You want to ask your boss something, but he's very busy and you know he doesn't like to be disturbed. You say to a colleague:  
(disturb) I .....

**35.2** Put in **had better** where suitable. If **had better** is not suitable, use **should**.

- I have an appointment in ten minutes. I 'd better go now or I'll be late.
- It's a great film. You should go and see it. You'll really like it.
- You ..... set your alarm. You'll never wake up on time if you don't.
- When people are driving, they ..... keep their eyes on the road.
- I'm glad you came to see us. You ..... come more often.
- She'll be upset if we don't invite her to the party, so we ..... invite her.
- These biscuits are delicious. You ..... try one.
- I think everybody ..... learn a foreign language.

**35.3** Complete the sentences. Sometimes you need only one word, sometimes two.

- I have a toothache. I'd better go to the dentist.
  - John is expecting you to phone him. You ..... better phone him now.
  - 'Shall I leave the window open?' 'No, you'd better ..... it.'
  - We'd better leave as soon as possible, ..... we?
- It's time the government ..... something about the problem.
  - It's time something ..... about the problem.
  - I think it's about time you ..... about other people instead of only thinking about yourself.

**35.4** Read the situations and write sentences with **It's time** (somebody did something).

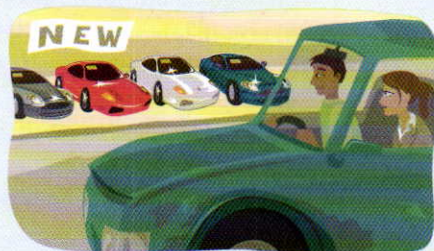
- You think the oil in the car needs to be changed. It hasn't been changed for a long time.  
It's time we changed the oil in the car.
- You haven't had a holiday for a very long time. You need one now.  
It's time I .....
- You're sitting on a train waiting for it to leave the station. It's already five minutes late.  
.....
- You enjoy having parties. You haven't had one for a long time.  
.....
- The company you work for has been badly managed for a long time. You think some changes should be made.  
.....
- Andrew has been doing the same job for the last ten years. He should try something else.  
.....



A

We use **would** ('d) / **wouldn't** when we *imagine* a situation or action (= we think of something that is not real):

- ☐ It **would be** nice to buy a new car, but we can't afford it.
- ☐ I'd **love** to live by the sea.
- ☐ A: Shall I tell Chris what happened?  
B: No, I **wouldn't say** anything.  
(= I wouldn't say anything in your situation)



We use **would have** (done) when we imagine situations or actions in the past (= things that didn't happen):

- ☐ They helped us a lot. I don't know what we'd **have done** (= we **would have done**) without their help.
- ☐ I didn't tell Sam what happened. He **wouldn't have been** pleased.

Compare **would** (do) and **would have** (done):

- ☐ I **would call** Lisa, but I don't have her number. (*now*)  
I **would have called** Lisa, but I didn't have her number. (*past*)
- ☐ I'm not going to invite them to the party. They **wouldn't come** anyway.  
I didn't invite them to the party. They **wouldn't have come** anyway.

We often use **would** in sentences with **if** (see Units 38–40):

- ☐ I **would call** Lisa **if** I had her number.
- ☐ I **would have called** Lisa **if** I'd had her number.

B

Compare **will** ('ll) and **would** ('d):

- ☐ I'll **stay** a little longer. I've got plenty of time.  
I'd **stay** a little longer, but I really have to go now. (so I can't stay longer)
- ☐ I'll **call** Lisa. I have her number.  
I'd **call** Lisa, but I don't have her number. (so I can't call her)

Sometimes **would/wouldn't** is the past of **will/won't**. Compare:

*present*

*past*

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> TOM: I'll <b>call</b> you on Sunday.     | → Tom said he'd <b>call</b> me on Sunday.                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AMY: I promise I <b>won't be</b> late.   | → Amy promised that she <b>wouldn't be</b> late.           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LISA: Damn! The car <b>won't start</b> . | → Lisa was annoyed because her car <b>wouldn't start</b> . |

Somebody **wouldn't do** something = he/she refused to do it:

- ☐ I tried to warn him, but he **wouldn't listen** to me. (= he refused to listen)
- ☐ The car **wouldn't start**. (= it 'refused' to start)

C

You can also use **would** to talk about things that happened regularly in the past:

- ☐ When we were children, we lived by the sea. In summer, if the weather was fine, we **would** all get up early and go for a swim. (= we did this regularly)
- ☐ Whenever Richard was angry, he **would** walk out of the room.

With this meaning, **would** is similar to **used to** (see Unit 18):

- ☐ Whenever Richard was angry, he **used to walk** out of the room.



## Exercises

**36.1** Write sentences about yourself. Imagine things you would like or wouldn't like.

- 1 (a place you'd love to live) I'd love to live by the sea.
- 2 (a job you wouldn't like to do) .....
- 3 (something you would love to do) .....
- 4 (something that would be nice to have) .....
- 5 (a place you'd like to go to) .....

**36.2** Complete the sentences using **would** + the following verbs (in the correct form):

be be ~~do~~ do enjoy enjoy have pass stop

- 1 They helped us a lot. I don't know what we would have done without their help.
- 2 You should go and see the film. You ..... it.
- 3 It's a pity you couldn't come to the party last night. You ..... it.
- 4 Shall I apply for the job or not? What ..... you ..... in my position?
- 5 I was in a hurry when I saw you. Otherwise I ..... to talk.
- 6 We took a taxi home last night, but got stuck in the traffic. It ..... quicker to walk.
- 7 Why don't you go and see Clare? She ..... very pleased to see you.
- 8 Why didn't you do the exam? I'm sure you ..... it.
- 9 In an ideal world, everybody ..... enough to eat.

**36.3** Each sentence on the right follows a sentence on the left. Which follows which?

- 1 ~~I'd like to go to Australia one day.~~
- 2 I wouldn't like to live on a busy road.
- 3 I'm sorry the trip was cancelled.
- 4 I'm looking forward to going out tonight.
- 5 I'm glad we didn't go out in the rain.
- 6 I'm not looking forward to the trip.

- a It wouldn't have been very nice.
- b It would have been fun.
- c ~~It would be nice.~~
- d It won't be much fun.
- e It wouldn't be very nice.
- f It will be fun.

- 1 c
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....

**36.4** Write sentences using **promised** + **would/wouldn't**.

- 1 I wonder why Laura is late. She promised she wouldn't be late.
- 2 I wonder why Steve hasn't called me. He promised .....
- 3 Why did you tell Jane what I said? You .....
- 4 I'm surprised they didn't wait for us. They .....

**36.5** Complete the sentences. Use **wouldn't** + a suitable verb.

- 1 I tried to warn him, but he wouldn't listen to me.
- 2 I asked Amanda what had happened, but she ..... me.
- 3 Paul was very angry about what I'd said and ..... to me for two weeks.
- 4 Martina insisted on carrying all her luggage. She ..... me help her.

**36.6** These sentences are about things that often happened in the past. Complete the sentences using **would** + these verbs:

forget help shake share ~~walk~~

- 1 Whenever Richard was angry, he would walk out of the room.
- 2 We used to live next to a railway line. Every time a train went past, the house .....
- 3 Alan was a very kind man. He ..... always ..... you if you had a problem.
- 4 Katherine was always very generous. She didn't have much, but she ..... what she had with everyone else.
- 5 You could never rely on Joe. It didn't matter how many times you reminded him to do something, he ..... always .....



# Can/Could/Would you ... ? etc. (Requests, offers, permission and invitations)

## A Asking people to do things (requests)

We use **can** or **could** to ask people to do things:

- ☐ **Can you** wait a moment, please?
- or ☐ **Could you** wait a moment, please?
- ☐ Helen, **can you** do me a favour?
- ☐ Excuse me, **could you** tell me how to get to the airport?

Note that we say **Do you think you could** ... ? (not can):

- ☐ **Do you think you could** take me to the station?

We also use **will** and **would** to ask people to do things (but **can/could** are more usual):

- ☐ Helen, **will you** do me a favour?
- ☐ **Would you** please be quiet? I'm trying to concentrate.

Could you open the door, please?



## B Asking for things

To ask for something, we use **Can I have ... ? / Could I have ... ?** or **Can I get ... ?**:

- ☐ (in a shop) **Can I have** these postcards, please? or **Can I get** these postcards, please?
- ☐ (during a meal) **Could I have** the salt, please?

**May I have ... ?** is also possible:

- ☐ **May I have** these postcards, please?

## C Asking to do things

To ask to do something, we use **can**, **could** or **may**:

- ☐ (on the phone) Hello, **can I** speak to Steve, please?
- ☐ **'Could I** use your phone?' 'Sure.'
- ☐ **Do you think I could** borrow your bike?
- ☐ **'May I** come in?' 'Yes, please do.'

**May** is more formal than **can** or **could**.

To ask to do something, you can also say **Do you mind if I ... ?**

or **Is it all right / Is it OK if I ... ?**:

- ☐ **'Do you mind if I** use your phone?' 'Sure. Go ahead.'
- ☐ **'Is it all right if I** come in?' 'Yes, of course.'

Could I use your phone?

Sure.



## D Offering to do things

To offer to do something, we use **Can I ... ?**:

- ☐ **'Can I** get you a cup of coffee?' 'That would be nice.'
- ☐ **'Can I** help you?' 'No, it's all right. I can manage.'

## E Offering and inviting

To offer or to invite, we use **Would you like ... ?** (not Do you like):

- ☐ **'Would you like** a cup of coffee?' 'Yes, please.'
- ☐ **'Would you like** to eat with us tonight?' 'I'd love to.'

**I'd like ...** is a polite way of saying what you want:

- ☐ (at a tourist information office) **I'd like** some information about hotels, please.
- ☐ (in a shop) **I'd like** to try on this jacket, please.



## Exercises

**37.1** Read the situations and write questions beginning **Can ... or Could ...**.

- 1 You're carrying a lot of things. You can't open the door yourself. There's a man standing near the door. You say to him: Could you open the door, please?
- 2 You phone Kate's office, but somebody else answers. Kate isn't there. You want to leave a message for her. You say: .....
- 3 You're a tourist. You want to go to the station, but you don't know how to get there. You ask at your hotel: .....
- 4 You are in a clothes shop. You see some trousers you like and you want to try them on. You say to the shop assistant: .....
- 5 You have a car. You have to go the same way as Steve, who is on foot. You offer him a lift. You say to him: .....

**37.2** Read the situation and write a question using the word in brackets.

- 1 You want to borrow your friend's bike. What do you say to him?  
(think) Do you think I could borrow your bike?
- 2 You are staying at a friend's house and you would like to make some coffee. What do you say?  
(all right) Is it all right if I make some coffee?
- 3 You've filled in some forms in English. You want your friend to check them for you. What do you ask?  
(think) .....
- 4 You want to leave work early. What do you ask your boss?  
(mind) .....
- 5 The woman in the next room is playing music. It's very loud. You want her to turn it down. What do you say to her?  
(think) .....
- 6 You're on a train. The window is open and you're feeling cold. You'd like to close it, but first you ask the woman next to you.  
(OK) .....
- 7 You're still on the train. The woman next to you has finished reading her paper, and you'd like to have a look at it. You ask her.  
(think) .....

**37.3** What would you say in these situations?

- 1 Paul has come to see you in your flat. You offer him something to eat.  
YOU: Would you like something to eat? ?  
PAUL: No, thank you. I've just eaten.
- 2 You need help to charge the battery in your camera. You ask Kate.  
YOU: I don't know how to charge the battery. ?  
KATE: Sure. It's easy. All you have to do is this.
- 3 You're on a bus. You have a seat, but an elderly man is standing. You offer him your seat.  
YOU: ?  
MAN: Oh, that's very kind of you. Thank you very much.
- 4 You're the passenger in a car. Your friend is driving very fast. You ask her to slow down.  
YOU: You're making me very nervous. ?  
DRIVER: Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't realise I was going so fast.
- 5 You've finished your meal in a restaurant and now you want the bill. You ask the waiter:  
YOU: ?  
WAITER: Sure. I'll get it for you now.
- 6 A friend of yours is interested in one of your books. You invite him to borrow it.  
FRIEND: This looks very interesting.  
YOU: Yes, it's a good book. ?



## If I do ... and If I did ...

A

Compare these examples:

- (1) LISA: Shall we go by bus or by train?  
JESS: **If we go** by bus, it **will** be cheaper.

For Jess, it is possible that they will go by bus, so she says:

**If we go** by bus, it **will** be ...



LISA JESS

- (2) Lisa and Jess decide to go by train.

Later, Jess talks to Joe.

JOE: How are you going to travel?

JESS: We're going by train. **If we went** by bus, it **would** be cheaper, but the train is quicker.

Now Jess knows they are not going to travel by bus, so she says:

**If we went** by bus, it **would** be ... (not If we go ...)

If we went by bus, it would be cheaper.



JOE

JESS

When we imagine something that will not happen, or we don't expect that it will happen, we use **if + past** (if we **went** / if there **was** / if you **found** etc.).

But the meaning is *not* past:

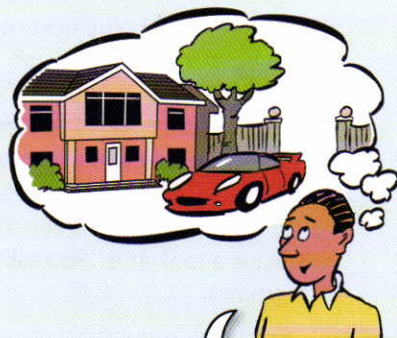
- ☐ What would you do **if you won** a lot of money? (we don't really expect this to happen)
- ☐ **If there was** (or **were**) an election tomorrow, who would you vote for?

For **if ... was/were**, see Unit 39C.

Compare **if I find** and **if I found**:

- ☐ I think I left my watch at your house. **If you find** it, can you call me?

but **If you found** a wallet in the street, what would you do with it?



If I won a lot of money ...

B

We do not normally use **would** in the **if**-part of the sentence:

- ☐ I'd be very scared **if somebody pointed** a gun at me. (not if somebody would point)
- ☐ **If we went** by bus, it would be cheaper. (not If we would go)

But you can use **if ... would** when you ask somebody to do something:

- ☐ (from a formal letter) I would be grateful **if you would let** me know your decision as soon as possible.

C

In the other part of the sentence (not the **if**-part) we use **would** ('d) / **wouldn't**:

- ☐ What **would** you **do** if you were bitten by a snake?
- ☐ I'm not going to bed yet. I'm not tired. If I went to bed now, I **wouldn't sleep**.
- ☐ **Would** you **mind** if I used your phone?

**Could** and **might** are also possible:

- ☐ If I won a lot of money, I **might buy** a house. (= it is possible that I would buy a house)
- ☐ If it stopped raining, we **could go** out. (= we would be able to go out)



## 38.1 What do you say in these situations?

- Of course you don't expect to win the lottery. Which do you say?  
 a If I win the lottery, I'll buy a big house. ☐  
 b If I won the lottery, I'd buy a big house. ☒ (b is correct)
- You're not going to sell your car because it's old and not worth much. Which do you say?  
 a If I sell my car, I won't get much money for it. ☐  
 b If I sold my car, I wouldn't get much money for it. ☐
- You often see Sarah. A friend of yours wants to contact her. Which do you say?  
 a If I see Sarah, I'll tell her to call you. ☐  
 b If I saw Sarah, I'd tell her to call you. ☐
- You don't expect that there will be a fire in the building. Which do you say?  
 a What will you do if there is a fire in the building? ☐  
 b What would you do if there was a fire in the building? ☐
- You've never lost your passport. You can only imagine it.  
 a I don't know what I'll do if I lose my passport. ☐  
 b I don't know what I'd do if I lost my passport. ☐
- Somebody stops you and asks the way to a bank. Which do you say?  
 a If you go right at the end of this street, you'll see a bank on your left. ☐  
 b If you went right at the end of this street, you'd see a bank on your left. ☐
- You're in a lift. There is an emergency button. Nobody is going to press it. Which do you say?  
 a What will happen if somebody presses that button? ☐  
 b What would happen if somebody pressed that button? ☐

## 38.2 Put the verb into correct form.

- I'd be very scared if somebody pointed (point) a gun at me.
- I can't afford to buy a car. If I buy (buy) a car, I'd have to borrow the money.
- Don't lend Amy your car. If she ask (ask) me, I wouldn't lend her mine.
- If the computer factory closed down, many people lose (lose) their jobs.
- I don't think Gary and Emma will get married. I be (be) amazed if they did.
- What would you do if you be (be) in a lift and it stop (stop) between floors?
- If somebody give (give) me £10,000, I have (have) a very long holiday.

## 38.3 Write sentences beginning If ...

- We've decided not to catch the 10.30 train. (arrive too early)  
If we caught the 10.30 train, we'd arrive too early.
- Kevin is not going to do his driving test now. (fail)  
 If he fail
- We've decided not to stay at a hotel. (cost too much)  
 If cost too much
- Sally isn't going to leave her job. (not / get another one)  
not / get another one
- We've decided not to invite Ben to the party. (have to invite his friends too)  
have to invite his friends too
- I'm not going to tell him what happened. (not / believe me)  
not / believe me

## 38.4 Use your own ideas to complete these sentences.

- If I won a lot of money, I'd buy a house.
- I'd be very angry if ...
- If you bought a car, ...
- I'd be surprised if ...
- Would you mind if ...



## If I knew ... I wish I knew ...

A Study this example situation:

Sarah wants to phone Paul, but she can't do this because she doesn't know his number. She says:

**If I knew** his number, I **would phone** him.

Sarah says: **If I knew** his number ... This tells us that she *doesn't* know his number. She is imagining the situation. The *real* situation is that she doesn't know his number.



If I knew his number ...

When we imagine a situation like this, we use **if + past (if I knew / if you were / if we didn't etc.)**. But the meaning is present, *not* past:

- ☐ There are many things I'd like to do **if I had** more time. (but I don't have time)
- ☐ **If I didn't** want to go to the party, I **wouldn't** go. (but I want to go)
- ☐ We **wouldn't** have any money **if we didn't** work. (but we work)
- ☐ **If you were** in my position, what would you do?
- ☐ It's a pity he can't drive. It would be useful **if he could**.

B We use the past in the same way after **wish** (**I wish I knew / I wish you were** etc.). We use **wish** to say that we regret something, that something is not as we would like it to be:

- ☐ I **wish I knew** Paul's phone number.  
(= I don't know it and I regret this)
- ☐ Do you ever **wish you could** fly?  
(you can't fly)
- ☐ It rains a lot here. I **wish it didn't** rain so much.
- ☐ It's very crowded here. I **wish there weren't** so many people. (there are a lot of people)
- ☐ I **wish I didn't** have to work tomorrow, but unfortunately I do.



C If I were / if I was

After **if** and **wish**, you can use **were** instead of **was** (**if I were / I wish it were** etc.).

**If I was / I wish it was** are also possible. So you can say:

- |   |    |                                  |
|---|----|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>If I were</b> you, I <b>wouldn't</b> buy that coat. | or | <b>If I was</b> you, ...         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'd go for a walk <b>if it weren't</b> so cold.        | or | ... <b>if it wasn't</b> so cold. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I <b>wish she were</b> here.                           | or | I <b>wish she was</b> here.      |

D We do not normally use **would** in the **if**-part of the sentence or after **wish**:

- ☐ **If I were** rich, I **would** travel a lot. (*not* If I would be rich)
- ☐ Who **would** you ask **if you needed** help? (*not* if you would need)
- ☐ I **wish I had** something to read. (*not* I wish I would have)

Sometimes **wish ... would** is possible: **I wish you would listen**. See Unit 41.

E **Could** sometimes means 'would be able to' and sometimes 'was/were able to':

- ☐ She **could** get a better job (she **could** get = she would be able to get)  
if she **could** speak English. (if she **could** speak = if she was/were able to speak)
- ☐ I wish I **could** help you. (I wish I could = I wish I was able)



## Exercises

**39.1** Put the verb into the correct form.

- 1 If I knew (I / know) his number, I would phone him.
- 2 I wouldn't buy (I / not / buy) that coat if I were you.
- 3 ..... (I / help) you if I could, but I'm afraid I can't.
- 4 We don't need a car at present, but we would need a car if ..... (we / live) in the country.
- 5 If we had the choice, ..... (we / live) in the country.
- 6 This soup isn't very good. .... (it / taste) better if it wasn't so salty.
- 7 I wouldn't mind living in England if the weather ..... (be) better.
- 8 If I were you, ..... (I / not / wait). .... (I / go) now.
- 9 You're always tired. If ..... (you / not / go) to bed so late every night, you wouldn't be tired all the time.
- 10 I think there are too many cars. If ..... (there / not / be) so many cars, ..... (there / not / be) so much pollution.

**39.2** Write a sentence with **if ...** for each situation.

- 1 We don't see you very often because you live so far away.  
If you didn't live so far away, we'd see you more often.
- 2 It's a nice book but it's too expensive, so I'm not going to buy it.  
I ..... it if ..... so .....
- 3 We don't go out very often – we can't afford it.  
We ..... more often .....
- 4 I can't meet you tomorrow – I have to work late.  
If .....
- 5 It would be nice to have lunch outside but it's raining, so we can't.  
We .....
- 6 I don't want his advice, and that's why I'm not going to ask for it.  
If .....

**39.3** Write sentences beginning **I wish ...**

- 1 I don't know many people (and I'm lonely). I wish I knew more people.
- 2 I don't have a computer (and I need one). I wish .....
- 3 Helen isn't here (and I need to see her). ....
- 4 It's cold (and I hate cold weather). ....
- 5 I live in a big city (and I don't like it). ....
- 6 I can't go to the party (and I'd like to). ....
- 7 I have to get up early tomorrow (but I'd like to sleep late).  
.....
- 8 I don't know anything about cars (and my car has just broken down).  
.....
- 9 I'm not feeling well (and it's not nice).  
.....

**39.4** Write your own sentences beginning **I wish ...**

- 1 (somewhere you'd like to be now – on the beach, in New York, in bed etc.)  
I wish I .....
- 2 (something you'd like to have – a motorbike, more friends, lots of money etc.)  
.....
- 3 (something you'd like to be able to do – sing, travel more, cook etc.)  
.....
- 4 (something you'd like to be – beautiful, strong, younger etc.)  
.....



## If I had known ... I wish I had known ...

A

Study this example situation:

Last month Gary was in hospital for a few days. Rachel didn't know this, so she didn't go to visit him. They met a few days ago.

Rachel said:

**If I'd known** you were in hospital, I **would have gone** to see you.

Rachel said: **If I'd known** (= If I **had** known) you were in hospital. This tells us that she *didn't* know.

We use **if + had ('d)** ... to talk about the past (**if I had known/been/done** etc.):

- ☐ I didn't see you when you passed me in the street. **If I'd seen** you, of course I would have said hello. (but I didn't see you)
- ☐ I didn't go out last night. I would have gone out **if I hadn't been** so tired. (but I was tired)
- ☐ **If he had been looking** where he was going, he wouldn't have walked into the wall. (but he wasn't looking)
- ☐ The view was wonderful. **If I'd had** a camera with me, I would have taken some pictures. (but I didn't have a camera)

Compare:

- ☐ I'm not hungry. **If I was** hungry, I would eat something. (*now*)
- ☐ I wasn't hungry. **If I had been** hungry, I would have eaten something. (*past*)

B

Do not use **would** in the **if**-part of the sentence. We use **would** in the other part of the sentence:

- ☐ **If I had seen** you, I **would have said** hello. (*not* If I would have seen you)

Note that **'d** can be **would** or **had**:

- ☐ If **I'd seen** you, (I'd seen = I **had** seen)
- ☐ I'd **have said** hello. (I'd have said = I **would** have said)

C

We use **had (done)** in the same way after **wish**. I **wish** something **had happened** = I am sorry that it didn't happen:

- ☐ I **wish I'd known** that Gary was ill. I would have gone to see him. (but I didn't know)
- ☐ I feel sick. I **wish I hadn't eaten** so much cake. (I ate too much cake)
- ☐ Do you **wish you'd studied** science instead of languages? (you didn't study science)

Do not use **would have** ... after **wish**:

- ☐ The weather was cold when we were on holiday. I wish it **had been** warmer. (*not* I wish it would have been)

D

Compare **would (do)** and **would have (done)**:

- ☐ If I'd gone to the party last night, I **would be** tired now. (I am not tired now – *present*)
- ☐ If I'd gone to the party last night, I **would have met** lots of people. (I didn't meet lots of people – *past*)

Compare **would have**, **could have** and **might have**:

- ☐ If the weather hadn't been so bad, {
  - we **would have gone** out.
  - we **could have gone** out.
  - (= we would have been able to go out)
  - we **might have gone** out.
  - (= perhaps we would have gone out)



## Exercises

**40.1** Put the verb into the correct form.

- I didn't see you when you passed me in the street. If I'd seen (I / see) you, I would have said (I / say) hello.
- Sam got to the station just in time to catch the train to the airport. If ..... (he / miss) the train, ..... (he / miss) his flight too.
- I'm glad that you reminded me about Rachel's birthday. .... (I / forget) if ..... (you / not / remind) me.
- I wanted to send you an email, but I didn't have your email address. If ..... (I / have) your address, ..... (I / send) you an email.
- A: How was your trip? Was it good?  
B: It was OK, but ..... (we / enjoy) it more if the weather ..... (be) better.
- I took a taxi to the hotel, but the traffic was bad. .... (it / be) quicker if ..... (I / walk).
- I'm not tired. If ..... (I / be) tired, I'd go home now.
- I wasn't tired last night. If ..... (I / be) tired, I would have gone home earlier.

**40.2** For each situation, write a sentence beginning with **If**.

- I wasn't hungry, so I didn't eat anything.  
If I'd been hungry, I would have eaten something.
- The accident happened because the road was icy.  
If the road ....., the accident .....
- I didn't know that Joe had to get up early, so I didn't wake him up.  
If I ..... that he had to get up early, .....
- Unfortunately I lost my phone, so I couldn't call you.  
If .....
- Karen wasn't injured in the crash because she was wearing a seat belt.  
.....
- You didn't have breakfast – that's why you're hungry now.  
.....
- I didn't get a taxi because I didn't have enough money.  
.....

**40.3** Imagine that you are in these situations. For each situation, write a sentence with **I wish**.

- You've eaten too much and now you feel sick.  
You say: I wish I hadn't eaten so much.
- There was a job advertised in the paper. You decided not to apply for it. Now you think that your decision was wrong.  
You say: I wish I .....
- When you were younger, you never learned to play a musical instrument. Now you regret this.  
You say: .....
- You've painted the gate red. Now you think that red was the wrong colour.  
You say: .....
- You are walking in the country. You'd like to take some pictures, but you didn't bring your camera.  
You say: .....
- You have some unexpected guests. They didn't phone you first to say they were coming. You are very busy and you are not prepared for them.  
You say (to yourself): .....



## Wish

**A** You can say 'I wish you luck / all the best / a happy birthday' etc. :

- ☐ I wish you all the best in the future.
- ☐ I saw Mark before the exam and he wished me luck.

We say 'wish somebody something' (luck / a happy birthday etc.). But you cannot say 'I wish that something happens'. We use **hope** in this situation. For example:

- ☐ I'm sorry you're not well. I **hope** you **feel** better soon. (not I wish you feel)

Compare **I wish** and **I hope**:

- ☐ I **wish** you a pleasant stay here.
- ☐ I **hope** you **have** a pleasant stay here. (not I wish you have)

**B** We also use **wish** to say that we regret something, that something is not as we would like it. When we use **wish** in this way, we use the *past* (**knew/lived** etc.), but the meaning is *present*:

- ☐ I **wish** I **knew** what to do about the problem. (I don't know and I regret this)
- ☐ I **wish** you **didn't** have to go so soon. (you have to go)
- ☐ Do you **wish** you **lived** near the sea? (you don't live near the sea)
- ☐ Jack's going on a trip to Mexico soon. I **wish** I **was** going too. (I'm not going)

To say that we regret something in the past, we use **wish** + **had** ... (**had known / had said**) etc. :

- ☐ I **wish** I'd **known** about the party. I would have gone if I'd known. (I didn't know)
- ☐ It was a stupid thing to say. I **wish** I **hadn't said** it. (I said it)

For more examples, see Units 39 and 40.

**C** I wish I could (do something) = I regret that I cannot do it:

- ☐ I'm sorry I have to go. I **wish** I **could stay** longer. (but I can't)
- ☐ I've met that man before. I **wish** I **could remember** his name. (but I can't)

I wish I could have (done something) = I regret that I could not do it:

- ☐ I hear the party was great. I **wish** I **could have gone**. (but I couldn't go)

**D** You can say 'I wish (somebody) would (do something)'. For example:



It's been raining all day. Tanya doesn't like it. She says:  
I **wish** it **would stop** raining.

Tanya would like the rain to stop, but this will probably not happen.

We use **I wish ... would** when we would like something to happen or change. Usually, the speaker doesn't expect this to happen.

We often use **I wish ... would** to complain about a situation:

- ☐ The phone has been ringing for five minutes. I **wish** somebody **would answer** it.
- ☐ I **wish** you'd **do** (= you **would** do) something instead of just sitting and doing nothing.

You can use **I wish ... wouldn't** ... to complain about things that people do repeatedly:

- ☐ I **wish** you **wouldn't keep** interrupting me. (= please don't interrupt me)

We use **I wish ... would** ... to say that we want something to happen. But we do not use **I wish ... would** ... to say how we would like things to be. Compare:

- ☐ I **wish** Sarah **would** come. (= I want her to come)
- but I **wish** Sarah **was** (or **were**) here now. (not I wish Sarah would be)
- ☐ I **wish** somebody **would buy** me a car.
- but I **wish** I **had** a car. (not I wish I would have)



## 41.1 Put in wish(ed) or hope(d).

- I wish you a pleasant stay here.
- Enjoy your holiday. I ..... you have a great time.
- Goodbye. I ..... you all the best.
- We said goodbye to each other and ..... each other luck.
- We're going to have a picnic tomorrow, so I ..... the weather is nice.
- I ..... you luck in your new job. I ..... it works out well for you.

## 41.2 What do you say in these situations? Write sentences with I wish ... would ...

- It's raining. You want to go out, but not in the rain.  
You say: I wish it would stop raining.
- You're waiting for Jane. She's late and you're getting impatient.  
You say to yourself: I wish .....
- You're looking for a job – so far without success. Nobody will give you a job.  
You say: I wish somebody .....
- You can hear a baby crying. It's been crying for a long time and you're trying to study.  
You say: .....
- Brian has been wearing the same clothes for years. You think he needs some new clothes.  
You say to Brian: .....

For the following situations, write sentences with I wish ... wouldn't ...

- Your friend drives very fast. You don't like this.  
You say to your friend: I wish you .....
- Joe leaves the door open all the time. This annoys you.  
You say to Joe: .....
- A lot of people drop litter in the street. You don't like this.  
You say: I wish people .....

## 41.3 Are these sentences right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.

- I wish Sarah would be here now. I wish Sarah were here now.
- I wish you would listen to me. ....
- I wish I would have more free time. ....
- I wish our flat would be a bit bigger. ....
- I wish the weather would change. ....
- I wish you wouldn't complain all the time. ....
- I wish everything wouldn't be so expensive. ....

## 41.4 Put the verb into the correct form.

- It was a stupid thing to say. I wish I hadn't said it. (I / not / say)
- I'm fed up with this rain. I wish it would stop. (it / stop)
- It's a difficult question. I wish ..... the answer. (I / know)
- I should have listened to you. I wish ..... your advice. (I / take)
- You're lucky to be going away. I wish ..... with you. (I / can / come)
- I have no energy at the moment. I wish ..... so tired. (I / not / be)
- Aren't they ready yet? I wish ..... (they / hurry up)
- It would be nice to stay here longer. I wish ..... to go now.  
(we / not / have)
- When we were in London last year, we didn't have time to see all the things we wanted to see.  
I wish ..... longer. (we / can / stay)
- It's freezing today. I wish ..... so cold. I hate cold weather.  
(it / not / be)
- Joe still doesn't know what he wants to do. I wish ..... (he / decide)
- I really didn't enjoy the party. I wish ..... (we / not / go)



## Passive 1 (is done / was done)

A

Study this example:

This house **was built** in 1961.**Was built** is *passive*.

Compare active and passive:

Somebody **built** this house in 1961. (*active*)

subject                      object

This house **was built** in 1961. (*passive*)

subject

When we use an active verb, we say *what the subject does*:

- ☐ My grandfather was a builder. **He built** this house in 1961.
- ☐ It's a big company. **It employs** two hundred people.

When we use a passive verb, we say *what happens to the subject*:

- ☐ 'How old is this house?' '**It was built** in 1961.'
- ☐ **Two hundred people are employed** by the company.

B

When we use the passive, who or what causes the action is often unknown or unimportant:

- ☐ A lot of money **was stolen** in the robbery. (somebody stole it, but we don't know who)
- ☐ **Is this room cleaned** every day? (does somebody clean it? – it's not important who)

If we want to say who does or what causes the action, we use **by**:

- ☐ This house was built **by my grandfather**.
- ☐ Two hundred people are employed **by the company**.

C

The passive is **be (is/was etc.) + past participle (done/cleaned/seen etc.)**:

(be) done      (be) cleaned      (be) damaged      (be) built      (be) seen etc.

For irregular past participles (**done/seen/known** etc.), see Appendix 1.Study the active and passive forms of the *present simple* and *past simple*:*Present simple**active*    **clean(s) / see(s)** etc.Somebody **cleans** this room every day.*passive*    **am/is/are + cleaned/seen** etc.This room **is cleaned** every day.

- ☐ Many accidents **are caused** by careless driving.
- ☐ I'm **not invited** to parties very often.
- ☐ How **is** this word **pronounced**?

*Past simple**active*    **cleaned/saw** etc.Somebody **cleaned** this room yesterday.*passive*    **was/were + cleaned/seen** etc.This room **was cleaned** yesterday.

- ☐ We **were woken** up by a loud noise during the night.
- ☐ 'Did you go to the party?' 'No, I **wasn't invited**.'
- ☐ How much money **was stolen** in the robbery?



**42.1** Complete the sentences using one of these verbs in the correct form, present or past:

<del>cause</del>	damage	hold	invite	make
overtake	show	surround	translate	write

- Many accidents are caused by dangerous driving.
- Cheese is made from milk.
- The roof of the building was damaged in a storm a few days ago.
- You weren't invited to the wedding. Why didn't you go?
- A cinema is a place where films are shown.
- In the United States, elections for president are held every four years.
- Originally the book was written in Spanish, and a few years ago it was translated into English.
- Although we were driving fast, we were overtaken by a lot of other cars.
- You can't see the house from the road. It is surrounded by trees.

**42.2** Write questions using the passive. Some are present and some are past.

- Ask about glass. (how / make?) How is glass made?
- Ask about television. (when / invent?) When was television invented?
- Ask about mountains. (how / form?) How were mountains formed?
- Ask about antibiotics. (when / discover?) When were antibiotics discovered?
- Ask about silver. (what / use for?) What is silver used for?

**42.3** Put the verb into the correct form, present simple or past simple, active or passive.

- It's a big factory. Five hundred people are employed (employ) there.
- Did somebody clean (somebody / clean) this room yesterday?
- Water covers (cover) most of the earth's surface.
- How much of the earth's surface is covered (cover) by water?
- The park gates are locked (lock) at 6.30 p.m. every evening.
- The letter was sent (send) a week ago and it (arrive) yesterday.
- The boat hit a rock and sank (sink) quickly. Fortunately everybody was rescued (rescue).
- Robert's parents died (die) when he was very young. He and his sister were brought up (bring up) by their grandparents.
- I was born in London, but I grew up (grow up) in Canada.
- While I was on holiday, my camera was stolen (steal) from my hotel room.
- While I was on holiday, my camera disappeared (disappear) from my hotel room.
- Why did Sue resign (Sue / resign) from her job? Didn't she enjoy it?
- Why was Ben fired (Ben / fire) from his job? Did he do something wrong?
- The company is not independent. It is owned (own) by a much larger company.
- I saw an accident last night. Somebody called (call) an ambulance but nobody needed (not / need).
- Where are these pictures taken (these pictures / take)? In London?
- Sometimes it's quite noisy living here, but it's not a problem for me – I am not bothered (not / bother) by it.

**42.4** Rewrite these sentences. Instead of using **somebody, they, people** etc., write a passive sentence.

- Somebody cleans the room every day. The room is cleaned every day.
- They cancelled all flights because of fog. All flights were cancelled because of fog.
- People don't use this road much. This road is not used much.
- Somebody accused me of stealing money. I was accused of stealing money.
- How do people learn languages? How are languages learned?
- People warned us not to go out alone. We were warned not to go out alone.



## Passive 2 (be done / been done / being done)

Study the following active and passive forms:

A

*Infinitive*active (to) **do/clean/see** etc.Somebody **will clean** this room later.passive (to) **be + done/cleaned/seen** etc.This room **will be cleaned** later.

- ☐ The situation is serious. Something must **be done** before it's too late.
- ☐ A mystery is something that can't **be explained**.
- ☐ The music was very loud and could **be heard** from a long way away.
- ☐ A new supermarket is going **to be built** next year.
- ☐ Please go away. I want **to be left** alone.

B

*Perfect infinitive*active (to) **have + done/cleaned/seen** etc.Somebody **should have cleaned** the room.passive (to) **have been + done/cleaned/seen** etc.The room **should have been cleaned**.

- ☐ I should have received the letter by now. It might **have been sent** to the wrong address.
- ☐ If you had locked the car, it wouldn't **have been stolen**.
- ☐ There were some problems at first, but they seem **to have been solved**.

C

*Present perfect*active **have/has + done** etc.The room looks nice. Somebody **has cleaned** it.passive **have/has been + done** etc.The room looks nice. **It has been cleaned**.

- ☐ Have you heard? The trip **has been cancelled**.
- ☐ **Have** you ever **been bitten** by a dog?
- ☐ 'Are you going to the party?' 'No, I **haven't been invited**.'

*Past perfect*active **had + done** etc.The room looked nice. Somebody **had cleaned** it.passive **had been + done** etc.The room looked nice. **It had been cleaned**.

- ☐ The vegetables didn't taste good. They **had been cooked** too long.
- ☐ The car was three years old, but **hadn't been used** very much.

D

*Present continuous*active **am/is/are + (do)ing**Somebody **is cleaning** the room at the moment.passive **am/is/are + being (done)**The room **is being cleaned** at the moment.

- ☐ There's somebody walking behind us. I think we **are being followed**.
- ☐ (in a shop) 'Can I help you?' 'No, thanks. I'm **being served**.'

*Past continuous*active **was/were + (do)ing**Somebody **was cleaning** the room when I arrived.passive **was/were + being (done)**The room **was being cleaned** when I arrived.

- ☐ There was somebody walking behind us. I think we **were being followed**.



## Exercises

**43.1** What do these words mean? Use **it can ...** or **it can't ...**. Use a dictionary if necessary.

If something is

- |                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 washable, <u>it can be washed</u> | 4 unusable, _____  |
| 2 unbreakable, it _____             | 5 invisible, _____ |
| 3 edible, _____                     | 6 portable, _____  |

**43.2** Complete these sentences with the following verbs (in the correct form):

arrest    carry    cause    ~~do~~    make    repair    ~~send~~    spend    wake up

Sometimes you need **have** (**might have**, **should have** etc.).

- The situation is serious. Something must be done before it's too late.
- I should have received the letter by now. It might have been sent to the wrong address.
- A decision will not \_\_\_\_\_ until the next meeting.
- Do you think that more money should \_\_\_\_\_ on education?
- This road is in very bad condition. It should \_\_\_\_\_ a long time ago.
- The injured man couldn't walk and had to \_\_\_\_\_.
- I told the hotel receptionist I wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ at 6.30 the next morning.
- If you hadn't pushed the policeman, you wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's not certain how the fire started, but it might \_\_\_\_\_ by an electrical fault.

**43.3** Rewrite these sentences. Instead of using **somebody** or **they** etc., write a passive sentence.

- Somebody has cleaned the room.  
The room has been cleaned.
- Somebody is using the computer right now.  
The computer \_\_\_\_\_
- I didn't realise that somebody was recording our conversation.  
I didn't realise that \_\_\_\_\_
- When we got to the stadium, we found that they had cancelled the game.  
When we got to the stadium, we found that \_\_\_\_\_
- They are building a new ring road round the city.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- They have built a new hospital near the airport.  
\_\_\_\_\_

**43.4** Make sentences from the words in brackets. Sometimes the verb is active, sometimes passive.

- There's somebody behind us. (I think / we / follow) I think we're being followed.
- This room looks different. (you / paint / the walls?) Have you painted the walls?
- My car has disappeared. (it / steal!) It \_\_\_\_\_
- My umbrella has disappeared. (somebody / take) Somebody \_\_\_\_\_
- Sam gets a higher salary now. (he / promote) He \_\_\_\_\_
- Ann can't use her office this week. (it / redecorate) It \_\_\_\_\_
- There was a problem with the photocopier yesterday, but now it's OK.  
(it / work) It \_\_\_\_\_ again. (it / repair) It \_\_\_\_\_
- When I went into the room, I saw that the table and chairs were not in the same place.  
(the furniture / move) The \_\_\_\_\_
- A neighbour of mine disappeared six months ago. (he / not / see / since then)  
He \_\_\_\_\_
- I wonder how Jane is these days. (I / not / see / for ages)  
I \_\_\_\_\_
- A friend of mine was mugged on his way home a few nights ago. (you / ever / mug?)  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Passive 3

## A

Some verbs can have two objects. For example, **give**:

- Somebody gave the police the information. (= somebody gave the information to the police)
- object 1                      object 2

So it is possible to make two passive sentences:

- ☐ The **police** were given the information. *or*  
The **information** was given to the police.

Other verbs which can have two objects are:

ask    offer    pay    show    teach    tell

When we use these verbs in the passive, most often we begin with the *person*:

- ☐ I've **been offered** the job, but I don't think I'll accept it. (= they have offered me the job)
- ☐ You **will be given** plenty of time to decide. (= we will give you plenty of time)
- ☐ I didn't see the original document but I **was shown** a copy. (= somebody showed me.)
- ☐ Tim has an easy job – **he's paid** a lot of money to do very little. (= they pay him a lot)

## B

The passive of **doing/seeing** etc. is **being done / being seen** etc. Compare:

*active* I don't like **people telling me** what to do.

*passive* I don't like **being told** what to do.

- ☐ I remember **being taken** to the zoo when I was a child.  
(= I remember somebody taking me to the zoo)
- ☐ Steve hates **being kept** waiting. (= he hates people keeping him waiting)
- ☐ We managed to climb over the wall without **being seen**. (= without anybody seeing us)

## C

We say 'I **was** born ...' (*not* I am born):

- ☐ I **was** born in Chicago.
- ☐ Where **were** you **born**? (not Where are you born?) } *past*

but

- ☐ How many babies **are born** every day? *present*

## D

You can use **get** instead of **be** in the passive:

- ☐ There was a fight at the party, but nobody **got hurt**. (= nobody **was** hurt)
- ☐ I don't **get invited** to many parties. (= I'm not invited)
- ☐ I'm surprised Liz **didn't get offered** the job. (= Liz **wasn't offered** the job)

We use **get** only when things *happen*. For example, you cannot use **get** in these sentences:

- ☐ Jessica **is liked** by everybody. (*not gets liked – this is not a 'happening'*)
- ☐ Peter was a mystery man. Very little **was known** about him. (*not got known*)

We use **get** mainly in informal spoken English. You can use **be** in all situations.

We also use **get** in the following expressions (which are not passive in meaning):

get married, get divorced

**get dressed** (= put on your clothes)

**get lost** (= not know where you are)

**get changed** (= change your clothes)



**44.1** Write these sentences in another way, beginning in the way shown.

1 They didn't give me the information I needed.

I wasn't given the information I needed.

2 They asked me some difficult questions at the interview.

I .....

3 Amy's colleagues gave her a present when she retired.

Amy .....

4 Nobody told me about the meeting.

I wasn't .....

5 How much will they pay you for your work?

How much will you .....

6 I think they should have offered Tom the job.

I think Tom .....

7 Has anybody shown you what to do?

Have you .....

**44.2** Complete the sentences using **being** + the following verbs (in the correct form):

give invite ~~keep~~ knock down stick treat

1 Steve hates being kept waiting.

2 We went to the party without .....

3 I like giving presents and I also like ..... them.

4 It's a busy road and I don't like crossing it. I'm afraid of .....

5 I'm an adult. I don't like ..... like a child.

6 You can't do anything about ..... in a traffic jam.

**44.3** When were they born? Choose five of these people and write a sentence for each.

(Two of them were born in the same year.)

Ludwig van Beethoven	Mahatma Gandhi	Elvis Presley	1452	1869	1935
<del>Walt Disney</del>	Michael Jackson	William Shakespeare	1564	<del>1901</del>	1958
Galileo	Martin Luther King	Leonardo da Vinci	1770	1929	

1 Walt Disney was born in 1901.

2 .....

3 .....

4 .....

5 .....

6 .....

7 And you? I .....

**44.4** Complete the sentences using **get/got** + the following verbs (in the correct form):

ask damage ~~hurt~~ pay steal sting stop use

1 There was a fight at the party, but nobody got hurt.

2 Alex ..... by a bee while he was sitting in the garden.

3 These tennis courts don't ..... very often. Not many people want to play.

4 I used to have a bicycle, but it ..... a few months ago.

5 Rachel works hard but doesn't ..... very much.

6 Last night I ..... by the police as I was driving home. One of the lights on my car wasn't working.

7 Please pack these things very carefully. I don't want them to .....

8 People often want to know what my job is. I ..... that question a lot.



It is said that ... He is said to ...  
He is supposed to ...

A

Study this example situation:



George is very old. Nobody knows exactly how old he is, but:

It is said that **he** is 108 years old.or **He** is said to be 108 years old.

Both these sentences mean: 'People say that he is 108 years old.'

You can use these structures with a number of other verbs, especially:

**alleged believed considered expected known reported thought understood**

Compare the two structures:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cathy loves running.<br><b>It is said that</b> she runs ten miles a day.   | or She <b>is said to run</b> ten miles a day.                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The police are looking for a missing boy.<br><b>It is believed that</b> the boy is wearing a white sweater and blue jeans. | or The boy <b>is believed to be wearing</b> a white sweater and blue jeans. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The strike started three weeks ago.<br><b>It is expected that</b> the strike will end soon.                                | or The strike <b>is expected to end</b> soon.                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A friend of mine has been arrested.<br><b>It is alleged that</b> he hit a policeman.                                       | or He <b>is alleged to have hit</b> a policeman.                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The two houses belong to the same family.<br><b>It is said that</b> there is a secret tunnel between them.                 | or There <b>is said to be</b> a secret tunnel between them.                 |

These structures are often used in news reports. For example, in a report about an accident:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>It is reported that</b> two people were injured in the explosion. | or Two people <b>are reported to have been injured</b> in the explosion. |
|---|--|

B

**(Be) supposed to**Sometimes **(it is) supposed to ...** = (it is) said to ... :

- ☐ I want to see that film. **It's supposed to be** good. (= it is said to be good)
- ☐ Fireworks **are supposed to have been invented** in China. Is it true?

But sometimes **supposed to** has a different meaning. We use **supposed to** to say what is intended, arranged or expected. Often this is different from the real situation:

- ☐ The plan **is supposed to be** a secret, but everybody seems to know about it.  
(= the plan is intended to be a secret)
- ☐ What are you doing at work? You're **supposed to be** on holiday.  
(= you arranged to be on holiday)
- ☐ Our guests **were supposed to come** at 7.30, but they were late.
- ☐ Jane **was supposed to phone** me last night, but she didn't.
- ☐ I'd better hurry. I'm **supposed to be meeting** Chris in ten minutes.

You're **not supposed to** do something = it is not allowed or advisable:

- ☐ You're **not supposed to park** your car here. It's private parking only.
- ☐ Jeff is much better after his illness, but he's still **not supposed to do** any heavy work.



## Exercises

**45.1** Write these sentences in another way, beginning as shown. Use the underlined word each time.

- 1 It is expected that the strike will end soon. The strike is expected to end soon.
- 2 It is expected that the weather will be good tomorrow.  
The weather is .....
- 3 It is believed that the thieves got in through a window in the roof.  
The thieves .....
- 4 It is reported that many people are homeless after the floods.  
Many people .....
- 5 It is thought that the prisoner escaped by climbing over a wall.  
The prisoner .....
- 6 It is alleged that the man was driving at 110 miles an hour.  
The man .....
- 7 It is reported that the building has been badly damaged by the fire.  
The building .....
- 8 a It is said that the company is losing a lot of money.  
The company .....
- b It is believed that the company lost a lot of money last year.  
The company .....
- c It is expected that the company will make a loss this year.  
The company .....

**45.2** There are a lot of rumours about Alan. Here are some of the things people say about him:

- 1 Alan speaks ten languages.
- 2 He knows a lot of famous people.
- 3 He is very rich.
- 4 He has twelve children.
- 5 He was an actor when he was younger.



Nobody is sure whether these things are true. Write sentences about Alan using **supposed to**.

- 1 Alan is supposed to speak ten languages.
- 2 He .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....

**45.3** Complete the sentences using **supposed to be** + the following:

on a diet      a flower      my friend      a joke      ~~a secret~~      working

- 1 How is it that everybody seems to know about the plan? It is supposed to be a secret.
- 2 You shouldn't criticise me all the time. You .....
- 3 I shouldn't be eating this cake really. I .....
- 4 I'm sorry for what I said. I was trying to be funny. It .....
- 5 What's this drawing? Is it a tree? Or maybe it .....
- 6 You shouldn't be reading the paper now. You .....

**45.4** Write sentences with **supposed to** + the following verbs:

block      depart      ~~park~~      phone      start

Use the negative (**not supposed to**) where necessary.

- 1 You 're not supposed to park here. It's private parking only.
- 2 We ..... work at 8.15, but we rarely do anything before 8.30.
- 3 Oh, I ..... Helen last night, but I completely forgot.
- 4 This door is a fire exit. You ..... it.
- 5 My flight ..... at 11.30, but it was an hour late.



## Have something done

A

Study this example situation:



LISA

The roof of Lisa's house was damaged in a storm. So she called a builder, and yesterday a man came and repaired it.

Lisa **had** the roof **repaired** yesterday.

This means: Lisa arranged for somebody else to repair the roof. She didn't repair it herself.

We use **have something done** to say that we arrange for somebody else to do something for us. Compare:

- ☐ Lisa **repaired** the roof. (= she repaired it herself)
- Lisa **had** the roof **repaired**. (= she arranged for somebody else to repair it)
- ☐ 'Did you **make** those curtains yourself?' 'Yes, I enjoy making things.'
- 'Did you **have** those curtains **made**?' 'No, I made them myself.'

B

Be careful with word order. The *past participle* (**repaired/cut** etc.) is after the *object*:

	have	object	past participle
Lisa <b>had</b>		the roof	<b>repaired</b> yesterday.
Where did you <b>have</b>		your hair	<b>cut</b> ?
Your hair looks nice. Have you <b>had</b>		it	<b>cut</b> ?
Our neighbour has just <b>had</b>		a garage	<b>built</b> .
We are <b>having</b>		the house	<b>painted</b> this week.
How often do you <b>have</b>		your car	<b>served</b> ?
I think you should <b>have</b>		that coat	<b>cleaned</b> .
I don't like <b>having</b>		my picture	<b>taken</b> .

C

## Get something done

You can also say '**get** something done' instead of '**have** something done':

- ☐ When are you going to **get the roof repaired**? (= have the roof repaired)
- ☐ I think you should **get your hair cut** really short.

D

Sometimes **have something done** has a different meaning. For example:

- ☐ Paul and Karen **had their bags stolen** while they were travelling.

This does not mean that they arranged for somebody to steal their bags. 'They **had their bags stolen**' means only: 'Their bags were stolen'.

With this meaning, we use **have something done** to say that something happens to somebody or their belongings. Often what happens is not nice:

- ☐ Gary **had** his nose **broken** in a fight. (= his nose was broken)
- ☐ Have you ever **had** your bike **stolen**?



## Exercises

**46.1** Tick (✓) the correct sentence, (a) or (b), for each picture.

1



SARAH

- (a) Sarah is cutting her hair.  
(b) Sarah is having her hair cut.

2



BILL

- (a) Bill is cutting his hair.  
(b) Bill is having his hair cut.

3



JOHN

- (a) John is cleaning his shoes.  
(b) John is having his shoes cleaned.

4



SUE

- (a) Sue is taking a picture.  
(b) Sue is having her picture taken.

**46.2** Put the words in the correct order.

- had / a few weeks ago / the house / we / painted  
We had the house painted a few weeks ago.
- served / her car / Sarah / once a year / has  
Sarah \_\_\_\_\_
- twelve pounds / have / cleaned / it / my suit / cost / to  
\_\_\_\_\_
- my eyes / I / two years ago / had / tested / the last time / was  
\_\_\_\_\_
- had / in the kitchen / fitted / some new cupboards / we've  
\_\_\_\_\_
- as soon as possible / need / translated / we / to get / this document  
\_\_\_\_\_

**46.3** Write sentences in the way shown.

- Lisa didn't repair the roof herself. She had it repaired.
- I didn't cut my hair myself. I \_\_\_\_\_
- We didn't clean the carpets ourselves. We \_\_\_\_\_
- John didn't build that wall himself. \_\_\_\_\_
- I didn't deliver the flowers myself. \_\_\_\_\_

**46.4** Use the words in brackets to complete the sentences. Use the structure **have something done**.

- We're having the house painted (we / the house / paint) this week.
- I lost my key. I'll have to \_\_\_\_\_ (another key / make).
- When was the last time \_\_\_\_\_ (you / your hair / cut)?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (you / a newspaper / deliver) to your house every day, or do you go out and buy one?
- A: What's happening in your garden?  
B: Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ (we / a garage / build).
- A: \_\_\_\_\_ (you / the washing machine / fix)?  
B: Not yet. There's someone coming to look at it next week.
- If you want to wear earrings, why don't you \_\_\_\_\_ (you / your ears / pierce)?

Now use 'have something done' with its second meaning (see Section D).

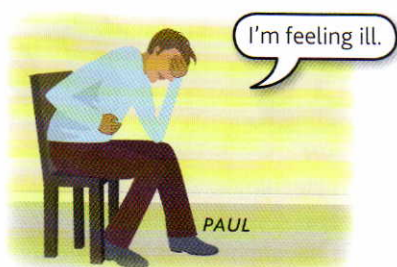
- Gary was in a fight last night. He had his nose broken (he / his nose / break).
- Did I tell you about Jane? \_\_\_\_\_ (she / her credit cards / steal).
- Security was very strict at the airport. \_\_\_\_\_ (we all / our bags / search).



## Reported speech 1 (He said that ...)

A

Study this example situation:



You want to tell somebody what Paul said.  
There are two ways of doing this:

You can repeat Paul's words (direct speech):  
Paul said 'I'm feeling ill.'

Or you can use reported speech:  
Paul said **that he was feeling ill.**

Compare:

direct Paul said 'I am feeling ill.'

reported Paul said that he was feeling ill.

In writing we use these quotation marks to show direct speech.

B

When we use reported speech, the main verb of the sentence is usually past (Paul **said** that ... / I **told** her that ... etc.). The rest of the sentence is usually past too:

- ☐ Paul **said** that he **was** feeling ill.
- ☐ I **told** Lisa that I **didn't have** any money.

You can leave out **that**. So you can say:

- ☐ Paul **said that** he was feeling ill. or Paul **said** he was feeling ill.

In general, the *present* form in direct speech changes to the *past* form in reported speech:

am/is → <b>was</b>	do/does → <b>did</b>	will → <b>would</b>
are → <b>were</b>	have/has → <b>had</b>	can → <b>could</b>
want/like/know/go etc. → <b>wanted/liked/knew/went</b> etc.		

Compare direct speech and reported speech:

You met Anna. Here are some of the things she said in *direct* speech:

My parents **are** fine.  
I'm going to learn to drive.

I **want** to buy a car.  
John **has** a new job.  
I **can't** come to the party on Friday.  
I **don't** have much free time.  
I'm going away for a few days.  
I'll phone you when I **get** back.



ANNA

Later you tell somebody what Anna said.  
You use *reported* speech:

- ☐ Anna said that her parents **were** fine.
- ☐ She said that she **was** going to learn to drive.
- ☐ She said that she **wanted** to buy a car.
- ☐ She said that John **had** a new job.
- ☐ She said that she **couldn't** come to the party on Friday.
- ☐ She said she **didn't** have much free time.
- ☐ She said that she **was** going away for a few days and **would** phone me when she **got** back.

C


The *past simple* (**did/saw/knew** etc.) can usually stay the same in reported speech, or you can change it to the *past perfect* (**had done / had seen / had known** etc.):

- ☐ *direct* Paul said 'I **woke** up feeling ill, so I **didn't go** to work.'
- reported* Paul said (that) he **woke** up feeling ill, so he **didn't go** to work. or  
Paul said (that) he **had woken** up feeling ill, so he **hadn't gone** to work.



## Exercises

**47.1** Yesterday you met a friend of yours, Steve. You hadn't seen him for a long time. Here are some of the things Steve said to you:

- 
- Steve
- 1 I'm living in London.
  - 2 My father isn't very well.
  - 3 Rachel and Mark are getting married next month.
  - 4 My sister has had a baby.
  - 5 I don't know what Joe is doing.
  - 6 I saw Helen at a party in June and she seemed fine.
  - 7 I haven't seen Amy recently.
  - 8 I'm not enjoying my job very much.
  - 9 You can come and stay at my place if you're ever in London.
  - 10 My car was stolen a few days ago.
  - 11 I want to go on holiday, but I can't afford it.
  - 12 I'll tell Chris I saw you.

Later that day you tell another friend what Steve said. Use reported speech.

- 1 Steve said that he was living in London.
- 2 He said that .....
- 3 He .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....
- 7 .....
- 8 .....
- 9 .....
- 10 .....
- 11 .....
- 12 .....

**47.2** Somebody says something to you which is not what you expected. Use your own ideas to complete your answers.

- 1 A: It's quite a long way from the hotel to the station.  
B: Is it? The man on the reception desk said it was only five minutes' walk.
- 2 A: Sue is coming to the party tonight.  
B: Is she? I saw her a few days ago and she said she .....
- 3 A: Sarah gets on fine with Paul.  
B: Does she? Last week you said ..... each other.
- 4 A: Joe knows lots of people.  
B: That's not what he told me. He said ..... anyone.
- 5 A: Jane will be here next week.  
B: Oh, really? When I spoke to her, she said ..... away.
- 6 A: I'm going out tonight.  
B: Are you? I thought you said ..... home.
- 7 A: John speaks French quite well.  
B: Does he? He told me ..... any other languages.
- 8 A: I haven't seen Ben recently.  
B: That's strange. He told me ..... last weekend.



## Reported speech 2

**A** It is not always necessary to change the verb in reported speech. If the situation *is still the same*, you do not need to change the verb to the past. For example:

- ☐ *direct* Paul said 'My new job **is** boring.'
- reported* Paul said that his new job **is** boring.  
(The situation is still the same. His job **is** still boring now.)
- ☐ *direct* Helen said 'I **want** to go to Canada next year.'
- reported* Helen told me that **she wants** to go to Canada next year.  
(Helen still wants to go to Canada next year.)

You can also change the verb to the past:

- ☐ Paul said that his new job **was** boring.
- ☐ Helen told me that she **wanted** to go to Canada next year.

But if the situation has changed or finished, you *must* use a past verb:

- ☐ Paul left the room suddenly. He said **he had** to go. (*not* has to go)

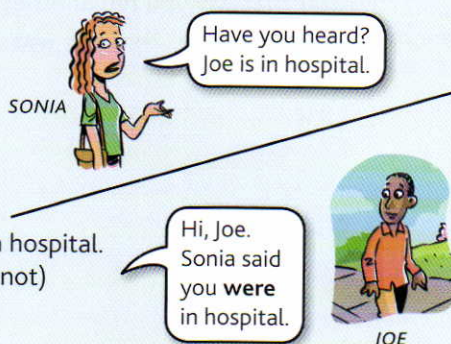
**B** You need to use a past form when there is a difference between what was said and what is really true. For example:

You met Sonia a few days ago.

She said: **Joe is in hospital.**

Later that day you meet Joe in the street. You say:

Hi, Joe. I didn't expect to see you. Sonia said you **were** in hospital.  
(*not* 'Sonia said you are in hospital', because clearly he is not)



**C** Say and tell

If you say *who* somebody is talking to, use **tell**:

- ☐ Sonia **told me** that you were in hospital. (*not* Sonia said me)
- ☐ What did you **tell the police**? (*not* say the police)

Otherwise use **say**:

- ☐ Sonia **said** that you were in hospital. (*not* Sonia told that ...)
- ☐ What did you **say**?

But you can **'say something to somebody'**:

- ☐ Ann **said** goodbye **to** me and left. (*not* Ann said me goodbye)
- ☐ What did you **say to** the police?



**D** Tell/ask somebody to do something

We also use the infinitive (**to do** / **to be** etc.) in reported speech, especially with **tell** and **ask** (for orders and requests):

- ☐ *direct* 'Drink plenty of water,' the doctor said to me.
- reported* The doctor **told me to drink** plenty of water.
- ☐ *direct* 'Don't be late,' I said to Joe.
- reported* I **told Joe not to be** late.
- ☐ *direct* 'Can you help me, please,' Jackie said to me.
- reported* Jackie **asked me to help** her.

You can also say 'Somebody **said (not) to** do something':

- ☐ Paul **said not to worry** about him. (*but not* Paul said me)



## 48.1 Here are some things that Sarah said to you:



I've never been to the United States.

I don't have any brothers or sisters.

I can't drive.

I don't like fish.

Jane has a very well-paid job.

I'm working tomorrow evening.

Jane is a friend of mine.

~~Dave is lazy.~~

But later Sarah says something different to you. What do you say?

- Sarah
- Dave works very hard.
  - Let's have fish for dinner.
  - I'm going to buy a car.
  - Jane is always short of money.
  - My sister lives in Paris.
  - I think New York is a great place.
  - Let's go out tomorrow evening.
  - I've never spoken to Jane.

- You
- But you said he was lazy.
- But .....
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....

48.2 Complete the sentences with **say** or **tell** (in the correct form). Use only one word each time.

- Ann said goodbye to me and left.
- ..... us about your holiday. Did you have a nice time?
- Don't just stand there! ..... something!
- I wonder where Sue is. She ..... she would be here at 8 o'clock.
- Dan ..... me that he was bored with his job.
- The doctor ..... that I should rest for at least a week.
- Don't ..... anybody what I ..... It's a secret just between us.
- 'Did she ..... you what happened?' 'No, she didn't ..... anything to me.'
- Gary couldn't help me. He ..... me to ask Chris.
- Gary couldn't help me. He ..... to ask Chris.

## 48.3 The following sentences are direct speech:

Don't wait for me if I'm late.

Mind your own business.

Don't worry, Sue.

Please slow down!

Can you open your bag, please?

Could you get me a paper?

~~Hurry up!~~

Will you marry me?

Do you think you could give me a hand, Tom?

Now choose one of these to complete each of the sentences below. Use **reported speech**.

- Will was taking a long time to get ready, so I told him to hurry up.
- Sarah was driving too fast, so I asked .....
- Sue was nervous about the situation. I told .....
- I couldn't move the piano alone, so I .....
- The security guard looked at me suspiciously and .....
- Tom was going to the shop, so I .....
- The man started asking me personal questions, so I .....
- John was in love with Marianne, so he .....
- I didn't want to delay Helen, so I .....



A

In questions we usually put the subject after the first verb:

subject + verb

verb + subject

Tom	will	→	will	Tom?
you	have	→	have	you?
the house	was	→	was	the house?

- ☐ Will **Tom** be here tomorrow?
- ☐ Have **you** been working hard?
- ☐ When **was the house** built?

Remember that the subject comes after the *first* verb:

- ☐ Is Katherine working today? (not Is working Katherine)

B

In *present simple* questions, we use **do/does**:

you live → do you live?  
the film starts → does the film start?

- ☐ Do you **live** near here?
- ☐ What time **does** the film **start**?

In *past simple* questions, we use **did**:

you sold → **did** you **sell**?  
the train stopped → **did** the train **stop**?

- ☐ Did you **sell** your car?
- ☐ Why **did** the train **stop**?

But do not use **do/does/did** if **who/what** etc. is the subject of the sentence. Compare:

**who** *object*

Emma phoned somebody .

- object

Who **did** Emma **phone**?

**who** *subject*

somebody phoned Emma.

subject

Who **phoned** Emma?

In these examples, **who/what** etc. is the subject:

- ☐ **Who wants** something to eat? (*not* Who does want)
- ☐ **What happened** to you last night? (*not* What did happen)
- ☐ **How many people came** to the meeting? (*not* did come)
- ☐ **Which bus goes** to the centre? (*not* does go)

C

Note the position of prepositions in questions beginning **Who/What/Which/Where ... ?**:

- ☐ **Who** do you want to speak **to**? ☐ **What** was the weather **like** yesterday?
- ☐ **Which** job has Tina applied **for**? ☐ **Where** are you **from**?

You can use *preposition* + **whom** in formal style:

- ☐ **To whom** do you wish to speak?

D

**Isn't it ... ? / Didn't you ... ?** etc. (negative questions)

We use negative questions especially to show surprise:

- ☐ **Didn't you** hear the doorbell? I rang it three times.

or when we expect the listener to agree with us:

- ☐ 'Haven't we met before?' 'Yes, I think we have.'

Note the meaning of **yes** and **no** in answers to negative questions:

- ☐ Don't you want to go? { Yes. (= Yes, I want to go)  
No. (= No, I don't want to go)

Note the word order in negative questions beginning **Why ... ?**:

- ☐ **Why don't we** eat out tonight? (*not* Why we don't eat)
- ☐ **Why wasn't Emma** at work yesterday? (*not* Why Emma wasn't)



## Exercises

**49.1** Ask Joe questions. (Look at his answers before you write the questions.)

- 1 (where / live?) Where do you live?
- 2 (born there?) .....
- 3 (married?) .....
- 4 (how long / married?) .....
- 5 (children?) .....
- 6 (how old / they?) .....
- 7 (what / do?) .....
- 8 (what / wife / do?) .....

In Manchester.  
No, I was born in London.  
Yes.  
17 years.  
  
Yes, two boys.  
  
12 and 15.  
I'm a journalist.  
She's a doctor.



Joe

**49.2** Make questions with **who** or **what**.

- 1 Somebody hit me.
- 2 I hit somebody.
- 3 Somebody paid the bill.
- 4 Something happened.
- 5 Diane said something.
- 6 This book belongs to somebody.
- 7 Somebody lives in that house.
- 8 I fell over something.
- 9 Something fell off the shelf.
- 10 This word means something.
- 11 I borrowed the money from somebody.
- 12 I'm worried about something.

Who hit you?  
Who did you hit?

Who .....  
What .....

**49.3** Put the words in brackets in the correct order. All the sentences are questions.

- 1 (when / was / built / this house) When was this house built?
- 2 (how / cheese / is / made) .....
- 3 (when / invented / the computer / was) .....
- 4 (why / Sue / working / isn't / today) .....
- 5 (what time / coming / your friends / are) .....
- 6 (why / was / cancelled / the trip) .....
- 7 (where / your mother / was / born) .....
- 8 (why / you / to the party / didn't / come) .....
- 9 (how / the accident / did / happen) .....
- 10 (why / this machine / doesn't / work) .....

**49.4** Write negative questions from the words in brackets. In each situation you are surprised.

- 1 A: We won't see Lisa this evening.  
B: Why not? (she / not / come / out with us?) Isn't she coming out with us?
- 2 A: I hope we don't meet Luke tonight.  
B: Why? (you / not / like / him?) .....
- 3 A: Don't go and see that film.  
B: Why not? (it / not / good?) .....
- 4 A: I'll have to borrow some money.  
B: Why? (you / not / have / any?) .....



Questions 2 (Do you know where ... ? /  
He asked me where ...)

A

Do you know where ... ? / I don't know why ... / Could you tell me what ... ? etc.

We say: Where **has Tom** gone?*but* Do you know where **Tom has** gone? (*not* Do you know where has Tom gone?)When the question (**Where has Tom gone?**) is part of a longer sentence (**Do you know ... ? / I don't know ... / Can you tell me ... ?** etc.), the word order changes. We say:

- ☐ What time **is it**?
- ☐ Who **are those people**?
- ☐ Where **can I** find Louise?
- ☐ How much **will it** cost?

*but* **Do you know** what time **it is**?  
**I don't know** who **those people are**.  
**Can you tell me** where I **can** find Louise?  
**Do you have any idea** how much **it will** cost?

Be careful with **do/does/did** questions. We say:

- ☐ What time **does the film start**?
- ☐ What **do you mean**?
- ☐ Why **did she leave** early?

*but* **Do you know** what time **the film starts**?  
 (*not* does the film start)  
**Please explain** what **you mean**.  
**I wonder** why **she left** early.

Use **if** or **whether** where there is no other question word (**what, why** etc.):

- ☐ Did anybody see you?
- but* Do you know **if** anybody saw you?  
 or ... **whether** anybody saw you?

B

**He asked me where ...** (reported questions)

The same changes in word order happen in reported questions. Compare:

- ☐ *direct* The police officer said to us 'Where **are you going** ?'
- reported* The police officer asked us where **we were going** .
- ☐ *direct* Clare said 'What time **do the banks close** ?'
- reported* Clare wanted to know what time **the banks closed** .

In reported speech the verb usually changes to the past (**were, closed** etc.). See Unit 47.

Study these examples. You had an interview for a job and these were some of the questions the interviewer asked you:



Are you willing to travel?

What **do you do** in your spare time?How long **have you** been working in your present job?Why **did you apply** for the job?Can you **speak** any other languages?Do you **have** a driving licence?Later you tell a friend what the interviewer asked you. You use *reported* speech:

- ☐ She asked if (*or whether*) **I was** willing to travel.
- ☐ She wanted to know what **I did** in my spare time.
- ☐ She asked how long **I had** been working in my present job.
- ☐ She asked why **I had** applied for the job. (*or ... why I applied*)
- ☐ She wanted to know if (*or whether*) **I could** speak any other languages.
- ☐ She asked if (*or whether*) **I had** a driving licence.



## Exercises


## 50.1 Which is right? Tick (✓) the correct alternative.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1 a Do you know what time the film starts? ✓<br>b Do you know what time does the film start?<br>c Do you know what time starts the film?     | 5 a Why you didn't phone me yesterday?<br>b Why didn't you phone me yesterday?<br>c Why you not phoned me yesterday?  |
| 2 a Why Amy does get up so early every day?<br>b Why Amy gets up so early every day?<br>c Why does Amy get up so early every day?            | 6 a Do you know where does Helen work?<br>b Do you know where Helen does work?<br>c Do you know where Helen works?    |
| 3 a I want to know what this word means.<br>b I want to know what does this word mean.<br>c I want to know what means this word.             | 7 a How much it costs to park here?<br>b How much does it cost to park here?<br>c How much it does cost to park here? |
| 4 a I can't remember where did I park the car.<br>b I can't remember where I parked the car.<br>c I can't remember where I did park the car. | 8 a Tell me what you want.<br>b Tell me what you do want.<br>c Tell me what do you want.                              |

## 50.2 Put the words in the correct order.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 (don't / Tom / where / know / gone / has)                           | I <u>don't know where Tom has gone</u> .    |
| 2 (is / to the airport / far / it)                                    | How <u>don't know where Tom has gone</u> ?  |
| 3 (wonder / is / how / old / Tom)                                     | I <u>don't know where Tom has gone</u> .    |
| 4 (Lisa / on holiday / going / is)                                    | When <u>don't know where Tom has gone</u> ? |
| 5 (tell / the post office / you / me / is / where)                    | Could ..... ?                               |
| 6 (in the accident / injured / anyone / don't / whether / know / was) | I ..... .                                   |
| 7 (what / tomorrow / know / time / will / arrive / you / you)         | Do ..... ?                                  |

## 50.3 You have been away for a while and have just come back to your home town. You meet Tony, a friend of yours. He asks you a lot of questions:

- |                                |   |   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| 1 How are you?                 | 5 Why did you come back?  | 6 Where are you living?                   |
| 2 Where have you been?         | <br>Tony | 7 Are you glad to be back?                |
| 3 How long have you been back? |   | 8 Do you have any plans to go away again? |
| 4 What are you doing now?      |   | 9 Can you help me find a job?             |

Now you tell another friend what Tony asked you. Use reported speech.

- |                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| 1 He asked me how I was. | ..... |
| 2 He asked me            | ..... |
| 3 He                     | ..... |
| 4                        | ..... |
| 5                        | ..... |
| 6                        | ..... |
| 7                        | ..... |
| 8                        | ..... |
| 9                        | ..... |



# Auxiliary verbs (have/do/can etc.)

## I think so / I hope so etc.

A

In each of these sentences there is an auxiliary verb and a main verb:

I	<b>have</b>	<b>lost</b>	my keys.
She	<b>can't</b>	<b>come</b>	to the party.
The hotel	<b>was</b>	<b>built</b>	ten years ago.
Where	<b>do you</b>	<b>live?</b>	

In these examples **have/can't/was/do** are auxiliary (= helping) verbs.

You can use an auxiliary verb when you don't want to repeat something:

- ☐ 'Have you locked the door?' 'Yes, I **have**.' (= I have *locked the door*)
- ☐ Gary wasn't working, but Laura **was**. (= Laura was *working*)
- ☐ Jessica could lend me the money, but she **won't**. (= she won't *lend me the money*)

Use **do/does/did** for the present and past simple:

- ☐ 'Do you like onions?' 'Yes, I **do**.' (= I *like onions*)
- ☐ 'Does Simon live in London?' 'He **did**, but he **doesn't** any more.'

You can use auxiliary verbs to deny what somebody says (= say it is not true):

- ☐ 'You're sitting in my place.' 'No, I'm **not**.' (= I'm not *sitting in your place*)
- ☐ 'You didn't lock the door before you left.' 'Yes, I **did**.' (= I *locked the door*)

B

We use **have you?** / **isn't she?** / **do they?** etc. to show interest in what somebody has said, or to show surprise:

- ☐ 'I've just seen Stephen.' 'Oh, **have you?** How is he?'
- ☐ 'Lisa isn't very well today.' 'Oh, **isn't she?** What's wrong with her?'
- ☐ 'It rained every day during our holiday.' '**Did it?** What a shame!'
- ☐ 'James and Tanya are getting married.' '**Are they?** Really?'

C

We use auxiliary verbs with **so** and **neither**:

- ☐ 'I'm tired.' '**So am I**.' (= I'm tired too)
- ☐ 'I never read newspapers.' '**Neither do I**.' (= I never read newspapers either)
- ☐ Sarah hasn't got a car and **neither has Mark**.

Note the word order after **so** and **neither** (verb before subject):

- ☐ I passed the exam and **so did Paul**. (*not so Paul did*)

Instead of **neither**, you can use **nor**. You can also use **not ... either**:

- ☐ 'I don't know.' '**Neither do I**.' or '**Nor do I**.' or 'I don't **either**.'

D

**I think so / I hope so etc.**

After some verbs we use **so** when we don't want to repeat something:

- ☐ 'Are those people Korean?' '**I think so**.' (= I think *they are Korean*)
- ☐ 'Will you be at home this evening?' '**I expect so**.' (= I expect *I'll be at home ...*)
- ☐ 'Do you think Kate has been invited to the party?' '**I suppose so**.'

In the same way we say: **I hope so, I guess so** and **I'm afraid so**.

The usual negative forms are:

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| I think so / I expect so               | → | I <b>don't think so</b> / I <b>don't expect so</b>             |
| I hope so / I'm afraid so / I guess so | → | I <b>hope not</b> / I'm <b>afraid not</b> / I <b>guess not</b> |
| I suppose so                           | → | I <b>don't suppose so</b> or I <b>suppose not</b>              |


- ☐ 'Is that woman American?' '**I think so**.' / I **don't think so**.'
- ☐ 'Do you think it will rain?' '**I hope so**.' / I **hope not**.' (*not I don't hope so*)




**51.1** Complete each sentence with an auxiliary verb (**do/was/could** etc.). Sometimes the verb must be negative (**don't/wasn't** etc.).

- 1 I wasn't tired, but my friends were.
- 2 I like hot weather, but Ann .....
- 3 'Is Andy here?' 'He ..... five minutes ago, but I think he's gone home now.'
- 4 Liz said she might call me later this evening, but I don't think she .....
- 5 'Are you and Chris coming to the party?' 'I ....., but Chris .....
- 6 I don't know whether to apply for the job or not. Do you think I .....?
- 7 'Please don't tell anybody what I said.' 'Don't worry. I .....'
- 8 'You never listen to me.' 'Yes, I .....!'
- 9 I thought it was going to rain, but it .....
- 10 'Please help me.' 'I'm sorry. I ..... if I ....., but I .....

**51.2** You never agree with Sue. Answer in the way shown.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1</li> <li>2</li> <li>3</li> <li>4</li> <li>5</li> <li>6</li> </ol>	 <b>Sue</b>	<p>I'm hungry. I'm not tired. I like football. I didn't enjoy the film. I've never been to Australia. I thought the exam was easy.</p>	<p>Are you? I'm not. Aren't you? I am.</p> <p>..... ..... ..... .....</p>	<b>You</b>
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**51.3** You are talking to Tina. If you're in the same position as Tina, reply with **So ...** or **Neither ...**, as in the first example. Otherwise, ask questions as in the second example.

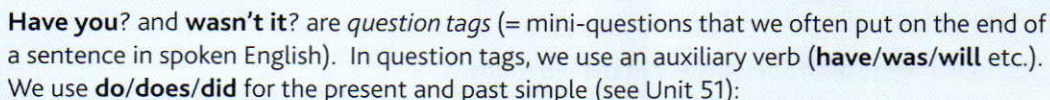
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1</li> <li>2</li> <li>3</li> <li>4</li> <li>5</li> <li>6</li> <li>7</li> </ol>	 <b>Tina</b>	<p>I'm tired. I work hard. I watched television last night. I won't be at home tomorrow. I like reading. I read a lot. I'd like to live somewhere else. I can't go out tonight.</p>	<p>So am I. Do you? What do you do?</p> <p>..... ..... ..... .....</p>	<b>You</b>
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**51.4** In these conversations, you are B. Read the information in brackets and then answer with **I think so**, **I hope not** etc.

- 1 (You don't like rain.)  
A: Is it going to rain? B: (hope) I hope not.
- 2 (You need more money quickly.)  
A: Do you think you'll get a pay rise soon? B: (hope) .....
- 3 (You think Katherine will probably get the job that she applied for.)  
A: Do you think Katherine will get the job? B: (expect) .....
- 4 (You're not sure whether Amy is married – probably not.)  
A: Is Amy married? B: (think) .....
- 5 (You are the receptionist at a hotel. The hotel is full.)  
A: Have you got a room for tonight? B: (afraid) .....
- 6 (You're at a party. You have to leave early.)  
A: Do you have to leave already? B: (afraid) .....
- 7 (Ann normally works every day, Monday to Friday. Tomorrow is Wednesday.)  
A: Is Ann working tomorrow? B: (suppose) .....
- 8 (You are going to a party. You can't stand John.)  
A: Do you think John will be at the party? B: (hope) .....
- 9 (You're not sure what time the concert is – probably 7.30.)  
A: Is the concert at 7.30? B: (think) .....



Study these examples:



- Normally we use a *negative* question tag after a *positive* sentence:

... and a *positive* question tag after a *negative* sentence:

<i>negative sentence +</i>	<i>positive tag</i>
Kate <b>won't</b> be late,	<b>will she?</b>
They <b>don't</b> like us,	<b>do they?</b>
You <b>haven't</b> eaten yet,	<b>have you?</b>

Notice the meaning of **yes** and **no** in answer to a negative sentence:

- The meaning of a question tag depends on how you say it. If your voice goes *down*, you are not really asking a question; you are only inviting the listener to agree with you:

- ☐ 'It's a nice day, **isn't it?**' 'Yes, beautiful.'
- ☐ 'Paul doesn't look well today, **does he?**' 'No, he looks very tired.'
- ☐ 'Lisa's very funny. She's got a great sense of humour, **hasn't she?**' 'Yes, she has.'

But if the voice goes *up*, it is a real question:

- ☐ 'You haven't seen Lisa today, **have you?**' 'No, I haven't.'  
(= Have you by chance seen Lisa today?)

You can use a *negative sentence* + *positive tag* to ask for things or information, or to ask somebody to do something. The voice goes *up* at the end of the tag in sentences like these:

- ☐ 'You haven't got a pen, **have you?**' 'Yes, here you are.'
- ☐ 'You couldn't do me a favour, **could you?**' 'It depends what it is.'
- ☐ 'You don't know where Karen is, **do you?**' 'Sorry, I have no idea.'

After **Let's** ... , the question tag is **shall we**:

- ☐ **Let's** go for a walk, **shall we?** (the voice goes *up*)

After **Don't** ... , the question tag is **will you**:

- ☐ **Don't** be late, **will you?** (the voice goes *down*)

After **I'm ...**, the negative question tag is **aren't I** (= am I not):

- ☐ I'm right, **aren't** I? 'Yes, you are.'



## 52.1 Put a question tag on the end of these sentences.

1	Kate won't be late,	<u>will she</u>	?	No, she's never late.
2	You're tired,	<u>aren't you</u>	?	Yes, a little.
3	You travel a lot,		?	Yes, I love travelling.
4	You weren't listening,		?	Yes, I was!
5	Sarah doesn't know Ann,		?	No, they've never met.
6	Jack's on holiday,		?	Yes, he's in Australia.
7	Kate's been to China before,		?	Yes, two or three times.
8	You can speak German,		?	Yes, but not fluently.
9	They won't mind if I take a photo,		?	No, of course they won't.
10	There are a lot of people here,		?	Yes, more than I expected.
11	Let's go out tonight,		?	Yes, that would be great.
12	This isn't very interesting,		?	No, not really.
13	I'm too impatient,		?	Yes, you are sometimes.
14	You wouldn't tell anyone,		?	No, of course not.
15	Ann has lived here a long time,		?	Yes, 20 years.
16	I shouldn't have lost my temper,		?	No, but that's all right.
17	He'd never met her before,		?	No, that was the first time.
18	Don't drop that vase,		?	Don't worry. I won't.

## 52.2 Read the situation and write a sentence with a question tag. In each situation you are asking your friend to agree with you.

- You look out of the window. The sky is blue and the sun is shining. What do you say to your friend? (beautiful day) It's a beautiful day, isn't it?
- You're with a friend outside a restaurant. You're looking at the prices, which are very high. What do you say? (expensive) It's expensive, isn't it?
- You and a colleague have just finished a training course. You really enjoyed it. What do you say to your colleague? (great) The course was great, wasn't it?
- Your friend's hair is much shorter than when you last met. What do you say to her/him? (have / your hair / cut) You've cut your hair, haven't you?
- You and a friend are listening to a woman singing. You like her voice very much. What do you say to your friend? (a good voice) She has a good voice, doesn't she?
- You are trying on a jacket in a shop. You look in the mirror and you don't like what you see. What do you say to your friend? (not / look / very good) It doesn't look very good, does it?
- You and a friend are walking over a small wooden bridge. The bridge is very old and some parts are broken. What do you say? (not / very safe) This bridge isn't very safe, is it?

## 52.3 In these situations you are asking for information, asking people to do things etc.

- You need a pen. Perhaps Jane has got one. Ask her.  
Jane, you haven't got a pen, have you?
- You have to move a heavy table. You want Joe to give you a hand with it. Ask him.  
Joe, you can help me, can't you?
- You're looking for Sarah. Perhaps Kate knows where she is. Ask her.  
Kate, you know where Sarah is, don't you?
- You need a bicycle pump. Perhaps Helen has got one. Ask her.  
Helen, you have a bicycle pump, don't you?
- Ann has a car and you need a lift to the station. Perhaps she'll take you. Ask her.  
Ann, you can take me to the station, can't you?
- You're looking for your keys. Perhaps Robert has seen them. Ask him.  
Robert, you've seen my keys, haven't you?



## Verb + -ing (enjoy doing / stop doing etc.)

A

Look at these examples:

- ☐ I **enjoy reading**. (not I enjoy to read)
- ☐ Would you **mind closing** the door? (not mind to close)
- ☐ Chris **suggested going** to the cinema. (not suggested to go)

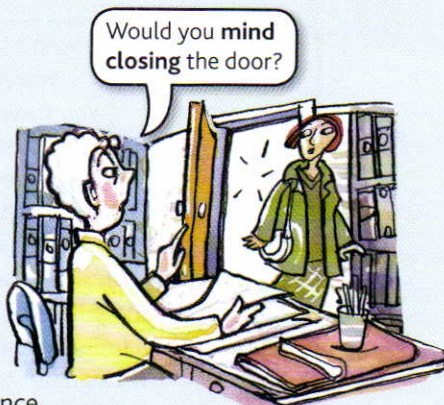
After **enjoy**, **mind** and **suggest**, we use **-ing** (not to ...).Some more verbs that are followed by **-ing**:

<b>stop</b>	<b>postpone</b>	<b>admit</b>	<b>avoid</b>	<b>imagine</b>
<b>finish</b>	<b>consider</b>	<b>deny</b>	<b>risk</b>	<b>fancy</b>

- ☐ Suddenly everybody **stopped talking**. There was silence.
- ☐ I'll do the shopping when I've **finished cleaning** the flat.
- ☐ He tried to **avoid answering** my question.
- ☐ I don't **fancy going** out this evening. (= I'm not enthusiastic about it)
- ☐ Have you ever **considered going** to live in another country?
- ☐ They said they were innocent. They **denied doing** anything wrong.

The negative form is **not -ing**:

- ☐ When I'm on holiday, I enjoy **not having** to get up early.



B

We also use **-ing** after:

**give up** (= stop)  
**put off** (= postpone)  
**go on or carry on** (= continue)  
**keep or keep on** (= do something continuously or repeatedly)

- ☐ I've **given up reading** newspapers. I think it's a waste of time.
- ☐ Catherine doesn't want to retire. She wants to **go on working**. (or ... to **carry on working**.)
- ☐ You **keep interrupting** when I'm talking! or You **keep on interrupting** ...

C

With some verbs you can use the structure **verb + somebody + -ing**:

- ☐ I can't **imagine George riding** a motorbike.
- ☐ You can't **stop me doing** what I want.
- ☐ Did you really say that? I don't **remember you saying** that.
- ☐ 'Sorry to **keep you waiting** so long.' 'That's all right.'

Note the passive form (**being done/seen/kept** etc.):

- ☐ I don't **mind being kept** waiting. (= I don't mind **people keeping** me ...)

D

When you are talking about finished actions, you can say **having done/stolen/said** etc.:

- ☐ They admitted **having stolen** the money.

But it is not necessary to use **having** (done). You can also say:

- ☐ They admitted **stealing** the money.
- ☐ I now regret **saying** (or **having said**) what I said.

E

After some of the verbs on this page (especially **admit/deny/suggest**) you can also use **that ...**:

- ☐ They **denied that** they had stolen the money. (or They **denied stealing** ...)
- ☐ Chris **suggested that** we went to the cinema. (or Sam **suggested going** ...)



## 53.1 Complete the sentences for each situation using -ing.

- |   |                             |                         |   |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 1 | What shall we do?           | We could go to the zoo. | She suggested <u>going to the zoo</u> . |
| 2 | Do you want to play tennis? | No, not really.         | He didn't fancy .....                   |
| 3 | You were driving too fast.  | You're right. Sorry!    | She admitted .....                      |
| 4 | Let's go swimming.          | Good idea!              | She suggested .....                     |
| 5 | You broke the DVD player.   | No, I didn't!           | He denied .....                         |
| 6 | Can you wait a few minutes? | Sure, no problem.       | They didn't mind .....                  |

## 53.2 Complete each sentence with one of the following verbs (in the correct form):

answer	apply	be	forget	listen	live
lose	make	pay	read	try	use

- He tried to avoid answering my question.
- Could you please stop ..... so much noise?
- I enjoy ..... to music.
- I considered ..... for the job, but in the end I decided against it.
- Have you finished ..... the newspaper yet?
- We need to change our routine. We can't go on ..... like this.
- I don't mind you ..... my phone, but please ask me first.
- My memory is getting worse. I keep ..... things.
- I've put off ..... this bill so many times. I really must do it today.
- What a stupid thing to do! Can you imagine anybody ..... so stupid?
- I've given up ..... to lose weight – it's impossible.
- If you gamble, you risk ..... your money.

## 53.3 Complete the sentences so that they mean the same as the first sentence.

- I can do what I want and you can't stop me.  
You can't stop me doing what I want.
- It's not a good idea to travel during the rush hour.  
It's better to avoid ..... during the rush hour.
- Shall we paint the kitchen next weekend instead of this weekend?  
Shall we postpone ..... until next weekend?
- Could you turn the music down, please?  
Would you mind ....., please?
- Please don't interrupt all the time.  
Would you mind ..... all the time?

## 53.4 Use your own ideas to complete these sentences. Use -ing.

- She's a very interesting person. I always enjoy talking to her.
- I'm not feeling very well. I don't fancy .....
- I'm afraid there aren't any chairs. I hope you don't mind .....
- It was a beautiful day, so I suggested .....
- It was very funny. I couldn't stop .....
- My car isn't very reliable. It keeps .....



Verb + **to ...** (decide to ... / forget to ... etc.)

A

offer	decide	hope	deserve	promise
agree	plan	manage	afford	threaten
refuse	arrange	fail	forget	learn

After these verbs you can use **to ...** (*infinitive*):

- ☐ It was late, so we **decided to take** a taxi home.
- ☐ Simon was in a difficult situation, so I **agreed to help** him.
- ☐ How old were you when you **learnt to drive**? (*or learnt how to drive*)
- ☐ I waved to Karen, but **failed to attract** her attention.

The negative is **not to ...** :

- ☐ We **decided not to go** out because of the weather.
- ☐ I **promised not to be** late.

After some verbs **to ...** is not possible. For example, **enjoy/think/suggest**:

- ☐ I **enjoy reading**. (*not enjoy to read*)
- ☐ Andy **suggested meeting** for coffee. (*not suggested to meet*)
- ☐ Are you **thinking of buying** a car? (*not thinking to buy*)

For verb + **-ing**, see Unit 53. For verb + preposition + **-ing**, see Unit 62.

B

After **dare** you can use the infinitive with or without **to**:

- ☐ I wouldn't **dare to tell** him. *or* I wouldn't **dare tell** him.

But after **dare not** (*or daren't*), you must use the infinitive without **to**:

- ☐ I **daren't tell** him what happened. (*not I daren't to tell him*)

C

We also use **to ...** after:

**seem appear tend pretend claim**

For example:

- ☐ They **seem to have** plenty of money.
- ☐ I like Dan, but I think he **tends to talk** too much.
- ☐ Ann **pretended not to see** me when she passed me in the street.

There is also a *continuous* infinitive (**to be doing**) and a *perfect* infinitive (**to have done**):

- ☐ I **pretended to be reading** the paper. (= I pretended that I **was reading**)
- ☐ You **seem to have lost** weight. (= it seems that you **have lost** weight)
- ☐ Joe **seems to be enjoying** his new job. (= it seems that he **is enjoying** it)

D

After some verbs you can use a question word (**what/whether/how** etc.) + **to ...** .

We use this structure especially after:

**ask decide know remember forget explain learn understand wonder**

We asked	how	to get	to the station.
Have you decided	where	to go	for your holidays?
I don't know	whether	to apply	for the job or not.
Do you understand	what	to do?	

Also







**show/tell/ask/advise/teach** somebody **what/how/where** to do something:

- ☐ Can somebody **show me how to use** this camera?
- ☐ Ask Jack. He'll **tell you what to do**.



## Exercises

## 54.1 Complete the sentences for these situations.

- |   |                               |   |                            |                                      |
|---|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | Shall we get married?         |  | Yes, let's.                | They decided <u>to get married</u> . |
| 2 | Please help me.               |  | OK.                        | She agreed .....                     |
| 3 | Can I carry your bag for you? |  | No, thanks. I can manage.  | He offered .....                     |
| 4 | Let's meet at 8 o'clock.      |  | OK, fine.                  | They arranged .....                  |
| 5 | What's your name?             |  | I'm not going to tell you. | She refused .....                    |
| 6 | Please don't tell anyone.     |  | I won't. I promise.        | She promised .....                   |

## 54.2 Complete each sentence with a suitable verb.

- Don't forget to lock the door when you go out.
- There was a lot of traffic, but we managed ..... to the airport in time.
- We couldn't afford ..... in London. It's too expensive.
- We've got new computer software in our office. I haven't learnt ..... it yet.
- Mark doesn't know what happened. I decided not ..... him.
- We were all afraid to speak. Nobody dared ..... anything.

## 54.3 Put the verb into the correct form, to ... or -ing. (See Unit 53 for verbs + -ing.)

- When I'm tired, I enjoy watching television. It's relaxing. (watch)
- I've decided ..... for another job. I need a change. (look)
- Let's get a taxi. I don't fancy ..... home. (walk)
- I'm not in a hurry. I don't mind ..... (wait)
- Tina ran in a marathon last week, but she failed ..... (finish)
- I wish that dog would stop ..... It's driving me crazy. (bark)
- Our neighbour threatened ..... the police if we didn't stop the noise. (call)
- We were hungry, so I suggested ..... dinner early. (have)
- Hurry up! I don't want to risk ..... the train. (miss)
- They didn't know I was listening to them. I pretended ..... asleep. (be)

## 54.4 Make a new sentence using the verb in brackets.

- You've lost weight. (seem) You seem to have lost weight.
- Tom is worried about something. (appear) Tom appears .....
- You know a lot of people. (seem) You .....
- My English is getting better. (seem) .....
- That car has broken down. (appear) .....
- David forgets things. (tend) .....
- They have solved the problem. (claim) .....

## 54.5 Complete each sentence using what/how/where/whether + these verbs:

do ~~get~~ go put ride use

- Do you know how to get to John's house?
- Would you know ..... if there was a fire in the building?
- You'll never forget ..... a bicycle once you've learnt.
- I've been invited to the party, but I haven't decided ..... or not.
- My room is very untidy. I've got so many things and I don't know ..... them.
- I have some clothes to wash. Can you show me ..... the washing machine?



Verb (+ object) + **to ...** (I want you to ... etc.)

A

want	ask	help	would like
expect	beg	mean (= intend)	would prefer

These verbs are followed by **to ...** (*infinitive*). The structure can be:

verb + **to ...**

or

verb + object + **to ...**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> We <b>expected to be</b> late.   | <input type="checkbox"/> We expected <b>Dan to be</b> late.       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Would you like to go</b> now? | <input type="checkbox"/> Would you like <b>me to go</b> now?      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> He doesn't <b>want to know</b> . | <input type="checkbox"/> He doesn't want <b>anybody to know</b> . |

Do not say 'want that':

- ☐ Do you **want me to come** with you? (*not* Do you want that I come)

After **help** you can use the infinitive with or without **to**. So you can say:

- ☐ Can you help me **to move** this table? or Can you help me **move** this table?

B

tell	remind	force	encourage	teach	enable
order	warn	invite	persuade	get (= persuade)	

These verbs have the structure **verb + object + to ...** :

- ☐ Can you **remind me to call** Sam tomorrow?
- ☐ Who **taught you to drive**?
- ☐ I didn't move the piano by myself. I **got somebody to help** me.
- ☐ Joe said the switch was dangerous and **warned me not to touch** it.

In the next example, the verb is *passive* (**I was warned / we were told** etc.):

- ☐ **I was warned not to touch** the switch.

You cannot use **suggest** with the structure **verb + object + to ...** :

- ☐ Jane **suggested that I ask** your advice. (*not* Jane suggested me to ask)

C

After **advise** and **allow**, two structures are possible. Compare:

verb + **-ing** (without an object)verb + object + **to ...**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I wouldn't <b>advise staying</b> in that hotel.           | <input type="checkbox"/> I wouldn't <b>advise anybody to stay</b> in that hotel.          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> They don't <b>allow parking</b> in front of the building. | <input type="checkbox"/> They don't <b>allow people to park</b> in front of the building. |

Study these examples with **(be) allowed** (*passive*):

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parking <b>isn't allowed</b> in front of the building. | <input type="checkbox"/> You <b>aren't allowed to park</b> in front of the building. |
|---|--|

D

**Make and let**

These verbs have the structure **verb + object + infinitive** (without **to**):

- ☐ I **made him promise** that he wouldn't tell anybody what happened. (*not* to promise)
- ☐ Hot weather **makes me feel** tired. (= causes me to feel tired)
- ☐ Her parents wouldn't **let her go** out alone. (= wouldn't allow her to go out)
- ☐ **Let me carry** your bag for you.

We say '**make** somebody **do**' (*not* to do), but in the *passive* we say '**made to do**' (with **to**):

- ☐ **We were made to wait** for two hours. (= They **made us wait** ...)








## Exercises

**55.1** Complete the questions. Use **do you want me to ... ?** or **would you like me to ... ?** with these verbs (+ any other necessary words):

~~come~~    lend    repeat    show    shut    wait

- 1 Do you want to go alone, or do you want me to come with you ?
- 2 Do you have enough money, or do you want \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 3 Shall I leave the window open, or would you \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 4 Do you know how to use the machine, or would \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 5 Did you hear what I said, or do \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 6 Can I go now, or do \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**55.2** Complete the sentences for these situations.

- 1  She told him to meet her at the station.
- 2  They invited him \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3  He reminded her \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4  She warned \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5  He asked \_\_\_\_\_.

**55.3** Complete each second sentence so that the meaning is similar to the first sentence.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1 My father said I could use his car.                                  | My father allowed <u>me to use his car.</u> |
| 2 I was surprised that it rained.                                      | I didn't expect _____.                      |
| 3 Don't stop him doing what he wants.                                  | Let _____.                                  |
| 4 Tim looks older when he wears glasses.                               | Tim's glasses make _____.                   |
| 5 I think you should know the truth.                                   | I want _____.                               |
| 6 At first I didn't want to apply for the job, but Sarah persuaded me. | Sarah persuaded _____.                      |
| 7 My lawyer said I shouldn't say anything to the police.               | My lawyer advised _____.                    |
| 8 I was told that I shouldn't believe everything he says.              | I was warned _____.                         |
| 9 If you've got a car, you are able to get around more easily.         | Having a car enables _____.                 |

**55.4** Put the verb into the correct form: infinitive (do/make/eat etc.), to + infinitive, or -ing.

- 1 They don't allow people to park in front of the building. (park)
- 2 I've never been to Hong Kong, but I'd like \_\_\_\_\_ there. (go)
- 3 I'm in a difficult position. What do you advise me \_\_\_\_\_ ? (do)
- 4 The film was very sad. It made me \_\_\_\_\_ . (cry)
- 5 Lisa's parents always encouraged her \_\_\_\_\_ hard at school. (study)
- 6 If you want to get a cheap flight, I'd advise \_\_\_\_\_ early. (book)
- 7 Sarah wouldn't let me \_\_\_\_\_ her car. She doesn't trust me. (borrow)
- 8 If you enter a country with a tourist visa, you are normally not allowed \_\_\_\_\_ there. (work)
- 9 'I don't think Alex likes me.' 'What makes you \_\_\_\_\_ that?' (think)



Verb + **-ing** or **to ...** 1 (remember/regret etc.)

**A** Some verbs are followed by **-ing** and some are followed by **to ...**.

Verbs usually followed by **-ing**:

admit	fancy	postpone
avoid	finish	risk
consider	imagine	stop
deny	keep (on)	suggest
enjoy	mind	

For examples, see Unit 53.

Verbs usually followed by **to ...**:

afford	fail	offer
agree	forget	plan
arrange	hope	promise
decide	learn	refuse
deserve	manage	threaten

For examples, see Unit 54.

**B** Some verbs can be followed by **-ing** or **to ...** with a difference of meaning:

### remember

I **remember doing** something = I did it and now I remember this.

You **remember doing** something *after* you have done it.

- ☐ I know I locked the door. I clearly **remember locking** it.  
(= I locked it, and now I remember this)
- ☐ He could **remember driving** along the road just before the accident, but he couldn't remember the accident itself.

I **remembered to do** something = I remembered that I had to do it, so I did it.

You **remember to do** something *before* you do it.

- ☐ I **remembered to lock** the door, but I forgot to shut the windows.  
(= I remembered that I had to lock it, and so I locked it)
- ☐ I must **remember to pay** the electricity bill. (= I must not forget to pay it)

### regret

I **regret doing** something = I did it and now I'm sorry about it:

- ☐ I now **regret saying** what I said. I shouldn't have said it.
- ☐ Do you **regret not going** to college?

I **regret to say / to tell you / to inform** you = I'm sorry that I have to say (etc.):

- ☐ (*from a formal letter*) We **regret to inform** you that your application has been unsuccessful.

### go on

**Go on doing** something = continue with the same thing:

- ☐ The president paused for a moment and then **went on talking**.
- ☐ We need to change. We can't **go on living** like this.

**Go on to do** something = do or say something new:

- ☐ After discussing the economy, the president then **went on to talk** about foreign policy.

**C** The following verbs can be followed by **-ing** or **to ...** with no difference of meaning:  
**begin start continue intend bother**

So you can say:

- ☐ It **started raining**. or It **started to rain**.
- ☐ Andy **intends buying** a house. or Andy **intends to buy** ...
- ☐ Don't **bother locking** the door. or Don't **bother to lock** ...

But normally we do not use **-ing** after **-ing**:

- ☐ It's **starting to rain**. (*not* It's starting raining)



## 56.1 Put the verb into the correct form, -ing or to ...

- 1 They denied stealing the money. (steal)
- 2 I don't enjoy ..... very much. (drive)
- 3 I can't afford ..... out tonight. I don't have enough money. (go)
- 4 Has it stopped ..... yet? (rain)
- 5 We were unlucky to lose the game. We deserved ..... (win)
- 6 Why do you keep ..... me questions? Can't you leave me alone? (ask)
- 7 Please stop ..... me questions! (ask)
- 8 I refuse ..... any more questions. (answer)
- 9 The driver of one of the cars admitted ..... the accident. (cause)
- 10 Mark needed our help, and we promised ..... what we could. (do)
- 11 I don't mind ..... alone, but it's better to be with other people. (be)
- 12 The wall was quite high, but I managed ..... over it. (climb)
- 13 'Does Sarah know about the meeting?' 'No, I forgot ..... her.' (tell)
- 14 I've enjoyed ..... to you. I hope ..... you again soon. (talk, see)

## 56.2 Tom can remember some things about his childhood, but he can't remember others. Complete the sentences.

- 1 He was in hospital when he was a small child. He can still remember this.  
He can remember being in hospital when he was a small child.
- 2 He went to Paris with his parents when he was eight. He remembers this.  
He remembers ..... with his parents when he was eight.
- 3 He cried on his first day at school. He doesn't remember this.  
He doesn't ..... on his first day at school.
- 4 Once he fell into the river. He can remember this.  
He .....
- 5 He said he wanted to be a doctor. He can't remember this.  
..... to be a doctor.
- 6 Once he was bitten by a dog. He doesn't remember this.  
..... a dog.

## 56.3 Complete each sentence with a verb in the correct form, -ing or to ... Sometimes either form is possible.

- 1 a Please remember to lock the door when you go out.  
b A: You lent me some money a few months ago.  
B: Did I? Are you sure? I don't remember ..... you any money.
- c A: Did you remember ..... your sister?  
B: Oh no, I completely forgot. I'll phone her tomorrow.
- d When you see Steve, remember ..... hello to him from me.
- e Someone must have taken my bag. I clearly remember ..... it by the window and now it has gone.
- 2 a I believe that what I said was right. I don't regret ..... it.  
b I knew they were in trouble, but I regret ..... I did nothing to help them.
- c It started to get cold, and he regretted not ..... his coat.
- 3 a Ben joined the company nine years ago. He became assistant manager after two years, and a few years later he went on ..... manager of the company.
- b I can't go on ..... here any more. I want a different job.
- c When I came into the room, Lisa was reading a newspaper. She looked up and said hello, and then went on ..... her newspaper.
- 4 a If the company continues ..... money, the factory may be closed.
- b Julia has been ill, but now she's beginning ..... better.
- c The baby started ..... in the middle of the night.



## Verb + -ing or to ... 2 (try/need/help)

## A Try to ... and try -ing

**Try to do** = attempt to do, make an effort to do:

- ☐ I was very tired. I **tried to keep** my eyes open, but I couldn't.
- ☐ Please **try to be** quiet when you come home. Everyone will be asleep.

**Try** also means 'do something as an experiment or test'. For example:

- ☐ These cakes are delicious. You should **try** one.  
(= you should have one to see if you like it)
- ☐ We couldn't find anywhere to stay. We **tried** every hotel in the town, but they were all full.  
(= we went to every hotel to see if they had a room)

If **try** (with this meaning) is followed by a verb, we say **try -ing**:

- ☐ A: The photocopier doesn't seem to be working.  
B: **Try pressing** the green button.  
(= press the green button – perhaps this will help to solve the problem)

Compare:

- ☐ I **tried to move** the table, but it was too heavy. (so I couldn't move it)
- ☐ I didn't like the way the furniture was arranged, so I **tried moving** the table to the other side of the room. But it didn't look right, so I moved it back again.

## B Need to ... and need -ing

**I need to do** something = it is necessary for me to do it:

- ☐ I **need to get** more exercise.
- ☐ He **needs to work** harder if he wants to make progress.
- ☐ I don't **need to come** to the meeting, do I?

Something **needs doing** = it needs to be done:

- ☐ My phone **needs charging**.  
(= it needs to be charged)
- ☐ Do you think this jacket **needs cleaning**?  
(= ... needs to be cleaned)
- ☐ It's a difficult problem. It **needs thinking** about very carefully. (= it needs to be thought about)



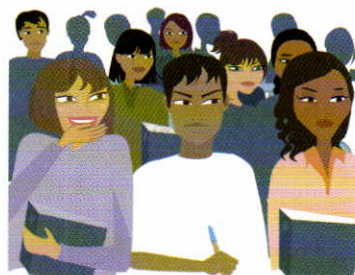
## C Help and can't help

You can say **help to do** or **help do** (with or without **to**):

- ☐ Everybody **helped to clean** up after the party. *or*  
Everybody **helped clean** up ...
- ☐ Can you **help me to move** this table? *or*  
Can you **help me move** ...

**I can't help doing** something = I can't stop myself doing it:

- ☐ I don't like him, but he has a lot of problems. I **can't help feeling** sorry for him.
- ☐ She tried to be serious, but she **couldn't help laughing**.  
(= she couldn't stop herself laughing)
- ☐ I'm sorry I'm so nervous. I **can't help it**.  
(= I can't help **being** nervous)



She **couldn't help laughing**.



**57.1** Make suggestions. Use **try** + one of the following:

phone his office      restart it      ~~change the batteries~~  
turn it the other way      take an aspirin

- 1 The radio isn't working.
- 2 I can't open the door. The key won't turn.
- 3 The computer isn't working properly.
- 4 Fred isn't answering his phone. What shall I do?
- 5 I've got a terrible headache. I wish it would go.

Have you tried changing the batteries?

Try .....

Have you tried .....

You could .....

Have you .....

**57.2** For each picture, write a sentence with **need(s)** + one of the following verbs:

~~clean~~      cut      empty      paint      tighten



- 1 This jacket is dirty. It needs cleaning.
- 2 The room isn't very nice. It .....
- 3 The grass is very long. ....
- 4 The screws are loose. ....
- 5 The bin is full. ....

**57.3** Put the verb into the correct form.

- 1 a I was very tired. I tried to keep (keep) my eyes open, but I couldn't.  
b I rang the doorbell, but there was no answer. Then I tried ..... (knock) on the door, but there was still no answer.  
c We tried ..... (put) the fire out but without success. We had to call the fire brigade.  
d Sue needed to borrow some money. She tried ..... (ask) Gary, but he was short of money too.  
e I tried ..... (reach) the shelf, but I wasn't tall enough.  
f Please leave me alone. I'm trying ..... (concentrate).
- 2 a I need a change. I need ..... (go) away for a while.  
b My grandmother isn't able to look after herself any more. She needs ..... (look) after.  
c The windows are dirty. They need ..... (clean).  
d Your hair is getting very long. It needs ..... (cut).  
e You don't need ..... (iron) that shirt. It doesn't need ..... (iron).
- 3 a They were talking very loudly. I couldn't help ..... (overhear) what they said.  
b Can you help me ..... (get) the dinner ready?  
c He looks so funny. Whenever I see him, I can't help ..... (smile).  
d The fine weather helped ..... (make) it a really nice holiday.



Verb + **-ing** or **to ...** 3 (like / would like etc.)**A** Like / love / hate

When you talk about repeated actions, you can use **-ing** or **to ...** after these verbs.

So you can say:

- ☐ Do you **like getting** up early? or Do you **like to get** up early?
- ☐ Stephanie **hates flying**. or Stephanie **hates to fly**.
- ☐ I **love meeting** people. or I **love to meet** people.
- ☐ I don't **like being** kept waiting. or ... **like to be** kept waiting.
- ☐ I don't **like friends calling** me at work. or ... friends **to call** me at work.

but

- (1) We use **-ing** (*not to ...*) when we talk about a situation that already exists (or existed).

For example:

- ☐ Paul lives in Berlin now. He **likes living** there. (He **likes living** in Berlin = He lives there and he likes it)
- ☐ Do you **like being** a student? (You are a student – do you like it?)
- ☐ The office I worked in was horrible. I **hated working** there. (I worked there and I hated it)

- (2) There is sometimes a difference between **I like to do** and **I like doing**:

**I like doing** something = I do it and I enjoy it:

- ☐ I **like cleaning** the kitchen. (= I enjoy it.)

**I like to do** something = I think it is a good thing to do, but I don't necessarily enjoy it:

- ☐ It's not my favourite job, but I **like to clean** the kitchen as often as possible.

Note that **enjoy** and **mind** are always followed by **-ing** (*not to ...*):

- ☐ I **enjoy cleaning** the kitchen. (*not I enjoy to clean*)
- ☐ I **don't mind cleaning** the kitchen. (*not I don't mind to clean*)

**B** Would like / would love / would hate / would prefer

**Would like / would love** etc. are usually followed by **to ...** :

- ☐ I'd **like** (= I **would like**) to go away for a few days.
- ☐ **Would you like to come** to dinner on Friday?
- ☐ I **wouldn't like to go** on holiday alone.
- ☐ I'd **love to meet** your family.
- ☐ **Would you prefer to have** dinner now or later?

Compare **I like** and **I would like** (I'd like):

- ☐ I **like playing** tennis. / I **like to play** tennis. (= I like it in general)
- ☐ I'd **like to play** tennis today. (= I want to play today)

**Would mind** is always followed by **-ing** (*not to ...*):

- ☐ **Would you mind closing** the door, please?

**C**

I would like **to have done** something = I regret now that I didn't or couldn't do it:

- ☐ It's a shame we didn't see Anna when we were in London. I **would like to have seen** her again.
- ☐ We'd **like to have gone** away, but we were too busy at home.

You can use the same structure after **would love / would hate / would prefer**:

- ☐ Poor David! I **would hate to have been** in his position.
- ☐ I'd **love to have gone** to the party, but it was impossible.



## Exercises

- 58.1** Write sentences about yourself. Say whether you like or don't like these activities. Choose one of these verbs for each sentence:

like / don't like      love      hate      enjoy      don't mind

- 1 (fly) I don't like flying. or I don't like to fly.
- 2 (play cards) .....
- 3 (be alone) .....
- 4 (go to museums) .....
- 5 (cook) .....

- 58.2** Make sentences from the words in brackets. Use **-ing** or **to ...**. Sometimes either form is possible.

- 1 Paul lives in Berlin now. It's nice. He likes it.  
(he / like / live / there) He likes living there.
- 2 Jane is a biology teacher. She likes her job.  
(she / like / teach / biology) She .....
- 3 Joe always has his camera with him and takes a lot of pictures.  
(he / like / take / pictures) .....
- 4 I used to work in a supermarket. I didn't like it much.  
(I / not / like / work / there) .....
- 5 Rachel is studying medicine. She likes it.  
(she / like / study / medicine) .....
- 6 Dan is famous, but he doesn't like it.  
(he / not / like / be / famous) .....
- 7 Jennifer is a very careful person. She doesn't take many risks.  
(she / not / like / take / risks) .....
- 8 I don't like surprises.  
(I / like / know / things / in advance) .....

- 58.3** Complete each sentence with a verb in the correct form, **-ing** or **to ...**. In one sentence either form is possible.

- 1 It's good to visit other places – I enjoy travelling.
- 2 'Would you like ..... down?' 'No, thanks. I'll stand.'
- 3 I'm not quite ready yet. Would you mind ..... a little longer?
- 4 When I was a child, I hated ..... to bed early.
- 5 When I have to catch a train, I'm always worried that I'll miss it. So I like ..... to the station in plenty of time.
- 6 I enjoy ..... busy. I don't like it when there's nothing to do.
- 7 I would love ..... to your wedding, but I'm afraid it isn't possible.
- 8 I don't like ..... in this part of town. I want to move somewhere else.
- 9 Do you have a minute? I'd like ..... to you about something.
- 10 If there's bad news and good news, I like ..... the bad news first.

- 58.4** Write sentences using **would ... to have (done)**. Use the verbs in brackets.

- 1 It's a shame I couldn't go to the party. (like) I would like to have gone to the party.
- 2 It's a shame I didn't see the programme. (like) .....
- 3 I'm glad I didn't lose my watch. (hate) .....
- 4 It's too bad I didn't meet your parents. (love) .....
- 5 I'm glad I wasn't alone. (not / like) .....
- 6 It's a shame I couldn't travel by train. (prefer) .....



## Prefer and would rather

### A Prefer to do and prefer doing

You can use **'prefer to (do)'** or **'prefer -ing'** to say what you prefer in general:

- ☐ I don't like cities. I **prefer to live** in the country. or I **prefer living** in the country.

Study the differences in structure after **prefer**. We say:

	I prefer I prefer <i>but</i> I prefer	something <b>doing</b> something <b>to do</b> something	to something else. <b>to doing</b> something else. <b>rather than (do)</b> something else.
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- ☐ I **prefer** this coat to the coat you were wearing yesterday.
- ☐ I **prefer driving to travelling** by train.
- but ☐ I **prefer to drive rather than travel** by train.
- ☐ Sarah **prefers to live** in the country **rather than (live)** in a city.

**B** Would prefer (I'd prefer ...)

We use **would prefer** to say what somebody wants in a specific situation (not in general):

- ☐ 'Would you prefer tea or coffee?' 'Coffee, please.'

We say 'would prefer **to do** something' (*not usually* would prefer doing):

- ☐ 'Shall we go by train?' 'I'd prefer to drive.' (not I'd prefer driving)
- ☐ I'd prefer to stay at home tonight rather than go to the cinema.

**C** Would rather (I'd rather ...)

**Would rather (do) = would prefer (to do).** We use **would rather** + *infinitive* (without **to**).

Compare:

- ☐ 'Shall we go by train?' { 'I'd **prefer to drive.**'  
'I'd **rather drive.**' (not to drive)
- ☐ '**Would you rather have** tea or coffee?' 'Coffee, please.'

The negative is 'I'd rather not (do something)':

- ☐ I'm tired. I'd rather not go out this evening, if you don't mind.
- ☐ 'Do you want to go out this evening?' 'I'd rather not.'

We say '**would rather do something than do something else**':

- ☐ I'd rather **stay** at home tonight **than go** to the cinema.

**D** I'd rather somebody **did** something

We say 'I'd rather you **did** something' (not I'd rather you do). For example:

- ☐ 'Who's going to drive, you or me?' 'I'd rather you **drove**.' (= I would prefer this)
- ☐ 'Jack says he'll repair your bike tomorrow, OK?' 'I'd rather he **did** it today.'
- ☐ Are you going to tell Anna what happened, or **would** you rather I **told** her?

In this structure we use the *past* (**drove, did** etc.), but the meaning is present *not* past.

Compare:

- ☐ I'd rather **make** dinner now.  
I'd rather **you made** dinner now. (*not* I'd rather you make)

I'd rather you **didn't** (do something) = I'd prefer you not to do it:

- ☐ I'd rather you **didn't** tell anyone what I said.
- ☐ 'Are you going to tell Anna what happened?' 'No. I'd rather she **didn't** know.'
- ☐ 'Shall I tell Anna what happened?' 'I'd rather you **didn't**.'



## Exercises

**59.1** Which do you prefer? Write sentences using 'I prefer (something) to (something else)'. Put the verb into the correct form where necessary.

1 (drive / travel by train)

I prefer driving to travelling by train.

2 (basketball / football)

I prefer .....

3 (go to the cinema / watch DVDs at home)

I ..... to ..... at home.

4 (be very busy / have nothing to do)

I .....

Now rewrite sentences 3 and 4 using the structure 'I prefer to (do something)'.

5 (1) I prefer to drive rather than travel by train.

6 (3) I prefer to .....

7 (4) .....

**59.2** Complete the sentences. Sometimes you need one word, sometimes more.

A

1 Shall we walk home?

2 Do you want to eat now?

3 Would you like to watch TV?

4 Do you want to go to a restaurant?

5 Let's leave now.

6 What about a game of tennis?

7 I think we should decide now.

8 Would you like to sit down?

9 Do you want me to come with you?

B

I'd rather ..... get a taxi.

I'd prefer ..... to wait ..... till later.

I'd ..... to listen to some music.

I'd rather ..... at home.

..... wait a few minutes.

I'd prefer ..... for a swim.

I'd ..... think about it for a while.

..... to stand.

I'd rather ..... alone.

Now use the same ideas to complete these sentences using **than** and **rather than**.

10 I'd rather ..... get ..... a taxi ..... than walk home.

11 I'd prefer ..... for a swim .....

12 I'd rather ..... at home .....

13 I'd prefer ..... about it for a while .....

14 I'd rather ..... some music .....

**59.3** Complete the sentences using **would you rather I ...**.

1 Are you going to make dinner or ..... would you rather I made it ..... ?

2 Are you going to tell Anna what happened or would you rather ..... ?

3 Are you going to do the shopping or ..... ?

4 Are you going to phone Tanya or ..... ?

**59.4** Use your own ideas to complete these sentences.

1 'Shall I tell Anna what happened?' 'No, I'd rather she ..... didn't ..... know.'

2 Do you want me to go now or would you rather I ..... here?

3 Do you want to go out this evening or would you rather ..... at home?

4 This is a private matter. I'd rather you ..... tell anybody else.

5 I don't want to make a decision without Jack and Sue. I'd rather they ..... here.

6 A: Do you mind if I put some music on?

B: I'd rather you ..... I'm trying to study.



## Preposition (in/for/about etc.) + -ing

**A** If a preposition (**in/for/about** etc.) is followed by a verb, the verb ends in **-ing**:

	<i>preposition</i>	<i>verb (-ing)</i>	
Are you interested	<b>in</b>	<b>working</b>	for us?
I'm not good	<b>at</b>	<b>learning</b>	languages.
Sue must be fed up	<b>with</b>	<b>studying</b>	
What are the advantages	<b>of</b>	<b>having</b>	a car?
Thanks very much	<b>for</b>	<b>inviting</b>	me to your party.
How	<b>about</b>	<b>meeting</b>	for lunch tomorrow?
Why don't you go out	<b>instead of</b>	<b>sitting</b>	at home all the time?
Amy went to work	<b>in spite of</b>	<b>feeling</b>	ill.

You can also say 'instead of **somebody** doing something', 'fed up with **people** doing something' etc. :

- ☐ I'm fed up with **people** telling me what to do.

**B** Note the use of the following prepositions + **-ing**:

**before -ing** and **after -ing**:

- ☐ **Before going** out, I phoned Sarah. (*not* Before to go out)  
☐ What did you do **after finishing** school?

You can also say '**Before I went** out ...' and '... **after you finished** school'.

**by -ing** (to say *how* something happens):

- ☐ The burglars got into the house **by breaking** a window and **climbing** in.  
☐ You can improve your English **by reading** more.  
☐ She made herself ill **by not eating** properly.  
☐ Many accidents are caused **by** people **driving** too fast.

**without -ing**:

- ☐ We ran ten kilometres **without stopping**.  
☐ It was a stupid thing to say. I said it **without thinking**.  
☐ She needs to work **without** people **disturbing** her. (*or ... without being* disturbed.)  
☐ I have enough problems of my own **without having** to worry about yours.

**C** **To -ing** (look forward **to doing** something etc.)

**To** is often part of the *infinitive* (**to do / to see** etc.):

- ☐ We decided **to travel** by train.  
☐ Would you like **to meet** for lunch tomorrow?

But **to** is also a *preposition* (like **in/for/about/with** etc.). For example:

- ☐ We went from Paris **to** Geneva.  
☐ I prefer tea **to** coffee.  
☐ Are you looking forward **to** the weekend?

If a preposition is followed by a verb, the verb ends in **-ing**:

- ☐ I'm fed up **with travelling** by train.  
☐ How **about going** away this weekend?

So, when **to** is a preposition and it is followed by a verb, you must say **to -ing**:

- ☐ I prefer driving **to travelling** by train. (*not* to travel)  
☐ Are you looking forward **to going** on holiday? (*not* looking forward to go)



## Exercises

**60.1** Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

- Why is it useful to have a car?  
What are the advantages of having a car ?
- I don't intend to apply for the job.  
I have no intention of .....
- Helen has a good memory for names.  
Helen is good at .....
- You probably won't win the lottery. You have little chance.  
You have little chance of .....
- Did you get into trouble because you were late?  
Did you get into trouble for ..... ?
- We didn't eat at home. We went to a restaurant instead.  
Instead of .....
- We got into the exhibition. We didn't have to queue.  
We got into the exhibition without .....
- We played very well, but we lost the game.  
We lost the game despite .....

**60.2** Complete the sentences using **by -ing**. Use the following (with the verb in the correct form):

borrow too much money	<del>break a window</del>	drive too fast
put some pictures on the walls	stand on a chair	turn a key

- The burglars got into the house by breaking a window .....
- I was able to reach the top shelf .....
- You start the engine of a car .....
- Kevin got himself into financial trouble .....
- You can put people's lives in danger .....
- We made the room look nicer .....

**60.3** Complete the sentences with a suitable word. Use only one word each time.

- We ran ten kilometres without stopping .....
- He left the hotel without ..... his bill.
- It's a nice morning. How about ..... for a walk?
- We were able to translate the letter into English without ..... a dictionary.
- Before ..... to bed, I like to have a hot drink.
- It was a long trip. I was very tired after ..... on a train for 36 hours.
- I was annoyed because the decision was made without anybody ..... me.
- After ..... the same job for ten years, I felt I needed a change.
- We got lost because we went straight on instead of ..... left.
- I like these pictures you took. You're good at ..... pictures.

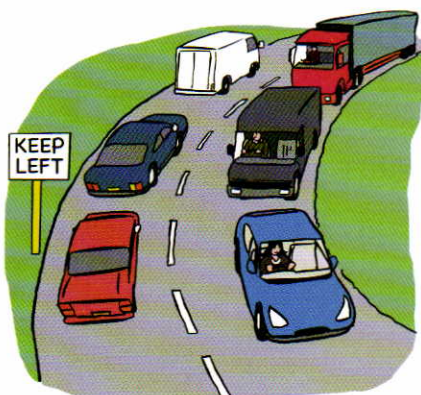
**60.4** For each situation, write a sentence with **I'm (not) looking forward to**.

- You are going on holiday next week. How do you feel?  
I'm looking forward to going on holiday.
- Kate is a good friend of yours and she is coming to visit you soon. So you will see her again soon. How do you feel? I'm .....
- You are going to the dentist tomorrow. You don't enjoy going to the dentist. How do you feel?  
I'm not .....
- Rachel hates school, but she's leaving next summer. How does she feel?  
.....
- You've arranged to play tennis tomorrow. You haven't played for a while and you like tennis a lot. How do you feel?  
.....



## Be/get used to something (I'm used to ...)

A Study this example situation:



Lisa is American, but she lives in Britain. When she first drove a car in Britain, she found it very difficult because she had to drive on the left, not on the right. Driving on the left was strange and difficult for her because:

She **wasn't used to it**.

She **wasn't used to driving** on the left.

But after a lot of practice, driving on the left became less strange. So:

She **got used to driving** on the left.

Now it's no problem for Lisa:

She **is used to driving** on the left.

B I'm used to something = it is not new or strange for me:

- ☐ Paul lives alone. He doesn't mind this because he has lived alone for 15 years. It is not strange for him. He **is used to it**. He **is used to living** alone.
- ☐ I bought some new shoes. They felt a bit strange at first because I **wasn't used to them**.
- ☐ Our new apartment is on a very busy street. I expect we'll **get used to the noise**, but at the moment it's very disturbing.
- ☐ Helen has a new job. She has to get up much earlier now than before – at 6.30. She finds this difficult because she **isn't used to getting** up so early.
- ☐ Katherine's husband is often away from home. She doesn't mind this. She **is used to him being** away.

C After **be/get used** you cannot use the infinitive (**to do / to drive** etc.). We say:

- ☐ She is used **to driving** on the left. (not She is used to drive)

When we say 'I **am used to** something', **to** is a *preposition*, not a part of the infinitive.

So we say:

- ☐ We're not used **to the noise**. / We're not used **to it**.
- ☐ Paul is used **to living** alone. (not Paul is used to live)
- ☐ Lisa had to get used **to driving** on the left. (not get used to drive)

D Do not confuse I **am used to doing** and I **used to do**:

I **am used to (doing)** something = it isn't strange or new for me:

- ☐ I **am used to the weather** in this country.
- ☐ I **am used to driving** on the left because I've lived in Britain a long time.

I **used to do** something = I did it regularly in the past but no longer do it. You can use this only for the past, not for the present. (See Unit 18.)

The structure is 'I **used to do**' (not I **am used to do**):

- ☐ I **used to drive** to work every day, but these days I usually go by bike.
- ☐ We **used to live** just outside the town, but now we live near the centre.



## Exercises

**61.1** Look again at the situation in Section A on the opposite page ('Lisa is American ...'). The following situations are similar. Complete the sentences using **used to**.

- Jack has to drive two hours to his work every morning. Many years ago, when he first had to do this, it was difficult for him. But now it's OK.  
When Jack started working in this job, he wasn't ..... driving two hours to work every morning, but after some time he ..... it.  
Now it's no problem for him. He ..... two hours every morning.
- Julia is a nurse. A year ago she started working nights. At first she found it hard and didn't like it.  
She ..... nights and it took her a few months to ..... it. Now, after a year, it's OK for her.  
She ..... nights.

**61.2** What do you say in these situations? Use **I'm (not) used to ...**

- You live alone. You don't mind this. You have always lived alone.  
FRIEND: Do you get lonely sometimes?  
YOU: No, I'm used to living alone.
- You sleep on the floor. You don't mind this. You have always slept on the floor.  
FRIEND: Wouldn't you prefer to sleep in a bed?  
YOU: No, I .....
- You have to work long hours in your job. This is not a problem for you. You have always worked long hours.  
FRIEND: You have to work very long hours in your job, don't you?  
YOU: Yes, but I don't mind that. I .....
- You usually go to bed early. Last night you went to bed very late (for you) and as a result you are very tired this morning.  
FRIEND: You look tired this morning.  
YOU: Yes, .....

**61.3** Read the situations and complete the sentences using **get/got used to**.

- Some friends of yours have just moved into an apartment on a busy street. It is very noisy.  
They'll have to get used to the noise.
- The children at school got a new teacher. She was different from the teacher before her, but this wasn't a problem for the children. They soon .....
- Sue moved from a big house to a much smaller one. She found it strange at first. She had to ..... in a much smaller house.
- Some people you know from Britain are going to live in your country. What will they have to get used to?  
They'll have to .....

**61.4** Complete the sentences using only one word each time (see Section C).

- Lisa had to get used to driving on the left.
- Dan used to ..... a lot of coffee. Now he prefers tea.
- I feel very full after that meal. I'm not used to ..... so much.
- I wouldn't like to share an office. I'm used to ..... my own office.
- I used to ..... a car, but I sold it a few months ago.
- When we were children, we used to ..... swimming very often.
- There used to ..... a school here, but it was knocked down a few years ago.
- I'm the boss here! I'm not used to ..... told what to do.
- We used to ..... in a village. We moved to London a few years ago and had to get used to ..... in a big city.



Verb + preposition + -ing (succeed in -ing /  
accuse somebody of -ing etc.)

- A** Many verbs have the structure *verb + preposition (in/for/about etc.) + object*.  
For example:

*verb + preposition + object*

We <b>talked</b>	<b>about</b>	the problem.
You must <b>apologise</b>	<b>for</b>	what you said.

If the *object* is another verb, it ends in **-ing**:

*verb + preposition + object*

We <b>talked</b>	<b>about</b>	<b>going</b> to South America.
You must <b>apologise</b>	<b>for</b>	not <b>telling</b> the truth.

Some more verbs with this structure:

<b>approve (of)</b>	He doesn't <b>approve</b>	<b>of</b>	<b>swearing.</b>
<b>decide (against)</b>	We have <b>decided</b>	<b>against</b>	<b>moving</b> to London.
<b>dream (of)</b>	I wouldn't <b>dream</b>	<b>of</b>	<b>asking</b> them for money.
<b>feel (like)</b>	Do you <b>feel</b>	<b>like</b>	<b>going</b> out tonight?
<b>insist (on)</b>	They <b>insisted</b>	<b>on</b>	<b>paying</b> for the meal.
<b>look forward (to)</b>	I'm <b>looking forward</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>meeting</b> her.
<b>succeed (in)</b>	Have you <b>succeeded</b>	<b>in</b>	<b>finding</b> a job yet?
<b>think (of/about)</b>	I'm <b>thinking</b>	<b>of/about</b>	<b>buying</b> a house.

You can also say 'approve of **somebody** doing something', 'look forward to **somebody** doing something' etc:

- ☐ I don't approve **of people killing** animals for fun.
- ☐ We are all looking forward **to Andy coming** home.

- B** The following verbs can have the structure *verb + object + preposition + -ing (object)*:

*verb + object preposition + -ing (object)*

<b>accuse (of)</b>	They <b>accused</b>	us	<b>of</b>	<b>telling</b> lies.
<b>congratulate (on)</b>	We all <b>congratulated</b>	Lisa	<b>on</b>	<b>winning</b> the first prize.
<b>excuse (for)</b>	<b>Excuse</b>	me	<b>for</b>	<b>phoning</b> you so late.
<b>prevent (from)</b>	What <b>prevented</b>	you	<b>from</b>	<b>coming</b> to see us?
<b>stop (from)</b>	The rain didn't <b>stop</b>	us	<b>from</b>	<b>enjoying</b> our holiday.
<b>suspect (of)</b>	Nobody <b>suspected</b>	the general	<b>of</b>	<b>being</b> a spy.
<b>thank (for)</b>	I forgot to <b>thank</b>	them	<b>for</b>	<b>helping</b> me.

You can say '**stop** somebody **doing**' or '**stop** somebody **from doing**':

- ☐ You can't **stop** me **doing** what I want. or You can't **stop** me **from doing** what I want.

The following examples are with **not -ing**:

- ☐ They accused us of **not telling** the truth.
- ☐ Excuse me for **not replying** to your email until now.

Some of these verbs are often used in the *passive*. For example:

- ☐ We **were accused of telling** lies.
- ☐ The general **was suspected of being** a spy.

Note that we say 'apologise **to somebody** for ...':

- ☐ I apologised **to them** for keeping them waiting. (*not* I apologised them)



## Exercises

## 62.1 Complete each sentence using only one word.

- Our neighbours apologised for making so much noise.
- I feel lazy. I don't feel like ..... any work.
- I wanted to go out alone, but Joe insisted on ..... with me.
- Where are you thinking of ..... your holiday this year?
- We have decided against ..... a car because we can't really afford it.
- It's good Dan and Amy are coming to stay with us. I'm looking forward to ..... them again.
- Some parents don't approve of their children ..... a lot of TV.
- It took us a long time, but we finally succeeded in ..... the problem.
- I've always dreamed of ..... a small house by the sea.

## 62.2 Complete each sentence using a preposition + one of the following verbs (in the correct form):

be	cause	do	eat	escape	<del>go</del>
interrupt	invite	tell	use	walk	wear

- Do you feel like going out this evening?
- The driver of the other car accused me ..... the accident.
- There's a fence around the lawn to stop people ..... on the grass.
- Excuse me ..... you, but may I ask you something?
- The man who has been arrested is suspected ..... a false passport.
- I'm fed up with my job. I'm thinking ..... something else.
- The guards weren't able to prevent the prisoner .....
- I didn't want to hear the story, but Dan insisted ..... me.
- I'm getting hungry. I'm really looking forward ..... something.
- I think you should apologise to Sue ..... so rude to her.
- I'm sorry I can't come to your party, but thank you very much ..... me.
- The police stopped the car because they suspected the driver ..... not ..... a seat belt.

## 62.3 Complete the sentences on the right.



It was nice of you to help me. Thanks very much.

Kevin thanked me for helping him.



I'll take you to the station. I insist.

Tom insisted ..... Ann



I hear you got married. Congratulations!

Dan congratulated me .....



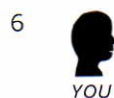
It was nice of you to come to see me. Thank you.

Jenny thanked .....



I'm sorry I didn't phone earlier.

Kate apologised .....



You're selfish.

Jane accused .....



## Expressions + -ing

**A** When these expressions are followed by a verb, the verb ends in **-ing**:

**It's no use / It's no good ...**

- ☐ There's nothing you can do about the situation, so **it's no use worrying** about it.
- ☐ **It's no good trying** to persuade me. You won't succeed.

**There's no point in ...**

- ☐ **There's no point in having** a car if you never use it.
- ☐ **There was no point in waiting** any longer, so we left.

But we usually say '**the point of doing** something':

- ☐ **What's the point of having** a car if you never use it?

**B** **It's (not) worth ...**

- ☐ I live only a short walk from here, so **it's not worth taking** a taxi.
- ☐ Our flight was very early in the morning, so **it wasn't worth going** to bed.

You can say that a film is **worth seeing**, a book is **worth reading** etc. :

- ☐ What was the film like? Was it **worth seeing**?
- ☐ Thieves broke into the house, but didn't take anything. There was nothing **worth stealing**.

**C** **Have trouble -ing, have difficulty -ing** etc.

Have **trouble / difficulty / a problem doing** something:

- ☐ I had no **trouble finding** a place to stay. (*not* trouble to find)
- ☐ Did you have any **difficulty getting** a visa?
- ☐ People sometimes have **problems reading** my writing.

**D** **Spend time / waste time / be busy**

**spend/waste (time) doing** something:

- ☐ He **spent** hours **trying** to repair the clock.
- ☐ I **waste** a lot of time **doing** nothing.

(be) **busy doing** something:

- ☐ She said she couldn't see me. She was too **busy doing** other things.

**E** **Go swimming / go fishing** etc.

We use **go -ing** for a number of activities (especially sports).

For example, you can say:



go sailing  
go camping  
go riding



go swimming  
go surfing  
go hiking



go fishing  
go scuba diving  
go sightseeing



go skiing  
go jogging  
go shopping

- ☐ How often do you **go swimming**?
- ☐ I'd like to **go skiing**.
- ☐ When was the last time you **went shopping**?
- ☐ I've never **been sailing**. (For **gone** and **been**, see Unit 7D.)



## Exercises

63.1 Make sentences beginning **There's no point ...**

- Why have a car if you never use it?  
*There's no point in having a car if you never use it.*
- Why work if you don't need money?  
.....
- Don't try to study if you feel tired.  
.....
- Why hurry if you've got plenty of time?  
.....

## 63.2 Complete the sentences on the right.

- Shall we get a taxi home?
- If you need help, why don't you ask David?
- I don't really want to go out tonight.
- Shall I phone Lisa now?
- Are you going to complain about what happened?
- Do you want to keep these old clothes?

No, it isn't far. It's not worth *getting a taxi*.  
It's no use ..... He won't be able to do anything.  
Well, stay at home! There's no point ..... if you don't want to.  
No, it's no good ..... now. She won't be at home.  
No, it's not worth .....  
Nobody will do anything about it.  
No, let's throw them away. They're not worth .....

## 63.3 Complete the sentences.

- I managed to get a visa, but it was difficult.  
I had difficulty *getting a visa*.
- I find it hard to remember people's names.  
I have a problem .....
- Lucy managed to get a job. It wasn't a problem.  
She had no trouble .....
- It won't be difficult to get a ticket for the game.  
You won't have any problem .....
- Do you find it difficult to understand him?  
Do you have difficulty .....?

63.4 Complete the sentences. Use only **one** word each time.

- I waste a lot of time *doing* nothing.
- Every morning I spend about an hour ..... the newspaper.
- 'What's Karen doing?' 'She's going away tomorrow, so she's busy .....
- I think you waste too much time ..... TV.
- There's a beautiful view from that hill. It's worth ..... to the top.
- Just stay calm. There's no point in ..... angry.

## 63.5 Complete these sentences with the following (with the verb in the correct form):

go riding    ~~go sailing~~    go shopping    go skiing    go swimming

- Ben lives by the sea and he's got a boat, so he often *goes sailing*.
- It was a very hot day, so we ..... in the lake.
- There's plenty of snow in the mountains, so we'll be able to .....
- Helen has got two horses. She ..... regularly.
- 'Where's Dan?' 'He's ..... There were a few things he needed to buy.'



## To ... , for ... and so that ...

A

Study these examples:

- ☐ I phoned the restaurant **to reserve** a table.
- ☐ What do you need **to make** bread?
- ☐ We shouted **to warn** everybody of the danger.
- ☐ This letter is **to confirm** the decisions we made at our meeting last week.
- ☐ The president has a team of bodyguards **to protect** him.

In these examples **to ... (to reserve ... / to make ... etc.)** tells us the *purpose* of something: why somebody does something, has something, needs something etc., or why something exists.

B

We say 'a place **to park**', 'something **to eat**', 'work **to do**' etc. :

- ☐ It's difficult to find **a place to park** in the centre. (= a place where you can park)
- ☐ Would you like **something to eat**? (= something that you can eat)
- ☐ Do you have **much work to do**? (= work that you must do)
- ☐ I get lonely if there's **nobody to talk to**.
- ☐ I need **something to open** this bottle **with**.

Also **money/time/chance/opportunity/energy/courage** (etc.) **to do** something:

- ☐ They gave us **money to buy** food.
- ☐ Do you have **much opportunity to practise** your English?
- ☐ I need **a few days to think** about your proposal.

C

Compare **for ...** and **to ...** :**for + noun**

- ☐ We stopped **for petrol**.
- ☐ I had to run **for the bus**.

**to + verb**

- ☐ We stopped **to get** petrol.
- ☐ I had to run **to catch** the bus.

You can say '**for** somebody **to do** something':

- ☐ There weren't any chairs **for us to sit on**, so we sat on the floor.

You can use **for -ing** or **to ...** to talk about the *general* purpose of something, or what it is generally used for:

- ☐ I use this brush **for washing** the dishes. *or* ... **to wash** the dishes.

But we do not use **for -ing** to say why somebody does something:

- ☐ I went into the kitchen **to wash** the dishes. (*not for washing*)

You can use **What ... for?** to ask about purpose:

- ☐ **What** is this switch **for**?
- ☐ **What** did you do that **for**?

D

**So that**We use **so that** (*not to ...*) especiallywhen the purpose is *negative* (**so that ... won't/wouldn't**):

- ☐ I hurried **so that** I **wouldn't** be late. (= because I didn't want to be late)
- ☐ Eat something now **so that** you **won't** (*or don't*) get hungry later.

with **can** and **could** (**so that ... can/could**):

- ☐ She's learning English **so that** she **can** study in Canada.
- ☐ We moved to London **so that** we **could** see our friends more often.

You can leave out **that**. So you can say:

- ☐ I hurried **so that** I wouldn't be late. *or* I hurried **so** I wouldn't be late.



## Exercises

64.1 Choose from Box A and Box B to make a new sentence with **to** ...

A

- 1 ~~I shouted~~
- 2 I opened the box
- 3 I'm saving money
- 4 I need a knife
- 5 I'm wearing two sweaters
- 6 I phoned the police

B

- I want to keep warm
- I want to go to Canada
- I wanted to report the accident
- ~~I wanted to warn people of the danger~~
- I want to chop these onions
- I wanted to see what was in it

- 1 I shouted to warn people of the danger.
- 2 I opened the box
- 3 I
- 4
- 5
- 6

64.2 Complete these sentences using **to** + a suitable verb.

- 1 The president has a team of bodyguards to protect him.
- 2 I didn't have enough time to read the newspaper today.
- 3 I came home by taxi. I didn't have the energy to walk.
- 4 'Would you like something to drink?' 'Yes, please. A cup of coffee.'
- 5 We need a bag to put these things in.
- 6 There will be a meeting next week to discuss the problem.
- 7 Do you need a visa to travel to the United States?
- 8 I saw Helen at the party, but we didn't have a chance to talk to each other.
- 9 I need some new clothes. I don't have anything nice to wear.
- 10 They've just passed their exams. They're having a party to celebrate.
- 11 I can't do all this work alone. I need somebody to help me.

64.3 Put in **to** or **for**.

- 1 We stopped for petrol.
- 2 You need a lot of experience to do this job.
- 3 You need a lot of experience to do this job.
- 4 We'll need more time to make a decision.
- 5 I went to the dentist for a check-up.
- 6 I had to put on my glasses to read the paper.
- 7 Do you have to wear glasses to read?
- 8 I wish we had a garden for the children to play in.

64.4 Make one sentence from two, using **so that**.

- 1 I hurried. I didn't want to be late. I hurried so that I wouldn't be late.
- 2 I wore warm clothes. I didn't want to be cold.  
I wore warm clothes so that I wouldn't be cold.
- 3 I gave Dan my phone number. I wanted him to be able to contact me.  
I gave Dan my phone number so that he would be able to contact me.
- 4 We whispered. We didn't want anybody else to hear our conversation.  
We whispered so that nobody would hear our conversation.
- 5 Please arrive early. We want to be able to start the meeting on time.  
Please arrive early so that we can start the meeting on time.
- 6 We made a list of things to do. We didn't want to forget anything.  
We made a list of things to do so that we wouldn't forget anything.
- 7 I slowed down. I wanted the car behind me to be able to overtake.  
I slowed down so that the car behind me would be able to overtake.



## Adjective + to ...

A

## Difficult to understand etc.

Compare sentences (a) and (b):

- ☐ James doesn't speak very clearly. { (a) **It** is difficult to understand **him**.  
 (b) **He** is **difficult to understand**.

Sentences (a) and (b) have the same meaning. Note that we say:

- ☐ He is difficult **to understand**. (*not* He is difficult to understand him.)

You can use the same structures with:

**easy**    **nice**    **safe**    **cheap**    **exciting**    **impossible**  
**hard**    **good**    **dangerous**    **expensive**    **interesting**

- ☐ Do you think it is **safe** (for us) **to drink this water**?  
 Do you think this water is **safe** (for us) **to drink**? (*not* to drink it)  
☐ The questions in the exam were very difficult. It was **impossible to answer them**.  
 The questions in the exam were very difficult. They were **impossible to answer**.  
 (*not* to answer them)  
☐ Nicola has lots of interesting ideas. It's **interesting to talk to her**.  
 Nicola is **interesting to talk to**. (*not* to talk to her.)

You can also use this structure with *adjective + noun*:

- ☐ This is a **difficult question** (for me) **to answer**. (*not* to answer it)

B

## Nice of (you) to ...

You can say 'It's **nice of** somebody **to** do something':

- ☐ It was **nice of you to take** me to the airport. Thank you very much.

You can use many other adjectives in this way. For example:

**kind**    **(in)considerate**    **generous**    **mean**    **careless**    **silly**    **stupid**    **unfair**

- ☐ It's **silly of Ruth to give up** her job when she needs the money.  
☐ I think it was **unfair of him to criticise** me.

C

## Sorry to ... / surprised to ... etc.

You can use *adjective + to ...* to say how somebody reacts to something:

- ☐ I'm **sorry to hear** that your mother isn't well.

You can use many other adjectives in this way. For example:

**glad**    **pleased**    **relieved**    **surprised**    **amazed**    **sad**    **disappointed**

- ☐ Was Julia **surprised to see** you?  
☐ It was a long and tiring journey. We were **glad to get** home.

D

## The first / the next (etc.) + to ...

You can use **to ...** after **the first/second/third** etc., and also after **the last / the next / the only ...**:

- ☐ If I have any more news, you will be **the first** (person) **to know**.  
☐ **The next** train **to arrive** at platform 4 will be the 10.50 to Liverpool.  
☐ Everybody was late except me. I was **the only** one **to arrive** on time.

E

You can say that something is **sure/certain/likely/bound to** happen:

- ☐ Carla is a very good student. She's **bound to pass** the exam. (= she is sure to pass)  
☐ I'm **likely to get** home late tonight. (= I will probably get home late)



## Exercises

**65.1** (Section A) Write these sentences in another way, beginning as shown.

- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 It's difficult to understand him.         | He <u>is difficult to understand.</u> |
| 2 It's easy to use this machine.            | This machine is .....                 |
| 3 It was very difficult to open the window. | The window .....                      |
| 4 It's impossible to translate some words.  | Some words .....                      |
| 5 It's expensive to maintain a car.         | A .....                               |
| 6 It's not safe to stand on that chair.     | That .....                            |

**65.2** (Section A) Complete the second sentence. Use the adjective in brackets and **to ... as in the example.**

- |                                   |             |   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---|
| 1 I couldn't answer the question. | (difficult) | It was a <u>difficult question to answer.</u> |
| 2 Everybody makes that mistake.   | (easy)      | It's an .....                                 |
| 3 I like living in this place.    | (nice)      | It's a .....                                  |
| 4 We enjoyed watching the game.   | (good)      | It was a .....                                |

**65.3** (Section B) Make a new sentence beginning **It ...**. Use one of these adjectives each time:

**careless    inconsiderate    ~~kind~~    nice**

- Sue has offered to help me. It's kind of Sue to offer to help me.
- You make the same mistake again and again.  
It .....
- Dan and Jenny invited me to stay with them.  
.....
- The neighbours make so much noise.  
.....

**65.4** (Section C) Use the following words to complete these sentences:

**+ / sorry / hear    I / glad / hear    pleased / meet    we / surprised / see**

- I'm sorry to hear that your mother isn't well. I hope she gets better soon.
- I got your message. .... that you're keeping well.
- ..... Paula at the party last night. We didn't expect her to come.
- 'Tom, this is Chris.' 'Hi Chris. .... you.'

**65.5** (Section D) Complete the second sentence using the words in brackets + **to ...**

- Nobody spoke before me. (the first) I was the first person to speak.
- Everybody else arrived before Paul.  
(the last) Paul was the .....
- Emily passed the exam. All the other students failed.  
(the only) Emily was .....
- I complained to the restaurant manager about the service. Another customer had already complained.  
(the second) I was .....
- Neil Armstrong walked on the moon in 1969. Nobody had done this before him.  
(the first) Neil Armstrong was .....

**65.6** (Section E) Complete these sentences using the words in brackets and a suitable verb.

- Carla is a very good student. She is bound to pass the exam. (bound)
- I'm not surprised you're tired. After such a long journey you ..... tired.  
(bound)
- Andy has a very bad memory. He ..... what you tell him. (sure)
- I don't think you need to take an umbrella. It ..... (not likely)
- The holidays begin this weekend. There ..... a lot of traffic on the roads. (likely)



# To ... (afraid to do) and preposition + -ing (afraid of -ing)

## A Afraid to (do) and afraid of (do)ing

I am **afraid to do** something = I don't want to do it because it is dangerous or the result could be bad.

We use **afraid to do** for things we do intentionally; we can choose to do them or not:

- ☐ This part of town is dangerous. People are **afraid to walk** here at night.  
(= they don't want to walk here because it is dangerous – so they don't)
- ☐ James was **afraid to tell** his parents what had happened.  
(= he didn't want to tell them because he knew they would be angry or worried)

I am **afraid of** something **happening** = it is possible that something bad will happen (for example, an accident).

We do not use **afraid of -ing** for things we do intentionally:

- ☐ The path was icy, so we walked very carefully. We were **afraid of falling**.  
(= it was possible that we would fall – *not* we were afraid to fall)
- ☐ I don't like dogs. I'm always **afraid of being** bitten. (*not* afraid to be bitten)

So, you are **afraid to do** something because you are **afraid of something happening** as a result:

- ☐ I was **afraid to go** near the dog because I **was afraid of being** bitten.

## B Interested in (do)ing and interested to (do)

I'm **interested in doing** something = I'm thinking of doing it, I would like to do it:

- ☐ Let me know if you're **interested in joining** the club. (*not* to join)
- ☐ I tried to sell my car, but nobody was **interested in buying** it. (*not* to buy)

We use **interested to ...** to say how somebody reacts to what they **hear/see/read/learn/know/find**.

For example, 'I was **interested to hear** it' = I heard it and it was interesting for me:

- ☐ I was **interested to hear** that Tanya left her job.
- ☐ Ask Mike for his opinion. I would be **interested to know** what he thinks. (= it would be interesting for me to know it)

This structure is the same as **surprised to ... / glad to ...** etc. (see Unit 65C):

- ☐ I was **surprised to hear** that Tanya left her job.

## C Sorry to (do) and sorry for/about (do)ing

We use **sorry to ...** to say we regret something that happens (see Unit 65C):

- ☐ I was **sorry to hear** that Nicky lost her job. (= I was sorry when I heard that ...)
- ☐ I've enjoyed my stay here. I'll be **sorry to leave**.

We also say **sorry to ...** to apologise at the time we do something:

- ☐ I'm **sorry to phone** you so late, but I need to ask you something.

You can use **sorry for** or **sorry about** (doing something) to apologise for something you did before:

- ☐ I'm **sorry for (or about) shouting** at you yesterday. (*not* sorry to shout)

You can also say:

- ☐ I'm **sorry I shouted** at you yesterday.

## D We say:

I <b>want to</b> (do) / I'd <b>like to</b> (do)	but	I'm <b>thinking of</b> (do)ing / I <b>dream of</b> (do)ing
I <b>failed to</b> (do)	but	I <b>succeeded in</b> (do)ing
I <b>allowed</b> them to (do)	but	I <b>prevented</b> them <b>from</b> (do)ing
		I <b>stopped</b> them <b>from</b> (do)ing

For examples, see Units 54–55 and 62.



## Exercises

**66.1** Use the words in brackets to write sentences. Use **afraid to ...** or **afraid of -ing**.

- The streets are unsafe at night.  
(a lot of people / afraid / go / out) A lot of people are afraid to go out.
- We walked very carefully along the icy path.  
(we / afraid / fall) We were afraid of falling.
- I don't usually carry my passport with me.  
(I / afraid / lose / it) \_\_\_\_\_
- I thought she would be angry if I told her what had happened.  
(I / afraid / tell / her) \_\_\_\_\_
- We rushed to the station.  
(we / afraid / miss / our train) \_\_\_\_\_
- In the middle of the film there was an especially horrifying scene.  
(we / afraid / look) \_\_\_\_\_
- The vase was very valuable, so I held it carefully.  
(I / afraid / drop / it) \_\_\_\_\_
- I thought the food on my plate didn't look fresh.  
a (I / afraid / eat / it) \_\_\_\_\_  
b (I / afraid / get / sick) \_\_\_\_\_

**66.2** Complete the sentences using **in ...** or **to ...**. Use these verbs:

**buy get know look read start**

- I'm trying to sell my car, but nobody is interested in buying it.
- Julia is interested \_\_\_\_\_ her own business.
- I was interested \_\_\_\_\_ your article in the newspaper last week. It was very well written.
- Ben wants to stay single. He's not interested \_\_\_\_\_ married.
- I heard from Mark recently. You'll be interested \_\_\_\_\_ that he's now working in Paris.
- I don't enjoy sightseeing. I'm not interested \_\_\_\_\_ at old buildings.

**66.3** Complete each sentence using **sorry for/about ...** or **sorry to ...**. Use the verb in brackets.

- I'm sorry to phone you so late, but I need to ask you something. (phone)
- I was \_\_\_\_\_ that you didn't get the job you applied for. (hear)
- I'm \_\_\_\_\_ all those bad things about you. I didn't mean them. (say)
- I'm \_\_\_\_\_ you, but do you have a pen I could borrow? (disturb)
- I'm \_\_\_\_\_ the book you lent me. I'll buy you another one. (lose)

**66.4** Complete each sentence using the verb in brackets.

- We wanted to leave the building. (leave)
  - We weren't allowed \_\_\_\_\_ the building. (leave)
  - We were prevented \_\_\_\_\_ the building. (leave)
- Peter failed \_\_\_\_\_ the problem. (solve)
  - Chris succeeded \_\_\_\_\_ the problem. (solve)
- I'm thinking \_\_\_\_\_ away next week. (go)
  - I'm hoping \_\_\_\_\_ away next week. (go)
  - I'd like \_\_\_\_\_ away next week. (go)
  - I'm looking forward \_\_\_\_\_ away next week. (go)
- Helen wanted \_\_\_\_\_ me lunch. (buy)
  - Helen insisted \_\_\_\_\_ me lunch. (buy)
  - Helen promised \_\_\_\_\_ me lunch. (buy)
  - Helen wouldn't dream \_\_\_\_\_ me lunch. (buy)



## See somebody do and see somebody doing

A Study this example situation:

Tom got into his car and drove away. You saw this.  
You can say:

- ☐ I saw Tom **get** into his car and **drive** away.

In this structure we use **get/drive/do** etc.  
(*not to get / to drive / to do*).

Somebody **did** something + I saw this

I **saw** somebody **do** something



TOM

But after a *passive* ('he **was seen**' etc.), we use **to**:

- ☐ He was seen **to** get in the car.

B Study this example situation:

Yesterday you saw Kate. She was waiting for a bus.  
You can say:

- ☐ I saw Kate **waiting** for a bus.

In this structure we use **-ing** (*waiting/doing* etc.):

Somebody **was doing** something + I saw this

I **saw** somebody **doing** something



KATE

C Study the difference in meaning between the two structures:

I saw him **do** something = he **did** something (*past simple*) and I saw this. I saw the complete action from beginning to end:

- ☐ He **fell** off the wall. I saw this. → I saw him **fall** off the wall.  
☐ The accident **happened**. Did you see it? → Did you see the accident **happen**?

I saw him **doing** something = he **was doing** something (*past continuous*) and I saw this. I saw him when he was in the middle of doing it. This does not mean that I saw the complete action:

- ☐ He **was walking** along the street.  
I saw this when I drove past in my car. } I saw him **walking** along the street.

Sometimes the difference is not important and you can use either form:

- ☐ I've never seen her **dance**. or I've never seen her **dancing**.

D We use these structures with **see** and **hear**, and a number of other verbs:

- ☐ I didn't **hear** you **come** in. (you came in – I didn't hear this)  
☐ Lisa suddenly **felt** somebody **touch** her on the shoulder.  
☐ Did you **notice** anyone **go** out?  
☐ I could **hear** it **raining**. (it was raining – I could hear it)  
☐ A man was **seen running** away a short time after the break-in.  
☐ **Listen to** the birds **singing**!  
☐ Can you **smell** something **burning**?  
☐ We looked everywhere for Paul, and finally we **found** him **sitting** under a tree in the garden and **eating** an apple.



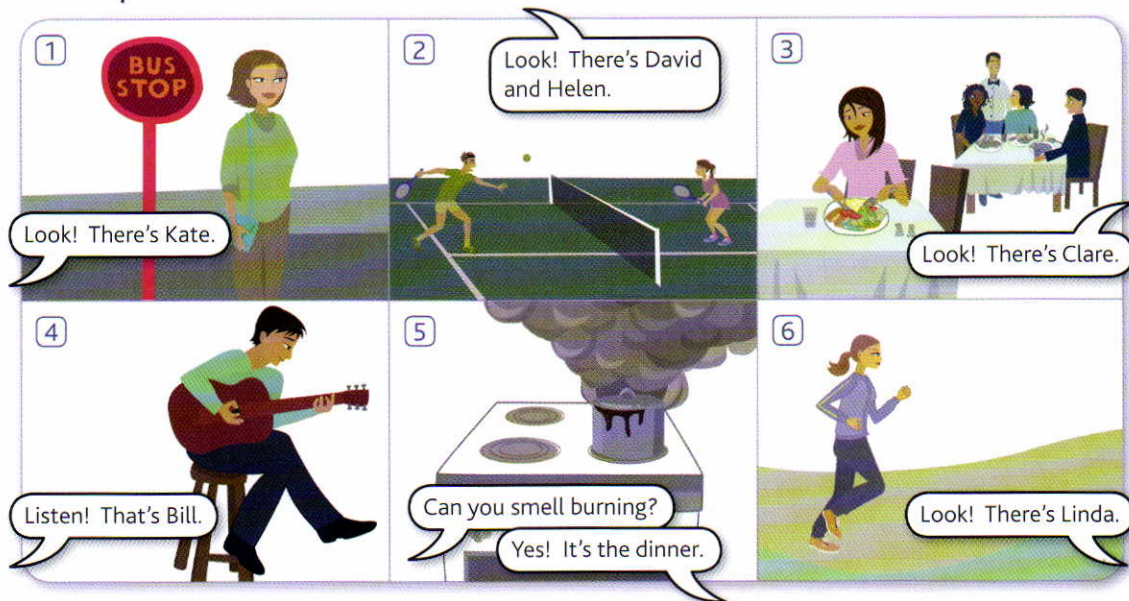
## Exercises

67.1 Complete the answers to the questions.

- 1 Did anybody go out?
- 2 Has Sarah arrived yet?
- 3 How do you know I took the money?
- 4 Did the doorbell ring?
- 5 Can Tom play the piano?
- 6 Did I lock the door when I went out?
- 7 How did the woman fall?

I don't think so. I didn't see anybody go out .  
 Yes, I think I heard her .....  
 I know because I saw you .....  
 I don't think so. I didn't hear .....  
 I've never heard .....  
 Yes, I saw .....  
 I don't know. I didn't see .....

67.2 In each of these situations you and a friend saw, heard or smelt something. Look at the pictures and complete the sentences.



- 1 We saw Kate waiting for a bus .....
- 2 We saw David and Helen .....
- 3 We saw ..... in a restaurant.
- 4 We heard .....
- 5 We could .....
- 6 .....

67.3 Complete these sentences. Use the following verbs (in the correct form):

climb	<del>come</del>	crawl	cry	explode	ride
run	say	<del>sing</del>	slam	sleep	tell

- 1 Listen to the birds singing !
- 2 I didn't hear you come in.
- 3 We listened to the old man ..... his story from beginning to end.
- 4 Listen! Can you hear a baby ..... ?
- 5 I looked out of the window and saw Dan ..... his bike along the road.
- 6 I thought I heard somebody ..... 'Hi', so I looked round.
- 7 We watched two men ..... across the garden and ..... through an open window into the house.
- 8 Everybody heard the bomb ..... It was a tremendous noise.
- 9 Oh! I can feel something ..... up my leg! It must be an insect.
- 10 I heard somebody ..... the door in the middle of the night. It woke me up.
- 11 When we got home, we found a cat ..... on the kitchen table.



**-ing clauses (Feeling tired, I went to bed early.)****A** Study these situations:

Joe was playing football. He hurt his knee.

You can say:

- ☐ Joe hurt his knee **playing football**.

You were feeling tired. So you went to bed early.

You can say:

- ☐ **Feeling tired**, I went to bed early.

'Playing football' and 'feeling tired' are **-ing** clauses.

If the **-ing** clause is at the beginning of the sentence (as in the second example), we write a comma (,) after it.

**B** When two things happen at the same time, you can use an **-ing** clause:

- ☐ Kate is in the kitchen **making coffee**.  
(= she is in the kitchen *and* she is making coffee)
- ☐ A man ran out of the house **shouting**.  
(= he ran out of the house *and* he was shouting)
- ☐ Do something! Don't just stand there **doing nothing**!

We also use **-ing** when one action happens during another action. We use **-ing** for the longer action:

- ☐ Joe hurt his knee **playing football**. (= while he was playing)
- ☐ Did you cut yourself **shaving**? (= while you were shaving)

You can also use **-ing** after **while** or **when**:

- ☐ Joe hurt his knee **while playing** football.
- ☐ Be careful **when crossing** the road. (= when you are crossing)

**C** When one action happens before another action, we use **having (done)** for the first action:

- ☐ **Having found** a hotel, we looked for somewhere to have dinner.
- ☐ **Having finished** her work, she went home.

You can also say **after -ing**:

- ☐ **After finishing** her work, she went home.

If one short action follows another short action, you can use the simple **-ing** form (**doing** instead of **having done**) for the first action:

- ☐ **Taking** a key out of his pocket, he opened the door.

These structures are used more in written English than in spoken English.

**D** You can use an **-ing** clause to explain something, or to say why somebody does something.

The **-ing** clause usually comes at the beginning of the sentence:

- ☐ **Feeling** tired, I went to bed early. (= because I felt tired)
- ☐ **Being** unemployed, he doesn't have much money. (= because he is unemployed)
- ☐ **Not having** a car, she finds it difficult to get around.  
(= because she doesn't have a car)

Use **having (done)** for something that happened before something else:

- ☐ **Having** already **seen** the film twice, I didn't want to see it again.  
(= because I had already seen it twice)

These structures are used more in written English than in spoken English.



## Exercises

**68.1** Choose from Box A and Box B to make sentences. Use an **-ing** clause.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <p>A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Kate was in the kitchen.</del></li> <li>Amy was sitting in an armchair.</li> <li>Sue opened the door carefully.</li> <li>Sarah went out.</li> <li>Lisa was in London for two years.</li> <li>Anna walked around the town.</li> </ol> | <p>B</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>She was trying not to make a noise.</li> <li>She looked at the sights and took pictures.</li> <li>She said she would be back in an hour.</li> <li>She was reading a book.</li> <li><del>She was making coffee.</del></li> <li>She worked in a bookshop.</li> </ol> |
|---|--|

- Kate was in the kitchen making coffee.
- Amy was sitting
- Sue
- 
- 
- 

**68.2** Make one sentence from two using an **-ing** clause.

- Joe was playing football. He hurt his knee. Joe hurt his knee playing football.
- I was watching TV. I fell asleep. I
- A friend of mine slipped and fell. He was getting off a bus.  
A friend of mine
- I was walking home in the rain. I got very wet.  
I
- Laura was driving to work yesterday. She had an accident.
- Two people were overcome by smoke. They were trying to put out the fire.

**68.3** Make sentences beginning **Having ...**. Put the words in the correct order.

- (went / she / work / her / home / finished)  
Having finished her work, she went home.
- (tickets / the theatre / bought / into / our / went / we)  
Having
- (journey / their / had / they / lunch / continued)  
Having
- (the / coffee / shopping / I / a cup / went / done / for / of)  
Having

**68.4** Make one sentence from two. Begin with **-ing** or **Not -ing** (like the examples in Section D). Sometimes you need to begin with **Having** (done something).

- I felt tired. So I went to bed early.  
Feeling tired, I went to bed early.
- I thought they might be hungry. So I offered them something to eat.  
, I offered them something to eat.
- Robert is a vegetarian. So he doesn't eat any kind of meat.  
, Robert doesn't eat any kind of meat.
- I didn't know his email address. So I wasn't able to contact him.  
, I wasn't able to contact him.
- Sarah has travelled a lot. So she knows a lot about other countries.  
, Sarah knows a lot about other countries.
- I wasn't able to speak the local language. So I had trouble communicating.  
, I had trouble communicating.
- We had spent nearly all our money. So we couldn't afford to stay at a hotel.  
, we couldn't afford to stay at a hotel.



## Countable and uncountable 1

A A noun can be *countable* or *uncountable*:

## Countable

- ☐ I eat **a banana** every day.
- ☐ I like **bananas**.

**Banana** is a *countable* noun.A countable noun can be singular (**banana**) or plural (**bananas**).

We can use numbers with countable nouns. So we can say 'one banana', 'two bananas' etc.

Examples of nouns usually countable:

- ☐ Kate was singing **a song**.
- ☐ There's **a nice beach** near here.
- ☐ Do you have **a ten-pound note**?
- ☐ It wasn't your fault. It was **an accident**.
- ☐ There are no **batteries** in the radio.
- ☐ We don't have enough **cups**.

## Uncountable

- ☐ I eat **rice** every day.
- ☐ I like **rice**.

**Rice** is an *uncountable* noun.An uncountable noun has only one form (**rice**).

We cannot use numbers with uncountable nouns. We cannot say 'one rice', 'two rices' etc.

Examples of nouns usually uncountable:

- ☐ Kate was listening to (some) **music**.
- ☐ There's **sand** in my shoes.
- ☐ Do you have any **money**?
- ☐ It wasn't your fault. It was bad **luck**.
- ☐ There is no **electricity** in this house.
- ☐ We don't have enough **water**.

B

You can use **a/an** with singular countable nouns:**a beach    a student    an umbrella**You cannot use singular countable nouns alone (without **a/the/my** etc.):

- ☐ I want **a banana**. (*not* I want banana)
- ☐ There's been **an accident**. (*not* There's been accident)

You can use *plural* countable nouns alone:

- ☐ I like **bananas**. (= bananas in general)
- ☐ **Accidents** can be prevented.

You cannot normally use **a/an** with uncountable nouns. We do not say 'a sand', 'a music', 'a rice'.But you can often use **a ... of**. For example:  
**a bowl / a packet / a grain** of riceYou can use uncountable nouns alone (without **the/my/some** etc.):

- ☐ I eat **rice** every day.
- ☐ There's **blood** on your shirt.
- ☐ Can you hear **music**?

C

You can use **some** and **any** with plural countable nouns:

- ☐ We sang **some songs**.
- ☐ Did you buy **any apples**?

We use **many** and **few** with plural countable nouns:

- ☐ We didn't take **many pictures**.
- ☐ I have a **few things** to do.

You can use **some** and **any** with uncountable nouns:

- ☐ We listened to **some music**.
- ☐ Did you buy **any apple juice**?

We use **much** and **little** with uncountable nouns:

- ☐ We didn't do **much shopping**.
- ☐ I have a **little work** to do.



## Exercises

**69.1** Some of these sentences need **a/an**. Correct the sentences where necessary.

- 1 Joe goes everywhere by bike. He hasn't got car. He hasn't got a car.
- 2 Helen was listening to music when I arrived. OK
- 3 We went to very nice restaurant last weekend. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I brush my teeth with toothpaste. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I use toothbrush to brush my teeth. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Can you tell me if there's bank near here? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 My brother works for insurance company in Frankfurt. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 I don't like violence. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Can you smell paint? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 When we were in Rome, we stayed in big hotel. \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 We need petrol. I hope we come to petrol station soon. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 I wonder if you can help me. I have problem. \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 I like your suggestion. It's very interesting idea. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 John has interview for job tomorrow. \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 I like volleyball. It's good game. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16 Lisa doesn't usually wear jewellery. \_\_\_\_\_
- 17 Jane was wearing beautiful necklace. \_\_\_\_\_

**69.2** Complete the sentences using the following words. Use **a/an** where necessary.

<del>accident</del>	biscuit	blood	coat	decision	electricity
interview	key	moment	<del>music</del>	question	sugar

- 1 It wasn't your fault. It was an accident.
- 2 Listen! Can you hear music?
- 3 I couldn't get into the house because I didn't have \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 It's very warm today. Why are you wearing \_\_\_\_\_?
- 5 Do you take \_\_\_\_\_ in your coffee?
- 6 Are you hungry? Would you like \_\_\_\_\_ with your coffee?
- 7 Our lives would be very difficult without \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 'I had \_\_\_\_\_ for a job yesterday.' 'Did you? How did it go?'
- 9 The heart pumps \_\_\_\_\_ through the body.
- 10 Excuse me, but can I ask you \_\_\_\_\_?
- 11 I'm not ready yet. Can you wait \_\_\_\_\_, please?
- 12 We can't delay much longer. We have to make \_\_\_\_\_ soon.

**69.3** Complete the sentences using the following words. Sometimes the word needs to be plural (-s), and sometimes you need to use **a/an**.

air	day	friend	joke	language	meat
patience	people	<del>picture</del>	queue	space	umbrella

- 1 I had my camera, but I didn't take any pictures.
- 2 There are seven \_\_\_\_\_ in a week.
- 3 A vegetarian is a person who doesn't eat \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Outside the cinema there was \_\_\_\_\_ of people waiting to see the film.
- 5 I'm not very good at telling \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 Last night I went out with some \_\_\_\_\_ of mine.
- 7 There were very few \_\_\_\_\_ in town today. The streets were almost empty.
- 8 I'm going out for a walk. I need some fresh \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 Gary always wants things quickly. He doesn't have much \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 I think it's going to rain. Do you have \_\_\_\_\_ I could borrow?
- 11 Do you speak any foreign \_\_\_\_\_?
- 12 Our flat is very small. We don't have much \_\_\_\_\_.



## Countable and uncountable 2

A

Many nouns can be used as countable or uncountable nouns, usually with a difference in meaning. Compare:

## Countable

- ☐ Did you hear **a noise** just now?  
(= a specific noise)
- ☐ I bought **a paper** to read.  
(= a newspaper)
- ☐ There's **a hair** in my soup!  
(= one single hair)
- ☐ You can stay with us. There's **a spare room**. (= a room in a house)
- ☐ I had some interesting **experiences** while I was travelling. (= things that happened to me)
- ☐ Enjoy your trip. Have **a good time**!

## Uncountable

- ☐ I can't work here. There's too much **noise**. (= noise in general)
- ☐ I need **some paper** to write on.  
(= material for writing on)
- ☐ You've got very long **hair**. (*not* hairs)  
(= all the hair on your head)
- ☐ You can't sit here. There isn't **room**.  
(= space)
- ☐ They offered me the job because I had a lot of **experience**. (*not* experiences)
- ☐ I can't wait. I don't have **time**.

**Coffee/tea/juice/beer** etc. (drinks) are normally uncountable:

- ☐ I don't like **coffee** very much.

But you can say **a coffee** (= a cup of coffee), **two coffees** (= two cups) etc. :

- ☐ **Two coffees** and **an orange juice**, please.

B

The following nouns are usually uncountable:

accommodation	behaviour	damage	luck	permission	traffic
advice	bread	furniture	luggage	progress	weather
baggage	chaos	information	news	scenery	work

You cannot use **a/an** with these nouns:

- ☐ I'm going to buy **some bread**. *or ... a loaf of bread.* (*not* a bread)
- ☐ Enjoy your holiday! I hope you have good **weather**. (*not* a good weather)

These nouns are not usually plural (so we do not say 'breads', 'furnitures' etc.):

- ☐ Where are you going to put all your **furniture**? (*not* furnitures)
- ☐ Let me know if you need more **information**. (*not* informations)

**News** is uncountable, not plural:

- ☐ The **news was** very depressing. (*not* The news were)

**Travel** (*noun*) means 'travelling in general' (uncountable). We do not say 'a travel' to mean **a trip** or **a journey**:

- ☐ They spend a lot of money on **travel**.
- ☐ We had a very good **trip/journey**. (*not* a good travel)

Compare these countable and uncountable nouns:

## Countable

- ☐ I'm looking for **a job**.
- ☐ What **a beautiful view**!
- ☐ It's **a nice day** today.
- ☐ We had a lot of **bags** and **cases**.
- ☐ **These chairs** are mine.
- ☐ That's **a good suggestion**.

## Uncountable

- ☐ I'm looking for **work**. (*not* a work)
- ☐ What beautiful **scenery**!
- ☐ It's nice **weather** today.
- ☐ We had a lot of **baggage/luggage**.
- ☐ **This furniture** is mine.
- ☐ That's good **advice**.



## Exercises

**70.1** Which of the underlined parts of these sentences is correct?

- 1 'Did you hear noise / a noise just now?' 'No, I didn't hear anything.' (a noise is correct)
- 2 a If you want to know the news, you can read paper / a paper.  
b I want to print some documents, but the printer is out of paper / papers.
- 3 a Light / A light comes from the sun.  
b I thought there was somebody in the house because there was light / a light on inside.
- 4 a I was in a hurry this morning. I didn't have time / a time for breakfast.  
b 'Did you have a good holiday?' 'Yes, we had wonderful time / a wonderful time.'
- 5 This is nice room / a nice room. Did you decorate it yourself?
- 6 Sue was very helpful. She gave us some very useful advice / advices.
- 7 Did you have nice weather / a nice weather when you were away?
- 8 We were very unfortunate. We had bad luck / a bad luck.
- 9 Is it difficult to find a work / job at the moment?
- 10 Our travel / journey from Paris to Moscow by train was very tiring.
- 11 When the fire alarm rang, there was total chaos / a total chaos.
- 12 I had to buy a bread / some bread because I wanted to make some sandwiches.
- 13 Bad news don't / doesn't make people happy.
- 14 Your hair is / Your hairs are too long. You should have it / them cut.
- 15 The damage / The damages caused by the storm will cost a lot to repair.

**70.2** Complete the sentences using the following words. Use the plural (-s) where necessary.

advice	chair	experience	experience	furniture	hair
information	job	<del>luggage</del>	permission	progress	work

- 1 I didn't have much luggage – just two small bags.
- 2 They'll tell you all you want to know. They'll give you plenty of .....
- 3 There is room for everybody to sit down. There are plenty of .....
- 4 We have no ....., not even a bed or a table.
- 5 'What does Alan look like?' 'He's got a long beard and very short .....
- 6 Carla's English is better than it was. She's made .....
- 7 Mike is unemployed. He can't get a .....
- 8 Mike is unemployed. He can't get .....
- 9 If you want to leave early, you have to ask for .....
- 10 I didn't know what to do. So I asked Chris for .....
- 11 I don't think Dan should get the job. He doesn't have enough .....
- 12 Nicola has done many interesting things. She could write a book about her .....

**70.3** What do you say in these situations? Use a word from Section B (**luggage, weather etc.**) in each sentence.

- 1 Your friends have just arrived at the station. You can't see any cases or bags.  
You ask them: Do you have any luggage ?
- 2 You go into the tourist office. You want to know about places to see in the town.  
You say: I'd like .....
- 3 You are a student. You want your teacher to advise you about which courses to do.  
You say: Can you give me ..... ?
- 4 You want to watch the news on TV, but you don't know when it is on.  
You ask your friend: What time ..... ?
- 5 You are at the top of a mountain. You can see a very long way. It's beautiful.  
You say: It ....., isn't it?
- 6 You look out of the window. The weather is horrible: cold, wet and windy.  
You say: What ..... !



Countable nouns with **a/an** and **some****A**Countable nouns can be *singular* or *plural*:

a <b>dog</b>	a <b>child</b>	the <b>evening</b>	this <b>party</b>	an <b>umbrella</b>
<b>dogs</b>	some <b>children</b>	the <b>evenings</b>	these <b>parties</b>	two <b>umbrellas</b>

Before singular countable nouns you can use **a/an**:

- ☐ Bye! Have a nice **evening**.
- ☐ Do you need **an umbrella**?

You cannot use singular countable nouns alone (without **a/the/my** etc.):

- ☐ She never wears **a** hat. (*not* She never wears hat)
- ☐ Be careful of **the** dog. (*not* Be careful of dog)
- ☐ What **a** beautiful day!
- ☐ I've got **a** headache.

**B**We use **a/an** ... to say what kind of thing something is, or what kind of person somebody is:

- ☐ That's a **nice table**.

In the plural we use the noun alone (*not* some ...):

- ☐ Those are **nice chairs**. (*not* some nice chairs)

Compare singular and plural:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A dog is <b>an animal</b> .           | <input type="checkbox"/> Dogs are <b>animals</b> .                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'm <b>an optimist</b> .              | <input type="checkbox"/> We're <b>optimists</b> .                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tom's father is <b>a doctor</b> .     | <input type="checkbox"/> Most of my friends are <b>students</b> .       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Are you <b>a good driver</b> ?        | <input type="checkbox"/> Are they <b>good students</b> ?                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jane is <b>a really nice person</b> . | <input type="checkbox"/> Jane's parents are <b>really nice people</b> . |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What <b>a lovely dress</b> !          | <input type="checkbox"/> What <b>awful shoes</b> !                      |

We say that somebody has **a long nose** / **a nice face** / **blue eyes** / **small hands** etc. :

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jack has <b>a long nose</b> .<br>( <i>not</i> the long nose) | <input type="checkbox"/> Jack has <b>blue eyes</b> .<br>( <i>not</i> the blue eyes) |
|---|---|

Remember to use **a/an** when you say what somebody's job is:

- ☐ Sandra is **a nurse**. (*not* Sandra is nurse)
- ☐ Would you like to be **an English teacher**?

**C**You can use **some** with plural countable nouns. We use **some** in two ways.(1) **Some** = a number of / a few of / a pair of:

- ☐ I've seen **some** good **movies** recently. (*not* I've seen good movies)
- ☐ **Some friends** of mine are coming to stay at the weekend.
- ☐ I need **some** new **sunglasses**. (= a new pair of sunglasses)

Do not use **some** when you are talking about things in general (see Unit 75):

- ☐ I love **bananas**. (*not* some bananas)
- ☐ My aunt is a writer. She writes **books**. (*not* some books)

(2) **Some** = some but not all:

- ☐ **Some children** learn very quickly. (but not all children)
- ☐ Tomorrow there will be rain in **some places**, but most of the country will be dry.



## Exercises

**71.1** What are these things? Use a dictionary if necessary.

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1 an ant? <u>It's an insect.</u>         | 7 Earth, Mars, Venus and Jupiter?     |
| 2 ants and bees? <u>They're insects.</u> | 8 a tulip?                            |
| 3 a cauliflower?                         | 9 the Nile, the Rhine and the Mekong? |
| 4 chess?                                 | 10 a violin, a trumpet and a flute?   |
| 5 a pigeon, an eagle and a crow?         |                                       |
| 6 a skyscraper?                          |                                       |

**Who were these people?**

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 11 Beethoven? <u>He was a composer.</u> | 15 Marilyn Monroe?                  |
| 12 Shakespeare?                         | 16 Michael Jackson and John Lennon? |
| 13 Albert Einstein?                     | 17 Van Gogh, Renoir and Picasso?    |
| 14 Washington, Lincoln and Kennedy?     |                                     |

**71.2** Read about what these people do, and say what their jobs are. Choose from:

chef	interpreter	journalist	<del>nurse</del>
plumber	surgeon	tour guide	waiter

- Sarah looks after patients in hospital. She's a nurse.
- Gary works in a restaurant. He brings the food to the tables. He
- Jane writes articles for a newspaper.
- Kevin works in a hospital. He operates on people.
- Jonathan cooks in a restaurant.
- Dave installs and repairs water pipes.
- Martina takes visitors round her city and tells them about it. She
- Lisa translates what people are saying from one language into another so that they can understand each other.

**71.3** Put in **a/an** or **some** where necessary. If no word is necessary, leave the space empty.

- I've seen some good films recently.
- What's wrong with you? Have you got a headache?
- I know a lot of people. Most of them are — students.
- When I was — child, I used to be very shy.
- Would you like to be — actor?
- Questions, questions, questions! You're always asking — questions!
- What — beautiful garden!
- birds, for example the penguin, cannot fly.
- Do you like staying in — hotels?
- I've been walking for three hours. I've got — sore feet.
- I don't feel very well this morning. I've got — sore throat.
- Maria speaks — English, but not very much.
- It's a shame we don't have — camera. I'd like to take — picture of that house.
- Those are — nice shoes. Where did you get them?
- I'm going shopping. I want to buy — new shoes.
- You need — visa to visit — countries, but not all of them.
- Jane is — teacher. Her parents were — teachers too.
- I don't believe him. He's — liar. He's always telling — lies.



## A/an and the

A

Study this example:

I had **a sandwich** and **an apple** for lunch.

**The sandwich** wasn't very good, but **the apple** was nice.



Joe says '**a** sandwich', '**an** apple' because this is the first time he talks about them.

Joe now says '**the** sandwich', '**the** apple' because Karen knows which sandwich and which apple he means – **the** sandwich and **the** apple that he had for lunch.

Compare **a** and **the** in these examples:

- ☐ **A man** and **a woman** were sitting opposite me. **The man** was American, but I think **the woman** was British.
- ☐ When we were on holiday, we stayed at **a hotel**. Sometimes we ate at **the hotel** and sometimes we went to **a restaurant**.

B

We use **the** when we are thinking of a specific thing. Compare **a/an** and **the**:

- ☐ Tim sat down on **a chair**. (perhaps one of many chairs in the room)  
Tim sat down on **the chair nearest the door**. (a specific chair)
- ☐ Paula is looking for **a job**. (not a specific job)  
Did Paula get **the job she applied for**? (a specific job)
- ☐ Do you have **a car**? (not a specific car)  
I cleaned **the car** yesterday. (= my car)

C

We use **the** when it is clear in the situation which thing or person we mean. For example, in a room we talk about **the light** / **the floor** / **the ceiling** / **the door** / **the carpet** etc. :

- ☐ Can you turn off **the light**, please? (= the light in this room)
- ☐ I took a taxi to **the station**. (= the station in that town)
- ☐ (*in a shop*) I'd like to speak to **the manager**, please. (= the manager of this shop)

In the same way, we say (go to) **the bank** / **the post office**:

- ☐ I have to go to **the bank** and then I'm going to **the post office**.  
(The speaker is usually thinking of a specific bank or post office.)

We also say (go to) **the doctor** / **the dentist**:

- ☐ Clare isn't very well. She's gone to **the doctor**. (= her usual doctor)
- ☐ I don't like going to **the dentist**.

Compare **the** and **a**:

- ☐ I have to go to **the bank** today.  
Is there **a bank** near here?
- ☐ I don't like going to **the dentist**.  
My sister is **a dentist**.

D

We say 'once **a week** / three times **a day** / £1.50 **a kilo**' etc. :

- ☐ 'How often do you go to the cinema?' 'About once **a month**.'
- ☐ 'How much are those potatoes?' '£1.50 **a kilo**.'
- ☐ Helen works eight hours **a day**, six days **a week**.



## Exercises

## 72.1 Put in a/an or the.

- 1 This morning I bought a newspaper and ..... magazine. .... newspaper is in my bag, but I can't remember where I put ..... magazine.
- 2 I saw ..... accident this morning. .... car crashed into ..... tree. .... driver of ..... car wasn't hurt, but ..... car was badly damaged.
- 3 There are two cars parked outside: ..... blue one and ..... grey one. .... blue one belongs to my neighbours; I don't know who ..... owner of ..... grey one is.
- 4 My friends live in ..... old house in ..... small village. There is ..... beautiful garden behind ..... house. I would like to have ..... garden like that.

## 72.2 Put in a/an or the.

- 1 a This house is very nice. Has it got ..... garden?  
b It's a beautiful day. Let's sit in ..... garden.  
c I like living in this house, but it's a shame that ..... garden is so small.
- 2 a Can you recommend ..... good restaurant?  
b We had dinner in ..... very nice restaurant.  
c We had dinner in ..... best restaurant in town.
- 3 a She has ..... French name, but in fact she's English, not French.  
b What's ..... name of that man we met yesterday?  
c We stayed at a very nice hotel – I can't remember ..... name now.
- 4 a There isn't ..... airport near where I live. .... nearest airport is 70 miles away.  
b Our flight was delayed. We had to wait at ..... airport for three hours.  
c Excuse me, please. Can you tell me how to get to ..... airport?
- 5 a 'Are you going away next week?' 'No, ..... week after next.'  
b I'm going away for ..... week in September.  
c Gary has a part-time job. He works three mornings ..... week.

## 72.3 Put in a/an or the where necessary.

- 1 Would you like apple?
- 2 How often do you go to dentist?
- 3 Could you close door, please?
- 4 I'm sorry. I didn't mean to do that. It was mistake.
- 5 Excuse me, where is bus station, please?
- 6 I have problem. Can you help me?
- 7 I'm just going to post office. I won't be long.
- 8 There were no chairs, so we sat on floor
- 9 Have you finished with book I lent you?
- 10 My sister has just got job in bank in Zurich.
- 11 We live in small apartment in city centre.
- 12 There's supermarket at end of street I live in.

Would you like an apple?

## 72.4 Answer these questions about yourself. Where possible, use the structure in Section D (once a week / three times a day etc.).

- 1 How often do you go to the cinema? Three or four times a year.
- 2 How often do you go to the cinema? .....
- 3 How often do you go away on holiday? .....
- 4 What's the usual speed limit in towns in your country? .....
- 5 How much sleep do you need? .....
- 6 How often do you go out in the evening? .....
- 7 How much television do you watch (on average)? .....
- 8 How much does it cost to rent a small car in your country? .....

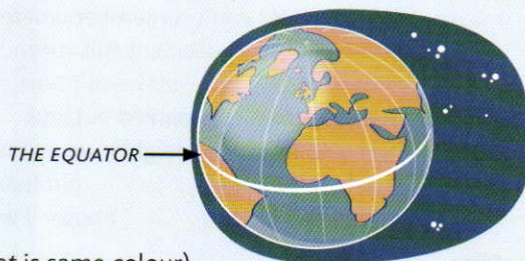


## The 1

A

We use **the** when there is only one of something:

- ☐ Have you ever crossed **the equator**?  
(there is only one equator)
- ☐ What's **the longest river in Europe**?
- ☐ Our apartment is on **the tenth floor**.
- ☐ Buenos Aires is **the capital of Argentina**.
- ☐ I'm going away at **the end of this month**.

We use **the** before **same** (the same):

- ☐ Your sweater is **the same** colour as mine. (*not is same colour*)
- ☐ 'Are these keys **the same**?' 'No, they're different.'

B

We say:

<b>the sun</b>	<b>the moon</b>	<b>the earth</b>	<b>the world</b>	<b>the universe</b>
<b>the sky</b>	<b>the sea</b>	<b>the ground</b>	<b>the environment</b>	<b>the internet</b>

- ☐ I love to look at the stars in **the sky**. (*not in sky*)
- ☐ **The internet** has changed the way we live.
- ☐ We need to do more to protect **the environment**. (= the natural world around us)
- ☐ **The earth** goes round **the sun**, and **the moon** goes round **the earth**.

We also use '**Earth**' (without **the**) when we think of it as a planet in space (like **Mars**, **Jupiter** etc.).

- ☐ Which planet is nearest **Earth**?

We say **space** (without **the**) when we mean 'space in the universe'. Compare

- ☐ There are millions of stars **in space**. (*not in the space*)
- ☐ I tried to park my car, but **the space** was too small.

We use **a/an** to say what kind of thing something is (see Unit 71B). Compare **the** and **a**:

- ☐ **The** sun is **a** star. (= one of many stars)
- ☐ **The** hotel we stayed at was **a** very nice hotel.

C

We say: (go to) **the cinema**, **the theatre**.

- ☐ I go to **the cinema** a lot, but I haven't been to **the theatre** for ages.

When we say **the cinema** / **the theatre**, we do not necessarily mean a specific cinema or theatre.We usually say **the radio**, but **television/TV** (without **the**). Compare:

- ☐ I listen to **the radio** a lot. *but* I watch **television** a lot.
- ☐ We heard it on **the radio**. *but* We watched it on **TV**.

**The television** / **the TV** = the television set:

- ☐ Can you turn off **the television**, please?

D

We do not normally use **the** with **breakfast/lunch/dinner**:

- ☐ What did you have for **breakfast**?
- ☐ We had **lunch** in a very nice restaurant.

But we use **a/an** if we say 'a **big lunch**', 'a **wonderful dinner**', 'an **early breakfast**' etc.:

- ☐ We had **a very nice lunch**. (*not We had very nice lunch*)

E

We do *not* use **the** before *noun + number*. For example, we say:

- ☐ Our train leaves from **Platform 5**. (*not the Platform 5*)
- ☐ (*in a shop*) Do you have these shoes in **size 43**? (*not the size 43*)

In the same way, we say: **Room 126** (in a hotel), **page 29** (of a book), **question 3** (in an exam), **Gate 10** (at an airport) etc.



## Exercises

**73.1** Put in **the** or **a** where necessary. If no word is necessary, leave the space empty.

- 1 A: Our apartment is on the tenth floor.  
B: Is it? I hope there's a lift.
- 2 A: Did you have ..... nice holiday?  
B: Yes, it was ..... best holiday I've ever had.
- 3 A: Where's ..... nearest shop?  
B: There's one at ..... end of this street.
- 4 A: It's ..... lovely day, isn't it?  
B: Yes, there isn't ..... cloud in ..... sky.
- 5 A: I've got a problem with my computer. It isn't connecting to ..... internet.  
B: That's interesting. I've got ..... same problem with mine.
- 6 A: We spent all our money because we stayed at ..... most expensive hotel in town.  
B: Why didn't you stay at ..... cheaper hotel?
- 7 A: Would you like to travel in ..... space?  
B: Yes, I'd love to go to ..... moon.
- 8 A: What's Jupiter? Is it ..... star?  
B: No, it's ..... planet. It's ..... largest planet in ..... solar system.

**73.2** Put in **the** where necessary. If you don't need **the**, leave the space empty.

- 1 I haven't been to the cinema for ages.
- 2 Sarah spends most of her free time watching ..... TV.
- 3 Do you ever listen to ..... radio?
- 4 ..... television was on, but nobody was watching it.
- 5 Have you had ..... dinner yet?
- 6 Lisa and I arrived at ..... same time.
- 7 What's ..... capital city of Canada?
- 8 What do you want for ..... breakfast?
- 9 I lay down on ..... ground and looked up at ..... sky.

**73.3** Put in **the** or **a** where necessary. (See Unit 72 for **a** and **the** if necessary.)

- 1 Sun is star. The sun is a star.
- 2 I'm fed up with doing same thing every day. ....
- 3 Room 25 is on second floor. ....
- 4 Moon goes round earth every 27 days. ....
- 5 It was very hot day. It was hottest day of year. ....
- 6 We had lunch in nice restaurant by sea. ....
- 7 What's on at cinema this week? ....
- 8 I like to eat good breakfast before I go to work. ....
- 9 We missed our train because we were waiting on wrong platform. ....
- 10 Next train to London leaves from Platform 3. ....
- 11 You'll find information you need at top of page 15. ....

**73.4** Complete the sentences using the following. Use **the** where necessary.

breakfast    cinema    ~~dinner~~    gate    Gate 21    question 8    sea

- 1 Are you going out this evening?' 'Yes, after dinner.'
- 2 There was no wind, so ..... was very calm.
- 3 The test wasn't too difficult, but I couldn't answer .....
- 4 'I'm going to ..... tonight.' 'Are you? What film are you going to see?'
- 5 I didn't have time for ..... this morning because I was in a hurry.
- 6 Oh, ..... is open. I must have forgotten to shut it.
- 7 (airport announcement) Flight AB123 to Rome is now boarding at .....



## The 2 (school / the school etc.)

A

Compare **school** and **the school**:

Ellie is ten years old. Every day she goes **to school**. She's **at school** now. **School** starts at 9 and finishes at 3.

We say a child goes **to school** or is **at school** (as a student). We are not thinking of a specific school. We are thinking of **school** as a general idea – children learning in a classroom.



Today Ellie's mother wants to speak to her daughter's teacher. So she has gone to **the school** to see her. She's **at the school** now.

Ellie's mother is not a student. She is not 'at school', she doesn't 'go to school'. If she wants to see Ellie's teacher, she goes to **the school** (=Ellie's school, a specific building).

B

We use **prison** (or **jail**), **hospital**, **university**, **college** and **church** in a similar way. We do not use **the** when we are thinking of the general idea of these places and what they are used for. Compare:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ken's brother is <b>in prison</b> for robbery. (He is a prisoner. We are not thinking of a specific prison.)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Joe had an accident last week. He was taken <b>to hospital</b>. He's still <b>in hospital</b> now. (as a patient)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> When I leave school, I plan to go <b>to university</b> / go <b>to college</b>. (as a student)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sally's father goes <b>to church</b> every Sunday. (to take part in a religious service)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ken went to <b>the prison</b> to visit his brother. (He went as a visitor, not as a prisoner.)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Jane has gone to <b>the hospital</b> to visit Joe. She's <b>at the hospital</b> now. (as a visitor, not as a patient)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I went to <b>the university</b> to meet Professor Thomas. (as a visitor, not as a student)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Some workmen went to <b>the church</b> to repair the roof. (not for a religious service)</li> </ul> |
|--|---|

With most other places, you need **the**. For example, **the station**, **the cinema**, (see Units 72C and 73C).

C

We say **go to bed** / **be in bed** etc. (*not* the bed):

- ☐ I'm going **to bed** now. Goodnight.
- ☐ Do you ever have breakfast **in bed**?

but ☐ I sat down on **the bed**. (a specific piece of furniture)

**go to work** / **be at work** / **start work** / **finish work** etc. (*not* the work):

- ☐ Chris didn't go **to work** yesterday.
- ☐ What time do you usually finish **work**?

**go home** / **come home** / **arrive home** / **get home** / **be at home** etc. :

- ☐ It's late. Let's go **home**.
- ☐ Will you be at **home** tomorrow afternoon?

D

We say **go to sea** / **be at sea** (without **the**) when the meaning is 'go/be on a voyage':

- ☐ Keith works on ships. He's **at sea** most of the time.

but ☐ I'd like to live near **the sea**.

- ☐ It can be dangerous to swim in **the sea**.



## Exercises

**74.1** Complete each sentence using a preposition (to/at/in etc.) + one of these words:

bed home ~~hospital~~ hospital prison school university work

- 1 Two people were injured in the accident and were taken to hospital.
- 2 In Britain, children from the age of five have to go .....
- 3 Mark didn't go out last night. He stayed .....
- 4 There is a lot of traffic in the morning when everybody is going .....
- 5 Kate's mother has just had an operation. She is still .....
- 6 When Sophie leaves school, she wants to study economics .....
- 7 Ben never gets up before 9 o'clock. It's 8.30 now, so he is still .....
- 8 If people commit crimes, they may be sent .....

**74.2** Complete the sentences with **school** or **the school**.

- 1 Why aren't your children at school today? Are they ill?
- 2 When he was younger, Tim hated .....
- 3 There were some parents waiting outside ..... to meet their children.
- 4 ..... usually starts at 8.30 in the morning.
- 5 A: How do your children get to and from ..... ? By bus?  
B: No, they walk. .... isn't very far.
- 6 What sort of job does Emily want to do when she leaves ..... ?

**74.3** Some of these sentences need **the**. Correct them where necessary.

- 1 a 'How old is university?' 'About 200 years.' the university  
b In your country do many people go to university? OK  
c If you want to get a degree, you normally have to study at university.  
d This is a small town, but university is the biggest in the country.
- 2 a My brother has always been healthy. He's never been in hospital.  
b When Ann was ill, I went to hospital to visit her. When I was there, I met Lisa who is a nurse at hospital.  
c A woman was injured in the accident and was taken to hospital.
- 3 a John's mother is a regular churchgoer. She goes to church every Sunday.  
b John himself doesn't go to church.  
c John went to church to take some pictures of the building.
- 4 a Why is she in prison? What did she do?  
b A few days ago firefighters were called to prison to put out a fire.  
c Do you think too many people are sent to prison?

**74.4** Which is correct?

- 1 How did you get home / ~~get to home~~ after the party? (get home is correct)
- 2 I like to read in bed / in the bed before I go to sleep.
- 3 Shall we meet after work / after the work tomorrow evening?
- 4 I love swimming in sea / in the sea.
- 5 It's nice to travel around, but there's no place like home / like the home!
- 6 Sam likes to go to bed / go to the bed early, and get up early.
- 7 I didn't sleep well in the hotel. Bed / The bed was uncomfortable.
- 8 How long did it take to cross the ocean? How long were you at sea / at the sea?
- 9 What time do you usually start work / the work in the morning?



## The 3 (children / the children)

A

When we are talking about things or people in general, we do *not* use **the**:

- ☐ I'm afraid of **dogs**. (*not* the dogs)  
(**dogs** = dogs in general, not a specific group of dogs)
- ☐ **Doctors** are usually paid more than **teachers**.
- ☐ Do you know anybody who collects **stamps**?
- ☐ **Crime** is a problem in most big cities. (*not* The crime)
- ☐ **Life** has changed a lot in the last thirty years. (*not* The life)
- ☐ Do you like **classical music** / **Chinese food** / **fast cars**?
- ☐ My favourite sport is **football/skiing/athletics**.
- ☐ My favourite subject at school was **history/physics/English**.



We say '**most** people / **most** books / **most** cars' etc. (*not* the most ...):

- ☐ **Most shops** accept credit cards. (*not* The most shops)

B

We use **the** when we mean specific things or people.

Compare:

*In general (without **the**)*

- ☐ **Children** learn from playing.  
(= children in general)
- ☐ I couldn't live without **music**.
- ☐ All **cars** have wheels.
- ☐ **Sugar** isn't very good for you.
- ☐ **English people** drink a lot of tea.  
(= English people in general)

*Specific people or things (with **the**)*

- ☐ We took **the children** to the zoo.  
(= a specific group, perhaps the speaker's children)
- ☐ The film wasn't very good, but I liked **the music**. (= the music in the film)
- ☐ All **the cars in this car park** belong to people who work here.
- ☐ Can you pass **the sugar**, please?  
(= the sugar on the table)
- ☐ **The English people I know** drink a lot of tea. (= only the English people I know, not English people in general)

C

The difference between 'something in general' and 'something specific' is not always very clear. Compare:

*In general (without **the**)*

- ☐ I like working with **people**.  
(= people in general)
- ☐ I like working with **people who say what they think**. (not all people, but 'people who say what they think' is still a general idea)
- ☐ Do you like **coffee**?  
(= coffee in general)
- ☐ Do you like **strong black coffee**?  
(not all coffee, but 'strong black coffee' is still a general idea)

*Specific people or things (with **the**)*

- ☐ I like **the people I work with**.  
(= a specific group of people)
- ☐ I didn't like **the coffee we had after dinner**.  
(= specific coffee)



**75.1** Choose four of these things and write whether you like them or not:

bananas	boxing	cats	crowds	fast food	horror movies
<del>hot weather</del>	maths	opera	snow	supermarkets	zoos

Begin each sentence with one of these:

I like ... / I don't like ...

I don't mind ...

I love ... / I hate ...

I'm interested in ... / I'm not interested in ...

1 I don't like hot weather very much.

2

3

4

5

**75.2** Complete the sentences using the following. Use **the** where necessary.

<del>(the) basketball</del>	(the) grass	(the) patience	(the) people
(the) questions	(the) meat	<del>(the) information</del>	(the) hotels
(the) history	(the) water	(the) spiders	(the) lies

1 My favourite sport is basketball.

2 The information we were given wasn't correct.

3 Some people are afraid of .....

4 A vegetarian is somebody who doesn't eat .....

5 The test wasn't very difficult. I answered ..... without difficulty.

6 Do you know ..... who live next door?

7 ..... is the study of the past.

8 It's better to tell the truth. Telling ..... usually causes problems.

9 We couldn't find anywhere to stay in the town. .... were full.

10 ..... in the pool didn't look very clean, so we didn't go for a swim.

11 Don't sit on ..... It's wet after the rain.

12 You need ..... to teach young children.

**75.3** Choose the correct form, with or without **the**.

1 I'm afraid of dogs / ~~the dogs~~. (dogs is correct)

2 Apples / The apples are good for you.

3 Look at apples / the apples on that tree! They're very big.

4 Women / The women live longer than men / the men.

5 I don't drink tea / the tea. I don't like it.

6 We had a very good meal. Vegetables / The vegetables were especially good.

7 Life / The life is strange sometimes. Some very strange things happen.

8 I enjoy holidays / the holidays by the sea.

9 How much money does the government spend on education / the education?

10 Who are people / the people in this picture?

11 What makes people / the people violent? What causes aggression / the aggression?

12 All books / All the books on the top shelf belong to me.

13 Don't stay in that hotel. It's very noisy and rooms / the rooms are very small.

14 A pacifist is somebody who is against war / the war.

15 First World War / The First World War lasted from 1914 until 1918.

16 I don't like films / the films that don't have happy endings.

17 Someone gave me a book about history / the history of modern art / the modern art.

18 Rob and Louise got married, but marriage / the marriage didn't last very long.

19 Most people / The most people believe that marriage / the marriage and family life / the family life are the basis of society / the society.



# The 4 (the giraffe / the telephone / the piano etc. ; the + adjective)

## A

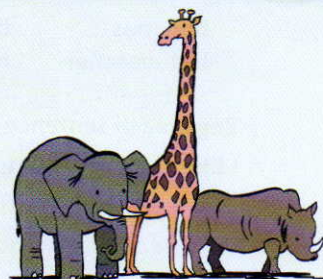
Study these sentences:

- ☐ **The giraffe** is the tallest of all animals.
- ☐ **The bicycle** is an excellent means of transport.
- ☐ When was **the telephone** invented?
- ☐ **The dollar** is the currency of the United States.

In these examples, **the** ... does not mean one specific thing.

**The giraffe** = a specific type of animal, not a specific giraffe.

We use **the** in this way to talk about a type of animal, machine etc.



In the same way we use **the** for musical instruments:

- ☐ Can you play **the** guitar?
- ☐ **The** piano is my favourite instrument.

Compare **a** and **the**:

- ☐ I'd like to have **a** piano.      *but*    I can't play **the** piano.
- ☐ We saw **a** giraffe at the zoo.    *but*    **The** giraffe is my favourite animal.

Note that we use **man** (= human beings in general / the human race) without **the**:

- ☐ What do you know about the origins of **man**? (*not* the man)

## B

## The + adjective

We use **the** + *adjective* (without a noun) to talk about groups of people. For example:

<b>the young</b>	<b>the rich</b>	<b>the sick</b>	<b>the injured</b>
<b>the old</b>	<b>the poor</b>	<b>the disabled</b>	<b>the dead</b>
<b>the elderly</b>	<b>the homeless</b>	<b>the unemployed</b>	

**The young** = young people, **the rich** = rich people etc. :

- ☐ Do you think **the rich** should pay higher taxes?
- ☐ We need to do more to help **the homeless**.

**The young / the rich / the injured** etc. are *plural* in meaning. For example, you cannot say 'a young' or 'the injured' for one person. You must say 'a young **person**', 'the injured **woman**' etc.

Note that we say 'the **poor**' (*not* the poors), 'the **young**' (*not* the youngs) etc.

## C

## The + nationality

You can use **the** + nationality adjectives that end in **-ch** or **-sh** (**the French / the English / the Spanish** etc.). The meaning is 'the people of that country':

- ☐ **The French** are famous for their food. (= the people of France)

**The French / the English** etc. are plural in meaning. We do not say 'a French / an English'.

You have to say **a Frenchman / an Englishwoman** etc.

We also use **the** + nationality words ending in **-ese** (**the Chinese / the Sudanese / the Japanese** etc.):

- ☐ **The Chinese** invented printing.

But these words can also be singular (**a Chinese, a Japanese** etc.).

Note also: **a Swiss** (singular) and **the Swiss** (= the people of Switzerland)

With other nationalities, the plural noun ends in **-s**. For example:

**an Italian → Italians    a Mexican → Mexicans    a Turk → Turks**

With these words (**Italians** etc.), we do not normally use **the** to talk about the people in general (see Unit 75).



## Exercises

**76.1** Answer the questions. Choose the right answer from the box. Don't forget **the**. Use a dictionary if necessary.

1

*animals*  
tiger elephant  
rabbit cheetah  
giraffe kangaroo

2

*birds*  
eagle penguin  
swan owl  
parrot pigeon

3

*inventions*  
telephone wheel  
telescope laser  
helicopter typewriter

4

*currencies*  
dollar peso  
euro rupee  
rouble yen

- 1 a Which of the animals is tallest?  
b Which animal can run fastest?  
c Which of these animals is found in Australia?
- 2 a Which of these birds has a long neck?  
b Which of these birds cannot fly?  
c Which bird flies at night?
- 3 a Which of these inventions is oldest?  
b Which one is most recent?  
c Which one was especially important for astronomy?
- 4 a What is the currency of India?  
b What is the currency of Canada?  
c And the currency of your country?

*the giraffe*

**76.2** Put in **the** or **a**.

- 1 When was *the* telephone invented?
- 2 Can you play ..... musical instrument?
- 3 Jessica plays ..... violin in an orchestra.
- 4 There was ..... piano in the corner of the room.
- 5 Can you play ..... piano?
- 6 Our society is based on ..... family.
- 7 Martin comes from ..... large family.
- 8 ..... computer has changed the way we live.

**76.3** Complete these sentences using **the** + the following:

**injured poor rich sick unemployed young**

- 1 *The young* have the future in their hands.
- 2 Ambulances arrived at the scene of the accident and took ..... to hospital.
- 3 Life is all right if you have a job, but things are not so easy for .....
- 4 Helen has been a nurse all her life. She has spent her life caring for .....
- 5 In England there is an old story about a man called Robin Hood. It is said that he robbed ..... and gave the money to .....

**76.4** What do you call the people of these countries?

*one person (a/an ...)*

*the people in general*

- 1 Canada
- 2 Germany
- 3 France
- 4 Russia
- 5 China
- 6 Brazil
- 7 England
- 8 and your country

*a Canadian*

*Canadians*



Names with and without **the** 1

- A** We do *not* use **the** with names of people ('Helen', 'Helen Taylor' etc.). In the same way, we do *not* use **the** with most names of places. For example:

*continents*  
*countries, states etc.*  
*islands*  
*cities, towns etc.*  
*mountains*

Africa (*not* the Africa), Europe, South America  
France (*not* the France), Japan, Brazil, Texas  
Sicily, Bermuda, Tasmania  
Cairo, New York, Bangkok  
Everest, Etna, Kilimanjaro



But we use **the** in names with **Republic, Kingdom, States** etc. :

**the** Czech Republic

**the** United Kingdom (**the** UK)

**the** Dominican Republic

**the** United States of America (**the** USA)

Compare:

- ☐ Have you been to **Canada** or **the United States**?

- B** When we use **Mr/Mrs/Captain/Doctor** etc. + a name, we do not use **the**. So we say:  
**Mr** Johnson / **Doctor** Johnson / **Captain** Johnson / **President** Johnson etc. (*not* the ...)  
**Uncle** Robert / **Saint** Catherine / **Princess** Maria etc. (*not* the ...)

Compare:

- ☐ We called **the doctor**.

We called **Doctor** Johnson. (*not* the Doctor Johnson)

We use **Mount** (= mountain) and **Lake** before a name in the same way (without **the**):

**Mount** Everest (*not* the ...)

**Mount** Etna

**Lake** Superior

**Lake** Victoria

- ☐ They live near **the lake**.

They live near **Lake Superior**. (*not* the Lake Superior)

- C** We use **the** with the names of oceans, seas, rivers and canals:

**the** Atlantic (Ocean)

**the** Red Sea

**the** Amazon

**the** Indian Ocean

**the** Channel (between

**the** Nile

**the** Mediterranean (Sea)

France and Britain)

**the** Suez Canal

We use **the** with the names of deserts:

**the** Sahara (Desert)

**the** Gobi Desert

- D** We use **the** with *plural* names of people and places:

*people*

**the** Taylors (= the Taylor family), **the** Johnsons

*countries*

**the** Netherlands, **the** Philippines, **the** United States

*groups of islands*

**the** Canaries / **the** Canary Islands, **the** Bahamas

*mountain ranges*

**the** Rocky Mountains / **the** Rockies, **the** Andes, **the** Alps

- ☐ The highest mountain in **the Andes** is (**Mount**) Aconcagua.

- E** We say:

**the north** (of Brazil)

*but*

**northern** Brazil (*without* the)

**the south-east** (of Spain)

*but*

**south-eastern** Spain

Compare:

- ☐ Sweden is in **northern Europe**; Spain is in **the south**.

Also **the** Middle East, **the** Far East

We also use **north/south** etc. (*without* **the**) in the names of some regions and countries:

**North America**

**South Africa**

Note that on maps, **the** is not usually included in the name.



## Exercises

**77.1** Put in **the** where necessary. Leave the space empty if the sentence is already complete.

- Who is ..... Doctor Johnson? (*the sentence is complete without the*)
- I was ill, so I went to see ..... doctor.
- The most powerful person in ..... United States is ..... president.
- ..... President Kennedy was assassinated in 1963.
- Do you know ..... Wilsons? They're a very nice couple.
- I'm looking for ..... Professor Brown. Do you know where she is?

**77.2** Some of these sentences are correct, but some need **the** (sometimes more than once). Correct the sentences where necessary.

- Everest was first climbed in 1953.
- Milan is in north of Italy.
- Africa is much larger than Europe.
- Last year I visited Mexico and United States.
- South of England is warmer than north.
- Portugal is in western Europe.
- France and Britain are separated by Channel.
- James has travelled a lot in Middle East.
- Chicago is on Lake Michigan.
- Next year we're going skiing in Swiss Alps.
- UK consists of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- Seychelles are a group of islands in Indian Ocean.
- The highest mountain in Africa is Kilimanjaro.
- River Volga flows into Caspian Sea.

OK

in the north of Italy

**77.3** Here are some geography questions. Choose the right answer from one of the boxes and write **the** if necessary. You do not need all the names in the boxes. Use an atlas if necessary.

continents	countries	oceans and seas	mountains	rivers and canals	
Africa	Canada	<del>Atlantic</del>	Alps	Amazon	Rhine
Asia	Denmark	Indian Ocean	Andes	Danube	Thames
Australia	Indonesia	Pacific	Himalayas	Nile	Volga
Europe	Sweden	Black Sea	Rockies	Suez Canal	
North America	Thailand	Mediterranean	Urals	Panama Canal	
South America	United States	Red Sea			

- What do you have to cross to travel from Europe to America? the Atlantic
- Where is Argentina?
- Which is the longest river in Africa?
- Of which country is Stockholm the capital?
- Of which country is Washington the capital?
- What is the name of the mountain range in the west of North America?
- What is the name of the sea between Africa and Europe?
- Which is the smallest continent in the world?
- What is the name of the ocean between North America and Asia?
- What is the name of the ocean between Africa and Australia?
- Which river flows through London?
- Which river flows through Vienna, Budapest and Belgrade?
- Of which country is Bangkok the capital?
- What joins the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans?
- Which is the longest river in South America?



Names with and without **the** 2**A** Names without **the**

We do not use **the** with names of most city streets/roads/squares/parks etc. :

Union **Street** (*not the ...*)

Fifth **Avenue**

Hyde **Park**

Queens **Road**

**Broadway**

Times **Square**

Names of important public buildings and institutions (for example, airports, stations, universities) are often two words:

**Manchester Airport**

**Harvard University**

The first word is the name of a place ('Manchester') or a person ('Harvard'). These names are usually without **the**. In the same way, we say:

**Victoria Station** (*not the ...*)

**Canterbury Cathedral**

**Edinburgh Castle**

**Buckingham Palace**

**Cambridge University**

**Sydney Harbour**

Compare:

**Buckingham Palace** (*not the ...*) *but* **the Royal Palace**

('Royal' is an adjective – it is not a name like 'Buckingham'.)

**B** Most other buildings have names with **the**. For example:

*hotels*

**the** Sheraton Hotel, **the** Holiday Inn

*theatres/cinemas*

**the** Palace Theatre, **the** Odeon (cinema)

*museums/galleries*

**the** Guggenheim Museum, **the** National Gallery

*other buildings*

**the** Empire State (Building), **the** White House, **the** Eiffel Tower

We often leave out the noun:

**the Sheraton** (Hotel)

**the Palace** (Theatre)

**the Guggenheim** (Museum)

Some names are only **the** + *noun*, for example:

**the Acropolis**

**the Kremlin**

**the Pentagon**

**C** Names with **of** usually have **the**. For example:

**the** Bank **of** England

**the** Museum **of** Modern Art

**the** Great Wall **of** China

**the** Tower **of** London

Note that we say:

**the** University **of** Cambridge *but* **Cambridge University** (*without the*)

**D** Many shops, restaurants, hotels, banks etc. are named after people. These names end in **'s** or **-s**.

We do not use **the** with these names:

**McDonald's** (*not the ...*)

**Barclays** (bank)

**Joe's Diner** (restaurant)

**Macy's** (department store)

Churches are often named after saints (St = Saint):

**St John's Church** (*not the St Johns Church*)

**St Patrick's Cathedral**

**E** Most newspapers and many organisations have names with **the**:

*newspapers*

**the** Washington Post, **the** Financial Times, **the** Sun

*organisations*

**the** European Union, **the** BBC, **the** Red Cross

Names of companies, airlines etc. are usually without **the**:

**Fiat** (*not the Fiat*)

**Sony**

**Singapore Airlines**

**Kodak**

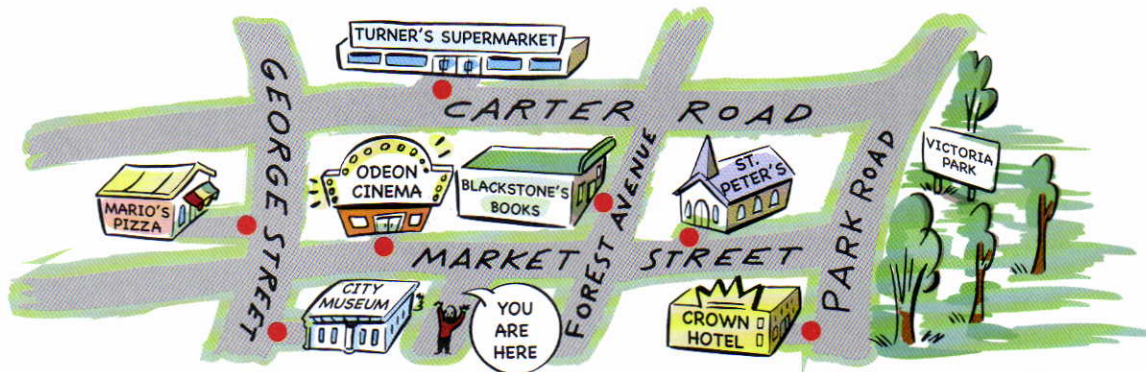
**IBM**

**Yale University Press**



## Exercises

- 78.1** Use the map to answer the questions. Write the name of the place and the street it is in. Use **the** if necessary. (Remember that on maps we do not normally use **the**.)



- 1 Is there a cinema near here?
- 2 Is there a supermarket near here?
- 3 Is there a hotel near here?
- 4 Is there a church near here?
- 5 Is there a museum near here?
- 6 Is there a bookshop near here?
- 7 Is there a restaurant near here?
- 8 Is there a park near here?

Yes, the Odeon in Market Street

Yes, ..... in .....

Yes, ..... in .....

Yes, ..... in .....

Yes, ..... in .....

Yes, ..... in .....

Yes, ..... in .....

Yes, ..... at the end of .....

- 78.2** Where are the following? Use **the** where necessary.

Acropolis  
Kremlin

Broadway  
White House

Buckingham Palace  
Gatwick Airport

Eiffel Tower  
~~Times Square~~

- 1 Times Square is in New York.
- 2 ..... is in Paris.
- 3 ..... is in London.
- 4 ..... is in Washington.
- 5 ..... is in Moscow.
- 6 ..... is in New York.
- 7 ..... is in Athens.
- 8 ..... is near London.

- 78.3** Choose the correct form, with or without **the**.

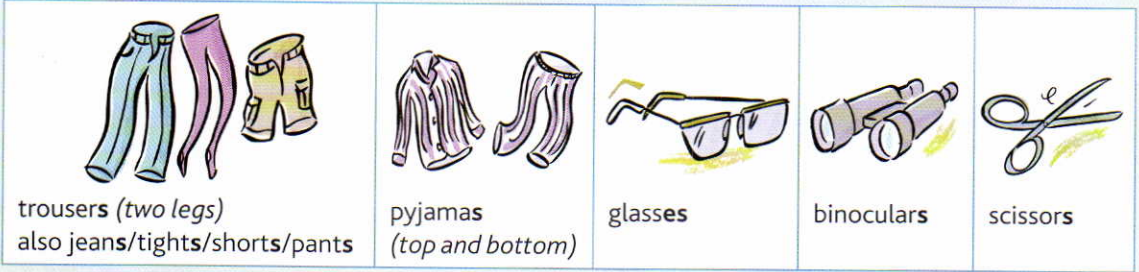
- 1 Have you ever been to British Museum / the British Museum? (the British Museum is correct)
- 2 The biggest park in New York is Central Park / the Central Park.
- 3 My favourite park in London is St James's Park / the St James's Park.
- 4 Imperial Hotel / The Imperial Hotel is in Baker Street / the Baker Street.
- 5 Dublin Airport / The Dublin Airport is situated about 12 kilometres from the city centre.
- 6 Jack is a student at Liverpool University / the Liverpool University.
- 7 If you're looking for a department store, I would recommend Harrison's / the Harrison's.
- 8 If you're looking for a hotel, I would recommend Park Plaza / the Park Plaza.
- 9 Statue of Liberty / The Statue of Liberty is at the entrance to New York Harbour / the New York Harbour.
- 10 You should go to Science Museum / the Science Museum. It's very interesting.
- 11 Andy works for IBM / the IBM now. He used to work for British Telecom / the British Telecom.
- 12 'Which cinema are you going to this evening?' 'Classic / The Classic.'
- 13 I'd like to go to China and see Great Wall / the Great Wall.
- 14 'Which newspaper do you want?' 'Times / The Times.'
- 15 This book is published by Cambridge University Press / the Cambridge University Press.
- 16 'What's that building?' 'It's College of Art / the College of Art.'



## Singular and plural

A

Sometimes we use a *plural* noun for one thing that has two parts. For example:



These words are plural, so they take a plural verb:

- ☐ My trousers **are** too long. (*not* my trousers *is*)

You can also use **a pair of** + these words:

- ☐ **Those are** nice jeans.      or      That's **a nice pair of** jeans. (*not* a nice jeans)  
☐ I need **some** new glasses.      or      I need **a new pair of** glasses.

B

Some nouns end in **-ics**, but are not usually plural. For example:

- athletics**    **economics**    **electronics**    **gymnastics**  
**maths** (= mathematics)    **physics**    **politics**  
☐ **Gymnastics is** my favourite sport. (*not* Gymnastics *are*)

**News** is not plural (see Unit 70B):

- ☐ What time **is the news** on TV? (*not* are the news)

Some words ending in **-s** can be singular or plural. For example:

- |                |                             |                                |
|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>means</b>   | <b>a means</b> of transport | <b>many means</b> of transport |
| <b>series</b>  | <b>a television series</b>  | <b>two television series</b>   |
| <b>species</b> | <b>a species</b> of bird    | <b>200 species</b> of bird     |

C

Some singular nouns are often used with a plural verb. For example:

**audience**    **committee**    **company**    **family**    **firm**    **government**    **staff**    **team**

These nouns are all groups of people. We often think of them as a number of people (= they), not as one thing (= it). So we often use a plural verb:

- ☐ **The government** (= they) **have decided** to increase taxes.  
☐ **The staff** at the company (= they) **are** not happy with **their** working conditions.

In the same way, we often use a plural verb after the name of a sports team or a company:

- ☐ **Italy are** playing Brazil next Sunday (in a football match).  
☐ **Shell have** increased the price of petrol.

A singular verb (The government **wants** ... / Shell **has** ... etc.) is also possible.

We use a plural verb with **police**:

- ☐ **The police are** investigating the crime, but **haven't** arrested anyone yet.  
 (*not* The police *is* ... *hasn't*)

Note that we say **a police officer** / **a policeman** / **a policewoman** (*not* a police).

D

We do not often use the plural of **person** ('persons'). We normally use **people** (a *plural* word):

- ☐ He's **a nice person**.    *but*    They are nice **people**. (*not* nice persons)  
☐ **Many people don't** have enough to eat. (*not* Many people *doesn't*)

E

We think of a sum of money, a period of time, a distance etc. as *one* thing. So we use a singular verb:

- ☐ **Fifty thousand pounds** (= it) **was** stolen in the robbery. (*not* were stolen)  
☐ **Three years** (= it) **is** a long time to be without a job. (*not* Three years *are*)  
☐ **Two miles isn't** very far to walk.



## Exercises

**79.1** Complete each sentence using a word from Sections A or B. Sometimes you need **a** or **some**.

- 1 My eyesight isn't very good. I need glasses.
- 2 A species is a group of animals or plants that have the same characteristics.
- 3 Footballers don't wear trousers when they play. They wear .....
- 4 The bicycle is ..... of transport.
- 5 The bicycle and the car are ..... of transport.
- 6 I want to cut this piece of material. I need .....
- 7 A friend of mine is writing ..... of articles for the local newspaper.
- 8 There are a lot of American TV ..... shown on TV in Britain.
- 9 While we were out walking, we saw many different ..... of bird.

**79.2** In each example the words on the left are connected with an activity (for example, a sport or an academic subject). Write the name of the activity. The beginning of the word is given.

- |              |              |               |                    |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1 calculate  | algebra      | equation      | <u>mathematics</u> |
| 2 government | election     | minister      | p.....             |
| 3 finance    | trade        | employment    | e.....             |
| 4 running    | jumping      | throwing      | a.....             |
| 5 light      | heat         | gravity       | ph.....            |
| 6 exercises  | somersault   | parallel bars | gy.....            |
| 7 processor  | silicon chip | gigabyte      | el.....            |

**79.3** Choose the correct form of the verb, singular or plural. In two sentences either the singular or plural verb is possible.

- 1 Gymnastics is / ~~are~~ my favourite sport. (is is correct)
- 2 The trousers you bought for me doesn't / don't fit me.
- 3 The police want / wants to interview two men about the robbery last week.
- 4 Physics was / were my best subject at school.
- 5 Can I borrow your scissors? Mine isn't / aren't sharp enough.
- 6 It's a nice place to visit. The people is / are very friendly.
- 7 Fortunately the news wasn't / weren't as bad as we expected.
- 8 Where does / do your family live?
- 9 I can't find my binoculars. Do you know where it is / they are?
- 10 Does / Do the police know how the accident happened?
- 11 Germany is / are playing Spain tomorrow night, but it's not on TV.
- 12 Most people enjoy / enjoys music.

**79.4** Most of these sentences are wrong. Correct them where necessary.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 Three years <u>are</u> a long time to be without a job.     | <u>Three years is a long time</u>       |
| 2 The government have decided to increase taxes.              | <u>OK (has decided is also correct)</u> |
| 3 Susan was wearing a black jeans.                            | .....                                   |
| 4 I don't like hot weather. Thirty degrees is too hot for me. | .....                                   |
| 5 I like Martin and Jane. They're very nice persons.          | .....                                   |
| 6 Ten pounds aren't enough. I need more money than that.      | .....                                   |
| 7 I'm going to buy a new pyjama.                              | .....                                   |
| 8 The committee haven't made a decision yet.                  | .....                                   |
| 9 There was a police directing traffic in the street.         | .....                                   |
| 10 What is the police going to do?                            | .....                                   |
| 11 This scissors isn't very sharp.                            | .....                                   |
| 12 Four days isn't enough for a good holiday.                 | .....                                   |



## Noun + noun (a tennis ball / a headache)

A

You can use two nouns together (*noun + noun*) to mean *one* thing/person/idea etc. For example:  
a **tennis ball**    **income tax**    the **city centre**

The first noun is like an adjective. It tells us what kind of thing/person/idea etc. For example:

a **tennis ball** = a **ball** used to play **tennis**  
a **bus driver** = the **driver** of a **bus**  
a **road accident** = an **accident** that happens on the **road**  
**income tax** = **tax** that you pay on your **income**  
the **city centre** = the **centre** of the **city**  
a **Paris hotel** = a **hotel** in **Paris**  
my **life story** = the **story** of my **life**

So you can say:

a **television camera**    a **television programme**    a **television studio**    a **television producer**  
(these are all different things or people to do with television)  
language **problems**    marriage **problems**    health **problems**    work **problems**  
(these are all different kinds of problems)

Compare:

**garden vegetables** (= **vegetables** that are grown in a garden)  
a **vegetable garden** (= a **garden** where vegetables are grown)

Sometimes the first word ends in **-ing**. Usually these are things we use for doing something:

a **frying pan** (= a pan for frying)    a **washing machine**    a **swimming pool**

Sometimes there are more than two nouns together:

- ☐ I waited at the **hotel reception desk**.
- ☐ We watched the **World Swimming Championships** on television.
- ☐ If you want to play **table tennis** (= a game), you need a **table tennis table** (= a table).

B

When two nouns are together like this, sometimes we write them as one word and sometimes as two separate words. For example:

a **headache**    **toothpaste**    a **weekend**    a **car park**    a **road sign**

There are no clear rules for this. If you are not sure, write two words.

C

Note the difference between:

a **sugar bowl** (maybe empty) and a **bowl of sugar** (= a bowl with sugar in it)  
a **shopping bag** (maybe empty) and a **bag of shopping** (= a bag full of shopping)

D

When we use *noun + noun*, the first noun is like an *adjective*. It is normally singular, but the meaning is often plural. For example: a **bookshop** is a shop where you can buy **books**, an **apple tree** is a tree that has **apples**.

In the same way we say:

a **three-hour journey** (= a journey that takes three **hours**)  
a **ten-pound note** (*not* pounds)  
a **four-week course** (*not* weeks)  
a **six-mile walk** (*not* miles)  
two **14-year-old girls** (*not* years)

Compare:

- ☐ It was a **four-week** course.
- but      The course lasted four **weeks**.



## Exercises

## 80.1 What do we call these things and people?

- 1 A ticket for a concert is a concert ticket
- 2 Problems concerning health are health problems
- 3 An interview for a job is .....
- 4 Pictures taken on your holiday are your .....
- 5 Chocolate made with milk is .....
- 6 Somebody whose job is to inspect factories is .....
- 7 A horse that runs in races is .....
- 8 A race for horses is .....
- 9 Shoes for running are .....
- 10 A student studying at university is .....
- 11 The results of your exams are your .....
- 12 The carpet in the living room is .....
- 13 A scandal involving an oil company is .....
- 14 Workers at a car factory are .....
- 15 A scheme for the improvement of a road is .....
- 16 A department store in New York is .....
- 17 A course that lasts five days is .....
- 18 A question that has two parts is .....
- 19 A man who is thirty years old is .....

## 80.2 Answer the questions using two of the following words each time:

<del>accident</del>	belt	birthday	card	credit	driver
editor	forecast	newspaper	number	party	<del>road</del>
room	seat	shop	truck	weather	window

- 1 This can be caused by bad driving. a road accident
- 2 You should wear this when you're in a car. a .....
- 3 You can use this to pay for things instead of cash. a .....
- 4 If you want to know if it's going to rain, this is what you need. the .....
- 5 This person is a top journalist. a .....
- 6 You might stop to look in this when you're walking along a street. a .....
- 7 If you're staying at a hotel, you need to remember this. your .....
- 8 This is a way to celebrate getting older. a .....
- 9 This person transports things by road. a .....

## 80.3 Which is correct?

- 1 It's quite a long book. There are 450 page / 450 pages. (450 pages is correct)
- 2 I didn't have any change. I only had a twenty-pound / twenty pounds note.
- 3 I looked down and there were two ten-pound / ten pounds notes on the ground.
- 4 At work in the morning I usually have a 15-minute / 15 minutes break for coffee.
- 5 There are 60-minute / 60 minutes in an hour.
- 6 It's only a two-hour / two hours flight from London to Madrid.
- 7 My office is on the tenth floor of a twelve-storey / twelve storeys building.
- 8 I work five-day / five days a week. Saturday and Sunday are free.
- 9 Five-star / Five stars hotels are the most expensive.
- 10 Sam's daughter is six-year-old / six years old.
- 11 The oldest building in the city is the 500-year-old / 500 years old castle.
- 12 Do you use the twelve-hour / twelve hours clock or the 24-hour / 24 hours clock?



**-s (your sister's name) and  
of ... (the name of the book)****A**We use **-s** (*apostrophe + s*) mostly for people or animals:

- ☐ **Tom's** computer isn't working. (*not* the computer of Tom)
- ☐ How old are **Chris's** children? (*not* the children of Chris)
- ☐ What's (= What is) **your sister's** name?
- ☐ What's **Tom's sister's** name?
- ☐ Be careful. Don't step on **the cat's** tail.

You can use **-s** without a noun after it:

- ☐ This isn't my book. It's **my sister's**. (= my sister's book)

We use **-s** with a noun (**Tom/friend/teacher** etc.). We do not use **-s** with a long group of words.

So we say:

**your friend's** name*but* the name **of the woman sitting by the door**Note that we say **a woman's hat** (= a hat for a woman), **a boy's name** (= a name for a boy), **a bird's egg** (= an egg laid by a bird) etc.**B**With a *singular* noun we use **-s**:my **sister's** room (= **her** room – one sister)      **Mr Carter's** house (= **his** house)With a *plural* noun (sisters, friends etc.) we put an apostrophe (') at the end of the word:**my sisters'** room (= **their** room – *two or more* sisters)**the Carters'** house (= **their** house – Mr and Mrs Carter)If a plural noun does not end in **-s** (for example **men/women/children/people**) we use **-s**:**the men's** changing room      a **children's** book (= a book for children)You can use **-s** after more than one noun:**Jack and Karen's** wedding      **Mr and Mrs Carter's** house**C**For things, ideas etc., we normally use **of** (... **of the water** / ... **of the book** etc.):the temperature **of the water** (*not* the water's temperature)the name **of the book**      the owner **of the restaurant**Sometimes the structure *noun + noun* is possible (see Unit 80):the **water temperature**      the **restaurant owner**We say **the beginning/end/middle of ...** / **the top/bottom of ...** / **the front/back/side of ...**:**the beginning of** the month (*not* the month's beginning)**the top of** the hill      **the back of** the car**D**You can usually use **-s** or **of ...** for an organisation (= a group of people). So you can say:**the government's** decision      *or*      the decision **of the government****the company's** success      *or*      the success **of the company**It is also possible to use **-s** for places. So you can say:**the city's** streets      **the world's** population      **Italy's** prime minister**E**You can also use **-s** with time words (**yesterday** / **next week** etc.):

- ☐ Do you still have **yesterday's** newspaper?

- ☐ **Next week's** meeting has been cancelled.

In the same way, you can say **today's** / **tomorrow's** / **this evening's** / **Monday's** etc.We also use **-s** (or **-s'** with plural words) with periods of time:

- ☐ I've got **a week's** holiday starting on Monday.

- ☐ Julia has got **three weeks'** holiday.

- ☐ I live near the station – it's only about **ten minutes'** walk.



## Exercises

**81.1** In some of these sentences, it would be more natural to use **-s** or **'s**. Change the underlined parts where necessary.

- Who is the owner of this restaurant?
- How old are the children of Chris?
- Is this the umbrella of your friend?
- Write your name at the top of the page.
- I've never met the daughter of Charles.
- Have you met the son of Helen and Dan?
- We don't know the cause of the problem.
- Do we still have the newspaper of last Monday?
- I don't know the words of this song.
- What is the cost of a new computer?
- The friends of your children are here.
- The garden of our neighbours is very nice.
- I work on the ground floor of the building.
- The hair of David is very long.
- I couldn't go to the party of Katherine.
- Do you know the number of the man I need to speak to?
- Have you seen the car of the parents of Mike?
- What's the meaning of this expression?
- Do you agree with the economic policy of the government?

OK

Chris's children

**81.2** What is another way of saying these things? Use **-s** or **'s**.

- a hat for a woman a woman's hat
- a name for a boy
- clothes for children
- a school for girls
- a nest for a bird
- a magazine for women

**81.3** Read each sentence and write a new sentence beginning with the underlined words.

- The meeting tomorrow has been cancelled.  
Tomorrow's meeting has been cancelled.
- The storm last week caused a lot of damage.  
Last
- The only cinema in the town has closed down.  
The
- The weather in Britain is very changeable.
- Tourism is the main industry in the region.

**81.4** Use the information given to complete the sentences.

- If I leave my house at 9 o'clock and drive to the airport, I arrive at about 11.  
So it's about two hours' drive from my house to the airport. (drive)
- If I leave my house at 8.40 and walk to the centre, I get there at 9 o'clock.  
So it's ..... from my house to the centre. (walk)
- I'm going on holiday on the 12th. I have to be back at work on the 26th.  
So I've got ..... (holiday)
- I went to sleep at 3 o'clock this morning and woke up an hour later. After that I couldn't sleep. So last night I only had ..... (sleep)



# Myself/yourself/themselves etc.

A

Study this example:

Steve **introduced himself** to the other guests.We use **myself/yourself/himself** etc. (*reflexive pronouns*) when the *subject* and *object* are the same:

Steve introduced himself

subject                      object

The reflexive pronouns are:

<i>singular:</i>	<b>myself</b>	<b>yourself</b> ( <i>one person</i> )	<b>himself/herself/itself</b>
<i>plural:</i>	<b>ourselves</b>	<b>yourselves</b> ( <i>more than one person</i> )	<b>themselves</b>

- ☐ I don't want you to pay for me. I'll pay for **myself**. (*not I'll pay for me*)
- ☐ Amy had a great holiday. **She** really enjoyed **herself**.
- ☐ Do **you** talk to **yourself** sometimes? (*said to one person*)
- ☐ If **you** want more to eat, help **yourselves**. (*said to more than one person*)

Compare:

- ☐ It's not our fault. **You** can't blame **us**.
- ☐ It's our own fault. **We** should blame **ourselves**.

B

We do not use **myself** etc. after **feel/relax/concentrate/meet**:

- ☐ I **feel** nervous. I can't **relax**.
- ☐ You must try and **concentrate**. (*not concentrate yourself*)
- ☐ What time shall we **meet**? (*not meet ourselves, not meet us*)

We normally use **wash/shave/dress** without **myself** etc. :

- ☐ He got up, **washed, shaved and dressed**. (*not washed himself etc.*)

You can also say **get dressed** (He **got dressed**).

C

Compare **-selves** and **each other**:

- ☐ Kate and Joe stood in front of the mirror and looked at **themselves**. (= *Kate and Joe* looked at *Kate and Joe*)
- ☐ Kate looked at Joe; Joe looked at Kate. They looked at **each other**.

themselves



each other

You can use **one another** instead of **each other**:

- ☐ How long have you and Ben known **each other**? or ... known **one another**?
- ☐ Sue and Alice don't like **each other**. or ... don't like **one another**.
- ☐ Do you and Sarah live near **each other**? or ... near **one another**?

D

We also use **myself/yourself** etc. in another way. For example:

- ☐ 'Who repaired your bike for you?' 'I repaired it **myself**.'

**I repaired it myself** = I repaired it, not anybody else. Here, **myself** is used to emphasise 'I' (= it makes it stronger). Some more examples:

- ☐ I'm not going to do your work for you. **You** can do it **yourself**. (= you, not me)
- ☐ **Let's** paint the house **ourselves**. It will be much cheaper.
- ☐ **The film itself** wasn't very good, but I loved the music.
- ☐ I don't think Lisa will get the job. **Lisa herself** doesn't think so. (*or Lisa doesn't think so herself.*)



## Exercises

**82.1** Complete the sentences using **myself/yourself** etc. + these verbs (in the correct form):

blame burn enjoy express hurt ~~introduce~~ put

- 1 Steve introduced himself to the other guests at the party.
- 2 Ben fell down some steps, but fortunately he didn't .....
- 3 It isn't Sue's fault. She really shouldn't .....
- 4 Please try and understand how I feel. .... in my position.
- 5 The children had a great time at the beach. They really .....
- 6 Be careful! That pan is very hot. Don't .....
- 7 Sometimes I can't say exactly what I mean. I wish I could ..... better.

**82.2** Put in **myself/yourself/ourselves** etc. or **me/you/us** etc.

- 1 Amy had a great holiday. She enjoyed herself .....
- 2 It's not my fault. You can't blame .....
- 3 What I did was really bad. I'm ashamed of .....
- 4 We've got a problem. I hope you can help .....
- 5 'Can I take another biscuit?' 'Of course. Help ..... !'
- 6 You must meet Sarah. I'll introduce ..... to her.
- 7 Don't worry about us. We can take care of .....
- 8 Don't worry about the children. I'll take care of .....
- 9 I gave them a key to our house so that they could let ..... in.

**82.3** Complete these sentences. Use **myself/yourself** etc. only where necessary. Use these verbs (in the correct form):

concentrate defend dry feel meet relax ~~shave~~

- 1 Martin decided to grow a beard because he was fed up with shaving .....
- 2 I wasn't very well yesterday, but I ..... much better today.
- 3 I climbed out of the swimming pool and ..... with a towel.
- 4 I tried to study, but I couldn't .....
- 5 If somebody attacks you, you need to be able to .....
- 6 I'm going out with Chris this evening. We're ..... at 7.30.
- 7 You're always rushing around. Why don't you sit down and ..... ?

**82.4** Complete the sentences with **ourselves/themselves** or **each other**.

- 1 How long have you and Ben known each other ?
- 2 If people work too hard, they can make ..... ill.
- 3 I need you and you need me. We need .....
- 4 In Britain friends often give ..... presents at Christmas.
- 5 Some people are very selfish. They only think of .....
- 6 Tracy and I don't see ..... very often these days.
- 7 We couldn't get back into the house. We had locked ..... out.
- 8 They've had an argument. They're not speaking to ..... at the moment.
- 9 We'd never met before, so we introduced ..... to .....

**82.5** Complete the answers to the questions using **myself/yourself/itself** etc.

- 1 Who repaired the bike for you?
- 2 Who cuts Brian's hair for him?
- 3 Do you want me tell Amy about your idea?
- 4 Who told you that Linda was going away?
- 5 Can you phone John for me?

- Nobody. I repaired it myself.
- Nobody. He cuts .....
- No, I'll .....
- Linda .....
- Why can't you ..... ?



# A friend of mine      my own house on my own / by myself

## A A friend of mine / a friend of yours etc.

We say '(a friend) **of mine/yours/his/hers/ours/theirs**'.

**A friend of mine** = one of my friends:

- ☐ I'm going to a wedding on Saturday. **A friend of mine** is getting married. (*not* a friend of me)
- ☐ We went on holiday with **some friends of ours**. (*not* some friends of us)
- ☐ Mike had an argument with **a neighbour of his**.
- ☐ It was **a good idea of yours** to go to the cinema.

In the same way we say '(a friend) **of my sister's**' / (a friend) **of Tom's**' etc. :

- ☐ That woman over there is **a friend of my sister's**. (= one of my sister's friends)
- ☐ It was **a good idea of Tom's** to go to the cinema.

## B My own ... / your own ... etc.

We use **my/your/his/her/its/our/their** before **own**:

**my own** house    **your own** car    **her own** room  
(*not* an own house, an own car etc.)

**My own ... / your own ...** etc. = something that is only mine/yours, not shared or borrowed:

- ☐ I don't want to share a room with anybody. I want **my own room**.
- ☐ Vicky and Gary would like to have **their own house**.
- ☐ It's a shame that the apartment hasn't got **its own parking space**.
- ☐ It's **my own fault** that I've got no money. I buy too many things I don't need.
- ☐ Why do you want to borrow my car? Why don't you use **your own**? (= your own car)

You can also say 'a room **of my own**', 'a house **of your own**', 'problems **of his own**' etc. :

- ☐ I'd like to have a room **of my own**.
- ☐ He won't be able to help you with your problems. He has too many problems **of his own**.

## C We also use **own** to say that we do something ourselves instead of somebody else doing it for us. For example:

- ☐ Brian usually cuts **his own hair**.  
(= he cuts it himself; he doesn't go to a barber)
- ☐ I'd like to have a garden so that I could grow **my own vegetables**.  
(= grow them myself instead of buying them from shops)



## D On my own / by myself

**On my own** and **by myself** both mean 'alone'. We say:

on { my / your  
his / her / its  
our / their } own

=

by { myself / yourself (*singular*)  
himself / herself / itself  
ourselves / yourselves (*plural*) / themselves

- ☐ I like living **on my own / by myself**.
- ☐ 'Did you go on holiday **on your own / by yourself**?' 'No, with a friend.'
- ☐ Jack was sitting **on his own / by himself** in a corner of the cafe.
- ☐ Learner drivers are not allowed to drive **on their own / by themselves**.



## Exercises

**83.1** Write new sentences with the same meaning. Change the underlined words and use the structure in Section A (**a friend of mine** etc.).

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1 I am meeting <u>one of my friends</u> tonight.                         | <u>I'm meeting a friend of mine</u> tonight. |
| 2 We met <u>one of your relatives</u> .                                  | We met a .....                               |
| 3 Jason borrowed <u>one of my books</u> .                                | Jason .....                                  |
| 4 Lisa invited <u>some of her friends</u> to her flat.                   | Lisa ..... to her flat.                      |
| 5 We had dinner with <u>one of our neighbours</u> .                      | .....  |
| 6 I went on holiday with <u>two of my friends</u> .                      | .....  |
| 7 Is that man <u>one of your friends</u> ?                               | .....  |
| 8 I met <u>one of Jane's friends</u> at the party.                       | ..... at the party.                          |
| 9 It's always been <u>one of my ambitions</u> to travel round the world. | ..... to travel round the world.             |

**83.2** Complete the sentences using **my own** / **our own** etc. + the following:

~~bedroom~~    business    opinions    private beach    words

- I share a kitchen and bathroom, but I have my own bedroom.
- Gary doesn't think the same as me. He's got .....
- Julia is fed up with working for other people. She wants to start .....
- In the test we had to read a story, and then write it in .....
- We stayed at a luxury hotel by the sea. The hotel had .....

**83.3** Complete the sentences using **my own** / **your own** etc.

- Why do you want to borrow my car? Why don't you use your own car?
- How can you blame me? It's not my fault. It's .....
- She's always using my ideas. Why can't she use .....
- Please don't worry about my problems. You've got .....
- I can't make his decisions for him. He must make .....

**83.4** Complete the sentences using **my own** / **your own** etc. Use the following verbs:

bake    clean    ~~cut~~    make    write

- Brian never goes to a barber.  
He cuts his own hair.
- Helen doesn't often buy clothes.  
She usually .....
- We don't often buy bread.  
We usually .....
- I'm not going to clean your shoes.  
You can .....
- Paul and Joe are singers.  
They sing songs written by other people, but they also .....

**83.5** Complete the sentences using **my own** / **myself** etc.

- Did you go on holiday on your own?
- I'm glad I live with other people. I wouldn't like to live on .....
- The box was too heavy for me to lift by .....
- 'Who was Tom with when you saw him?' 'Nobody. He was by .....
- Very young children should not go swimming by .....
- I don't think she knows many people. When I see her, she is always by .....
- I don't like strawberries with cream. I like them on .....
- Do you like working with other people or do you prefer working by .....?
- We had no help decorating the flat. We did it completely on .....
- I went out with Sally because she didn't want to go out on .....



## There ... and it ...

A

Study this example:



We use **there** ... when we talk about something for the first time, to say that it exists:

- ☐ **There's** a new restaurant in Hill Street. (*not* A new restaurant is in Hill Street)
- ☐ I'm sorry I'm late. **There was** a lot of traffic. (*not* It was a lot of traffic)
- ☐ Things are more expensive now. **There has been** a big rise in the cost of living.

**It** = a specific thing, place, fact, situation etc. (but see also section C):

- ☐ We went to the new restaurant. **It's** very good. (**It** = the restaurant)
- ☐ I wasn't expecting them to come. **It** was a complete surprise. (**It** = that they came)

Compare **there** and **it**:

- ☐ I don't like this town. **There's** nothing to do here. **It's** a boring place.

**There** also means 'to/at/in that place':

- ☐ When we got to the party, there were already a lot of people **there** (= at the party).

B

You can say **there will be** / **there must be** / **there might be** / **there used to be** etc. :

- ☐ Will you be busy tomorrow? **Will there be** much to do?
- ☐ 'Is **there** a flight to Rome tonight?' 'There **might be**. I'll check the website.'
- ☐ If people drove more carefully, **there wouldn't be** so many accidents.

Also **there must have been**, **there should have been** etc. :

- ☐ I could hear music coming from the house. **There must have been** somebody at home.

Compare **there** and **it**:

- ☐ They live on a busy road. **There must be** a lot of noise from the traffic.
- ☐ They live on a busy road. **It must be** very noisy.
- ☐ **There used to be** a cinema here, but it closed a few years ago.
- ☐ That building is now a supermarket. **It used to be** a cinema.

You can also say **there is sure** / **bound** (= sure) / **likely** to be ... . Compare **there** and **it**:

- ☐ **There's sure to be** a flight to Rome tonight. (*or* **There's bound to be** ...)
- ☐ There's a flight to Rome tonight, but **it's sure to be** full. (**it** = the flight)

C

We also use **it** in sentences like this:

- ☐ **It's** dangerous **to walk in the road**.

We do not usually say 'To walk in the road is dangerous'. Normally we begin with **It** ... .

Some more examples:

- ☐ **It** didn't take us long **to get** here.
- ☐ **It's** a shame (**that**) **you can't come to the party**.
- ☐ Let's go. **It's** not worth **waiting any longer**.

We also use **it** to talk about distance, time and weather:

- ☐ How far is **it** from here to the airport?
- ☐ What day is **it** today?
- ☐ **It's** a long time since we saw you last.
- ☐ **It** was windy yesterday. (*but* **There was** a cold wind.)



## Exercises

**84.1** Put in **there is/was** or **it is/was**. Some sentences are questions (**is there ... ? / is it ... ?** etc.) and some are negative (**isn't/wasn't**).

- The journey took a long time. There was a lot of traffic.
- What's this restaurant like? Is it good?
- ..... something wrong with the computer. Can you check it for me?
- I wanted to visit the museum, but ..... enough time.
- 'What's that building? ..... a hotel?' 'No, ..... a theatre.'
- How do we get across the river? ..... a bridge?
- A few days ago ..... a big storm, which caused a lot of damage.
- I can't find my phone. .... in my bag – I just looked.
- It's often cold here, but ..... much snow.
- 'How was your trip?' '..... a disaster. Everything went wrong.'
- ..... anything on television, so I turned it off.
- '..... a bookshop near here?' 'Yes, ..... one in Hudson Street.'
- When we got to the cinema, ..... a queue outside. .... a very long queue, so we decided not to wait.
- I couldn't see anything. .... completely dark.
- ..... difficult to get a job right now. .... a lot of unemployment.

**84.2** Read the first sentence and then write a sentence beginning **There ...**

- The roads were busy yesterday. There was a lot of traffic.
- This soup is very salty. There ..... in the soup.
- The box was empty. .... in the box.
- The film is very violent. ....
- The shopping mall was crowded. ....
- I like this town – it's lively. ....

**84.3** Complete the sentences. Use **there will be**, **there would be** etc. Choose from:

will    may    ~~would~~    wouldn't    should    used to    (be) going to

- If people drove more carefully, there would be fewer accidents.
- 'Do we have any eggs?' 'I'm not sure. .... some in the fridge.'
- I think everything will be OK. I don't think ..... any problems.
- Look at the sky. .... a storm.
- 'Is there a school in the village?' 'Not now. .... one, but it closed.'
- People drive too fast on this road. I think ..... a speed limit.
- If people weren't aggressive, ..... any wars.

**84.4** Are these sentences right or wrong? Change it to **there** where necessary.

- They live on a busy road. It must be a lot of noise. There must be a lot of noise.
- It's a long way from my house to the nearest shop. ....
- After the lecture it will be an opportunity to ask questions. ....
- I like where I live, but it would be nicer to live by the sea. ....
- Why was she so unfriendly? It must have been a reason. ....
- It's three years since I last went to the theatre. ....
- A: Where can we park the car?  
B: Don't worry. It's sure to be a car park somewhere. ....
- It was Ken's birthday yesterday. We had a party. ....
- The situation is still the same. It has been no change. ....
- It used to be a church here, but it was knocked down. ....
- I was told that it would be somebody to meet me at the station, but it wasn't anybody. ....
- I don't know who'll win, but it's sure to be a good game. ....



## Some and any

- A** In general we use **some** (also **somebody/someone/something**) in positive sentences and **any** (also **anybody** etc.) in negative sentences:

**some**

- ☐ We bought **some** flowers.
- ☐ He's busy. He's got **some** work to do.
- ☐ There's **somebody** at the door.
- ☐ I want **something** to eat.

**any**

- ☐ We didn't buy **any** flowers.
- ☐ He's lazy. He **never** does **any** work.
- ☐ There isn't **anybody** at the door.
- ☐ I don't want **anything** to eat.

We use **any** in the following sentences because the meaning is negative:

- ☐ She went out **without any** money. (she **didn't** take **any** money with her)
- ☐ He **refused** to eat **anything**. (he **didn't** eat **anything**)
- ☐ It's a very easy exam. **Hardly anybody** fails. (= almost **nobody** fails)

- B** We use both **some** and **any** in questions. We use **some/somebody/something** to talk about a person or thing that we know exists, or we think exists:

- ☐ Are you waiting for **somebody**? (I think you are waiting for somebody)

We use **some** in questions when we offer or ask for things:

- ☐ Would you like **something** to eat? (there is something to eat)
- ☐ Can I have **some** sugar, please? (there is probably some sugar I can have)

But in most questions, we use **any**. We do not know if the thing or person exists:

- ☐ 'Do you have **any** luggage?' 'No, I don't.'
- ☐ I can't find my bag. Has **anybody** seen it?

- C** We often use **any** after **if**:

- ☐ **If anyone** has **any** questions, I'll be pleased to answer them.
- ☐ Let me know **if** you need **anything**.

The following sentences have the idea of **if**:

- ☐ I'm sorry for **any** trouble I've caused. (= if I have caused any trouble)
- ☐ **Anyone** who wants to do the exam should tell me by Friday. (= if there is anyone)

- D** We also use **any** with the meaning 'it doesn't matter which':

- ☐ You can take **any** bus. They all go to the centre. (= it doesn't matter which bus you take)
- ☐ 'Sing a song.' 'Which song shall I sing?' '**Any** song. I don't mind.' (= it doesn't matter which song)
- ☐ Come and see me **any** time you want.

We use **anybody/anyone/anything/anywhere** in the same way:

- ☐ We forgot to lock the door. **Anybody** could have come in.
- ☐ 'Let's go out somewhere.' 'Where shall we go?' '**Anywhere**. I just want to go out.'

Compare **something** and **anything**:

- ☐ A: I'm hungry. I want **something** to eat.  
B: What would you like?  
A: I don't mind. **Anything**. (= it doesn't matter what)

- E** **Somebody/someone/anybody/anyone** are singular words:

- ☐ **Someone** is here to see you.

But we use **they/them/their** after these words:

- ☐ **Someone** has forgotten **their** umbrella. (= his or her umbrella)
- ☐ If **anybody** wants to leave early, **they** can. (= he or she can)



## Exercises

85.1 Put in **some** or **any**.

- We didn't buy any flowers.
- Tonight I'm going out with ..... friends of mine.
- A: Have you seen ..... good movies recently?  
B: No, I haven't been to the cinema for ages.
- I didn't have ..... money, so I had to borrow .....
- Can I have ..... milk in my coffee, please?
- We wanted to buy ..... grapes, but they didn't have ..... in the shop.
- He did everything himself – without ..... help.
- You can use this card to withdraw money at ..... cash machine.
- I'd like ..... information about places of interest in the town.
- With the special tourist train ticket, you can travel on ..... train you like.
- Those apples look nice. Shall we buy ..... ?

85.2 Complete the sentences with **some-** or **any-** + **-body/-thing/-where**.

- I was too surprised to say anything.
- There's ..... at the door. Can you go and see who it is?
- Does ..... mind if I open the window?
- I wasn't feeling hungry, so I didn't eat .....
- You must be hungry. Why don't I get you ..... to eat?
- Quick, let's go! There's ..... coming and I don't want ..... to see us.
- Sarah was upset about ..... and refused to talk to .....
- This machine is very easy to use. .... can learn to use it very quickly.
- There was hardly ..... on the beach. It was almost deserted.
- 'Do you live ..... near Joe?' 'No, he lives in another part of town.'
- 'Where shall we go on holiday?' 'Let's go ..... warm and sunny.'
- They stay at home all the time. They never seem to go .....
- I'm going to a meeting now. If ..... needs me, tell them I'll be back at 11.30.
- Why are you looking under the bed? Have you lost ..... ?
- This is a no-parking area. .... who parks here will have to pay a fine.
- Jonathan stood up and left the room without saying .....
- 'Can I ask you ..... ?' 'Sure. What do you want to ask?'
- Sue is very secretive. She never tells ..... (2 words)

85.3 Complete the sentences. Use **any** (+ noun) or **anybody/anything/anywhere**.

- Which bus do I have to catch?
- Which day shall I come?
- What do you want to eat?
- Where shall I sit?
- What sort of job are you looking for?
- What time shall I call you tomorrow?
- Who shall I invite to the party?
- Which newspaper shall I buy?

Any bus . They all go to the centre.

I don't mind. ....

..... I don't mind. Whatever you have.

It's up to you. You can sit ..... you like.

..... It doesn't matter.

..... Leave a message if I don't answer and I'll get back to you.

I don't mind. .... you like.

..... See what they have in the shop.



## A

## No and none

We use **no** + *noun*. **No** = **not a** or **not any**:

- ☐ We had to walk home because there was **no bus**. (= there **wasn't a** bus)
- ☐ Sue will have **no trouble** finding a job. (= Sue **won't** have **any** trouble ...)
- ☐ There were **no shops** open. (= There **weren't any** shops open.)

You can use **no** + *noun* at the beginning of a sentence:

- ☐ **No reason** was given for the change of plan.

We use **none** *without* a noun:

- ☐ 'How much money do you have?' '**None.**' (= no money)
- ☐ All the tickets have been sold. There are **none** left. (= no tickets left)

Or we use **none of** ... :

- ☐ This money is all yours. **None of it** is mine.

Compare **none** and **any**:

- ☐ 'How much luggage do you have?' '**None.**' / 'I **don't** have **any.**'

After **none of** + *plural* (none of **the students**, none of **them** etc.) the verb can be singular or plural.

A plural verb is more usual:

- ☐ None of the shops **were** (or **was**) open.

## B

## Nothing nobody/no-one nowhere

You can use these words at the beginning of a sentence or alone (as answers to questions):

- ☐ 'What's going to happen?' '**Nothing** (or **No-one**) knows.'
- ☐ 'What happened?' '**Nothing.**'
- ☐ 'Where are you going?' '**Nowhere.** I'm staying here.'

You can also use these words after a verb, especially after **be** and **have**:

- ☐ The house is empty. There's **nobody** living there.
- ☐ We **had nothing** to eat.

**Nothing/nobody** etc. = **not** + **anything/anybody** etc. :

- ☐ I said **nothing**. = I **didn't** say **anything**.
- ☐ Jane told **nobody** about her plans. = Jane **didn't** tell **anybody** about her plans.
- ☐ They have **nowhere** to live. = They **don't** have **anywhere** to live.

With **nothing/nobody** etc., do *not* use a negative verb (**isn't**, **didn't** etc.):

- ☐ I **said** nothing. (not I **didn't** say nothing)

## C

After **nobody/no-one** you can use **they/them/their** (see also Unit 85E):

- ☐ **Nobody** is perfect, are **they**? (= is he or she perfect)
- ☐ **No-one** did what I asked **them** to do. (= him or her)
- ☐ **Nobody** in the class did **their** homework. (= his or her homework)

## D

Sometimes **any/anything/anybody** etc. means 'it doesn't matter which/what/who' (see Unit 85D).

Compare **no-** and **any-**:

- ☐ There was **no** bus, so we walked home.  
You can take **any** bus. They all go to the centre. (= it doesn't matter which)
- ☐ 'What do you want to eat?' '**Nothing.** I'm not hungry.'  
I'm so hungry. I could eat **anything**. (= it doesn't matter what)
- ☐ The exam was extremely difficult. **Nobody** passed. (= everybody failed)  
The exam was very easy. **Anybody** could have passed. (= it doesn't matter who)



## Exercises

**86.1** Complete these sentences with **no**, **none** or **any**.

- 1 It was a public holiday, so there were no shops open.
- 2 I haven't got any money. Can you lend me some?
- 3 We had to walk home because there were ..... taxis.
- 4 We had to walk home because there weren't ..... taxis.
- 5 'How many eggs have we got?' '.....'. Do you want me to get some?'
- 6 We took a few pictures, but ..... of them were very good.
- 7 'Did you take lots of pictures?' 'No, I didn't take .....'
- 8 What a stupid thing to do! ..... intelligent person would do such a thing.
- 9 There's nowhere to cross the river. There's ..... bridge.
- 10 I haven't read ..... of the books you lent me.
- 11 We cancelled the party because ..... of the people we invited were able to come.
- 12 'Do you know when Chris will be back?' 'I'm sorry. I have ..... idea.'

**86.2** Answer these questions using **none/nobody/nothing/nowhere**.

- 1 What did you do?
- 2 Who were you talking to?
- 3 How much sugar do you want?
- 4 Where are you going?
- 5 How many emails did you get?
- 6 How much did you pay?

Nothing.

Now answer the same questions using complete sentences with **any/anybody/anything/anywhere**.

- 7 (1) I didn't do anything.
- 8 (2) I .....
- 9 (3) .....
- 10 (4) .....
- 11 (5) .....
- 12 (6) .....

**86.3** Complete these sentences with **no-** or **any-** + **body/-thing/-where**.

- 1 I don't want anything to drink. I'm not thirsty.
- 2 The bus was completely empty. There was ..... on it.
- 3 'Where did you go for your holidays?' '.....'. I stayed at home.'
- 4 I went to the shops, but I didn't buy .....
- 5 'What did you buy?' '.....'. I couldn't find ..... I wanted.'
- 6 The town is still the same as it was years ago. .... has changed.
- 7 Have you seen my watch? I can't find it .....
- 8 There was complete silence in the room. .... said .....

**86.4** Choose the right word.

- 1 She didn't tell nobody / anybody about her plans. (anybody is correct)
- 2 The accident looked bad, but fortunately nobody / anybody was badly injured.
- 3 I looked out of the window, but I couldn't see no-one / anyone.
- 4 My job is very easy. Nobody / Anybody could do it.
- 5 'What's in that box?' 'Nothing / Anything. It's empty.'
- 6 The situation is uncertain. Nothing / Anything could happen.
- 7 I don't know nothing / anything about economics.
- 8 I'll try and answer no / any questions you ask me.
- 9 'Who were you talking to just now?' 'No-one / Anyone. I wasn't talking to no-one / anyone.'



# Much, many, little, few, a lot, plenty

A

We use **much** and **little** with *uncountable* nouns:

**much time   much luck   little energy   little money**

We use **many** and **few** with *plural* nouns:

**many friends   many people   few cars   few countries**

We use **a lot of / lots of / plenty of** with both *uncountable* and *plural* nouns:

**a lot of luck   lots of time   plenty of money**  
**a lot of friends   lots of people   plenty of ideas**

**Plenty** = more than enough:

- ☐ There's no need to hurry. We've got **plenty of time**.

B

**Much** is unusual in positive sentences (especially in spoken English). Compare:

- ☐ We **didn't** spend **much** money.

but We **spent a lot of** money. (*not* We spent much money)

- ☐ Do you **see** David **much**?

but I **see** David **a lot**. (*not* I see David much)

We use **many** and **a lot of** in all kinds of sentences:

- ☐ **Many** people drive too fast.      or      **A lot of** people drive too fast.  
☐ Do you know **many** people?      or      Do you know **a lot of** people?  
☐ There aren't **many** tourists here.      or      There aren't **a lot of** tourists here.

Note that we say **many years / many weeks / many days** (*not* a lot of ...):

- ☐ We've lived here for **many years**. (*not* a lot of years)

C

**Little** = not much, **few** = not many:

- ☐ Gary is very busy with his job. He has **little time** for other things. (= not much time, less time than he would like)  
☐ Vicky doesn't like living in London. She has **few friends** there. (= not many, not as many as she would like)

You can say **very little** and **very few**:

- ☐ Gary has **very little** time for other things.  
☐ Vicky has **very few** friends in London.

D

**A little** = some, a small amount:

- ☐ Let's go and have a coffee. We have **a little** time before the train leaves.  
 (a little time = some time, enough time to have a coffee)  
☐ 'Do you speak English?' '**A little**.' (so we can talk a bit)

**A few** = some, a small number:

- ☐ I enjoy my life here. I have **a few** friends and we meet quite often.  
 (a few friends = not many but enough to have a good time)  
☐ 'When was the last time you saw Clare?' '**A few** days ago.' (= some days ago)

Compare **little** and **a little**, **few** and **a few**:

- ☐ He spoke **little** English, so it was difficult to communicate with him.  
 He spoke **a little** English, so we were able to communicate with him.  
☐ She's lucky. She has **few** problems. (= not many problems)  
 Things are not going so well for her. She has **a few** problems. (= some problems)

You can say **only a little** and **only a few**:

- ☐ Hurry! We **only** have **a little** time. (*not* only little time)  
☐ The village was very small. There were **only** **a few** houses. (*not* only few houses)



## Exercises

**87.1** In some of these sentences **much** is incorrect or unnatural. Change **much** to **many** or **a lot (of)** where necessary. Write 'OK' if the sentence is correct.

- 1 We didn't spend much money. OK
- 2 Sue drinks much tea. a lot of tea
- 3 Joe always puts much salt on his food. .....
- 4 We'll have to hurry. We don't have much time. .....
- 5 It cost much to repair the car. .....
- 6 Did it cost much to repair the car? .....
- 7 I don't know much people in this town. .....
- 8 Mike travels much. .....
- 9 There wasn't much traffic this morning. .....
- 10 You need much money to travel round the world. .....

**87.2** Complete the sentences using **plenty** or **plenty of** + the following:

hotels      money      room      ~~time~~      to learn      to see

- 1 There's no need to hurry. There's plenty of time.
- 2 He doesn't have any financial problems. He has .....
- 3 Come and sit with us. There's .....
- 4 She knows a lot, but she still has .....
- 5 It's an interesting town to visit. There .....
- 6 I'm sure we'll find somewhere to stay. ....

**87.3** Put in **much/many/little/few** (one word only).

- 1 She isn't very popular. She has few friends.
- 2 Ann is very busy these days. She has ..... free time.
- 3 Did you take ..... pictures when you were on holiday?
- 4 I'm not very busy today. I don't have ..... to do.
- 5 This is a very modern city. There are ..... old buildings.
- 6 The weather has been very dry recently. We've had ..... rain.
- 7 'Do you know Rome?' 'No, I haven't been there for ..... years.'

**87.4** Put in **a (a few, a little)** where necessary. Write 'OK' if the sentence is already complete.

- 1 She's lucky. She has few problems. OK
- 2 Things are not going so well for her. She has few problems. a few problems
- 3 Can you lend me few dollars? .....
- 4 There was little traffic, so the journey didn't take very long. .....
- 5 I can't give you a decision yet. I need little time to think. .....
- 6 It was a surprise that he won the match. Few people expected him to win. .....
- 7 I don't know much Spanish – only few words. .....
- 8 I wonder how Sam is. I haven't seen him for few months. .....

**87.5** Put in **little / a little / few / a few**.

- 1 Gary is very busy with his job. He has little time for other things.
- 2 Listen carefully. I'm going to give you ..... advice.
- 3 Do you mind if I ask you ..... questions?
- 4 It's not a very interesting place to visit, so ..... tourists come here.
- 5 I don't think Amy would be a good teacher. She has ..... patience.
- 6 'Would you like milk in your coffee?' 'Yes, ..... '
- 7 This is a very boring place to live. There's ..... to do.
- 8 'Have you ever been to Paris?' 'Yes, I've been there ..... times.'



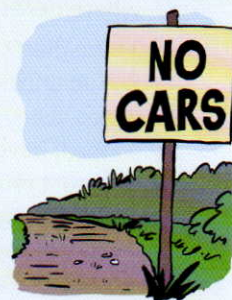
## All / all of      most / most of      no / none of etc.

A

all    some    any    most    much/many    little/few    no

You can use the words in the box with a noun (**some food / few books** etc.):

- ☐ **All cars** have wheels.
- ☐ **Some cars** can go faster than others.
- ☐ (*on a notice*) **NO CARS.** (= no cars allowed)
- ☐ **Many people** drive too fast.
- ☐ I don't go out very often. I'm at home **most days**.



You cannot say 'all of cars', 'some of people' etc. (see also Section B):

- ☐ **Some people** learn languages more easily than others. (*not* Some of people)

Note that we say **most** (*not* the most):

- ☐ **Most tourists** don't visit this part of the town. (*not* The most tourists)

B

all    some    any    most    much/many    little/few    half    none

You can use these words with **of** (**some of / most of** etc.).

We use	<b>some of</b>	+	<b>the ...</b>	<b>my ...</b>
	<b>most of</b>		<b>this ...</b>	<b>these ...</b>
	<b>none of</b>		<b>those ...</b>	<b>those ...</b>
	etc.		etc.	etc.

So you can say:

some **of the people**, some **of those people** (*but not* some of people)  
 most **of my time**, most **of the time** (*but not* most of time)

- ☐ **Some of the people I work with** are not very friendly.
- ☐ **None of this money** is mine.
- ☐ Have you read **any of these books**?
- ☐ I was sick yesterday. I spent **most of the day** in bed.

You don't need **of** after **all** or **half**. So you can say:

- ☐ **All my friends** live in Los Angeles. *or* **All of my friends** ...
- ☐ **Half this money** is mine. *or* **Half of this money** ...

Compare:

- ☐ **All flowers** are beautiful. (= all flowers in general)  
**All (of) the flowers in this garden** are beautiful. (= a specific group of flowers)
- ☐ **Most problems** have a solution. (= most problems in general)  
 We were able to solve **most of the problems we had**. (= a specific group of problems)

C

You can use **all of / some of / none of** etc. + **it/us/you/them**:

- ☐ 'How many of these people do you know?' '**None of them.** / **A few of them.**'
- ☐ Do **any of you** want to come to a party tonight?
- ☐ 'Do you like this music?' '**Some of it.** Not **all of it.**'

We say: **all of us / all of you / half of it / half of them** etc. You need **of** before **it/us/you/them**:

- ☐ **All of us** were late. (*not* all us)
- ☐ I haven't finished the book yet. I've only read **half of it**. (*not* half it)

D

You can also use **some/most** etc. alone, *without* a noun:

- ☐ Some cars have four doors and **some** have two.
- ☐ A few of the shops were open, but **most** (of them) were closed.
- ☐ Half this money is mine, and **half** (of it) is yours. (*not* the half)



## Exercises

**88.1** Put in **of** where necessary. Leave the space empty if the sentence is already complete.

- All ..... cars have wheels. (*the sentence is already complete*)
- None of this money is mine.
- Some ..... films are very violent.
- Some ..... the films I've seen recently have been very violent.
- Joe never goes to museums. He says that all ..... museums are boring.
- I think some ..... people watch too much TV.
- 'Do you want any ..... these magazines?' 'No, I've finished with them.'
- Kate has lived in London most ..... her life.
- Joe has lived in Chicago all ..... his life.
- Most ..... days I get up before 7 o'clock.

**88.2** Choose from the list and complete the sentences. Use **of** (**some of** / **most of** etc.) where necessary.

accidents	European countries	my dinner	the players
birds	her friends	my spare time	the population
<del>cars</del>	her opinions	the buildings	<del>these books</del>

- I haven't read many of these books.
- All cars have wheels.
- I spend much ..... gardening.
- Many ..... are caused by bad driving.
- It's a historic town. Many ..... are over 400 years old.
- When she got married, she kept it a secret. She didn't tell any .....
- Not many people live in the north of the country. Most ..... live in the south.
- Not all ..... can fly. For example, the penguin can't fly.
- Our team played badly and lost the game. None ..... played well.
- Emma and I have very different ideas. I don't agree with many .....
- Sarah travels a lot in Europe. She has been to most .....
- I had no appetite. I could only eat half .....

**88.3** Use your own ideas to complete these sentences.

- The building was damaged in the explosion. All the windows were broken.
- We argue sometimes, but get on well most of .....
- I went to the cinema by myself. None of ..... wanted to come.
- The test was difficult. I could only answer half .....
- Some of ..... you took at the wedding were very good.
- 'Did you spend all ..... I gave you?' 'No, there's still some left.'

**88.4** Complete the sentences. Use:

**all of / some of / none of + it/them/us (all of it / some of them etc.)**

- These books are all Jane's. None of them belong to me.
- How many of these books have you read?' '..... Every one.'
- We all got wet in the rain because ..... had an umbrella.
- Some of this money is yours and ..... is mine.
- I asked some people for directions, but ..... was able to help me.
- She invented the whole story from beginning to end. .... was true.
- Not all the tourists in the group were Spanish. .... were French.
- I watched most of the film, but not .....



Both / both of      neither / neither of  
either / either of

- A** We use **both/neither/either** for two things. You can use these words with a *noun* (**both books**, **neither book** etc.).

For example, you are going out to eat. There are two possible restaurants. You say:

- ☐ **Both restaurants** are very good. (*not* The both restaurants)
- ☐ **Neither restaurant** is expensive.
- ☐ We can go to **either restaurant**. I don't mind.  
(**either** = one or the other, It doesn't matter which one)

You can also use **both/neither/either** alone, *without* a noun:

- ☐ I couldn't decide which of the two shirts to buy. I liked **both**. (*or* I liked **both** of them.)
- ☐ 'Is your friend British or American?' '**Neither**. She's Australian.'
- ☐ 'Do you want tea or coffee?' '**Either**. I don't mind.'

**B** Both of ... / neither of ... / either of ...

We use **both of / neither of / either of + the/these/my/Tom's ...** etc. So we say 'both of **the** restaurants', 'both of **those** restaurants' etc. (*but not* both of restaurants):

- ☐ **Both of these** restaurants are very good.
- ☐ **Neither of the** restaurants we went to was (*or were*) expensive.
- ☐ I haven't been to **either of those** restaurants. (= I haven't been to one or the other)

You don't need **of** after **both**. So you can say:

- ☐ **Both my parents** are from Egypt. *or* Both **of** my parents ...

You can use **both of / neither of / either of + us/you/them**:

- ☐ (*talking to two people*) Can **either of you** speak Russian?
- ☐ I asked two people the way to the station, but **neither of them** could help me.

You must say 'both **of**' before **us/you/them**:

- ☐ **Both of us** were very tired. (*not* Both us were ...)

After **neither of ...** a *singular* or a *plural* verb is possible:

- ☐ Neither of the children **wants** (*or want*) to go to bed.

**C** You can say:

**both ... and ...**

- ☐ **Both** Chris **and** Paul were late.
- ☐ I was **both** tired **and** hungry when I arrived home.

**neither ... nor ...**

- ☐ **Neither** Chris **nor** Paul came to the party.
- ☐ There was an accident in the street where we live, but we **neither** saw **nor** heard anything.

**either ... or ...**

- ☐ I'm not sure where Maria's from. She's **either** Spanish **or** Italian.
- ☐ **Either** you apologise, **or** I'll never speak to you again.

**D** Compare **either/neither/both** (two things) and **any/none/all** (more than two):

- ☐ There are **two** good hotels here.  
You could stay at **either** of them.
- ☐ We tried **two** hotels.  
{ **Neither** of them had any rooms.  
  **Both** of them were full.

- ☐ There are **many** good hotels here.  
You could stay at **any** of them.
- ☐ We tried **a lot of** hotels.  
{ **None** of them had any rooms.  
  **All** of them were full.



## Exercises

**89.1** Complete the sentences with **both/neither/either**.

- 1 'Do you want tea or coffee?' ' Either . I really don't mind.'
- 2 'What day is it today – the 18th or the 19th?' ' ..... It's the 20th.'
- 3 A: Where did you go on your trip – Korea or Japan?  
B: We went to ..... A week in Korea and a week in Japan.
- 4 'Shall we sit in the corner or by the window?' ' ..... I don't mind.'
- 5 'Where's Lisa? Is she at work or at home?' ' ..... She's away on holiday.'

**89.2** Complete the sentences with **both/neither/either**. Use **of** where necessary.

- 1 Both my parents are from London.
- 2 To get to the town centre, you can go along the footpath by the river or you can go along the road. You can go ..... way.
- 3 I tried twice to phone Carl, but ..... times he was out.
- 4 ..... Tom's parents is English. His father is Polish and his mother is Italian.
- 5 I saw an accident this morning. One car drove into the back of another. Fortunately ..... driver was injured, but ..... cars were badly damaged.
- 6 I've got two sisters and a brother. My brother is working, but ..... my sisters are still at school.

**89.3** Complete the sentences with **both/neither/either + of us / of them**.

- 1 I asked two people the way to the station, but neither of them could help me.
- 2 I was invited to two parties last week, but I couldn't go to .....
- 3 There were two windows in the room. It was very warm, so I opened .....
- 4 Sarah and I play tennis together regularly, but we're not very good. .... can play very well.
- 5 I tried two bookshops for the book I wanted, but ..... had it.

**89.4** Write sentences with **both ... and ... / neither ... nor ... / either ... or ...**.

- 1 Chris was late. So was Pat. Both Chris and Pat were late.
- 2 He didn't say hello, and he didn't smile. He neither said hello nor smiled.
- 3 Joe is on holiday and so is Sam.  
.....
- 4 Joe doesn't have a car. Sam doesn't have one either.  
.....
- 5 Brian doesn't watch TV and he doesn't read newspapers.  
.....
- 6 It was a boring movie. It was long too.  
The movie .....
- 7 Is that man's name Richard? Or is it Robert? It's one of the two.  
That man's name .....
- 8 I haven't got time to go on holiday. And I don't have the money.  
I have .....
- 9 We can leave today or we can leave tomorrow – whichever you prefer.  
We .....

**89.5** Complete the sentences with **neither/either/none/any**.

- 1 We tried a lot of hotels, but none of them had any rooms.
- 2 I took two books with me on holiday, but I didn't read ..... of them.
- 3 I took five books with me on holiday, but I didn't read ..... of them.
- 4 There are a few shops at the end of the street, but ..... of them sells newspapers.
- 5 You can phone me at ..... time during the evening. I'm always at home.
- 6 I can meet you next Monday or Friday. Would ..... of those days suit you?
- 7 John and I couldn't get into the house because ..... of us had a key.



## All, every and whole

## A All and everybody/everyone

We do not normally use **all** to mean **everybody/everyone**:

- ☐ **Everybody** had a great time at the party. (*not* All enjoyed)

But we say **all of us** / **all of you** / **all of them**:

- ☐ **All of us** had a great time at the party. (*not* Everybody of us)

## B All and everything

Sometimes you can use **all** or **everything**:

- ☐ I'll do **all I can** to help. *or* I'll do **everything I can** to help.

You can say 'all I can' / 'all you need' etc., but we do not normally use **all alone**:

- ☐ He thinks he knows **everything**. (*not* he knows all)  
☐ Our holiday was a disaster. **Everything** went wrong. (*not* All went wrong)

But you can say **all about**:

- ☐ He knows **all about** computers.

We also use **all** (*not* everything) to mean 'the only thing(s)':

- ☐ **All** I've eaten today is a sandwich. (= the only thing I've eaten today)

## C Every / everybody / everyone / everything are singular words, so we use a singular verb:

- ☐ **Every seat** in the theatre **was** taken.  
☐ **Everybody has** arrived. (*not* have arrived)

But we use **they/them/their** after **everybody/everyone**:

- ☐ **Everybody** said **they** enjoyed **themselves**. (= everybody enjoyed himself or herself)

## D Whole and all

**Whole** = complete, entire. Most often we use **whole** with *singular* nouns:

- ☐ Did you read **the whole book**? (= all the book, not just a part of it)  
☐ Emily has lived **her whole life** in the same town.  
☐ I was so hungry, I ate **a whole packet** of biscuits. (= a complete packet)

We use **the/my/her** etc. before **whole**. Compare **whole** and **all**:

**her whole life** *but* **all her life**

We do not normally use **whole** with *uncountable* nouns. We say:

- ☐ I've spent **all the money** you gave me. (*not* the whole money)

## E Every/all/whole with time words

We use **every** to say how often something happens (**every day** / **every Monday** / **every ten minutes** / **every three weeks** etc.):

- ☐ When we were on holiday, we went to the beach **every day**. (*not* all days)  
☐ The bus service is excellent. There's a bus **every ten minutes**.  
☐ We don't see each other very often – about **every six months**.

**All day** / **the whole day** = the complete day from beginning to end:

- ☐ We spent **all day** / **the whole day** on the beach.  
☐ Dan was very quiet. He didn't say a word **all evening** / **the whole evening**.

Note that we say **all day** (*not* all the day), **all week** (*not* all the week) etc.

Compare **all the time** and **every time**:

- ☐ They never go out. They are at home **all the time**. (= always, continuously)  
☐ **Every time** I see you, you look different. (= each time, on every occasion)



## Exercises

**90.1** Complete these sentences with **all**, **everything** or **everybody/everyone**.

- 1 It was a good party. Everybody had a great time.
- 2 All I've eaten today is a sandwich.
- 3 ..... has their faults. Nobody is perfect.
- 4 Nothing has changed. .... is the same as it was.
- 5 Kate told me ..... about her new job. It sounds quite interesting.
- 6 Can ..... write their names on a piece of paper, please?
- 7 Why are you always thinking about money? Money isn't .....
- 8 I didn't have much money with me. .... I had ten pounds.
- 9 When the fire alarm rang, ..... left the building immediately.
- 10 Sarah didn't say where she was going. .... she said was that she was going away.
- 11 We have completely different opinions. I disagree with ..... she says.
- 12 We all did well in the exam. .... in our class passed.
- 13 We all did well in the exam. .... of us passed.
- 14 Why are you so lazy? Why do you expect me to do ..... for you?

**90.2** Write sentences with **whole**.

- 1 I read the book from beginning to end. I read the whole book.
- 2 Everyone in the team played well.  
The .....
- 3 Paul opened a box of chocolates. When he finished eating, there were no chocolates left in the box. He ate .....
- 4 The police came to the house. They were looking for something. They searched everywhere, every room. They .....
- 5 Everyone in Ed and Jane's family plays tennis. Ed and Jane play, and so do all their children. The .....
- 6 Ann worked from early in the morning until late in the evening.  
.....
- 7 Jack and Lisa had a week's holiday by the sea. It rained from the beginning of the week to the end. It .....

Now write sentences 6 and 7 again using **all** instead of **whole**.

- 8 (6) Ann .....
- 9 (7) .....

**90.3** Complete these sentences using **every** with the following:

**five minutes    ~~ten minutes~~    four hours    six months    four years**

- 1 The bus service is very good. There's a bus every ten minutes.
- 2 Tom is ill. He has some medicine. He has to take it .....
- 3 The Olympic Games take place .....
- 4 We live near a busy airport. A plane flies over our house .....
- 5 Martin goes to the dentist for a check-up .....

**90.4** Which is the correct alternative?

- 1 I've spent the whole money / all the money you gave me. (all the money is correct)
- 2 Sue works every day / all days except Sunday.
- 3 I'm tired. I've been working hard all the day / all day.
- 4 It was a terrible fire. Whole building / The whole building was destroyed.
- 5 I've been trying to contact her, but every time / all the time I phone there's no answer.
- 6 I don't like the weather here. It rains every time / all the time.
- 7 When I was on holiday, all my luggage / my whole luggage was stolen.



## Each and every

A

**Each** and **every** are similar in meaning. Often it is possible to use **each** or **every**:

- ☐ **Each** time (or **Every** time) I see you, you look different.
- ☐ There are computers in **each** classroom (or **every** classroom) in the school.

But **each** and **every** are not exactly the same. Study the difference:

We use **each** when we think of things separately, one by one.

- ☐ Study **each sentence** carefully.  
(= study the sentences one by one)

**each** = X + X + X + X

**Each** is more usual for a small number:

- ☐ There were four books on the table.  
**Each book** was a different colour.
- ☐ (in a card game) At the beginning of the game, **each player** has three cards.

We use **every** when we think of things as a group. The meaning is similar to **all**.

- ☐ **Every sentence** must have a verb.  
(= all sentences in general)

**every** = 

**Every** is more usual for a large number:

- ☐ Kate loves reading. She has read **every book** in the library. (= all the books)
- ☐ I'd like to visit **every country** in the world. (= all the countries)

**Each** (but not **every**) can be used for two things:

- ☐ In football, **each team** has eleven players. (not every team)

We use **every** (not **each**) to say how often something happens:

- ☐ 'How often do you use your car?' '**Every day**.' (not Each day)
- ☐ There's a bus **every ten minutes**. (not each ten minutes)

B

Compare the structures we use with **each** and **every**:

You can use **each** with a noun:

**each book**    **each student**

You can use **each** alone (without a noun):

- ☐ None of the rooms was the same.  
**Each** (= each room) was different.

Or you can use **each one**:

- ☐ **Each one** was different.

You can say **each of** (the ... / these ... / them etc.):

- ☐ Read **each of these** sentences carefully.
- ☐ **Each of the** books is a different colour.
- ☐ **Each of them** is a different colour.

You can use **every** with a noun:

**every book**    **every student**

You can't use **every** alone, but you can say **every one**:

- ☐ A: Have you read all these books?  
B: Yes, **every one**.

You can say **every one of** ... (but not 'every of'):

- ☐ I've read **every one of those** books.  
(not every of those books)
- ☐ I've read **every one of them**.

C

You can also use **each** in the middle or at the end of a sentence. For example:

- ☐ The students were **each** given a book. (= Each student was given a book.)
- ☐ These oranges cost 40 pence **each**.

D

**Everyone** and **every one**

**Everyone** (one word) is only for people (= everybody).

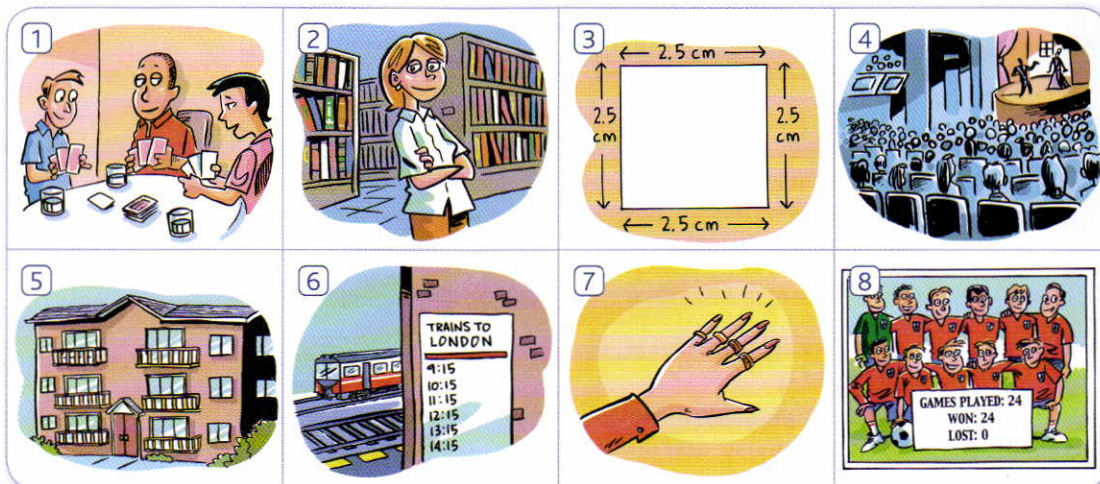
**Every one** (two words) is for things or people, and is similar to **each one** (see Section B).

- ☐ **Everyone** enjoyed the party. (= **Everybody** ...)
- ☐ Sarah is invited to lots of parties and she goes to **every one**. (= to **every party**)



## Exercises

**91.1** Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with **each** or **every**.



- 1 Each player has three cards.
- 2 Kate has read every book in the library.
- 3 ..... side of a square is the same length.
- 4 ..... seat in the theatre was taken.
- 5 There are six apartments in the building. .... one has a balcony.
- 6 There's a train to London ..... hour.
- 7 She was wearing four rings – one on ..... finger.
- 8 Our football team is playing well. We've won ..... game this season.

**91.2** Put in **each** or **every**.

- 1 There were four books on the table. Each book was a different colour.
- 2 The Olympic Games are held every four years.
- 3 ..... parent worries about their children.
- 4 In a game of tennis there are two or four players. .... player has a racket.
- 5 Nicola plays volleyball ..... Thursday evening.
- 6 I understood most of what they said but not ..... word.
- 7 The book is divided into five parts and ..... of these has three sections.
- 8 I get paid ..... four weeks.
- 9 I called the office two or three times, but ..... time it was closed.
- 10 Car seat belts save lives. .... driver should wear one.
- 11 A friend of mine has three children. I always give ..... of them a present at Christmas.
- 12 (from an exam) Answer all five questions. Write your answer to ..... question on a separate sheet of paper.

**91.3** Complete the sentences using **each**.

- 1 The price of one of those oranges is 30 pence. Those oranges are 30 pence each.
- 2 I had ten pounds and so did Sonia. Sonia and I .....
- 3 One of those postcards costs 80 pence. Those .....
- 4 The hotel was expensive. I paid £150 and so did you. We .....

**91.4** Put in **everyone** (1 word) or **every one** (2 words).

- 1 Sarah is invited to a lot of parties and she goes to every one.
- 2 As soon as ..... had arrived, we began the meeting.
- 3 I asked her lots of questions and she answered ..... correctly.
- 4 Amy is very popular. .... likes her.
- 5 I dropped a tray of glasses. Unfortunately ..... broke.



## Relative clauses 1: clauses with **who/that/which**

A

The woman who lives next door is a doctor.

- *relative clause*

A *clause* is a part of a sentence. A *relative clause* tells us which person or thing (or what kind of person or thing) the speaker means:

- ☐ The woman **who lives next door** ... ('who lives next door' tells us which woman)
- ☐ People **who live in the country** ... ('who live in the country' tells us what kind of people)

We use **who** in a relative clause when we are talking about people (not things):

the woman – she lives next door – is a doctor

→ The woman **who lives next door** is a doctor.

we know a lot of people – they live in the country

→ We know a lot of people **who live in the country.**

- ☐ An architect is someone **who designs buildings**.
- ☐ What was the name of the person **who phoned**?
- ☐ Anyone **who wants to apply for the job** must do so by Friday.

You can also use **that** (instead of **who**), but you can't use **which** for people:

- The woman **that lives next door** is a doctor. (*not the woman which*)

Sometimes you must use **who** (*not* that) for people – see Unit 95.

B

where is the cheese? – it was in the fridge

→ Where is the cheese  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{that} \\ \text{which} \end{array} \right\}$  was in the fridge?

- ☐ I don't like stories **that have unhappy endings.** (or stories **which** have ...)
- ☐ Grace works for a company **that makes furniture.** (or a company **which** makes furniture)
- ☐ The machine **that broke down** is working again now. (or The machine **which** broke down)

**That** is more usual than **which**, but sometimes you must use **which** – see Unit 95.

C

Compare:

- ☐ 'Who's that woman?' 'She lives next door to me.'  
I've never spoken to the woman **who** lives next door. (*not* the woman she lives)
- ☐ Where is the cheese? **It** was in the fridge.  
Where is the cheese **that** was in the fridge? (*not* the cheese it was)

D

- ☐ **What happened** was my fault. (= the thing that happened)

but

- ☐ Everything **that happened** was my fault. (*not* Everything what happened)
- ☐ The machine **that broke down** is now working again. (*not* The machine what broke down)



## Exercises

- 92.1** In this exercise you have to explain what some words mean. Choose the right meaning from the box and then write a sentence with **who**. Use a dictionary if necessary.

he/she	steals from a shop <del>designs buildings</del> doesn't believe in God is not brave	he/she	buys something from a shop pays rent to live in a house or apartment breaks into a house to steal things expects the worst to happen
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- (an architect) An architect is someone who designs buildings.
- (a burglar) A burglar is someone .....
- (a customer) .....
- (a shoplifter) .....
- (a coward) .....
- (an atheist) .....
- (a pessimist) .....
- (a tenant) .....

- 92.2** Make one sentence from two. Use **who/that/which**.

- A girl was injured in the accident. She is now in hospital.  
The girl who was injured in the accident is now in hospital.
- A waitress served us. She was impolite and impatient.  
The .....
- A building was destroyed in the fire. It has now been rebuilt.  
The .....
- Some people were arrested. They have now been released.  
The .....
- A bus goes to the airport. It runs every half hour.  
The .....

- 92.3** Complete the sentences. Choose from the box and make a relative clause.

invented the telephone	<del>makes furniture</del>
runs away from home	gives you the meaning of words
stole my wallet	can support life
were hanging on the wall	cannot be explained

- Helen works for a company that makes furniture.
- The book is about a girl .....
- What happened to the pictures ..... ?
- A mystery is something .....
- The police have arrested the man .....
- A dictionary is a book .....
- Alexander Bell was the man .....
- It seems that Earth is the only planet .....

- 92.4** Are these sentences right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.

- I don't like stories who have unhappy endings. stories that have
- What was the name of the person who phoned? OK
- Where's the nearest shop who sells bread? .....
- The driver which caused the accident was fined £500. ....
- Do you know the person that took these pictures? .....
- We live in a world what is changing all the time. ....
- Dan said some things about me that were not true. ....
- What was the name of the horse it won the race? .....



## Relative clauses 2: clauses with and without **who/that/which**

A

Look at these example sentences from Unit 92:

- The woman **who** lives next door is a doctor. (or The woman **that** lives ...)
- The woman lives next door. **who** (= the woman) is the *subject*

- Where is the cheese **that** was in the fridge? (or the cheese **which** was ...)
- The cheese was in the fridge. **that** (= the cheese) is the *subject*

You must use **who/that/which** when it is the *subject* of the relative clause. So you cannot say 'The woman lives next door is a doctor' or 'Where is the cheese was in the fridge?'.

B

Sometimes **who/that/which** is the *object* of the verb. For example:

- ☐ The woman **who I wanted to see** was away on holiday.
- I wanted to see **the woman**
- who** (= the woman) is the *object*  
I is the *subject*
- ☐ Have you found the keys **that you lost**?
- You lost **the keys**.
- that** (= the keys) is the *object*  
**you** is the *subject*.

When **who/that/which** is the object, you can leave it out. So you can say:

- ☐ **The woman I wanted to see** was away. or The woman **who** I wanted to see ...
- ☐ Have you found **the keys you lost**? or ... the keys **that** you lost?
- ☐ **The dress Lisa bought** doesn't fit her very well. or The dress **that** Lisa bought ...
- ☐ Is there **anything I can do**? or ... anything **that** I can do?

Note that we say:

the keys you lost (not the keys you lost them)

**the dress Lisa bought** (not the dress Lisa bought it)

C

Note the position of prepositions (**in/to/for** etc.) in relative clauses:

Tom is talking to a woman – do you know her?

→ Do you know the woman (who/that) Tom is **talking to** ?

I slept in a bed last night – it wasn't very comfortable

→ The bed (that/which) I **slept in** last night wasn't very comfortable.

- ☐ Are these the books **you were looking for**? or ... the books **that/which** you were ...  
☐ The woman **he fell in love with** left him after a month. or The woman **who/that** he ...  
☐ The man **I was sitting next to on the plane** talked all the time. or  
 The man **who/that** I was sitting next to ...

Note that we say:

**the books you were looking for** (*not the books you were looking for them*)

D

You cannot use **what** in sentences like these (see also Unit 92D):

- ☐ Everything **(that) they said** was true. (not Everything what they said)
- ☐ I gave her all the money **(that) I had**. (not all the money what I had)

**What** = the thing(s) that:

- ☐ Did you hear **what they said**? (= the things that they said)



## Exercises

**93.1** In some of these sentences you need **who** or **that**. Correct the sentences where necessary.

- The woman lives next door is a doctor. The woman who lives next door
- Have you found the keys you lost? OK
- The people we met last night were very nice. ....
- The people work in the office are very nice. ....
- The people I work with are very nice. ....
- What have you done with the money I gave you? ....
- What happened to the money was on the table? ....
- What's the worst film you've ever seen? ....
- What's the best thing it has ever happened to you? ....

**93.2** What do you say in these situations? Complete each sentence with a relative clause.

- Your friend lost some keys. You want to know if he has found them. You say:  
Have you found the keys you lost ?
- A friend is wearing a dress. You like it. You tell her:  
I like the dress .....
- A friend is going to see a film. You want to know the name of the film. You say:  
What's the name of the film ..... ?
- You wanted to visit a museum. It was shut when you got there. You tell a friend:  
The museum ..... was shut when we got there.
- You invited some people to your party. Some of them couldn't come. You tell someone:  
Some of the people ..... couldn't come.
- Your friend had to do some work. You want to know if she has finished. You say:  
Have you finished the work ..... ?
- You rented a car. It broke down after a few miles. You tell a friend:  
The car ..... broke down after a few miles.

**93.3** These sentences all have a relative clause with a preposition. Put the words in the correct order.

- Did you find (looking / for / you / the books / were)?  
Did you find the books you were looking for ?
- We couldn't go to (we / invited / to / were / the wedding).  
We couldn't go to .....
- What's the name of (the hotel / about / me / told / you)?  
What's the name of ..... ?
- Unfortunately I didn't get (applied / I / the job / for).  
Unfortunately I didn't get .....
- Did you enjoy (you / the concert / to / went)?  
Did you enjoy ..... ?
- Gary is a good person to know. He's (on / rely / can / somebody / you).  
Gary is a good person to know. He's .....
- Who was (the man / were / with / you) in the restaurant last night?  
Who was ..... in the restaurant last night?

**93.4** Put in **that** or **what** where necessary. If the sentence is already complete, leave the space empty.

- I gave her all the money ..... I had. (all the money **that** I had is also correct)
- Did you hear what they said?
- They give their children everything ..... they want.
- Tell me ..... you want and I'll try to get it for you.
- Why do you blame me for everything ..... goes wrong?
- I won't be able to do much, but I'll do ..... I can.
- I won't be able to do much, but I'll do the best ..... I can.
- I don't agree with ..... you've just said.
- I don't trust him. I don't believe anything ..... he says.



Relative clauses 3: **whose/whom/where****A** Whose

We use **whose** in relative clauses instead of **his/her/their**:

we helped some people – **their** car had broken down

→ We helped some people **whose** car had broken down.

We use **whose** mostly for people:

- ☐ A widow is a woman **whose husband is dead**. (her husband is dead)
- ☐ What's the name of the man **whose car you borrowed**? (you borrowed **his** car)
- ☐ I met someone **whose brother I went to school with**. (I went to school with **his/her** brother)

Compare **who** and **whose**:

- ☐ I met a man **who** knows you. (**he** knows you)
- ☐ I met a man **whose sister** knows you. (**his sister** knows you)

**B** Whom

**Whom** is possible instead of **who** when it is the *object* of the verb in the relative clause (like the sentences in Unit 93B):

- ☐ George is a person **whom I admire** very much. (I admire **him**)

You can also use **whom** with a preposition (**to whom** / **from whom** / **with whom** etc.):

- ☐ I like the people **with whom I work**. (I work **with them**)

**Whom** is a formal word and we do not often use it in this way. We usually prefer **who** or **that**, or nothing (see Unit 93). So we usually say:

- ☐ ... a person **who/that** I admire a lot or ... a person **I admire** a lot
- ☐ ... the people **who/that** I work with or ... the people **I work with**

**C** Where

You can use **where** in a relative clause to talk about a place:

the restaurant – we had lunch **there** – it was near the airport

→ The restaurant **where we had lunch** was near the airport.

- ☐ I recently went back to **the town where I grew up**.  
(or ... the town I grew up in or ... the town **that** I grew up in)
- ☐ I would like to live in **a place where there is plenty of sunshine**.

**D** We say:

**the day / the year / the time** etc. { something happens or  
that something happens

- ☐ I can't meet you on Friday. That's **the day (that) I'm going away**.
- ☐ **The last time (that) I saw Anna**, she looked great.
- ☐ I haven't seen Jack and Helen since **the year (that) they got married**.

**E** We say:


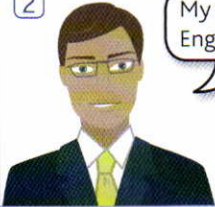
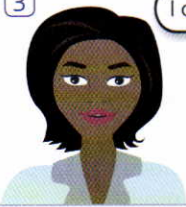
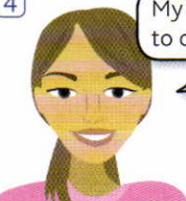


**the reason** { something happens or  
that/why something happens

- ☐ **The reason I'm phoning** is to ask your advice.  
(or The reason that I'm phoning / The reason **why** I'm phoning)



## Exercises

## 94.1 You met these people at a party:

1  My mother writes detective stories.	2  My wife is an English teacher.	3  I own a restaurant.
4  My ambition is to climb Everest.	5  We've just got married.	6  My parents used to work in a circus.

The next day you tell a friend about these people. Complete the sentences using **who** or **whose**.

- I met somebody whose mother writes detective stories.
- I met a man .....
- I met a woman .....
- I met somebody .....
- I met a couple .....
- I met somebody .....

94.2 Read the situations and complete the sentences using **where**.

- You grew up in a small town. You went back there recently. You tell someone this.  
I recently went back to the small town where I grew up.
- You're thirsty and you want a drink. You ask a friend where you can get some water.  
Is there a shop near here .....
- You work in a factory. The factory is going to close down next month. You tell a friend.  
The ..... is going to close down next month.
- Sue is staying at a hotel. You want to know the name of the hotel. You ask a friend.  
Do you know the name of .....
- You play football in a park on Sundays. You show a friend the park. You say:  
This is the ..... on Sundays.

94.3 Complete each sentence using **who/whom/whose/where**.

- What's the name of the man whose car you borrowed?
- A cemetery is a place ..... people are buried.
- A pacifist is a person ..... believes that all wars are wrong.
- An orphan is a child ..... parents are dead.
- What was the name of the person to ..... you spoke on the phone?
- The place ..... we spent our holidays was really beautiful.
- This school is only for children ..... first language is not English.
- The woman with ..... he fell in love left him after a month.

## 94.4 Use your own ideas to complete these sentences. They are like the examples in Sections D and E.

- I can't meet you on Friday. That's the day I'm going away.
- The reason ..... was that the salary was too low.
- I'll never forget the time .....
- Do you remember the day .....?
- The reason ..... is that they don't need one.
- ..... was the year .....



## Relative clauses 4: extra information clauses (1)

A

There are two types of relative clause. In these examples, the relative clauses are underlined. Compare:

## Type 1

- ☐ The woman who lives next door is a doctor.
- ☐ Grace works for a company that makes furniture.
- ☐ We stayed at the hotel (that) you recommended.

In these examples, the relative clauses tell you which person or thing (or what kind of person or thing) the speaker means:

'The woman **who lives next door**' tells us *which* woman.

'A company **that makes furniture**' tells us *what kind of* company.

'The hotel **(that) you recommended**' tells us *which* hotel.

We do not use commas (,) with these clauses:

- ☐ We know a lot of people who live in London.

## Type 2

- ☐ My brother Ben, who lives in Hong Kong, is an architect.
- ☐ Anna told me about her new job, which she's enjoying a lot.
- ☐ We stayed at the Park Hotel, which a friend of ours recommended.

In these examples, the relative clauses do not tell you which person or thing the speaker means. We already know which thing or person is meant: 'My brother Ben', 'Anna's new job' and 'the Park Hotel'.

The relative clauses in these sentences give us *extra information* about the person or thing.

We use commas (,) with these clauses:

- ☐ My brother Ben, who lives in Hong Kong, is an architect.

B

In both types of relative clause we use **who** for people and **which** for things. But:

## Type 1

You can use **that**:

- ☐ Do you know anyone **who/that** speaks French and Italian?
- ☐ Grace works for a company **which/that** makes furniture.

You can leave out **who/which/that** when it is the object (see Unit 93):

- ☐ We stayed at the hotel (that/which) you recommended.
- ☐ This morning I met somebody (who/that) I hadn't seen for ages.

We do not often use **whom** in this type of clause (see Unit 94B).

## Type 2

You cannot use **that**:

- ☐ John, **who** (*not that*) speaks French and Italian, works as a tour guide.
- ☐ Anna told me about her new job, **which** (*not that*) she's enjoying a lot.

You cannot leave out **who** or **which**:

- ☐ We stayed at the Park Hotel, **which** a friend of ours recommended.
- ☐ This morning I met Chris, **who** I hadn't seen for ages.

You can use **whom** for people (when it is the object):

- ☐ This morning I met Chris, **whom** I hadn't seen for ages.

C

In both types of relative clause you can use **whose** and **where**:

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## Exercises

**95.1** Make one sentence from two. Use the sentence in brackets to make a relative clause (Type 2). You will need to use **who(m)/whose/which/where**.

- Catherine is very friendly. (She lives next door.)  
Catherine, who lives next door, is very friendly.
- We stayed at the Park Hotel. (A friend of ours recommended it.)  
We stayed at the Park Hotel, which a friend of ours recommended.
- We often go to visit our friends in Cambridge. (It is not far from London.)  
We often go to visit our friends in Cambridge.
- I went to see the doctor. (She told me I needed to change my diet.)  
I went to see.
- Steven is one of my closest friends. (I have known him for a very long time.)  
Steven.
- Lisa is away from home a lot. (Her job involves a lot of travelling.)  
Lisa.
- The new stadium will be finished next month. (It can hold 90,000 people.)
- Alaska is the largest state in the USA. (My brother lives there.)
- Our teacher was very kind. (I have forgotten her name.)

**95.2** Read the information and complete each sentence. Use a relative clause of Type 1 or Type 2. Use commas where necessary.

- There's a woman living next door to me. She's a doctor.  
The woman who lives next door to me is a doctor.
- I've got a brother called Ben. He lives in Hong Kong. He's an architect.  
My brother Ben, who lives in Hong Kong, is an architect.
- There was a strike at the factory. It began ten days ago. It is now over.  
The strike at the factory.
- I was looking for a book this morning. I've found it now.  
I've found.
- I've had my car for 15 years. It has never broken down.  
My car.
- A job was advertised. A lot of people applied for it. Few of them had the necessary qualifications.  
Few of.
- Amy has a son. She showed me a picture of him. He's a police officer.  
Amy showed me.

**95.3** Some of these sentences are wrong. Correct them and put in commas where necessary. If the sentence is correct, write 'OK'.

- Anna told me about her new job that she's enjoying very much.  
Anna told me about her new job, which she's enjoying very much.
- My office that is on the second floor is very small.
- The office I'm using at the moment is very small.
- Mark's father that used to be in the army now works for a TV company.
- The doctor that examined me couldn't find anything wrong.
- The sun that is one of millions of stars in the universe provides us with heat and light.



## Relative clauses 5: extra information clauses (2)

## A Prepositions + whom/which

You can use a *preposition* before **whom** (for people) and **which** (for things). So you can say:  
**to whom** / **with whom** / **about which** / **without which** etc. :

- ☐ Mr Lee, **to whom** I spoke at the meeting, is very interested in our proposal.
- ☐ Fortunately we had a good map, **without which** we would have got lost.

In informal English we often keep the preposition after the verb in the relative clause. When we do this, we normally use **who** (*not whom*) for people:

- ☐ This is my friend from Canada, **who** I was telling you **about**.
- ☐ Yesterday we visited the City Museum, **which** I'd never been **to** before.

## B All of / most of etc. + whom/which

Study these examples:

Helen has three brothers. All of **them** are married. (2 sentences)

→ Helen has three brothers, **all of whom** are married. (1 sentence)

They asked me a lot of questions. I couldn't answer most of **them**. (2 sentences)

→ They asked me a lot of questions, **most of which** I couldn't answer. (1 sentence)

In the same way you can say:

<b>none of / neither of / any of / either of</b>	} + <b>whom</b> (people) + <b>which</b> (things)
<b>some of / many of / much of / (a) few of</b>	
<b>both of / half of / each of / one of / two of</b> etc.	

- ☐ Martin tried on three jackets, **none of which** fitted him.
- ☐ Two men, **neither of whom** I had seen before, came into the office.
- ☐ They have three cars, **two of which** they rarely use.
- ☐ Sue has a lot of friends, **many of whom** she was at school with.

You can also say **the cause of which** / **the name of which** etc. :

- ☐ The building was destroyed in a fire, **the cause of which** was never established.
- ☐ We stayed at a beautiful hotel, **the name of which** I can't remember now.

## C Which (not what)

Study this example:

Joe got the job. This surprised everybody. (2 sentences)

Joe got the job, **which** surprised everybody. (1 sentence)

relative clause

In this example, **which** = 'the fact that he got the job'. You must use **which** (*not what*) in sentences like these:

- ☐ Sarah couldn't meet us, **which** was a shame. (*not what was a shame*)
- ☐ The weather was good, **which** we hadn't expected. (*not what we hadn't expected*)

For **what**, see Units 92D and 93D.



## Exercises

**96.1** Write the relative clauses in a more formal way using a preposition + **whom/which**.

- 1 Yesterday we visited the City Museum, which I'd never been to before.  
Yesterday we visited the City Museum, to which I'd never been before.
- 2 My brother showed us his new car, which he's very proud of.  
My brother showed us his new car, .....
- 3 This is a picture of our friends Chris and Sam, who we went on holiday with.  
This is a picture of our friends Chris and Sam, .....
- 4 The wedding, which only members of the family were invited to, took place on Friday.  
The wedding, ..... ,  
took place on Friday.

**96.2** Use the information in the first sentence to complete the second sentence. Use **all of / most of** etc. or **the ... of + whom/which**.

- 1 All of Helen's brothers are married.  
Helen has three brothers, all of whom are married.
- 2 Most of the information we were given was useless.  
We were given a lot of information, .....
- 3 None of the ten people who applied for the job was suitable.  
Ten people applied for the job, .....
- 4 Kate hardly ever uses one of her computers.  
Kate has got two computers, .....
- 5 Mike won £100,000. He gave half of it to his parents.  
Mike won £100,000, .....
- 6 Both of Julia's sisters are lawyers.  
Julia has two sisters, .....
- 7 Jane replied to neither of the emails I sent her.  
I sent Jane two emails, .....
- 8 I went to a party – I knew only a few of the people there.  
There were a lot of people at the party, .....
- 9 The sides of the road we drove along were lined with trees.  
We drove along the road, the .....
- 10 The aim of the company's new business plan is to save money.  
The company has a new business plan, .....

**96.3** Join sentences from the boxes to make new sentences. Use **which**.

- 1 ~~Laura couldn't come to the party.~~
- 2 Jane doesn't have a phone.
- 3 Alex has passed his exams.
- 4 Our flight was delayed.
- 5 Kate offered to let me stay at her house.
- 6 The street I live in is very noisy at night.
- 7 Our car has broken down.

This was very kind of her.  
This means we can't go away tomorrow.  
This makes it difficult to contact her.  
This makes it difficult to sleep sometimes.  
~~This was a shame.~~  
This is good news.  
This meant we had to wait three hours at the airport.

- 1 Laura couldn't come to the party, which was a shame.
- 2 Jane .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....
- 7 .....



**-ing and -ed clauses (the woman talking to Tom, the boy injured in the accident)**

A

A *clause* is a part of a sentence. Some clauses begin with **-ing** or **-ed**. For example:

Do you know the woman **talking to Tom**?

— *-ing clause* —

the woman  
talking to Tom



The boy **injured in the accident** was taken to hospital.

— *-ed clause* —

the boy injured  
in the accident



B

We use **-ing** clauses to say what somebody (or something) is (or was) doing at a particular time:

- ☐ Do you know the woman **talking to Tom**? (the woman **is talking** to Tom)
- ☐ Police **investigating the crime** are looking for three men. (police **are investigating** the crime)
- ☐ Who were those people **waiting outside**? (they **were waiting**)
- ☐ I was woken up by a bell **ringing**. (a bell **was ringing**)

You can also use an **-ing** clause to say what happens all the time, not just at a particular time.

For example:

- ☐ The road **connecting the two villages** is very narrow. (the road **connects** the two villages)
- ☐ I have a large room **overlooking the garden**. (the room **overlooks** the garden)
- ☐ Can you think of the name of a flower **beginning with T**? (the name **begins** with T)

C

**-ed** clauses have a *passive* meaning:

- ☐ The boy **injured in the accident** was taken to hospital.  
(he **was injured** in the accident)
- ☐ George showed me some pictures **painted by his father**.  
(they **had been painted** by his father)

**Injured** and **invited** are *past participles*. Note that many past participles are irregular and do not end in **-ed** (**stolen/made/written** etc.):

- ☐ The police never found the money **stolen in the robbery**.
- ☐ Most of the goods **made in this factory** are exported.

You can use **left** in this way, with the meaning 'not used, still there':

- ☐ We've eaten nearly all the chocolates. There are only a few **left**.

D

We often use **-ing** and **-ed** clauses after **there is / there was** etc.:

- ☐ **There were** some children **swimming** in the river.
- ☐ **Is there** anybody **waiting**?
- ☐ **There was** a big red car **parked** outside the house.



## Exercises

**97.1** Make one sentence from two. Complete the sentences with an **-ing** clause.

- 1 A bell was ringing. I was woken up by it.  
I was woken up by a bell ringing.
- 2 A man was sitting next to me on the plane. I didn't talk much to him.  
I didn't talk much to the .....
- 3 A taxi was taking us to the airport. It broke down.  
The ..... broke down.
- 4 There's a path at the end of this street. The path leads to the river.  
At the end of the street there's a .....
- 5 A factory has just opened in the town. It employs 500 people.  
A ..... has just opened in the town.
- 6 The company sent me a brochure. It contained the information I needed.  
The company sent me .....

**97.2** Make one sentence from two, beginning as shown. Each time make an **-ed** clause.

- 1 A boy was injured in the accident. He was taken to hospital.  
The boy injured in the accident was taken to hospital.
- 2 A gate was damaged in the storm. It has now been repaired.  
The gate ..... has now been repaired.
- 3 A number of suggestions were made at the meeting. Most of them were not very practical.  
Most of the ..... were not very practical.
- 4 Some paintings were stolen from the museum. They haven't been found yet.  
The ..... haven't been found yet.
- 5 A man was arrested by the police. What's his name?  
What's the name of ..... ?

**97.3** Complete the sentences using the following verbs in the correct form:

blow    call    ~~invite~~    live    offer    read    ~~ring~~    sit    study    work

- 1 I was woken up by a bell ringing.
- 2 Some of the people invited to the party can't come.
- 3 Life must be very unpleasant for people ..... near busy airports.
- 4 A few days after the interview, I received an email ..... me the job.
- 5 Somebody ..... Jack phoned while you were out.
- 6 There was a tree ..... down in the storm last night.
- 7 The waiting room was empty except for a young man ..... by the window  
..... a magazine.
- 8 Ian has a brother ..... in a bank in London and a sister .....  
economics at university in Manchester.

**97.4** Use the words in brackets to make sentences using **There is / There was** etc.

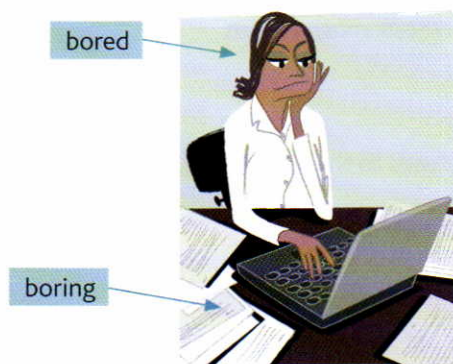
- 1 That house is empty. (nobody / live / in it) There's nobody living in it.
- 2 The accident wasn't serious. (nobody / injure) There was nobody injured.
- 3 I can hear footsteps. (somebody / come)  
There .....
- 4 The train was full. (a lot of people / travel)  
.....
- 5 We were the only guests at the hotel. (nobody else / stay there)  
.....
- 6 The piece of paper was blank. (nothing / write / on it)  
.....
- 7 The college offers English courses in the evening. (a course / begin / next Monday)  
.....



Adjectives ending in **-ing** and **-ed** (boring/bored etc.)

A

Many adjectives end in **-ing** and **-ed**, for example: **boring** and **bored**. Study this example situation:



Jane has been doing the same job for a very long time. Every day she does exactly the same thing again and again. She doesn't enjoy her job any more and would like to do something different.

Jane's job is **boring**.

Jane is **bored** (with her job).

Somebody is **bored** if something (or somebody else) is **boring**. Or, if something is **boring**, it makes you **bored**. So:

- ☐ Jane is **bored** because her job is **boring**.
- ☐ Jane's job is **boring**, so Jane is **bored**. (*not* Jane is boring)

If a person is **boring**, this means that they make other people **bored**:

- ☐ George always talks about the same things. He's really **boring**.

B

Compare adjectives ending in **-ing** and **-ed**:

- ☐ My job is { **boring.**  
**interesting.**  
**tiring.**  
**satisfying.**  
**depressing.** (etc.)

In these examples, the **-ing** adjective tells you about the job.

- ☐ I'm **bored** with my job.
- ☐ I'm not **interested** in my job any more.
- ☐ I get very **tired** doing my job.
- ☐ I'm not **satisfied** with my job.
- ☐ My job makes me **depressed**. (etc.)

In these examples, the **-ed** adjective tells you how somebody feels (about the job).

Compare these examples:

**interesting**

- ☐ Julia thinks politics is **interesting**.
- ☐ Did you meet anyone **interesting** at the party?

**surprising**

- ☐ It was **surprising** that he passed the exam.

**disappointing**

- ☐ The movie was **disappointing**. We expected it to be much better.

**shocking**

- ☐ The news was **shocking**.

**interested**

- ☐ Julia is **interested** in politics. (*not* interesting in politics)
- ☐ Are you **interested** in buying a car? I'm trying to sell mine.

**surprised**

- ☐ Everybody was **surprised** that he passed the exam.

**disappointed**

- ☐ We were **disappointed** with the movie. We expected it to be much better.

**shocked**

- ☐ I was **shocked** when I heard the news.



## Exercises

**98.1** Complete the sentences for each situation. Use the word in brackets + -ing or -ed.

- The movie wasn't as good as we had expected. (**disappoint...**)
  - The movie was disappointing.
  - We were disappointed with the movie.
- Donna teaches young children. It's a very hard job, but she enjoys it. (**exhaust...**)
  - She enjoys her job, but it's often .....
  - At the end of a day's work, she is often .....
- It's been raining all day. I hate this weather. (**depress...**)
  - This weather is .....
  - This weather makes me .....
  - It's silly to get ..... because of the weather.
- Clare is going to Mexico next month. She has never been there before. (**excite...**)
  - It will be an ..... experience for her.
  - Going to new places is always .....
  - She is really ..... about going to Mexico.

**98.2** Choose the correct word.

- I was disappointing / disappointed with the film. I had expected it to be better.  
(disappointed is correct)
- Are you interesting / interested in football?
- The new project sounds exciting / excited. I'm looking forward to working on it.
- It's embarrassing / embarrassed when you have to ask people for money.
- Do you easily get embarrassing / embarrassed?
- I had never expected to get the job. I was really amazing / amazed when I was offered it.
- She has really learnt very fast. She has made amazing / amazed progress.
- I didn't find the situation funny. I was not amusing / amused.
- It was a really terrifying / terrified experience. Everybody was very shocking / shocked.
- Why do you always look so boring / bored? Is your life really so boring / bored?
- He's one of the most boring / bored people I've ever met. He never stops talking and he never says anything interesting / interested.

**98.3** Complete each sentence using a word from the box.

amusing/amused  
confusing/confused  
exhausting/exhausted

annoying/annoyed  
disgusting/disgusted  
interesting/interested

boring/bored  
exciting/excited  
surprising/surprised

- He works very hard. It's not surprising that he's always tired.
- I've got nothing to do. I'm .....
- The teacher's explanation was ..... Most of the students didn't understand it.
- The kitchen hadn't been cleaned for ages. It was really .....
- I don't visit art galleries very often. I'm not particularly ..... in art.
- There's no need to get ..... just because I'm a few minutes late.
- The lecture was ..... I fell asleep.
- I've been working very hard all day and now I'm .....
- I'm starting a new job next week. I'm very ..... about it.
- Steve is good at telling funny stories. He can be very .....
- Helen is a very ..... person. She knows a lot, she's travelled a lot and she's done lots of different things.



Adjectives: a **nice new** house, you look **tired**

**A** Sometimes we use two or more adjectives together:

- ☐ My brother lives in a **nice new** house.
- ☐ In the kitchen there was a **beautiful large round wooden** table.

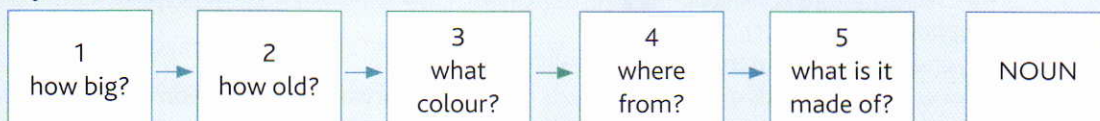
Adjectives like **new/large/round/wooden** are *fact* adjectives. They give us factual information about age, size, colour etc.

Adjectives like **nice/beautiful** are *opinion* adjectives. They tell us what somebody thinks of something or somebody.

Opinion adjectives usually go before fact adjectives.

	<i>opinion</i>	<i>fact</i>	
a	<b>nice</b>	<b>long</b>	summer holiday
an	<b>interesting</b>	<b>young</b>	man
	<b>delicious</b>	<b>hot</b>	vegetable soup
a	<b>beautiful</b>	<b>large round wooden</b>	table

**B** Sometimes we use two or more fact adjectives together. Usually (but not always) we put fact adjectives in this order:



a **tall young** man (1 → 2)

**big blue** eyes (1 → 3)

a **small black plastic** bag (1 → 3 → 5)

a **large wooden** table (1 → 5)

an **old Russian** song (2 → 4)

an **old white cotton** shirt (2 → 3 → 5)

Adjectives of size and length (**big/small/tall/short/long** etc.) usually go before adjectives of shape and width (**round/fat/thin/slim/wide** etc.):

a **large round** table    a **tall thin** girl    a **long narrow** street

When there are two or more colour adjectives, we use **and**:

a **black and white** dress    a **red, white and green** flag

This does not usually happen with other adjectives before a noun:

a **long black** dress (not a long and black dress)

**C** We use adjectives after **be/get/become/seem**:

- ☐ **Be careful!**
- ☐ **I'm tired** and **I'm getting hungry**.
- ☐ As the film went on, it **became** more and more **boring**.
- ☐ Your friend **seems** very **nice**.

We also use adjectives to say how somebody/something looks, feels, sounds, tastes or smells:

- ☐ You **look tired**. / I **feel tired**. / She **sounds tired**.
- ☐ The dinner **smells good**.
- ☐ This tea **tastes** a bit **strange**.

But to say *how* somebody *does something* you must use an *adverb* (see Units 100–101):

- ☐ Drive **carefully!** (not Drive careful)
- ☐ Susan plays the piano very **well**. (not plays ... very good)

**D** We say 'the **first two** days / the **next few** weeks / the **last ten** minutes' etc.:

- ☐ I didn't enjoy the **first two** days of the course. (not the two first days)
- ☐ They'll be away for the **next few** weeks. (not the few next weeks)



## Exercises

## 99.1 Put the adjectives in brackets in the correct position.

- 1 a beautiful table (wooden / round) a beautiful round wooden table
- 2 an unusual ring (gold) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 an old house (beautiful) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 black gloves (leather) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 an American film (old) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 a long face (thin) \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 big clouds (black) \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 a sunny day (lovely) \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 an ugly dress (yellow) \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 a wide avenue (long) \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 a lovely restaurant (little) \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 a red car (old / little) \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 a new sweater (green / nice) \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 a metal box (black / small) \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 a big cat (fat / black) \_\_\_\_\_
- 16 long hair (black / beautiful) \_\_\_\_\_
- 17 an old painting (interesting / French) \_\_\_\_\_
- 18 an enormous umbrella (red / yellow) \_\_\_\_\_

## 99.2 Complete each sentence with a verb (in the correct form) and an adjective from the boxes.

feel	look	<del>seem</del>
smell	sound	taste

awful	fine	interesting
nice	<del>upset</del>	wet

- 1 Helen seemed upset this morning. Do you know what was wrong?
- 2 I can't eat this. I've just tried it and it \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 I wasn't very well yesterday, but I \_\_\_\_\_ today.
- 4 What beautiful flowers! They \_\_\_\_\_ too.
- 5 You \_\_\_\_\_. Have you been out in the rain?
- 6 James was telling me about his new job. It \_\_\_\_\_ – much better than his old job.

## 99.3 Put in the correct word.

- 1 This tea tastes a bit strange. (strange / strangely)
- 2 I always feel \_\_\_\_\_ when the sun is shining. (happy / happily)
- 3 The children were playing \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden. (happy / happily)
- 4 The man became \_\_\_\_\_ when the manager of the restaurant asked him to leave. (violent / violently)
- 5 You look \_\_\_\_\_. Are you all right? (terrible / terribly)
- 6 There's no point in doing a job if you don't do it \_\_\_\_\_. (proper / properly)
- 7 The soup tastes \_\_\_\_\_. (good / well)
- 8 Hurry up! You're always so \_\_\_\_\_. (slow / slowly)

## 99.4 Write the following in another way using the first ... / the next ... / the last ... .

- 1 the first day and the second day of the course the first two days of the course
- 2 next week and the week after the next two weeks
- 3 yesterday and the day before yesterday \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 the first week and the second week of May \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 tomorrow and a few days after that \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 questions 1, 2 and 3 in the exam \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 next year and the year after \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 the last day of our holiday and the two days before that \_\_\_\_\_



## Adjectives and adverbs 1 (quick/quickly)

A

Look at these examples:

- ☐ Our holiday was too short – the time passed very **quickly**.
- ☐ Two people were **seriously** injured in the accident.

**Quickly** and **seriously** are *adverbs*. Many adverbs are formed from an adjective + **-ly**:

<i>adjective:</i>	quick	serious	careful	quiet	heavy	bad
<i>adverb:</i>	<b>quickly</b>	<b>seriously</b>	<b>carefully</b>	<b>quietly</b>	<b>heavily</b>	<b>badly</b>

For spelling, see Appendix 6.

Not all words ending in **-ly** are adverbs. Some *adjectives* end in **-ly** too, for example:**friendly**   **lively**   **elderly**   **lonely**   **silly**   **lovely**

B

Adjective or adverb?

Adjectives (**quick/careful** etc.) tell us about a *noun* (somebody or something). We use adjectives before nouns:

- ☐ Sam is a **careful driver**.  
(*not* a carefully driver)
- ☐ We didn't go out because of the **heavy rain**.

Adverbs (**quickly/carefully** etc.) tell us about a *verb* (*how* somebody does something or *how* something happens):

- ☐ Sam **drove carefully** along the narrow road. (*not* drove careful)
- ☐ We didn't go out because it was **raining heavily**. (*not* raining heavy)

Compare:

- ☐ She speaks **perfect English**.  
adjective + noun

- ☐ She **speaks English perfectly**.  
verb + noun + adverb

We also use adjectives after some verbs, especially **be**, and also **look/feel/sound** etc.

Compare:

- ☐ Please **be quiet**.
- ☐ I was disappointed that my exam results **were so bad**.
- ☐ Why do you always **look so serious**?
- ☐ I **feel happy**.

- ☐ Please **speak quietly**.
- ☐ I was unhappy that I **did so badly** in the exam. (*not* did so bad)
- ☐ Why do you never **take me seriously**?
- ☐ The children were **playing happily**.

C

We also use adverbs before *adjectives* and *other adverbs*. For example:

<b>reasonably</b> cheap	( <i>adverb + adjective</i> )
<b>terribly</b> sorry	( <i>adverb + adjective</i> )
<b>incredibly</b> quickly	( <i>adverb + adverb</i> )

- ☐ It's a **reasonably cheap** restaurant and the food is **extremely good**.
- ☐ I'm **terribly sorry**. I didn't mean to push you. (*not* terrible sorry)
- ☐ Maria learns languages **incredibly quickly**.
- ☐ The exam was **surprisingly easy**.

You can also use an adverb before a *past participle* (**injured/organised/written** etc.):

- ☐ Two people were **seriously injured** in the accident. (*not* serious injured)
- ☐ The meeting was **badly organised**.



**100.1** Complete each sentence with an adverb. The first letters of the adverb are given.

- 1 We didn't go out because it was raining he avily.
- 2 Our team lost the game because we played very ba.....
- 3 I didn't have any problems finding a place to live. I found a flat quite ea.....
- 4 We had to wait for a long time, but we didn't complain. We waited pat.....
- 5 Nobody knew Steve was coming to see us. He arrived unex.....
- 6 Mike keeps fit by playing tennis reg.....
- 7 I don't speak French very well, but I can understand per..... if people speak sl..... and cl.....

**100.2** Put in the correct word.

- 1 Two people were seriously injured in the accident. (serious / seriously)
- 2 The driver of the car had serious injuries. (serious / seriously)
- 3 I think you behaved very ..... (selfish / selfishly)
- 4 Tanya is ..... upset about losing her job. (terrible / terribly)
- 5 There was a ..... change in the weather. (sudden / suddenly)
- 6 Everybody at the carnival was ..... dressed. (colourful / colourfully)
- 7 Linda usually wears ..... clothes. (colourful / colourfully)
- 8 Liz fell and hurt herself really ..... (bad / badly)
- 9 Joe says he didn't do well at school because he was ..... taught. (bad / badly)
- 10 Don't go up that ladder. It doesn't look ..... (safe / safely)

**100.3** Complete each sentence using a word from the box. Sometimes you need the adjective (careful etc.) and sometimes the adverb (carefully etc.).

careful(ly)	complete(ly)	continuous(ly)	financial(ly)	fluent(ly)
happy/happily	nervous(ly)	perfect(ly)	<del>quick(ly)</del>	special(ly)

- 1 Our holiday was too short. The time passed very quickly.
- 2 Steve doesn't take risks when he's driving. He's always .....
- 3 Sue works ..... She never seems to stop.
- 4 Rachel and Patrick are very ..... married.
- 5 Maria's English is very ..... although she makes quite a lot of mistakes.
- 6 I cooked this meal ..... for you, so I hope you like it.
- 7 Everything was very quiet. There was ..... silence.
- 8 I tried on the shoes and they fitted me .....
- 9 Do you usually feel ..... before exams?
- 10 I'd like to buy a car, but it's ..... impossible for me at the moment.

**100.4** Choose two words (one from each box) to complete each sentence.

absolutely	badly	completely	changed	<del>cheap</del>	damaged
<del>reasonably</del>	seriously	slightly	enormous	ill	long
unnecessarily	unusually		planned	quiet	

- 1 I thought the restaurant would be expensive, but it was reasonably cheap.
- 2 Will's mother is ..... in hospital.
- 3 What a big house! It's .....
- 4 It wasn't a serious accident. The car was only .....
- 5 The children are normally very lively, but they're ..... today.
- 6 When I returned home after 20 years, everything had .....
- 7 The movie was ..... It could have been much shorter.
- 8 A lot went wrong during our holiday because it was .....



Adjectives and adverbs 2  
(well/fast/late, hard/hardly)

## A

## Good/well

**Good** is an *adjective*. The *adverb* is **well**:

- ☐ Your English is **good**.      *but*      You **speak** English **well**.  
☐ Susan is a **good** pianist.      *but*      Susan **plays** the piano **well**.

We use **well** (*not* good) with *past participles* (**dressed/known** etc.):

- well-dressed**    **well-known**    **well-educated**    **well-paid**  
☐ Gary's father is a **well-known** writer.

But **well** is also an adjective with the meaning 'in good health':

- ☐ 'How are you today?' 'I'm very **well**, thanks.'

## B

## Fast/hard/late

These words are both adjectives and adverbs:

- | <i>adjective</i>   | <i>adverb</i>                                       |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Darren is a very <b>fast runner</b> . | Darren can <b>run</b> very <b>fast</b> .            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kate is a <b>hard worker</b> .        | Kate <b>works hard</b> . ( <i>not</i> works hardly) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I was <b>late</b> .                   | I <b>got up late</b> this morning.                  |

**Lately** = recently:

- ☐ Have you seen Tom **lately**?

## C

## Hardly

**Hardly** = very little, almost not. Study these examples:

- ☐ Sarah wasn't very friendly at the party. She **hardly** spoke to me.  
 (= she spoke to me very little, almost not at all)  
☐ We've only met once or twice. We **hardly** know each other.

**Hard** and **hardly** are different. Compare:

- ☐ He tried **hard** to find a job, but he had no luck. (= he tried a lot, with a lot of effort)  
☐ I'm not surprised he didn't find a job. He **hardly** tried. (= he tried very little)

I **can hardly** do something = it's very difficult for me, almost impossible:

- ☐ Your writing is terrible. I **can hardly** read it. (= it is almost impossible to read it)  
☐ My leg was hurting. I **could hardly** walk.

## D

You can use **hardly** + **any/anybody/anyone/anything/anywhere**:

- ☐ A: How much money have we got?  
 B: **Hardly any**. (= very little, almost none)  
☐ These two cameras are very similar. There's **hardly any** difference between them.  
☐ The exam results were very bad. **Hardly anybody** in our class passed. (= very few students passed)

Note that you can say:

- ☐ She said **hardly anything**.      *or*      She **hardly** said **anything**.  
☐ We've got **hardly any** money.      *or*      We've **hardly** got **any** money.

**Hardly ever** = almost never:

- ☐ I'm nearly always at home in the evenings. I **hardly ever** go out.

**Hardly** also means 'certainly not'. For example:

- ☐ It's **hardly surprising** that you're tired. You haven't slept for three days.  
 (= it's certainly not surprising)  
☐ The situation is serious, but it's **hardly a crisis**. (= it's certainly not a crisis)





## Exercises

## 101.1 Put in good or well.

- I play tennis but I'm not very good.
- Your exam results were very .....
- You did ..... in your exams.
- The weather was ..... while we were away.
- I didn't sleep ..... last night.
- Lucy speaks German ..... She's ..... at languages.
- Our new business isn't doing very ..... at the moment.
- I like your hat. It looks ..... on you.
- I've met her a few times, but I don't know her .....

## 101.2 Complete these sentences using well + the following words:

~~behaved~~ dressed informed kept known paid written

- The children were very good. They were well-behaved.
- I'm surprised you haven't heard of her. She is quite .....
- Our neighbours' garden is neat and tidy. It is very .....
- I enjoyed the book you lent me. It's a great story and it's very .....
- Tanya knows a lot about many things. She is very .....
- Mark's clothes are always smart. He is always .....
- Jane has a lot of responsibility in her job, but she isn't very .....

101.3 Are the underlined words right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.

- I'm tired because I've been working hard. OK
- I tried hard to remember her name, but I couldn't. ....
- This coat is practically unused. I've hardly worn it. ....
- Laura is a good tennis player. She hits the ball hardly. ....
- Don't walk so fast! I can't keep up with you. ....
- I had plenty of time, so I was walking slow. ....

101.4 Complete the sentences. Use **hardly** + the following verbs (in the correct form):

change hear ~~know~~ recognise say sleep speak

- Scott and Tracy have only met once before. They hardly know each other.
- You're speaking very quietly. I can ..... you.
- I'm very tired this morning. I ..... last night.
- We were so shocked when we heard the news, we could .....
- Kate was very quiet this evening. She ..... a word.
- You look the same now as you looked 15 years ago. You've .....
- I met David a few days ago. I hadn't seen him for a long time and he looks very different now. I ..... him.

101.5 Complete these sentences with **hardly** + **any/anybody/anything/anywhere/ever**.

- I'll have to go shopping. There's hardly anything to eat.
- It was a very warm day and there was ..... wind.
- 'Do you know much about computers?' 'No, .....'
- The hotel was almost empty. There was ..... staying there.
- I listen to the radio a lot, but I ..... watch television.
- Our new boss is not very popular. .... likes her.
- It was very crowded in the room. There was ..... to sit.
- We used to be good friends, but we ..... see each other now.
- It was nice driving this morning. There was ..... traffic.
- I hate this town. There's ..... to do and ..... to go.



## So and such

A

Compare **so** and **such**:We use **so** + *adjective/adverb*:

**so stupid**      **so quick**  
**so nice**        **so quickly**

- ☐ I didn't like the book. The story was **so stupid**.  
☐ I like Liz and Joe. They are **so nice**.

We use **such** + *noun*:

**such a story**      **such people**

We also use **such** + *adjective* + *noun*:

**such a stupid story**      **such nice people**

- ☐ I didn't like the book. It was **such a stupid story**. (*not a so stupid story*)  
☐ I like Liz and Joe. They are **such nice people**. (*not so nice people*)

We say **such a ...** (*not a such*):

**such a big dog** (*not a such big dog*)

B

**So** and **such** make the meaning stronger:

- ☐ It's a beautiful day, isn't it? It's **so warm**. (= really warm)  
☐ It's difficult to understand him because he talks **so quietly**.

You can use **so ... that**:

- ☐ The book was **so good that** I couldn't put it down.  
☐ I was **so tired that** I fell asleep in the armchair.

We usually leave out **that**:

- ☐ I was **so tired** I fell asleep.

- ☐ It was a great holiday. We had **such a good time**. (= a really good time)  
☐ You always think good things are going to happen. You're **such an optimist**.

You can use **such ... that**:

- ☐ It was **such a good book that** I couldn't put it down.  
☐ It was **such nice weather that** we spent the whole day on the beach.

We usually leave out **that**:

- ☐ It was **such nice weather** we spent ...

C

We also use **so** and **such** with the meaning 'like this':

- ☐ Somebody told me the house was built 100 years ago. I didn't realise it was **so old**. (= as old as it is)  
☐ I'm tired because I got up at six. I don't usually get up **so early**.  
☐ I expected the weather to be cooler. I'm surprised it is **so warm**.

- ☐ I didn't realise it was **such an old house**.  
☐ You know it's not true. How can you say **such a thing**?

Note the expression **no such ...**:

- ☐ You won't find the word 'blid' in the dictionary. There's **no such word**. (= this word does not exist)

D

Compare:

**so long**

- ☐ I haven't seen her for **so long** I've forgotten what she looks like.

**such a long time**

- ☐ I haven't seen her for **such a long time**. (*not so long time*)

**so far**

- ☐ I didn't know it was **so far**.

**such a long way**

- ☐ I didn't know it was **such a long way**.

**so much, so many**

- ☐ I'm sorry I'm late – there was **so much** traffic.

**such a lot (of)**

- ☐ I'm sorry I'm late – there was **such a lot of** traffic.



## 102.1 Put in so, such or such a.

- 1 It's difficult to understand him because he speaks so quietly.
- 2 I like Liz and Joe. They're such nice people.
- 3 It was a great holiday. We had such a good time.
- 4 I was surprised that he looked ..... well after his recent illness.
- 5 Everything is ..... expensive these days, isn't it?
- 6 The weather is beautiful, isn't it? I didn't expect it to be ..... nice day.
- 7 I think she works too hard. She looks ..... tired all the time.
- 8 He always looks good. He wears ..... nice clothes.
- 9 It was ..... boring movie that I fell asleep while I was watching it.
- 10 I couldn't believe the news. It was ..... shock.
- 11 I have to go. I didn't realise it was ..... late.
- 12 The food at the hotel was ..... awful. I've never eaten ..... awful food.
- 13 They've got ..... much money they don't know what to do with it.
- 14 I didn't realise you lived ..... long way from the city centre.
- 15 The party was really great. It was ..... shame you couldn't come.

## 102.2 Make one sentence from two. Use so or such.

- 1 ~~She worked hard.~~
- 2 ~~It was a beautiful day.~~
- 3 I was tired.
- 4 We had a good time on holiday.
- 5 She speaks English well.
- 6 I've got a lot to do.
- 7 The music was loud.
- 8 I had a big breakfast.
- 9 It was horrible weather.
- 10 I was surprised.

- You could hear it from miles away.  
 You would think it was her native language.  
 We spent the whole day indoors.  
~~She made herself ill.~~  
 I couldn't keep my eyes open.  
 I didn't eat anything else for the rest of the day.  
~~We decided to go to the beach.~~  
 I didn't know what to say.  
 I don't know where to begin.  
 We didn't want to come home.

- 1 She worked so hard she made herself ill.
- 2 It was such a beautiful day we decided to go to the beach.
- 3 I was .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....
- 7 .....
- 8 .....
- 9 .....
- 10 .....

## 102.3 Use your own ideas to complete these pairs of sentences.

- 1 a We enjoyed our holiday. It was so relaxing.
- b We enjoyed our holiday. We had such a good time.
- 2 a I like Catherine. She's so .....
- b I like Catherine. She's such .....
- 3 a I like New York. It's so .....
- b I like New York. It's such .....
- 4 a I wouldn't like to be a teacher. It's so .....
- b I wouldn't like to be a teacher. It's such .....
- 5 a It's great to see you again! I haven't seen you for so .....
- b It's great to see you again! I haven't seen you for such .....



## Enough and too

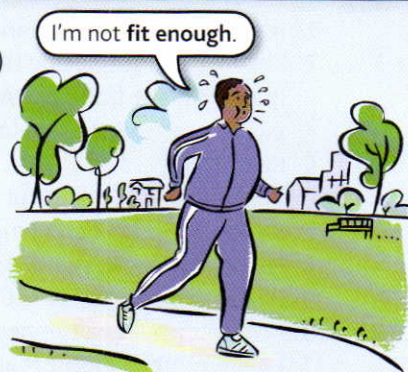
A

**Enough** goes *after* adjectives and adverbs:

- ☐ I can't run very far. I'm not **fit enough**. (*not enough fit*)
- ☐ Let's go. We've waited **long enough**.
- ☐ I can let you know tomorrow. Is that **soon enough**?

Compare **too** ... and **not ... enough**:

- ☐ You never stop working. You work **too hard**.  
(= more than is necessary)
- ☐ You're lazy. You **don't** work **hard enough**.  
(= less than is necessary)



B

**Enough** normally goes *before* nouns:

- ☐ I can't run very far. I don't have **enough energy**. (*not energy enough*)
- ☐ Do we have **enough petrol**, or should we stop and get some?
- ☐ We've got **enough money**. We don't need any more.
- ☐ Some of us had to sit on the floor because there weren't **enough chairs**.

We also use **enough** alone (without a noun):

- ☐ We don't need to stop for petrol. We've got **enough**.

Compare **too much/many** and **enough**:

- ☐ There's **too much furniture** in this room. There's not **enough space**.
- ☐ There were **too many people** and not **enough chairs**.

C

We say **enough/too** ... **for** somebody/something:

- ☐ Does Joe have enough experience **for the job**?
- ☐ This bag isn't big enough **for all my clothes**.
- ☐ That shirt is too small **for you**. You need a larger size.

But we say **enough/too** ... **to** do something. For example:

- ☐ Does Joe have enough experience **to do the job**? (*not for doing*)
- ☐ We don't have enough money **to go on holiday right now**.
- ☐ She's not old enough **to have a driving licence**.  
She's too young **to have a driving licence**.
- ☐ Let's get a taxi. It's too far **to walk home from here**.

The following example has both **for** ... and **to** ... :

- ☐ The bridge is just wide enough **for two cars to pass each other**.

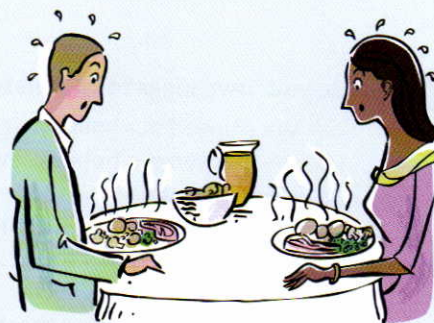
D

We say:

- The food was very hot. We couldn't eat **it**.  
*and* The food was so hot that we couldn't eat **it**.  
*but* The food was **too hot to eat**. (*without it*)

Some more examples like this:

- ☐ These boxes are **too heavy to carry**.  
(*not to carry them*)
- ☐ The wallet was **too big to put** in my pocket.  
(*not to put it*)
- ☐ This chair isn't **strong enough to stand on**.  
(*not to stand on it*)





**103.1** Complete the sentences using **enough** + the following words:

big   ~~chairs~~   cups   ~~fit~~   milk   money   room   time   warm   well

- 1 I can't run very far. I'm not fit enough.
- 2 Some of us had to sit on the floor because there weren't enough chairs.
- 3 I'd like to buy a car, but I don't have ..... at the moment.
- 4 Do you have ..... in your coffee or would you like some more?
- 5 Are you ..... ? Or shall I switch on the heating?
- 6 It's only a small car. There isn't ..... for all of us.
- 7 Steve didn't feel ..... to go to work this morning.
- 8 I enjoyed my trip to Paris, but there wasn't ..... to do everything I wanted.
- 9 Try this jacket on and see if it's ..... for you.
- 10 There weren't ..... for everybody to have coffee at the same time.

**103.2** Complete the answers to the questions. Use **too** or **enough** + the word(s) in brackets.

- 1 Does she have a driving licence?
- 2 I need to talk to you about something.
- 3 Let's go to the cinema.
- 4 Why don't we sit outside?
- 5 Would you like to be a politician?
- 6 Would you like to be a teacher?
- 7 Did you hear what he was saying?
- 8 Can he read a newspaper in English?

- (old) No, she's not old enough to have a driving licence.
- (busy) Well, I'm afraid I'm ..... to you now.
- (late) No, it's ..... to the cinema.
- (warm) It's not ..... outside.
- (shy) No, I'm ..... a politician.
- (patience) No, I don't have ..... a teacher.
- (far away) No, we were ..... what he was saying.
- (English) No, he doesn't know ..... a newspaper.

**103.3** Make one sentence from two. Complete the new sentence using **too** or **enough**.

- 1 We couldn't carry the boxes. They were too heavy.  
The boxes were too heavy to carry.
- 2 I can't drink this coffee. It's too hot.  
This coffee is .....
- 3 Nobody could move the piano. It was too heavy.  
The piano .....
- 4 Don't eat these apples. They're not ripe enough.  
These apples .....
- 5 I can't explain the situation. It is too complicated.  
The situation .....
- 6 We couldn't climb over the wall. It was too high.  
The wall .....
- 7 Three people can't sit on this sofa. It isn't big enough.  
This sofa .....
- 8 You can't see some things without a microscope. They are too small.  
Some .....



## Quite, pretty, rather and fairly

A

You can use **quite/pretty/rather/fairly** + adjectives or adverbs. So you can say:

- ☐ It's **quite** cold.    It's **pretty** cold.    It's **rather** cold.    It's **fairly** cold.

**Quite/pretty/rather/fairly** = less than 'very' but more than 'a little'.

B

**Quite** and **pretty** are similar in meaning:

- ☐ I'm surprised you haven't heard of her. She's **quite famous** / **pretty famous**. (= less than 'very famous', but more than 'a little famous')
- ☐ Anna lives **quite near** me, so we see each other **pretty often**.

**Pretty** is an informal word and is used mainly in spoken English.

**Quite** goes before **a/an**:

- ☐ We live in **quite an old house**. (*not* a quite old house)

Compare:

- ☐ Sarah has **quite a** good job.  
Sarah has **a pretty** good job.

You can also use **quite** (but not **pretty**) in the following ways:

**quite a/an** + *noun* (without an adjective):

- ☐ I didn't expect to see them. It was **quite a surprise**. (= quite a big surprise)

**quite a lot (of ...)**:

- ☐ There were **quite a lot of** people at the meeting.

**quite** + verb, especially **like** and **enjoy**:

- ☐ I **quite like** tennis, but it's not my favourite sport.

C

**Rather** is similar to **quite** and **pretty**. We often use **rather** for negative ideas (things we think are not good):

- ☐ The weather isn't so good. It's **rather cloudy**.  
☐ Paul is **rather shy**. He doesn't talk very much.

**Quite** and **pretty** are also possible in these examples.

When we use **rather** for positive ideas (**good/nice** etc.), it means 'unusually' or 'surprisingly':

- ☐ These oranges are **rather good**. Where did you get them?

D

**Fairly** is weaker than **quite/rather/pretty**. For example, if something is **fairly good**, it is not very good and it could be better:

- ☐ My room is **fairly big**, but I'd prefer a bigger one.  
☐ We see each other **fairly often**, but not as often as we used to.

E

**Quite** also means 'completely'. For example:

- ☐ 'Are you sure?' 'Yes, **quite sure**.' (= completely sure)

**Quite** means 'completely' with a number of adjectives, especially:

sure	right	true	clear	different	incredible	amazing
certain	wrong	safe	obvious	unnecessary	extraordinary	impossible

- ☐ She was **quite different** from what I expected. (= completely different)  
☐ Everything they said was **quite true**. (= completely true)

We also use **quite** (= completely) with some verbs. For example:

- ☐ I **quite agree** with you. (= I completely agree)

**Not quite** = not completely:

- ☐ They **haven't quite finished** eating yet.  
☐ I **don't quite understand** what you mean.  
☐ 'Are you ready yet?' '**Not quite**.' (= not completely)



## 104.1 Complete the sentences using **quite** + the following:

~~famous~~   good   hungry   late   noisy   often   old   surprised

- I'm surprised you haven't heard of her. She's quite famous.
- I'm ..... Is there anything to eat?
- 'How were the pictures you took?' '..... Better than usual.'
- I go to the cinema ..... - maybe once a month.
- We live near a very busy road, so it's often .....
- I didn't expect Laura to contact me. I was ..... when she phoned.
- I went to bed ..... last night, so I'm a bit tired this morning.
- I don't know exactly when these houses were built, but they're .....

## 104.2 Put the words in the right order to complete the sentences.

- The weather was better than we had expected.  
It was quite a nice day ..... (a / nice / quite / day).
- Tom likes to sing.  
He has ..... (voice / quite / good / a).
- The bus stop wasn't very near the hotel.  
We had to walk ..... (quite / way / a / long).
- It's not so warm today.  
There's ..... (a / wind / cold / pretty).
- The journey took longer than I expected.  
There was ..... (lot / traffic / a / of / quite).
- I'm tired.  
I've had ..... (pretty / day / a / busy).

## 104.3 Use your own ideas to complete these sentences. Use **rather** + adjective.

- The weather isn't so good. It's rather cloudy.
- I enjoyed the film, but it was .....
- The hotel we stayed at wasn't very good. I was .....
- I think it's ..... that Chris went away without telling anybody.
- Lucy doesn't like having to wait. Sometimes she's .....

## 104.4 What does **quite** mean in these sentences? Tick (✓) the right meaning.

- |   | <i>more than a little, less<br/>than very (Section B)</i> | <i>completely<br/>(Section E)</i> |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 It's <u>quite cold</u> . You'd better wear your coat.   | ✓   |                                   |
| 2 'Are you sure?' 'Yes, <u>quite sure</u> .'              |   | ✓                                 |
| 3 Anna's English is <u>quite good</u> .                   |   |                                   |
| 4 I couldn't believe it. It was <u>quite incredible</u> . |   |                                   |
| 5 My bedroom is <u>quite big</u> .                        |   |                                   |
| 6 I'm <u>quite tired</u> . I think I'll go to bed.        |   |                                   |
| 7 I <u>quite agree</u> with you.                          |   |                                   |

## 104.5 Complete these sentences using **quite** + the following:

~~different~~   impossible   right   safe   sure   ~~true~~   unnecessary

- I didn't believe her at first, but in fact what she said was quite true.
- You won't fall. The ladder is .....
- I'm afraid I can't do what you ask. It's .....
- I couldn't agree with you more. You are .....
- You can't compare the two things. They are .....
- You needn't have done that. It was .....
- I think I saw them go out, but I'm not .....



## Comparison 1 (cheaper, more expensive etc.)

A Study these examples:

How shall we travel? Shall we drive or go by train?

Let's drive. It's **cheaper**.Don't go by train. It's **more expensive**.**Cheaper** and **more expensive** are *comparative* forms.After comparatives you can use **than** (see Unit 107):

- ☐ It's **cheaper** to drive **than** go by train.
- ☐ Going by train is **more expensive than** driving.

B The comparative form is **-er** or **more** ...We use **-er** for short words (one syllable):**cheap** → cheaper**fast** → faster**large** → larger**thin** → thinnerWe also use **-er** for two-syllable words that end in **-y** (**-y** → **ier**):**lucky** → luckier**early** → earlier**easy** → easier**pretty** → prettier

For spelling, see Appendix 6.

We use **more** ... for longer words (two syllables or more):**more serious****more often****more expensive****more comfortable**We also use **more** ... for adverbs that end in **-ly**:**more slowly****more seriously****more easily****more quietly**

Compare these examples:

- ☐ You're **older** than me.
- ☐ The exam was quite easy – **easier** than I expected.
- ☐ Can you walk a bit **faster**?
- ☐ I'd like to have a **bigger** car.
- ☐ Last night I went to bed **earlier** than usual.

- ☐ You're **more patient** than me.
- ☐ The exam was quite difficult – **more difficult** than I expected.
- ☐ Can you walk a bit **more slowly**?
- ☐ I'd like to have a **more reliable** car.
- ☐ I don't play tennis much these days. I used to play **more often**.

You can use **-er** or **more** ... with some two-syllable adjectives, especially:**clever** **narrow** **quiet** **shallow** **simple**

- ☐ It's too noisy here. Can we go somewhere **quieter** / **more quiet**?

C A few adjectives and adverbs have irregular comparative forms:

**good/well** → **better**

- ☐ The garden looks **better** since you tidied it up.
- ☐ I know him **well** – probably **better** than anybody else knows him.

**bad/badly** → **worse**

- ☐ 'How's your headache? Better?' 'No, it's **worse**.'
- ☐ He did very badly in the exam – **worse** than expected.

**far** → **further** (or **farther**)

- ☐ It's a long walk from here to the park – **further** than I thought. (or **farther** than)

**Further** (but not **farther**) can also mean 'more' or 'additional':

- ☐ Let me know if you hear any **further** news. (= any more news)



## 105.1 Complete the sentences using a comparative form (older / more important etc.).

- It's too noisy here. Can we go somewhere quieter ?
- This coffee is very weak. I like it .....
- The hotel was surprisingly big. I expected it to be .....
- The hotel was surprisingly cheap. I expected it to be .....
- The weather is too cold here. I'd like to live somewhere .....
- My job is a bit boring sometimes. I'd like to do something .....
- It's a shame you live so far away. I wish you lived .....
- I was surprised how easy it was to get a job. I thought it would be .....
- Your work isn't very good. I'm sure you can do .....
- Don't worry. The situation isn't so bad. It could be .....
- I was surprised we got here so quickly. I expected the trip to take .....
- You're talking very loudly. Can you speak ..... ?
- You hardly ever call me. Why don't you call me ..... ?
- You're standing too near the camera. Can you move a bit ..... away?
- You were a little depressed yesterday, but you look ..... today.

## 105.2 Complete the sentences. Use the comparative forms of the words in the box. Use **than** where necessary.

big	crowded	<del>early</del>	easily	high	important
interested	peaceful	<del>reliable</del>	serious	simple	thin

- I was feeling tired last night, so I went to bed earlier than usual.
- I'd like to have a more reliable car. The one I have keeps breaking down.
- Unfortunately her illness was ..... we thought at first.
- You look ..... Have you lost weight?
- I want a ..... apartment. We don't have enough space here.
- He doesn't study very hard. He's ..... in having a good time.
- Health and happiness are ..... money.
- The instructions were very complicated. They could have been .....
- There were a lot of people on the bus. It was ..... usual.
- I like living in the country. It's ..... living in a town.
- You'll find your way around the town ..... if you have a good map.
- In some parts of the country, prices are ..... in others.

## 105.3 Read the situations and complete the sentences. Use a comparative form (-er or more ...).

- Yesterday the temperature was six degrees. Today it's only three degrees.  
It's colder today than it was yesterday.
- The journey takes four hours by car and five hours by train.  
It takes ..... by car.
- Dan and I went for a run. I ran ten kilometres. Dan stopped after eight kilometres.  
I ran ..... Dan.
- Chris and Joe both did badly in the test. Chris got 30%, but Joe only got 25%.  
Joe did ..... Chris in the test.
- I expected my friends to arrive at about 4 o'clock. In fact they arrived at 2.30.  
My friends ..... I expected.
- You can go by bus or by train. The buses run every 30 minutes. The trains run every hour.  
The buses ..... the trains.
- We were very busy in the office today. We're not usually so busy.  
We ..... usual in the office today.



Comparison 2 (much better / any better /  
better and better / the sooner the better)

A

Before comparatives you can use:

**much**    **a lot**    **far** (= a lot)    **a bit**    **a little**    **slightly** (= a little)

- ☐ Let's go by car. It's **much cheaper**. (or a lot cheaper)
- ☐ 'How do you feel now?' '**Much better**, thanks.'
- ☐ Don't go by train. It's **a lot more expensive**. (or much more expensive)
- ☐ Could you speak **a bit more slowly**? (or a little more slowly)
- ☐ This bag is **slightly heavier** than the other one.
- ☐ Her illness was **far more serious** than we thought at first. (or much more serious / a lot more serious)

B

You can use **any** and **no** + comparative (**any longer** / **no bigger** etc.):

- ☐ I've waited long enough. I'm not waiting **any longer**. (= not even a little longer)
- ☐ We expected their apartment to be very big, but it's **no bigger** than ours. or ... it **isn't any bigger** than ours. (= not even a little bigger)
- ☐ How do you feel now? Do you feel **any better**?
- ☐ This hotel is better than the other one, and it's **no more expensive**.

C

**Better and better / more and more** etc.We repeat comparatives (**better and better** etc.) to say that something changes continuously:

- ☐ Your English is improving. It's getting **better and better**.
- ☐ The city has grown fast in recent years. It's got **bigger and bigger**.
- ☐ As I listened to his story, I became **more and more convinced** that he was lying.
- ☐ These days **more and more people** are learning English.

D

**The ... the ...**You can say **the** (sooner/bigger/more etc.) **the better**:

- ☐ 'What time shall we leave?' '**The sooner the better**.' (= as soon as possible)
- ☐ A: What sort of box do you want? A big one?  
B: Yes, **the bigger the better**. (= as big as possible)
- ☐ When you're travelling, **the less luggage** you have **the better**.

We also use **the ... the ...** to say that one thing depends on another thing:

- ☐ **The warmer** the weather, **the better** I feel. (= if the weather is warmer, I feel better)
- ☐ **The sooner** we leave, **the earlier** we will arrive.
- ☐ **The younger** you are, **the easier** it is to learn.
- ☐ **The more expensive** the hotel, **the better** the service.
- ☐ **The more** electricity you use, **the higher** your bill will be.
- ☐ **The more** I thought about the plan, **the less** I liked it.

E

**Older and elder**The comparative of **old** is **older**:

- ☐ David looks **older** than he really is.

You can use **elder** (or **older**) when you talk about people in a family. You can say (my/your etc.) **elder sister/brother/daughter/son**:

- ☐ **My elder sister** is a TV producer. (or My **older** sister ...)

We say 'my **elder sister**', but we do not say that 'somebody is elder':

- ☐ My sister is **older** than me. (not elder than me)



**106.1** Use the words in brackets to complete the sentences. Use **much / a bit** etc. + a comparative form. Use **than** where necessary.

- Her illness was much more serious than we thought at first. (much / serious)
- This bag is too small. I need something ..... (much / big)
- I liked the museum. It was ..... I expected. (much / interesting)
- It was very hot yesterday. Today it's ..... (a bit / cool)
- I'm afraid the problem is ..... it seems. (far / complicated)
- You're driving too fast. Can you drive ..... ? (a bit / slowly)
- It's ..... to learn a language in a country where it is spoken. (a lot / easy)
- I thought she was younger than me, but in fact she's ..... (slightly / old)

**106.2** Complete the sentences using **any/no + comparative**. Use **than** where necessary.

- I've waited long enough. I'm not waiting any longer.
- I'm sorry I'm a bit late, but I couldn't get here .....
- This shop isn't expensive. The prices are ..... anywhere else.
- I need to stop for a rest. I can't walk .....
- The traffic isn't particularly bad today. It's ..... usual.

**106.3** Complete the sentences using the structure in Section C (... and ...).

- It's getting more and more difficult to find a job. (difficult)
- That hole in your sweater is getting ..... (big)
- My bags seemed to get ..... as I carried them. (heavy)
- As I waited for my interview, I became ..... (nervous)
- As the day went on, the weather got ..... (bad)
- Health care is becoming ..... (expensive)
- Since Anna went to Canada, her English has got ..... (good)
- As the conversation went on, Paul became ..... (talkative)

**106.4** Complete the sentences using the structure in Section D (the ... the ...).

- I like warm weather.  
The warmer the weather, the better I feel. (feel)
- I didn't really like him when we first met.  
But the more I got to know him, ..... (like)
- If you're in business, you want to make a profit.  
The more goods you sell, ..... (profit)
- It's hard to concentrate when you're tired.  
The more tired you are, ..... (hard)
- Kate had to wait a very long time.  
The longer she had to wait, ..... (impatient / become)

**106.5** Use the words on the right to complete the sentences.

- I like to travel light. The less luggage, the better.
- The problem is getting ..... and more serious.
- The more time I have, the ..... it takes me to do things.
- I'm walking as fast as I can. I can't walk ..... faster.
- The higher your income, ..... more tax you have to pay.
- I'm surprised Anna is only 25. I thought she was .....
- Jane's ..... sister is a nurse.
- I was a little late. The journey took ..... longer than I expected.
- We have a lot to discuss. We need to start the meeting ..... later than 9.30.
- Don't tell him anything. The ..... he knows, the .....

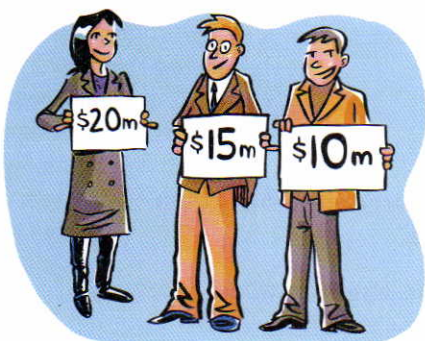
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## Comparison 3 (as ... as / than)

A

Study this example situation:



SARAH

JOE

DAVID

Sarah, Joe and David are all very rich.  
Sarah has \$20 million, Joe has \$15 million  
and David has \$10 million. So:

Joe is rich.

He is **richer than** David.

But he **isn't as rich as** Sarah.  
(= Sarah is **richer than** he is)

Some more examples of **not as ... (as)**:

- ☐ Jack **isn't as old as** he looks. (= he looks **older than** he is)
- ☐ The town centre **wasn't as crowded as** usual. (= it is usually **more crowded**)
- ☐ Lisa **didn't do as well as** she had hoped. (= she had hoped to do **better**)
- ☐ The weather is better today. It's **not as cold**. (= yesterday was **colder than** today)
- ☐ I **don't know as many people as** you do. (= you know **more people than** me)
- ☐ 'How much did it cost? Fifty pounds?' 'No, **not as much as** that.' (= **less than** fifty pounds)

You can also say **not so ... (as)**:

- ☐ It's not warm, but it **isn't so cold as** yesterday. (= it isn't **as cold as** ...)

**Less ... than** is similar to **not as ... as**:

- ☐ I spent **less money than** you. (= I **didn't spend as much money as** you)
- ☐ The city centre was **less crowded than** usual. (= it **wasn't as crowded as** usual)
- ☐ I play tennis **less than** I used to. (= I **don't play as much as** I used to)

B

We also use **as ... as** (*but not so ... as*) in positive sentences and in questions:

- ☐ I'm sorry I'm late. I got here **as fast as** I could.
- ☐ There's plenty of food. You can have **as much as** you want.
- ☐ Let's walk. It's **just as quick as** taking the bus.
- ☐ Can you send me the information **as soon as possible**, please?

Also **twice as ... as**, **three times as ... as** etc.:

- ☐ Petrol is **twice as expensive as** it was a few years ago.
- ☐ Their house is about **three times as big as** ours.

C

We say **the same as** (*not the same like*):

- ☐ Laura's salary is **the same as** mine. or Laura gets **the same salary as** me.
- ☐ David is **the same age as** James.
- ☐ Sarah hasn't changed. She still looks **the same as** she did ten years ago.

D

**Than me / than I am** etc.

You can say:

- ☐ You're taller **than me**. or You're taller **than I am**.  
(*not usually* You're taller than I)
- ☐ He's not as clever **as her**. or He's not as clever **as she is**.
- ☐ They have more money **than us**. or They have more money **than we have**.
- ☐ I can't run as fast **as him**. or I can't run as fast **as he can**.



**107.1** Complete the sentences using **as ... as**.

- I'm tall, but you are taller. I'm not as tall as you.
- My salary is high, but yours is higher. My salary isn't .....
- You know a bit about cars, but I know more.  
You don't .....
- We are busy today, but we were busier yesterday.  
We aren't .....
- I still feel bad, but I felt a lot worse earlier.  
I don't .....
- Our neighbours have lived here for quite a long time, but we've lived here longer.  
Our neighbours haven't .....
- I was a little nervous before the interview, but usually I'm a lot more nervous.  
I wasn't .....

**107.2** Write a new sentence with the same meaning.

- Jack is younger than he looks. Jack isn't as old as he looks.
- I didn't spend as much money as you. You spent more money than me.
- The station was nearer than I thought. The station wasn't .....
- The meal didn't cost as much as I expected. The meal cost .....
- I go out less than I used to. I don't .....
- Karen's hair isn't as long as it used to be. Karen used to .....
- I know them better than you do. You don't .....
- There are fewer people at this meeting than at the last one.  
There aren't .....

**107.3** Complete the sentences using **as ... as + the following**:

bad    comfortable    ~~fast~~    hard    long    often    quietly    soon    well

- I'm sorry I'm late. I got here as fast as I could.
- It was a difficult question. I answered it ..... I could.
- 'How long can I stay with you?' 'You can stay ..... you like.'
- I need the information quickly, so let me know ..... possible.
- I like to keep fit, so I go swimming ..... I can.
- I didn't want to wake anybody, so I came in ..... I could.

In the following sentences use **just as ... as**.

- I'm going to sleep on the floor. It's ..... the bed.
- You always say how tiring your job is, but I work ..... you.
- At first I thought he was nice, but really he's ..... everybody else.

**107.4** Write sentences using **the same as**.

- David and James are both 22 years old. David is the same age as James.
- You and I both have dark brown hair. Your hair ..... mine.
- I arrived at 10.25 and so did you. I arrived ..... you.
- My birthday is 5 April. It's Tom's birthday too. My birthday ..... Tom's.

**107.5** Complete the sentences with **than ... or as ...**.

- I can't reach as high as you. You are taller than me.
- He doesn't know much. I know more .....
- I don't work particularly hard. Most people work as hard .....
- We were very surprised. Nobody was more surprised .....
- She's not a very good player. I'm a better player .....
- They've been very lucky. I wish we were as lucky .....



# Superlatives (the longest / the most enjoyable etc.)

A

Study these examples:

What is **the longest** river in the world?What was **the most enjoyable** holiday you've ever had?**Longest** and **most enjoyable** are *superlative* forms.

The superlative form is **-est** or **most** ... . In general, we use **-est** for short words and **most** ... for longer words. The rules are the same as those for the comparative – see Unit 105.

<b>long</b> → <b>longest</b>	<b>hot</b> → <b>hottest</b>	<b>easy</b> → <b>easiest</b>	<b>hard</b> → <b>hardest</b>
but <b>most</b> famous	<b>most</b> boring	<b>most</b> difficult	<b>most</b> expensive

A few adjectives are irregular:

good → <b>best</b>	bad → <b>worst</b>	far → <b>furthest/farthest</b>
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For spelling, see Appendix 6.

B

We normally use **the** before a superlative (**the** longest / **the** most famous etc.):

- ☐ Yesterday was **the hottest** day of the year.
- ☐ The movie was really boring. It's **the most boring** movie I've ever seen.
- ☐ She is a really nice person – one of **the nicest** people I know.
- ☐ Why does he always come to see me at **the worst** possible time?

Compare superlative and comparative:

- ☐ This hotel is **the cheapest** in town. (*superlative*)  
It's **cheaper** than all the others in town. (*comparative*)
- ☐ He's **the most patient** person I've ever met.  
He's much **more patient** than I am.

C

**Oldest and eldest**The superlative of **old** is **oldest**:

- ☐ That church is **the oldest** building in the town. (*not* the eldest)

We use **eldest** (*or oldest*) when we are talking about people in a family:

- ☐ **My eldest son** is 13 years old. (*or My oldest son*)
- ☐ Are you **the eldest** in your family? (*or the oldest*)

D

After superlatives we normally use **in** with places:

- ☐ What's the longest river **in the world**? (*not* of the world)
- ☐ We had a nice room. It was one of the best **in the hotel**. (*not* of the hotel)

We also use **in** for organisations and groups of people (a class / a company etc.):

- ☐ Who is the youngest student **in the class**? (*not* of the class)

For a period of time, we normally use **of**:

- ☐ Yesterday was the hottest day **of the year**.
- ☐ What was the happiest day **of your life**?

E

We often use the *present perfect* (I **have done**) after a superlative (see also Unit 8A):

- ☐ What's **the most important** decision **you've ever had** to make?
- ☐ That was **the best** holiday **I've had** for a long time.



## 108.1 Complete the sentences. Use a superlative (-est or most ...) + a preposition (of or in).

- 1 It's a very good room. It's the best room in the hotel.
- 2 It's a very cheap restaurant. It's ..... the town.
- 3 It was a very happy day. It was ..... my life.
- 4 She's a very intelligent student. She's ..... the class.
- 5 It's a very valuable painting. It's ..... the gallery.
- 6 Spring is a very busy time for me. It's ..... the year.

In the following sentences use **one of** + a superlative + a preposition.

- 7 It's a very good room. It's one of the best rooms in the hotel.
- 8 He's a very rich man. He's one ..... the country.
- 9 It's a very big castle. It's ..... Europe.
- 10 She's a very good player. She's ..... the team.
- 11 It was a very bad experience. It was ..... my life.
- 12 It's a very famous university. It's ..... the world.

## 108.2 Complete the sentences. Use a superlative (-est or most ...) or a comparative (-er or more ...).

- 1 We stayed at the cheapest hotel in the town. (cheap)
- 2 Our hotel was cheaper than all the others in the town. (cheap)
- 3 The United States is very large, but Canada is ..... (large)
- 4 What's ..... country in the world? (small)
- 5 I wasn't feeling well yesterday, but I feel a bit ..... today. (good)
- 6 It was an awful day. It was ..... day of my life. (bad)
- 7 What is ..... sport in your country? (popular)
- 8 Everest is ..... mountain in the world. It is ..... than any other mountain. (high)
- 9 This building is over 250 metres high, but it's not ..... in the city. (tall)
- 10 I prefer this chair to the other one. It's ..... (comfortable)
- 11 What's ..... way to get to the station? (quick)
- 12 Which is ..... - the bus or the train? (quick)
- 13 What's ..... thing you've ever bought? (expensive)
- 14 Sue and Kevin have got three daughters. .... is 14 years old. (old)

## 108.3 What do you say in these situations? Use a superlative + ever. Use the words in brackets (in the correct form).

- 1 You've just been to the cinema. The movie was extremely boring. You tell your friend: (boring / movie / see) That's the most boring movie I've ever seen.
- 2 Your friend has just told you a joke, which you think is very funny. You say: (funny / joke / hear) That's .....
- 3 You're drinking coffee with a friend. It's really good coffee. You say: (good / coffee / taste) This .....
- 4 You are talking to a friend about Sarah. Sarah is very generous. You tell your friend about her: (generous / person / meet) She .....
- 5 You have just run ten kilometres. You've never run further than this. You say to your friend: (far / run) That .....
- 6 You decided to give up your job. Now you think this was a bad mistake. You say to your friend: (bad / mistake / make) It .....
- 7 Your friend meets a lot of people, some of them famous. You ask your friend: (famous / person / meet?) Who ..?



## Word order 1: verb + object; place and time

## A

## Verb + object

The *verb* and the *object* normally go together. We do not usually put other words between them:

	<i>verb + object</i>		
I	<b>like</b>	<b>my job</b>	very much. ( <i>not</i> I like very much my job)
Did you	<b>see</b>	<b>your friends</b>	yesterday?
Helen never	<b>drinks</b>	<b>coffee.</b>	

Study these examples. The verb and the object go together each time:

- ☐ Do you **eat** **meat** every day? (*not* Do you eat every day meat?)
- ☐ Everybody **enjoyed** **the party** very much. (*not* enjoyed very much the party)
- ☐ Our guide **spoke** **English** fluently. (*not* spoke fluently English)
- ☐ I lost all my money and I also **lost** **my passport**.  
(*not* I lost also my passport)
- ☐ At the end of the street you'll **see** **a supermarket** on your left.  
(*not* see on your left a supermarket)

## B

## Place and time

Usually the *verb* and the *place* (where?) go together:

**go home**    **live in a city**    **walk to work** etc.

If the verb has an *object*, the place comes after the *verb + object*:

**take somebody home**    **meet a friend in the street**

*Time* (when? / how often? / how long?) usually goes after *place*:

	<i>place</i>	+	<i>time</i>	
Ben walks	<b>to work</b>		<b>every morning.</b>	( <i>not</i> every morning to work)
Sam has been	<b>in Canada</b>		<b>since April.</b>	
We arrived	<b>at the airport</b>		<b>early.</b>	

Study these examples. *Time* goes after *place*:

- ☐ I'm going **to Paris** **on Monday**. (*not* I'm going on Monday to Paris)
- ☐ They have lived **in the same house** **for a long time**.
- ☐ Don't be late. Make sure you're **here** **by 8 o'clock**.
- ☐ Sarah gave me a lift **home** **after the party**.
- ☐ You really shouldn't go **to bed** **so late**.

It is often possible to put *time* at the beginning of the sentence:

- ☐ **On Monday** I'm going to Paris.
- ☐ **Every morning** Ben walks to work.

Some time words (for example, **always/never/usually**) go with the verb in the middle of the sentence. See Unit 110.



**109.1** Is the word order right or wrong? Correct the sentences where necessary.

- 1 Everybody enjoyed the party very much.
- 2 Ben walks every morning to work.
- 3 Joe doesn't like very much football.
- 4 I drink three or four cups of coffee every morning.
- 5 I ate quickly my breakfast and went out.
- 6 Are you going to invite to the party a lot of people?
- 7 I phoned Tom immediately after hearing the news.
- 8 Did you go late to bed last night?
- 9 Did you learn a lot of things at school today?
- 10 I met on my way home a friend of mine.

OK

Ben walks to work every morning.

**109.2** Put the parts of the sentence in the correct order.

- 1 (the party / very much / everybody enjoyed) Everybody enjoyed the party very much.
- 2 (we won / easily / the game) .....
- 3 (quietly / the door / I closed) .....
- 4 (Tanya / quite well / speaks / German) .....
- 5 (Sam / all the time / TV / watches) .....
- 6 (again / please don't ask / that question) .....
- 7 (football / every weekend / does Kevin play?) .....
- 8 (some money / I borrowed / from a friend of mine) .....

**109.3** Complete the sentences. Put the parts in the correct order.

- 1 (for a long time / have lived / in the same house)  
They have lived in the same house for a long time .
- 2 (to the supermarket / every Friday / go)  
I .....
- 3 (home / did you come / so late)  
Why ..... ?
- 4 (her children / takes / every day / to school)  
Sarah .....
- 5 (been / recently / to the cinema)  
I haven't .....
- 6 (at the top of the page / your name / write)  
Please .....
- 7 (her name / after a few minutes / remembered)  
I .....
- 8 (around the town / all morning / walked)  
We .....
- 9 (on Saturday night / didn't see you / at the party)  
I .....
- 10 (some interesting books / found / in the library)  
We .....
- 11 (her umbrella / last night / in a restaurant / left)  
Laura .....
- 12 (opposite the park / a new hotel / are building)  
They .....



## Word order 2: adverbs with the verb

- A** Some adverbs (for example, **always**, **also**, **probably**) go with the verb in the middle of a sentence:
- ☐ Helen **always drives** to work.
  - ☐ We were feeling very tired and we **were also** hungry.
  - ☐ The concert **will probably be cancelled**.

- B** If the verb is one word (**drives/fell/cooked** etc.), the adverb goes *before* the verb:

	adverb	verb	
Helen	always	<b>drives</b>	to work.
I	almost	<b>fell</b>	as I was going down the stairs.

- ☐ I cleaned the house and **also cooked** the dinner. (*not* cooked also)
- ☐ Lucy **hardly ever watches** television and **rarely reads** newspapers.
- ☐ 'Shall I give you my address?' 'No, I **already have** it.'

Note that these adverbs (**always/often/also** etc.) go before **have to** ... :

- ☐ Joe never phones me. I **always have to** phone him. (*not* I have always to phone)

But adverbs go *after* **am/is/are/was/were**:

- ☐ We were feeling very tired and we **were also** hungry.
- ☐ Why are you always late? You're **never** on time.
- ☐ The traffic **isn't usually** as bad as it was this morning.

- C** If the verb is two or more words (for example, **can remember / doesn't eat / will be cancelled**), the adverb usually goes *after the first verb* (**can/doesn't/will** etc.):

	verb 1	adverb	verb 2	
I	<b>can</b>	<b>never</b>	<b>remember</b>	her name.
Clare	<b>doesn't</b>	<b>often</b>	<b>eat</b>	meat.
Are you	<b>definitely</b>	<b>going</b>		away next week?
The concert	<b>will</b>	<b>probably</b>	<b>be</b>	cancelled.

- ☐ You've **always been** very kind to me.
- ☐ Jack can't cook. He **can't even boil** an egg.
- ☐ Do you **still work** for the same company?
- ☐ The house **was only built** a year ago and it's **already falling** down.

Note that **probably** goes before a negative (**isn't/won't** etc.). So we say:

- ☐ I **probably won't see** you. or I will **probably not** see you. (*not* I won't probably)

- D** We also use **all** and **both** in these positions:

- ☐ We **all felt** ill after the meal. (*not* we felt all ill)
- ☐ My parents **are both** teachers. (*not* my parents both are teachers)
- ☐ Sarah and Jane **have both applied** for the job.
- ☐ We **are all going** out tonight.

- E** Sometimes we use **is/will/did** etc. instead of repeating part of a sentence (see Unit 51):
- ☐ Tom says he isn't clever, but I think he **is**. (= he **is clever**)

When we do this, we put **always/never** etc. *before* the verb:

- ☐ He always says he won't be late, but he **always is**. (= he **is always** late)
- ☐ I've never done it and I **never will**. (= I **will never** do it)



## 110.1 Are the underlined words in the right position or not? Correct the sentences where necessary.

- Helen drives always to work. Helen always drives to work.
- I cleaned the house and also cooked the dinner. OK
- I have usually a shower in the morning.
- We soon found the solution to the problem.
- Steve gets hardly ever angry.
- I did some shopping and I went also to the bank.
- Jane has always to hurry in the morning.
- I never have worked in a factory.
- I never have enough time. I always am busy.

## 110.2 Rewrite the sentences to include the word in brackets.

- Clare doesn't eat meat. (often) Clare doesn't often eat meat.
- Katherine is very generous. (always)
- I don't have to work on Saturdays. (usually)
- Do you watch TV in the evenings? (always)
- Martin is learning Spanish and he is learning Japanese. (also)  
Martin is learning Spanish and he
- a We were on holiday in Spain. (all)  
b We were staying at the same hotel. (all)  
c We enjoyed ourselves. (all)
- a The new hotel is very expensive. (probably)  
b It costs a lot to stay there. (probably)
- a I can help you. (probably)  
b I can't help you. (probably)

## 110.3 Complete the sentences. Use the words in brackets in the correct order.

- I can never remember (remember / I / never / can) her name.
- (take / I / usually) sugar in coffee.
- (am / usually / I) hungry when I get home from work.
- Mark and Amy (both / were / born) in Manchester.
- Lisa is a good pianist. (sing / she / also / can) very well.
- Our cat (usually / sleeps) under the bed.
- They live in the same building as me, but (never / I / have / spoken) to them.
- This shop is always very busy. (have / you / always / to wait) a long time to be served.
- My eyesight isn't very good. (I / read / can / only) with glasses.
- (all / were / we) tired, so (all / we / fell) asleep.
- A: Are you tired?  
B: Yes, (am / I / always) at this time of day.
- (I / probably / leaving / will / be) early tomorrow.
- I'm afraid (probably / I / be / won't) able to come to the party.
- Helen is away a lot. (is / hardly ever / she) at home.
- (we / still / are / living) in the same place. We haven't moved.
- If we hadn't taken the same train, (never / met / we / would / have) each other.
- Tanya (says / always) that she'll phone me, but (does / she / never).



# Still, yet and already

## Any more / any longer / no longer

## A

## Still

We use **still** to say that a situation or action is continuing. It hasn't changed or stopped:

- ☐ It's 10 o'clock and Joe is **still** in bed.
- ☐ When I went to bed, Chris was **still** working.
- ☐ Do you **still** want to go away or have you changed your mind?

**Still** usually goes in the middle of the sentence with the verb (see Unit 110).

## B

## Any more / any longer / no longer

We use **not ... any more** or **not ... any longer** to say that a situation has changed. **Any more** and **any longer** go at the end of a sentence:

- ☐ Lucy **doesn't** work here **any more** (or **any longer**). She left last month.  
(*not* Lucy doesn't still work here.)
- ☐ We used to be good friends, but we **aren't any more** (or **any longer**).

You can also use **no longer**. **No longer** goes in the middle of the sentence:

- ☐ Lucy **no longer** works here.

Note that we do not normally use **no more** in this way:

- ☐ We are **no longer** friends. (*not* We are no more friends.)

Compare **still** and **not ... any more**:

- ☐ Sally **still** works here, but Lucy **doesn't** work here **any more**.

## C

## Yet

**Yet** = until now. We use **yet** mainly in negative sentences (**He isn't** here **yet**) and questions (**Is he** here **yet**?). **Yet** shows that the speaker is expecting something to happen.

**Yet** usually goes at the end of a sentence:

- ☐ It's 10 o'clock and Joe **isn't** here **yet**.
- ☐ **Have** you **met** your new neighbours **yet**?
- ☐ 'Where are you going on holiday?' 'We **don't** know **yet**.'

We often use **yet** with the *present perfect* (**Have** you **met** ... **yet**?). See Unit 7D.

Compare **yet** and **still**:

- ☐ Mike lost his job six months ago and **is still** unemployed.  
Mike lost his job six months ago and **hasn't found** another job **yet**.
- ☐ **Is it still** raining?  
**Has it stopped** raining **yet**?

**Still** is also possible in *negative* sentences (before the negative):

- ☐ She said she would be here an hour ago and she **still hasn't** come.

This is similar to 'she hasn't come **yet**'. But **still ... not** shows a stronger feeling of surprise or impatience. Compare:

- ☐ I sent him an invitation last week. He **hasn't** replied **yet**. (but I expect he will reply soon)
- ☐ I sent him an invitation weeks ago and he **still hasn't** replied. (he should have replied before now)

## D

## Already

We use **already** to say that something happened sooner than expected. **Already** usually goes in the middle of a sentence (see Unit 110):

- ☐ 'What time is Sue leaving?' 'She has **already** left.' (= sooner than you expected)
- ☐ Shall I tell Joe what happened or does he **already** know?
- ☐ I've just had lunch and I'm **already** hungry.



## Exercises

- 111.1** Compare what Paul said a few years ago with what he says now. Some things are the same as before and some things have changed. Write sentences with **still** and **any more**.



Paul a few years ago

I travel a lot.  
I work in a shop.  
I write poems.  
I want to be a teacher.  
I'm interested in politics.  
I'm single.  
I go fishing a lot.



Paul now

I travel a lot.  
I work in a hospital.  
I gave up writing poems.  
I want to be a teacher.  
I'm not interested in politics.  
I'm single.  
I haven't been fishing for years.

- |             |  |              |       |
|-------------|--|--------------|-------|
| 1 (travel)  | <u>He still travels a lot.</u>             | 5 (politics) | ..... |
| 2 (shop)    | <u>He doesn't work in a shop any more.</u> | 6 (single)   | ..... |
| 3 (poems)   | He .....                                   | 7 (fishing)  | ..... |
| 4 (teacher) | .....                                      | 8 (beard)    | ..... |

Now write three sentences about Paul using **no longer**.

- |    |                                      |    |       |
|----|--------------------------------------|----|-------|
| 9  | <u>He no longer works in a shop.</u> | 11 | ..... |
| 10 | .....                                | 12 | ..... |

- 111.2** For each sentence (with **still**) write a sentence with a similar meaning using **not ... yet** + one of the following verbs:

**decide find finish go stop take off wake up**

- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 It's still raining.                       | <u>It hasn't stopped raining yet.</u> |
| 2 Gary is still here.                       | He .....                              |
| 3 They're still repairing the road.         | They .....                            |
| 4 The children are still asleep.            | .....                                 |
| 5 Is Ann still looking for a place to live? | ..... ?                               |
| 6 I'm still wondering what to do.           | .....                                 |
| 7 The plane is still waiting on the runway. | .....                                 |

- 111.3** Put in **still**, **yet**, **already** or **any more** in the underlined sentence (or part of the sentence). Study the examples carefully.

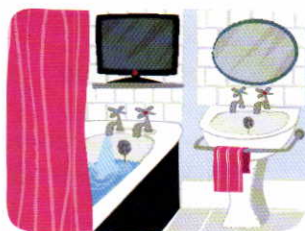
- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 Mike lost his job a year ago and <u>he is unemployed</u> .                    | <u>he is still unemployed</u>  |
| 2 Shall I tell Joe what happened or <u>does he know?</u>                        | <u>does he already know?</u>   |
| 3 I'm hungry. <u>Is dinner ready?</u>   | <u>Is dinner ready yet?</u>    |
| 4 I was hungry earlier, but <u>I'm not hungry</u> .                             | <u>I'm not hungry any more</u> |
| 5 Can we wait a few minutes? <u>I don't want to go out.</u>                     | .....                          |
| 6 Amy used to work at the airport, but <u>she doesn't work there</u> .          | .....                          |
| 7 I used to live in Amsterdam. <u>I have a lot of friends there</u> .           | .....                          |
| 8 'Shall I introduce you to Joe?' 'There's no need. <u>We've met.</u> '         | .....                          |
| 9 <u>Do you live in the same place</u> or have you moved?                       | .....                          |
| 10 Would you like to eat with us or <u>have you eaten?</u>                      | .....                          |
| 11 'Where's John?' ' <u>He's not here</u> . He'll be here soon.'                | .....                          |
| 12 Tim said he'd be here at 8.30. It's 9 o'clock now and <u>he isn't here</u> . | .....                          |
| 13 Do you want to join the club or <u>are you a member?</u>                     | .....                          |
| 14 It happened a long time ago, but <u>I can remember it very clearly</u> .     | .....                          |
| 15 I've put on weight. <u>These trousers don't fit me</u> .                     | .....                          |
| 16 ' <u>Have you finished with the paper?</u> ' 'No, <u>I'm reading it.</u> '   | .....                          |



A

Study this example situation:

Tina loves watching television.

She has a TV in every room of the house,  
**even** the bathroom.We use **even** to say that something is unusual  
or surprising. It is not usual to have a TV  
in the bathroom.

Some more examples:

- ☐ These pictures are really awful. **Even** I take better pictures than these.  
(and I'm certainly not a good photographer)
- ☐ He always wears a coat, **even in hot weather**.
- ☐ The print was very small. I couldn't read it, **even with glasses**.
- ☐ Nobody would help her, **not even her best friend**.

or **Not even** her best friend would help her.

B

You can use **even** with the verb in the middle of a sentence (see Unit 110):

- ☐ Sue has travelled all over the world. She has **even** been to the Antarctic.  
(It's especially unusual to go to the Antarctic, so she must have travelled a lot.)
- ☐ They are very rich. They **even** have their own private jet.

Study these examples with **even** after a negative (**not/can't/don't** etc.):

- ☐ I can't cook. I **can't even** boil an egg. (and boiling an egg is very easy)
- ☐ They weren't very friendly to us. They **didn't even** say hello.
- ☐ Jessica is very fit. She's just run five miles and she's **not even** out of breath.

C

You can use **even** + comparative (**cheaper / more expensive** etc.):

- ☐ I got up very early, but Jack got up **even earlier**.
- ☐ I knew I didn't have much money, but I've got **even less** than I thought.
- ☐ We were surprised to get an email from her. We were **even more surprised** when she came to see us a few days later.

D

**Even though / even when / even if**We use **even though / even when / even if** + *subject + verb*:

- ☐ **Even though** she can't drive, she bought a car.  
*subject + verb*
- ☐ He never shouts, **even when he's** angry.
- ☐ This river is dangerous. It's dangerous to swim in it, **even if you're** a strong swimmer.

You cannot use **even** in this way (+ *subject + verb*). We say:

- ☐ **Even though she can't** drive, she bought a car. (*not* Even she can't drive)
- ☐ I can't reach the shelf **even if I stand** on a chair. (*not* even I stand)

Compare **even if** and **if**:

- ☐ We're going to the beach tomorrow. It doesn't matter what the weather is like.  
We're going **even if** it's raining.
- ☐ We want to go to the beach tomorrow, but we won't go **if** it's raining.



- 112.1** Amy, Kate and Lisa are three friends who went on holiday together. Use the information given about them to complete the sentences using **even** or **not even**.

Amy

is usually happy  
is usually on time  
likes getting up early  
is very interested in art



Kate

isn't very keen on art  
is usually miserable  
usually hates hotels  
hasn't got a camera



Lisa

is almost always late  
is a keen photographer  
loves staying in hotels  
isn't very good at getting up



- They stayed at a hotel. Everybody liked it, even Kate.
- They arranged to meet. They all arrived on time, .....
- They went to an art gallery. Nobody enjoyed it, .....
- Yesterday they had to get up early. They all managed to do this, .....
- They were together yesterday. They were all in a good mood, .....
- None of them took any pictures, .....

- 112.2** Make sentences with **even**. Use the words in brackets.

- Sue has been all over the world. (the Antarctic) She has even been to the Antarctic.
- We painted the whole room. (the floor) We .....
- Rachel has met lots of famous people. (the prime minister)  
She .....
- You could hear the noise from a long way away. (from the next street)  
You .....

In the following sentences you have to use **not ... even**.

- They didn't say anything to us. (hello) They didn't even say hello.
- I can't remember anything about her. (her name)  
I .....
- There isn't anything to do in this town. (a cinema)  
.....
- He didn't tell anybody where he was going. (his wife)  
.....
- I don't know anyone in our street. (the people next door)  
.....

- 112.3** Complete the sentences using **even + comparative**.

- It was very hot yesterday, but today it's even hotter.
- The church is 500 years old, but the house next to it is .....
- That's a very good idea, but I've got an ..... one.
- The first question was very difficult to answer. The second one was .....
- I did very badly in the exam, but most of my friends did .....
- Neither of us was hungry. I ate very little and my friend ate .....

- 112.4** Put in **if**, **even**, **even if** or **even though**.

- Even though she can't drive, she has bought a car.
- The bus leaves in five minutes, but we can still catch it ..... we run.
- The bus leaves in two minutes. We won't catch it now ..... we run.
- His Spanish isn't very good, ..... after three years in Spain.
- His Spanish isn't very good, ..... he lived in Spain for three years.
- ..... with the heating on, it was cold in the house.
- I couldn't sleep ..... I was very tired.
- I won't forgive them for what they did, ..... they apologise.
- ..... I hadn't eaten anything for 24 hours, I wasn't hungry.



# Although / though / even though

## In spite of / despite

**A** Study this example situation:



Last year Paul and Sarah had a holiday by the sea. It rained a lot, but they enjoyed it.

You can say:

**Although it rained** a lot, they enjoyed it.  
(= It rained a lot, *but* they ...)

or

**In spite of** } the rain, they enjoyed it.  
**Despite** }

**B** After **although** we use a *subject + verb*:

- ☐ **Although it rained** a lot, we enjoyed our holiday.
- ☐ I didn't get the job **although I had** the necessary qualifications.

Compare the meaning of **although** and **because**:

- ☐ We went out **although** it was raining heavily.
- ☐ We didn't go out **because** it was raining heavily.

**C** After **in spite of** or **despite**, we use a *noun*, a *pronoun* (**this/that/what** etc.) or *-ing*:

- ☐ **In spite of the rain**, we enjoyed our holiday.
- ☐ I didn't get the job **in spite of having** the necessary qualifications.
- ☐ She wasn't well, but **in spite of this** she continued working.
- ☐ **In spite of what** I said yesterday, I still love you.

**Despite** is the same as **in spite of**. We say **in spite of**, but **despite** (*without* of):

- ☐ She wasn't well, but **despite this** she continued working. (*not* despite of this)

You can **say in spite of the fact (that) ...** and **despite the fact (that) ...**:

- ☐ I didn't get the job { **in spite of the fact (that)** } I had the necessary qualifications.  
  **despite the fact (that)** }

Compare **in spite of** and **because of**:

- ☐ We went out **in spite of the rain**. (*or ... despite the rain.*)
- ☐ We didn't go out **because of the rain**.

**D** Compare **although** and **in spite of / despite**:

- ☐ **Although the traffic was** bad, } we arrived on time. (*not* In spite of the traffic was bad)  
  **In spite of the traffic,** }
- ☐ I couldn't sleep { **although I was** very tired. (*not* despite I was tired)  
  **despite being** very tired.

**E** **Though** is the same as **although**:

- ☐ I didn't get the job **though** I had the necessary qualifications.

In spoken English we often use **though** at the end of a sentence:

- ☐ The house isn't so nice. I like the garden **though**. (= but I like the garden)
- ☐ I see them every day. I've never spoken to them **though**. (= but I've never spoken to them)

**Even though** (*but not 'even' alone*) is a stronger form of **although**:

- ☐ **Even though** I was really tired, I couldn't sleep. (*not* Even I was really tired ...)



## Exercises

**113.1** Complete the sentences. Use **although** + a sentence from the box.

I didn't speak the language well	<del>he has a very important job</del>
I had never seen her before	we don't like them very much
it was quite cold	the heating was on
I'd met her twice before	we've known each other a long time

- 1 Although he has a very important job , he isn't particularly well-paid.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ , I recognised her from a photograph.
- 3 She wasn't wearing a coat \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 We thought we'd better invite them to the party \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ , I managed to make myself understood.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ , the room wasn't warm.
- 7 I didn't recognise her \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 We're not very good friends \_\_\_\_\_.

**113.2** Complete the sentences with **although** / **in spite of** / **because** / **because of**.

- 1 Although it rained a lot, we enjoyed our holiday.
- 2 a \_\_\_\_\_ all our careful plans, a lot of things went wrong.  
b \_\_\_\_\_ we'd planned everything carefully, a lot of things went wrong.
- 3 a I went home early \_\_\_\_\_ I was feeling unwell.  
b I went to work the next day \_\_\_\_\_ I was still feeling unwell.
- 4 a She only accepted the job \_\_\_\_\_ the salary, which was very high.  
b She accepted the job \_\_\_\_\_ the salary, which was rather low.
- 5 a I managed to get to sleep \_\_\_\_\_ there was a lot of noise.  
b I couldn't get to sleep \_\_\_\_\_ the noise.

Use your own ideas to complete the following sentences:

- 6 a He passed the exam although \_\_\_\_\_.
- b He passed the exam because \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 a I didn't eat anything although \_\_\_\_\_.
- b I didn't eat anything in spite of \_\_\_\_\_.

**113.3** Make one sentence from two. Use the word(s) in brackets in your sentences.

- 1 I couldn't sleep. I was very tired. (despite)  
I couldn't sleep despite being very tired.
- 2 They have very little money. They are happy. (in spite of)  
In spite of \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 My foot was injured. I managed to walk home. (although)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I enjoyed the film. The story was silly. (in spite of)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 We live in the same street. We hardly ever see each other. (despite)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 I got very wet in the rain. I was only out for five minutes. (even though)  
\_\_\_\_\_

**113.4** Use the words in brackets to make a sentence with **though** at the end.

- 1 The house isn't very nice. (like / garden) I like the garden though.
- 2 It's warm today. (very windy) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 We didn't like the food. (ate) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Liz is very nice. (don't like / husband) I \_\_\_\_\_



## In case

A Study this example situation:



Your car should have a spare wheel because it is possible you will have a puncture.

Your car should have a spare wheel **in case** you have a puncture.

**In case** you have a puncture = because it is possible you will have a puncture.

Some more examples of **in case**:

- ☐ I'll leave my mobile phone switched on **in case Jane calls**. (= because it is possible she will call)
- ☐ I'll draw a map for you **in case you have problems finding our house**. (= because it is possible you will have problems)
- ☐ I'll remind them about the meeting **in case they've forgotten**. (= because it is possible they have forgotten)

We use **just in case** for a smaller possibility:

- ☐ I don't think it will rain, but I'll take an umbrella **just in case**. (= **just in case** it rains)

Do not use **will** after **in case**. Use a present tense for the future (see Unit 25):

- ☐ I'll leave my phone switched on **in case Jane calls**. (*not in case Jane will call*)

B **In case** is not the same as **if**. We use **in case** to say *why* somebody does (or doesn't do) something. You do something *now* **in case** something happens *later*.

Compare:

**in case**

- ☐ We'll buy some more food **in case** Tom comes.  
(= Maybe Tom will come. We'll buy some more food now, whether he comes or not; then we'll *already* have the food *if* he comes.)
- ☐ I'll give you my phone number **in case** you need to contact me.
- ☐ You should insure your bike **in case** it is stolen.

**if**

- ☐ We'll buy some more food **if** Tom comes.  
(= Maybe Tom will come. If he comes, we'll buy some more food; if he doesn't come, we won't buy any more food.)
- ☐ You can call me on this number **if** you need to contact me.
- ☐ You should inform the police **if** your bike is stolen.

C You can use **in case** + *past* to say why somebody did something:

- ☐ I left my phone switched on **in case Jane called**. (= because it was possible that Jane would call)
- ☐ I drew a map for Sarah **in case she had problems finding the house**.
- ☐ We rang the doorbell again **in case they hadn't heard it the first time**.

D **In case of** is not the same as **in case**. **In case of** ... = if there is ... (especially on notices etc.):

- ☐ **In case of fire**, please leave the building as quickly as possible. (= if there is a fire)
- ☐ **In case of emergency**, call this number. (= if there is an emergency)



## Exercises

**114.1** Sophie is going for a long walk in the country. You think she should take:

~~some chocolate~~    a map    an anorak    a camera    some water

You think she should take these things because:

it's possible she'll get lost                      ~~she might get hungry~~  
perhaps she'll be thirsty                      maybe it will rain  
she might want to take some pictures

What do you say to Sophie? Write sentences with **in case**.

- 1 Take some chocolate in case you get hungry.
- 2 Take .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....

**114.2** What do you say in these situations? Use **in case**.

- 1 It's possible that Jane will need to contact you, so you agree to give her your phone number.  
You say: I'll give you my phone number in case you need to contact me.
- 2 A friend of yours is going away for a long time. Maybe you won't see her again before she goes, so you decide to say goodbye now.  
You say: I'll say goodbye now .....
- 3 You are shopping in a supermarket with a friend. You think you have everything you need, but maybe you forgot something. Your friend has the list. You ask her to check it.  
You say: Can you ..... ?
- 4 You advise a friend about using a computer. You think he should back up (= copy) his files because maybe there will be a problem with his computer (and he could lose all his data).  
You say: You should back up .....

**114.3** Complete the sentences using **in case**.

- 1 There was a possibility that Jane would call. So I left my phone switched on.  
I left my phone switched on in case Jane called.
- 2 I thought that I might forget the name of the book. So I wrote it down.  
I wrote down the name of the book .....
- 3 I thought my parents might be worried about me. So I phoned them.  
I phoned my parents .....
- 4 I sent an email to Lisa, but she didn't reply. So I sent another email because maybe she didn't get the first one.  
I sent her another email .....
- 5 I met some people when I was on holiday in France. They said they might come to London one day. I live in London, so I gave them my phone number.  
I gave them my phone number .....

**114.4** Put in **in case** or **if**.

- 1 I'll draw a map for you in case you have problems finding our house.
- 2 You should tell the police if you have any information about the crime.
- 3 I hope you'll come to Australia sometime. .... you come, you must visit us.
- 4 This book belongs to Susan. Can you give it to her ..... you see her?
- 5 Write your name and phone number on your bag ..... you lose it.
- 6 Go to the lost property office ..... you lose your bag.
- 7 The burglar alarm will ring ..... somebody tries to break into the house.
- 8 You should lock your bike to something ..... somebody tries to steal it.
- 9 I was advised to get insurance ..... I needed medical treatment while I was abroad.



## A

## Unless

Study this example situation:

The club is for members only.

You can't go in **unless you are a member**.

This means:

You can't go in *except if* you are a member.

You can go in *only if* you are a member.

**Unless** = except if.



Some more examples of **unless**:

- ☐ I'll see you tomorrow **unless I have to work late**. (= except if I have to work late)
- ☐ There are no buses to the beach. **Unless you have a car**, it's difficult to get there. (= except if you have a car)
- ☐ 'Shall I tell Liz what happened?' **'Not unless she asks you.'** (= only if she asks you)
- ☐ Sally hates to complain. She wouldn't complain about something **unless it was really bad**. (= except if it was really bad)
- ☐ We can take a taxi to the restaurant – **unless you'd prefer to walk**. (= except if you'd prefer to walk)

Instead of **unless** it is often possible to say **if ... not**:

- ☐ **Unless we leave now**, we'll be late. or **If we don't leave now**, we'll ...

## B

## As long as / provided / providing

**as long as** or **so long as**  
**provided (that)** or **providing (that)** } All these expressions mean 'if' or 'on condition that'.

For example:

- ☐ You can borrow my car { **as long as** / **so long as** } you promise not to drive too fast.  
(= you can borrow my car, but you must promise not to drive too fast – this is a condition)
- ☐ Travelling by car is convenient { **provided (that)** / **providing (that)** } you have somewhere to park.  
(= but only if you have somewhere to park)
- ☐ **Providing (that)** / **Provided (that)** } the room is clean, I don't mind which hotel we stay at.  
(= the room must be clean – otherwise I don't mind)

## C

## Unless / as long as etc. for the future

When you are talking about the future, do *not* use **will** after **unless** / **as long as** / **so long as** / **provided** / **providing**. Use a *present* tense (see Unit 25):

- ☐ I'm not going out **unless it stops** raining. (*not unless it will stop*)
- ☐ **Providing** the weather **is** good, we're going to have a picnic tomorrow.  
(*not providing the weather will be good*)



## Exercises

**115.1** Write a new sentence with the same meaning. Use **unless** in your sentence.

- 1 You must try a bit harder or you won't pass the exam.  
 You won't pass the exam unless you try a bit harder.

- 2 Listen carefully or you won't know what to do.  
 You won't know what to do

- 3 She must apologise to me or I'll never speak to her again.

- 4 You have to speak very slowly or he won't be able to understand you.

- 5 Business must improve soon or the company will have to close.

**115.2** Write sentences with **unless**.

- 1 The club isn't open to everyone. You're allowed in only if you're a member.  
 You aren't allowed in the club unless you're a member.

- 2 I don't want to go to the party alone. I'm going only if you go too.  
 I'm not going

- 3 Don't worry about the dog. It will attack you only if you move suddenly.  
 The dog

- 4 Ben isn't very talkative. He'll speak to you only if you ask him something.  
 Ben

- 5 Today is a public holiday. The doctor will see you only if it's an emergency.  
 The doctor

**115.3** Which is correct?

- 1 You can borrow my car unless / as long as you promise not to drive too fast.  
 (as long as is correct)
- 2 I'm playing tennis tomorrow unless / providing it rains.
- 3 I'm playing tennis tomorrow unless / providing it doesn't rain.
- 4 I don't mind if you come home late unless / as long as you come in quietly.
- 5 I'm going now unless / provided you want me to stay.
- 6 I don't watch TV unless / as long as I've got nothing else to do.
- 7 Children are allowed to use the swimming pool unless / provided they are with an adult.
- 8 Unless / Provided they are with an adult, children are not allowed to use the swimming pool.
- 9 We can sit here in the corner unless / as long as you'd rather sit over there by the window.
- 10 A: Our holiday cost a lot of money.  
 B: Did it? Well, that doesn't matter unless / as long as you enjoyed yourselves.

**115.4** Use your own ideas to complete these sentences.

- 1 We'll be late unless we get a taxi
- 2 I like hot weather as long as
- 3 It takes about 20 minutes to drive to the airport provided
- 4 I don't mind walking home as long as
- 5 I like to walk to work in the morning unless
- 6 We can meet tomorrow unless
- 7 I can lend you the money providing
- 8 You won't achieve anything unless



# As (As I walked along the street ... / As I was hungry ...)

## A

**As** = at the same time as

You can use **as** when two things happen at the same time:

- ☐ We all waved goodbye to Liz **as** she drove away.  
(We **waved** and she **drove** away at the same time)
- ☐ **As** I walked along the street, I looked in the shop windows.
- ☐ Can you turn off the light **as** you go out, please?



Or you can say that something happened **as you were doing** something else (in the middle of doing something else):

- ☐ Kate slipped **as she was getting off** the bus.
- ☐ We met Paul **as we were leaving** the hotel.

For the *past continuous* (**was getting** / **were going** etc.), see Unit 6.

You can also use **just as** (= exactly at that moment):

- ☐ **Just as** I sat down, the doorbell rang.
- ☐ I had to leave **just as** the conversation was getting interesting.

We also use **as** when two things happen together in a longer period of time:

- ☐ **As** the day went on, the weather got worse.
- ☐ I began to enjoy the job more **as** I got used to it.

the day went on

the weather got worse

Compare **as** and **when**:

We use **as** only if two things happen at the same time.

- ☐ **As I drove home**, I listened to music.  
(= at the same time)

Use **when** (*not as*) if one thing happens after another.

- ☐ **When I got home**, I had something to eat. (*not As I got home*)

## B

**As** = because

**As** also means 'because':

- ☐ **As I was hungry**, I decided to find somewhere to eat. (= because I was hungry)
- ☐ **As we have plenty of time** before our flight, let's go and have a coffee.
- ☐ We watched TV all evening **as we didn't have anything better to do**.
- ☐ **As I don't watch television any more**, I gave my TV to a friend of mine.

You can also use **since** in this way:

- ☐ **Since** we have plenty of time, let's go and have a coffee.

Compare **as** (= because) and **when**:

- ☐ I couldn't contact David **as he was on holiday**. (= because he was on holiday)

- ☐ **As they lived near us**, we used to see them quite often.  
(= because they lived near us)

- ☐ David's passport was stolen **when he was on holiday**.  
(= during the time he was away)

- ☐ **When they lived near us**, we used to see them quite often.  
(= at the time they lived near us)



## 116.1 (Section A) Use **as** to join sentences from the boxes.

- 1 ~~We all waved goodbye to Liz~~
- 2 I listened
- 3 I burnt myself
- 4 The crowd cheered
- 5 A dog ran out in front of the car

- we were driving along the road  
I was taking a hot dish out of the oven  
~~she drove away~~  
she told me her story  
the two teams came onto the field

- 1 We all waved goodbye to Liz as she drove away.
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....

## 116.2 (Section B) Join sentences from the boxes. Begin each sentence with **as**.

- 1 ~~I was hungry~~
- 2 today is a public holiday
- 3 I didn't want to disturb anybody
- 4 I don't know what to do
- 5 none of us had a watch

- I need some advice  
I was very quiet  
~~I decided to find somewhere to eat~~  
we didn't know what time it was  
many of the shops are shut

- 1 As I was hungry, I decided to find somewhere to eat.
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....

## 116.3 What does **as** mean in these sentences?

*because*      *at the same time as*

- |  |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|
| 1 <b>As</b> they live near us, we see them quite often.                    | <u>✓</u> | .....    |
| 2 Kate slipped <b>as</b> she was getting off the bus.                      | .....    | <u>✓</u> |
| 3 <b>As</b> I was tired, I went to bed early.                              | .....    | .....    |
| 4 Unfortunately, <b>as</b> I was parking the car, I hit the car behind me. | .....    | .....    |
| 5 <b>As</b> we climbed the hill, we got more and more tired.               | .....    | .....    |
| 6 We decided to go out to eat <b>as</b> we had no food at home.            | .....    | .....    |
| 7 <b>As</b> we don't use the car very often, we've decided to sell it.     | .....    | .....    |

## 116.4 In some of these sentences, you need **when** (not **as**). Correct the sentences where necessary.

- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 1 Julia got married <u>as she was 22</u> .                      | <u>when she was 22</u> |
| 2 As the day went on, the weather got worse.                    | <u>OK</u>              |
| 3 He dropped the glass as he was taking it out of the cupboard. | .....                  |
| 4 I lost my phone as I was in London.                           | .....                  |
| 5 As I left school, I didn't know what to do.                   | .....                  |
| 6 The train slowed down as it approached the station.           | .....                  |
| 7 I used to live near the sea as I was a child.                 | .....                  |

## 116.5 Use your own ideas to complete these sentences.

- 1 I saw you as .....
- 2 It started to rain just as .....
- 3 As I didn't have enough money for a taxi, .....
- 4 Just as I took the picture, .....



## Like and as

A

**Like** = 'similar to', 'the same as'. You cannot use **as** in this way:

- ☐ What a beautiful house! It's **like a palace**. (*not as a palace*)
- ☐ 'What does Sandra do?' 'She's a teacher, **like me**.' (*not as me*)
- ☐ Be careful! The floor has been polished. It's **like walking on ice**. (*not as walking*)
- ☐ It's raining again. I hate weather **like this**. (*not as this*)

In these sentences, **like** is a *preposition*. So it is followed by a *noun* (like **a palace**), a *pronoun* (like **me** / like **this**) or *-ing* (like **walking**).

You can also say '... **like** (somebody/something) **doing** something':

- ☐ 'What's that noise?' 'It sounds **like a baby crying**.'

Sometimes **like** = for example:

- ☐ I enjoy water sports, **like surfing, scuba diving and water-skiing**.

You can also use **such as** (= for example):

- ☐ I enjoy water sports, **such as surfing, scuba diving and water-skiing**.

B

**As** = in the same way as, or in the same condition as. We use **as** before *subject + verb*:

- ☐ I didn't move anything. I left everything **as it was**.
- ☐ You should have done it **as I showed you**.

We also use **like** in this way:

- ☐ I left everything **like it was**.

Compare **as** and **like**:

- ☐ You should have done it **as I showed you**. or ... **like I showed you**.
- ☐ You should have done it **like this**. (*not as this*)

Note that we say **as usual** / **as always**:

- ☐ You're late **as usual**.
- ☐ **As always**, Nick was the first to complain.

C

Sometimes **as** (+ *subject + verb*) has other meanings. For example, after **do**:

- ☐ You can do **as you like**. (= do what you like)
- ☐ They did **as they promised**. (= They did what they promised.)

We also say **as you know** / **as I said** / **as she expected** / **as I thought** etc. :

- ☐ **As you know**, it's Emma's birthday next week. (= you know this already)
- ☐ Andy failed his driving test, **as he expected**. (= he expected this before)

**Like** is not usual in these expressions, except with **say** (**like I said**):

- ☐ **As I said** yesterday, I'm sure we can solve the problem. or **Like I said** yesterday ...

D

**As** can also be a *preposition*, but the meaning is different from **like**.

Compare:

- ☐ **As a taxi driver**, I spend most of my working life in a car.  
(I am a taxi driver, that is my job)

- ☐ Everyone wants me to drive them to places. I'm **like a taxi driver**.  
(I'm not a taxi driver, but I'm like one)

**As** (*preposition*) = in the position of, in the form of etc. :

- ☐ Many years ago I worked **as a photographer**. (*not like a photographer*)
- ☐ Many words, for example 'work' and 'rain', can be used **as verbs or nouns**.
- ☐ London is fine **as a place to visit**, but I wouldn't like to live there.
- ☐ The news of the tragedy came **as a great shock**.



## Exercises

**117.1** In some of these sentences, you need **like** (not **as**). Correct the sentences where necessary.

- 1 It's raining again. I hate weather as this. weather like this
- 2 Andy failed his driving test, as he expected. OK
- 3 Do you think Lisa looks as her mother? .....
- 4 Tim gets on my nerves. I can't stand people as him. ....
- 5 Why didn't you do it as I told you to do it? .....
- 6 Brian is a student, as most of his friends. ....
- 7 You never listen. Talking to you is as talking to the wall. ....
- 8 As I said before, I'm thinking of changing my job. ....
- 9 Tom's idea seems a good one. Let's do as he suggests. ....
- 10 I'll phone you tomorrow as usual, OK? .....
- 11 Suddenly there was a terrible noise. It was as a bomb exploding. ....
- 12 She's a very good swimmer. She swims as a fish. ....

**117.2** Complete the sentences using **like** or **as** + the following:

a beginner	blocks of ice	<del>a palace</del>	a birthday present
a child	a theatre	winter	a tour guide

- 1 This house is beautiful. It's like a palace.
- 2 My feet are really cold. They're .....
- 3 I've been playing tennis for years, but I still play .....
- 4 Marion once had a part-time job .....
- 5 I wonder what that building is. It looks .....
- 6 My brother gave me this watch ..... a long time ago.
- 7 It's very cold for the middle of summer. It's .....
- 8 He's 22 years old, but he sometimes behaves .....

**117.3** Put in **like** or **as**. Sometimes either word is possible.

- 1 We heard a noise like a baby crying.
- 2 Your English is very fluent. I wish I could speak ..... you.
- 3 Don't take my advice if you don't want to. You can do ..... you like.
- 4 You waste too much time doing things ..... sitting in cafes all day.
- 5 I wish I had a car ..... yours.
- 6 You don't need to change clothes. You can go out ..... you are.
- 7 My neighbour's house is full of interesting things. It's ..... a museum.
- 8 We saw Kevin last night. He was very cheerful, ..... always.
- 9 Sally has been working ..... a waitress for the last two months.
- 10 In several countries in Asia, ..... Japan, Indonesia and Thailand, traffic drives on the left.
- 11 You're different from the other people I know. I don't know anyone else ..... you.
- 12 We don't need all the bedrooms in the house, so we use one of them ..... a study.
- 13 The news that Sarah and Gary were getting married came ..... a complete surprise to me.
- 14 ..... her father, Catherine has a very good voice.
- 15 At the moment I've got a temporary job in a bookshop. It's not great, but it's OK ..... a temporary job.
- 16 ..... you can imagine, we were very tired after such a long journey.
- 17 This tea is awful. It tastes ..... water.
- 18 I think I prefer this room ..... it was, before we decorated it.



## Like / as if / as though

A

You can use **like** to say how somebody or something **looks/sounds/feels**:

- ☐ That house **looks like** it's going to fall down.
- ☐ Helen **sounded like** she had a cold, didn't she?
- ☐ I've just got back from holiday, but I feel very tired. I don't **feel like** I've had a holiday.

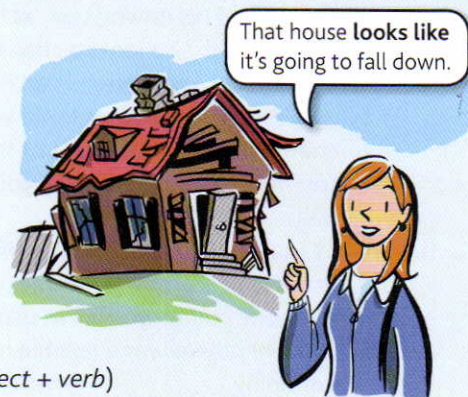
You can also use **as if** or **as though** in all these examples:

- ☐ That house **looks as if** it's going to fall down.
- ☐ Helen **sounded as if** she had a cold, didn't she?
- ☐ I don't **feel as though** I've had a holiday.

Compare:

- ☐ You **look tired**. (**look** + *adjective*)
- ☐ You **look like you haven't slept**. (**look like** + *subject* + *verb*)

**As if** and **as though** are more formal than **like**.



B

You can say **It looks like ... / It sounds like ...**:

- ☐ Sarah is very late, isn't she? **It looks like** she isn't coming.
- ☐ We took an umbrella because **it looked like** it was going to rain.
- ☐ The noise is very loud next door. **It sounds like** they're having a party.

You can also use **as if** or **as though**:

- ☐ It **looks as if** she isn't coming. *or*  
It **looks as though** she isn't coming.
- ☐ It **looked as if** it was going to rain.
- ☐ It **sounds as though** they're having a party.



C

You can use **like / as if / as though** with other verbs to say how somebody does something:

- ☐ He ran **like he was running for his life**.
- ☐ After the interruption, the speaker went on talking **as if nothing had happened**.
- ☐ When I told them my plan, they looked at me **as though I was mad**.

D

After **as if** (or **as though**), we sometimes use the *past* when we are talking about the *present*.

For example:

- ☐ I don't like Tim. He talks as if he **knew** everything.

The meaning is not past in this sentence. We use the past (as if he **knew**) because the idea is not real: Tim does *not* know everything. We use the past in the same way in other sentences with **if** and **wish** (see Unit 39).

**Like** is not normally used in this way.

Some more examples:

- ☐ She's always asking me to do things for her – **as if I didn't** have enough to do already. (I *do* have enough to do)
- ☐ Gary's only 40. Why do you talk about him **as if he was** an old man? (he isn't an old man)

When you use the past in this way, you can use **were** instead of **was**:

- ☐ Why do you talk about him **as if he were** (or **was**) an old man?
- ☐ They treat me **as if I were** (or **was**) their own son. (I'm not their son)



## Exercises

**118.1** What do you say in these situations? Use the words in brackets to make your sentence.

- 1 You meet Bill. He has a black eye and some plasters on his face. (look / like / be / a fight)  
You say to him: You look like you've been in a fight.
- 2 Claire comes into the room. She looks absolutely terrified. (look / like / see / a ghost)  
You say to her: What's the matter? You .....
- 3 Joe is on holiday. He's talking to you on the phone and sounds happy. (sound / as if / have / a good time)  
You say to him: You .....
- 4 You have just run one kilometre. You are absolutely exhausted. (feel / like / run / a marathon)  
You say to a friend: I .....

**118.2** Make sentences beginning **It looks like ... / It sounds like ...**

you should see a doctor	there's been an accident	they're having an argument
it's going to rain	<del>she isn't coming</del>	we'll have to walk

- 1 Sarah said she would be here an hour ago.  
You say: It looks like she isn't coming.
- 2 The sky is full of black clouds.  
You say: It .....
- 3 You hear two people shouting at each other next door.  
You say: .....
- 4 You see an ambulance, some policemen and two damaged cars at the side of the road.  
You say: .....
- 5 You and a friend have just missed the last bus home.  
You say: .....
- 6 Dave isn't feeling well. He tells you all about it.  
You say: .....

**118.3** Complete the sentences with **as if**. Choose from the box, putting the verbs in the correct form.

she / enjoy / it	I / go / be sick	he / not / eat / for a week
<del>he / need / a good rest</del>	she / hurt / her leg	he / mean / what he / say
I / not / exist	she / not / want / come	

- 1 Mark looks very tired. He looks as if he needs a good rest.
- 2 I don't think Paul was joking. He looked .....
- 3 What's the matter with Amanda? She's walking .....
- 4 Peter was extremely hungry and ate his dinner very quickly.  
He ate .....
- 5 Tanya had a bored expression on her face during the movie.  
She didn't look .....
- 6 I've just eaten too many chocolates. Now I don't feel well.  
I feel .....
- 7 I phoned Liz and invited her to the party, but she wasn't very enthusiastic about it.  
She sounded .....
- 8 I went into the office, but nobody spoke to me or looked at me.  
Everybody ignored me .....

**118.4** These sentences are like the ones in Section D. Complete each sentence using **as if**.

- 1 Andy is a terrible driver. He drives as if he were the only driver on the road.
- 2 I'm 20 years old, so please don't talk to me ..... I ..... a child.
- 3 Steve has never met Nicola, but he talks about her ..... his best friend.
- 4 It was a long time ago that we first met, but I remember it ..... yesterday.



## For, during and while

## A

## For and during

We use **for** + a period of time to say how long something goes on:

for **two hours**      for **a week**      for **ages**

- ☐ We watched TV **for two hours** last night.
- ☐ Jess is going away **for a week** in September.
- ☐ Where have you been? I've been waiting **for ages**.
- ☐ Are you going away **for the weekend**?

We use **during** + *noun* to say when something happens (*not* how long):

during **the movie**    during **our holiday**    during **the night**

- ☐ I fell asleep **during the movie**.
- ☐ We met some really nice people **during our holiday**.
- ☐ The ground is wet. It must have rained **during the night**.



I fell asleep **during the movie**.

With 'time words' (for example: **the morning** / **the afternoon** / **the summer**), you can usually say **in** or **during**:

- ☐ It must have rained **in the night**. or ... **during the night**.
- ☐ I'll phone you sometime **during the afternoon**. or ... **in the afternoon**.

You cannot use **during** to say how long something goes on:

- ☐ It rained **for** three days without stopping. (*not* during three days)

Compare **during** and **for**:

- ☐ I fell asleep **during the movie**. I was asleep **for half an hour**.

## B

## During and while

Compare:

We use **during** + *noun*:

- ☐ I fell asleep **during the movie**.  
└─ *noun* ─┘
- ☐ We met a lot of interesting people **during our holiday**.
- ☐ Robert suddenly began to feel ill **during the exam**.

We use **while** + *subject + verb*:

- ☐ I fell asleep **while I was watching TV**.  
└─ *subject + verb* ─┘
- ☐ We met a lot of interesting people **while we were on holiday**.
- ☐ Robert suddenly began to feel ill **while he was doing the exam**.

Some more examples of **while**:

- ☐ We saw Clare **while we were waiting** for the bus.
- ☐ **While you were** out, there was a phone call for you.
- ☐ Alex read a book **while I watched TV**.

When you are talking about the future, use the *present* (*not* will) after **while**:

- ☐ I'm going to Singapore next week. I hope to see some friends of mine **while I'm** there. (*not* while I will be there)
- ☐ What are you going to do **while you're** waiting? (*not* while you'll be waiting)



Alex read a book **while I watched TV**.

See also Unit 25.



## Exercises

119.1 Put in **for** or **during**.

- 1 It rained for three days without stopping.
- 2 I fell asleep during the movie.
- 3 I went to the theatre last night. I met Sue ..... the interval.
- 4 Martin hasn't lived in Britain all his life. He lived in Brazil ..... four years.
- 5 Production at the factory was seriously affected ..... the strike.
- 6 I felt really ill last week. I could hardly eat anything ..... three days.
- 7 I waited for you ..... half an hour and decided that you weren't coming.
- 8 Sarah was very angry with me. She didn't speak to me ..... a week.
- 9 We usually go out at weekends, but we don't go out ..... the week very often.
- 10 Jack started a new job a few weeks ago. Before that he was out of work ..... six months.
- 11 I need a break. I think I'll go away ..... a few days.
- 12 The president gave a long speech. She spoke ..... two hours.
- 13 We were hungry when we arrived. We hadn't had anything to eat ..... the journey.
- 14 We were hungry when we arrived. We hadn't had anything to eat ..... eight hours.

119.2 Put in **during** or **while**.

- 1 We met a lot of interesting people while we were on holiday.
- 2 We met a lot of interesting people during our holiday.
- 3 I met Mike ..... I was shopping.
- 4 ..... I was on holiday, I didn't read any newspapers or watch TV.
- 5 ..... our stay in Paris, we went to a lot of museums and galleries.
- 6 My phone rang ..... we were having dinner.
- 7 There was a lot of noise ..... the night. What was it?
- 8 I'd been away for many years. .... that time, many things had changed.
- 9 What did they say about me ..... I was out of the room?
- 10 I went out for dinner last night. Unfortunately I began to feel ill ..... the meal and had to go home.
- 11 Please don't interrupt me ..... I'm speaking.
- 12 There were many interruptions ..... the president's speech.
- 13 Can you hold my bag ..... I try on this jacket?
- 14 We were hungry when we arrived. We hadn't had anything to eat ..... we were travelling.

## 119.3 Use your own ideas to complete these sentences.

- 1 I fell asleep while I was watching TV.
- 2 I fell asleep during the movie.
- 3 Nobody came to see me while .....
- 4 Can you wait for me while .....
- 5 Most of the students looked bored during .....
- 6 I was asked a lot of questions during .....
- 7 Don't open the car door while .....
- 8 The lights suddenly went out while .....
- 9 It started to rain during .....
- 10 It started to rain while .....
- 11 What are you going to do while .....



## A By ... = not later than:

- ☐ I sent the documents to them today, so they should receive them **by Monday**. (= on or before Monday, not later than Monday)
- ☐ We'd better hurry. We have to be home **by 5 o'clock**. (= at or before 5 o'clock, not later than 5 o'clock)
- ☐ Where's Sarah? She should be here **by now**. (= now or before now – so she should have already arrived)



This milk has to be used **by 14 August**.

B We use **until** (or **till**) to say *how long* a situation continues:

- ☐ 'Shall we go now?' 'No, let's **wait until** it stops raining.' or '... **till** it stops raining.'
- ☐ I couldn't get up this morning. { I **stayed in bed until** half past ten.  
I **didn't** get up **until** half past ten.

Compare **until** and **by**:

Something *continues* **until** a time in the future:

- ☐ Joe **will be away until** Monday. (so he'll be back *on* Monday)
- ☐ I'll **be working until** 11.30. (so I'll stop working *at* 11.30)

Something *happens* **by** a time in the future:

- ☐ Joe **will be back by** Monday. (= he'll be back not later than Monday)
- ☐ I'll **have finished my work by** 11.30. (= I'll finish my work not later than 11.30.)

C You can say '**by the time** something happens'. Study these examples:

- ☐ It's too late to go to the bank now. **By the time we get there**, it will be closed. (= the bank will close between now and the time we get there)
- ☐ (*from a postcard*) Our holiday ends tomorrow. So **by the time you receive this postcard**, I'll be back home. (= I will arrive home between tomorrow and the time you receive this postcard)
- ☐ Hurry up! **By the time we get to the cinema**, the film will already have started.

You can say '**by the time** something happened' (for the past):

- ☐ Karen's car broke down on the way to the party last night. **By the time she arrived**, most of the other guests had left. (= it took her a long time to get to the party and most of the guests left during this time)
- ☐ I had a lot of work to do yesterday evening. I was very tired **by the time I finished**. (= it took me a long time to do the work, and I became more and more tired during this time)
- ☐ We went to the cinema last night. It took us a long time to find somewhere to park the car. **By the time we got to the cinema**, the film had already started.

Also **by then** or **by that time**:

- ☐ Karen finally got to the party at midnight, but **by then**, most of the other guests had left. or ... but **by that time**, most of the other guests had left.



## Exercises

**120.1 Complete the sentences with by.**

- We have to be home not later than 5 o'clock.  
We have to be home by 5 o'clock.
- I have to be at the airport not later than 8.30.  
I have to be at the airport .....
- Let me know not later than Saturday whether you can come to the party.  
..... whether you can come to the party.
- Please make sure that you're here not later than 2 o'clock.  
Please make sure that .....
- If we leave now, we should arrive not later than lunchtime.  
If we leave now, .....

**120.2 Put in by or until.**

- Steve has gone away. He'll be away until until Monday.
- Sorry, but I must go. I have to be home ..... 5 o'clock.
- I've been offered a job. I haven't decided yet whether to accept it or not. I have to decide ..... Friday.
- I think I'll wait ..... Thursday before making a decision.
- It's too late to go shopping. The shops are open only ..... 5.30 today. They'll be closed ..... now.
- I need to pay the phone bill. It has to be paid ..... tomorrow.
- Don't pay the bill today. Wait ..... tomorrow.
- A: Have you finished redecorating your house?  
B: Not yet. We hope to finish ..... the end of the week.
- A: I'm going out now. I'll be back at about 10.30. Will you still be here?  
B: I don't think so. I'll probably have gone out ..... then.
- I'm moving into my new flat next week. I'm staying with a friend ..... then.
- I've got a lot of work to do. ..... the time I finish, it will be time to go to bed.
- If you want to take part in the competition, you have to apply ..... 3 April.

**120.3 Use your own ideas to complete these sentences. Use by or until.**

- David is away at the moment. He'll be away until Monday .....
- David is away at the moment. He'll be back by Monday .....
- I'm just going out. I won't be very long. Wait here .....
- I'm going out to buy a few things. It's 4.30 now. I won't be long. I'll be back .....
- If you want to apply for the job, your application must be received .....
- Last night I watched TV .....

**120.4 Read the situations and complete the sentences using By the time ...**

- I was invited to a party, but I got there much later than I intended.  
By the time I got to the party , most of the other guests had left.
- I intended to catch a train, but it took me longer than expected to get to the station.  
..... , my train had already left.
- I wanted to go shopping after finishing my work. But I finished much later than expected.  
..... , it was too late to go shopping.
- I saw two men who looked as if they were trying to steal a car. I called the police, but it was some time before they arrived.  
..... , the two men had disappeared.
- We climbed a mountain and it took us a very long time to get to the top. There wasn't much time to enjoy the view.  
..... , we had to come down again.



## At/on/in (time)

A

Compare **at**, **on** and **in**:

- ☐ They arrived **at** 5 o'clock.
- ☐ They arrived **on** Friday.
- ☐ They arrived **in** October. / They arrived **in** 1998.

We use:

**at** for the time of day**at** five o'clock    **at** 11.45    **at** midnight    **at** lunchtime    **at** sunset    etc.**on** for days and dates**on** Friday / **on** Fridays    **on** 16 May 2009    **on** Christmas Day    **on** my birthday**in** for longer periods (for example: months/years/seasons)

<b>in</b> October	<b>in</b> 1998	<b>in</b> the 18th century	<b>in</b> the past
<b>in</b> (the) winter	<b>in</b> the 1990s	<b>in</b> the Middle Ages	<b>in</b> (the) future

B

We use **at** in these expressions:**at** night**at** the weekend / **at** weekends**at** Christmas**at** the moment / **at** present**at** the same time

- ☐ I don't like working **at** night.
- ☐ Will you be here **at** the weekend?
- ☐ Do you give each other presents **at** Christmas?
- ☐ The manager isn't here **at** the moment / **at** present.
- ☐ Kate and I arrived **at** the same time.

C

We say:

**in** the morning(s)**in** the afternoon(s)**in** the evening(s)*but***on** Friday morning(s)**on** Sunday afternoon(s)**on** Monday evening(s) etc.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'll see you <b>in</b> the morning. | <input type="checkbox"/> I'll see you <b>on</b> Friday morning.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do you work <b>in</b> the evenings? | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you work <b>on</b> Saturday evenings? |

D

We do not use **at/on/in** before **last/next/this/every**:

- ☐ I'll see you **next** Friday. (*not* on next Friday)
- ☐ They got married **last** March.

In spoken English we often leave out **on** before days (**Sunday/Monday** etc.). So you can say:

- ☐ I'll see you **on** Friday. *or* I'll see you **Friday**.
- ☐ I don't work **on** Monday mornings. *or* I don't work **Monday** mornings.

E

**In a few minutes / in six months** etc.

- ☐ The train will be leaving **in a few minutes**. (= a few minutes from now)
- ☐ Andy has gone away. He'll be back **in a week**. (= a week from now)
- ☐ They'll be here **in a moment**. (= a moment from now)

You can also say: in six months' **time**, in a week's **time** etc.

- ☐ They're getting married in **six months' time**. *or* ... **in six months**.

We also use **in** ... to say how long it takes to do something:

- ☐ I learnt to drive **in four weeks**. (= it took me four weeks to learn)



## Exercises

121.1 Put in **at**, **on** or **in**.

- 1 Mozart was born in Salzburg in 1756.
- 2 I've been invited to a wedding on 14 February.
- 3 Electricity prices are going up in October.
- 4 on weekends, we often go for long walks in the country.
- 5 I haven't seen Kate for a few days. I last saw her on Tuesday.
- 6 Jonathan is 63. He'll be retiring from his job in two years' time.
- 7 I'm busy right now, but I'll be with you at a moment.
- 8 My brother is an engineer, but he doesn't have a job at the moment.
- 9 There are usually a lot of parties on New Year's Eve.
- 10 I don't like driving at night.
- 11 My car is being repaired at the garage. It will be ready in two hours.
- 12 My phone and the doorbell rang at the same time.
- 13 Mary and David always go out for dinner on their wedding anniversary.
- 14 It was a short book and easy to read. I read it in a day.
- 15 on Saturday night I went to bed at midnight.
- 16 We travelled overnight and arrived at 5 o'clock in the morning.
- 17 The course begins on 7 January and ends sometime in April.
- 18 I might not be at home on Tuesday morning, but I'll be there in the afternoon.

121.2 Complete the sentences. Use **at**, **on** or **in** + the following:

the evening  
the moment  
Saturdays

about 20 minutes  
21 July 1969  
the Middle Ages

~~1492~~  
the 1920s  
11 seconds

the same time  
night

- 1 Columbus made his first voyage from Europe to America in 1492.
- 2 If the sky is clear, you can see the stars at night.
- 3 After working hard during the day, I like to relax on Saturdays.
- 4 Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon on 21 July 1969.
- 5 It's difficult to listen if everyone is speaking at the moment.
- 6 Jazz became popular in the United States in the 1920s.
- 7 I'm just going out to the shop. I'll be back in about 20 minutes.
- 8 'Can I speak to Dan?' 'I'm afraid he's busy at the moment.'
- 9 Many of Europe's great cathedrals were built in the Middle Ages.
- 10 Ben is a very fast runner. He can run 100 metres in 11 seconds.
- 11 Liz works from Monday to Friday. Sometimes she also works on Friday evenings.

121.3 Which is correct: **a**, **b**, or both of them?

- 1 a I'll see you on Friday.
- 2 a I'll see you on next Friday.
- 3 a Paul got married in April.
- 4 a They never go out on Sunday evenings.
- 5 a We often have a short holiday on Christmas.
- 6 a What are you doing the weekend?
- 7 a Will you be here on Tuesday?
- 8 a We were ill at the same time.
- 9 a Sue got married at 18 May 2008.
- 10 a He left school last June.

- b I'll see you Friday.
- b I'll see you next Friday.
- b Paul got married April.
- b They never go out Sunday evenings.
- b We often have a short holiday at Christmas.
- b What are you doing at the weekend?
- b Will you be here Tuesday?
- b We were ill in the same time.
- b Sue got married on 18 May 2008.
- b He left school in last June.

both  
b



## A

## On time and in time

**On time** = punctual, not late. If something happens **on time**, it happens at the time that was planned:

- ☐ The 11.45 train left **on time**. (= it left at 11.45)
- ☐ 'I'll meet you at 7.30.' 'OK, but please be **on time**.' (= don't be late, be there at 7.30)
- ☐ The conference was well-organised. Everything began and finished **on time**.

The opposite of **on time** is **late**:

- ☐ Be **on time**. Don't be **late**.

**In time** (for something / to do something) = soon enough:

- ☐ Will you be home **in time for dinner**? (= soon enough for dinner)
- ☐ I've sent Tracey a birthday present. I hope it arrives **in time** (for her birthday). (= on or before her birthday)
- ☐ I'm in a hurry. I want to get home **in time to see** the game on TV. (= soon enough to see the game)

The opposite of **in time** is **too late**:

- ☐ I got home **too late** to see the game on TV.

You can say **just in time** (= almost too late):

- ☐ We got to the station **just in time** for our train.
- ☐ A child ran into the road in front of the car – I managed to stop **just in time**.

## B

## At the end and in the end

**At the end** (of something) = at the time when something ends. For example:

<b>at the end of the month</b>	<b>at the end of January</b>	<b>at the end of the game</b>
<b>at the end of the film</b>	<b>at the end of the course</b>	<b>at the end of the concert</b>

- ☐ I'm going away **at the end of January / at the end of the month**.
- ☐ **At the end of the concert**, everyone applauded.
- ☐ The players shook hands **at the end of the game**.

We do not say 'in the end of ...'. So you cannot say 'in the end of January' or 'in the end of the concert'.

The opposite of **at the end** (of ...) is **at the beginning** (of ...):

- ☐ I'm going away **at the beginning of January**. (*not* in the beginning)

**In the end** = finally.

We use **in the end** when we say what the final result of a situation was:

- ☐ We had a lot of problems with our car. We sold it **in the end**. (= finally we sold it)
- ☐ He got more and more angry. **In the end** he just walked out of the room.
- ☐ Alan couldn't decide where to go for his holidays. He didn't go anywhere **in the end**. (*not* at the end)

The opposite of **in the end** is usually **at first**:

- ☐ **At first** we didn't get on very well, but **in the end** we became good friends.



## 122.1 Complete the sentences with **on time** or **in time**.

- The bus was late this morning, but it's usually on time.
- The film was supposed to start at 8.30, but it didn't begin .....
- I like to get up ..... to have a big breakfast before going to work.
- We want to start the meeting ....., so please don't be late.
- I've just washed this shirt. I want to wear it this evening, so I hope it will be dry .....
- The train service isn't very good. The trains are rarely .....
- I nearly missed my flight this morning. I got to the airport just .....
- I almost forgot that it was Joe's birthday. Fortunately I remembered .....
- Why are you never .....? You always keep everybody waiting.

## 122.2 Read the situations and make sentences using **just in time**.

- A child ran into the road in front of your car. You saw the child at the last moment.  
(manage / stop) I managed to stop just in time.
- You were walking home. Just after you got home, it started to rain very heavily.  
(get / home) I .....
- Tim was going to sit on the chair you had just painted. You said, 'Don't sit on that chair!', so he didn't. (stop / him) I .....
- You and a friend went to the cinema. You were late, and you thought you would miss the beginning of the film. But the film began just as you sat down in the cinema.  
(get / cinema / beginning / film)  
We .....

## 122.3 Complete the sentences using **at the end** + the following:

**the course    ~~the game~~    the interview    the month    the race**

- The players shook hands at the end of the game.
- I usually get paid .....
- The students had a party .....
- Two of the runners collapsed .....
- To my surprise, I was offered the job .....

## 122.4 Write sentences with **In the end**. Use the verb in brackets.

- We had a lot of problems with our car. (sell) In the end we sold it.
- Anna got more and more fed up with her job.  
(resign) .....
- I tried to learn German, but I found it too difficult.  
(give up) .....
- We couldn't decide whether to go to the party or not.  
(not / go) .....

## 122.5 Put in **at** or **in**.

- I'm going away at at the end of the month.
- It took me a long time to find a job. .... the end I got a job in a hotel.
- Are you going away ..... the beginning of August or ..... the end?
- I couldn't decide what to buy Laura for her birthday. I didn't buy her anything ..... the end.
- We waited ages for a taxi. We gave up ..... the end and walked home.
- I'll be moving to a new address ..... the end of September.
- We had a few problems at first, but ..... the end everything was OK.
- I'm going away ..... the end of this week.
- A: I didn't know what to do.  
B: Yes, you were in a difficult position. What did you do ..... the end?



## In/at/on (position) 1

A

In



in a room  
in a building  
in a box



in a garden  
in a town/country  
in the city centre



in a pool  
in the sea  
in a river

- ☐ There's no-one **in the room** / **in the building** / **in the garden**.
- ☐ What have you got **in your hand** / **in your mouth**?
- ☐ When we were **in Italy**, we spent a few days **in Venice**.
- ☐ I have a friend who lives **in a small village in the mountains**.
- ☐ There were some people swimming **in the pool** / **in the sea** / **in the river**.

B

At



at the bus stop



at the door



at the roundabout

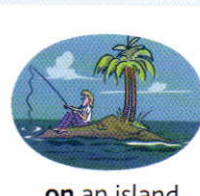
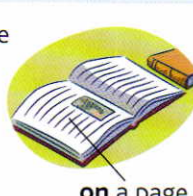
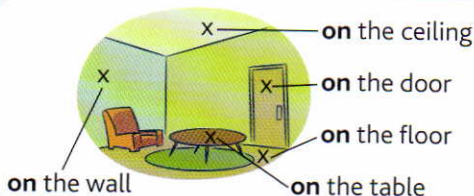


at reception

- ☐ Who is that man standing **at the bus stop** / **at the door** / **at the window**?
- ☐ Turn left **at the traffic lights** / **at the church** / **at the roundabout** / **at the junction**.
- ☐ We have to get off the bus **at the next stop**.
- ☐ When you leave the hotel, please leave your key **at reception**. (= at the reception desk)

C

On



- ☐ I sat **on the floor** / **on the ground** / **on the grass** / **on the beach** / **on a chair**.
- ☐ There's a dirty mark **on the wall** / **on the ceiling** / **on your nose** / **on your shirt**.
- ☐ Have you seen the notice **on the notice board** / **on the door**?
- ☐ You'll find details of TV programmes **on page seven** (of the newspaper).
- ☐ The hotel is **on a small island** in the middle of a lake.

D

Compare **in** and **at**:

- ☐ There were a lot of people **in the shop**. It was very crowded.  
Go along this road, then turn left **at the shop**.
- ☐ I'll meet you **in the hotel lobby**.  
I'll meet you **at the entrance to the hotel**.

Compare **in** and **on**:





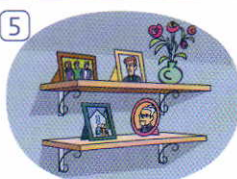



- ☐ There is some water **in the bottle**.  
There is a label **on the bottle**.

Compare **at** and **on**:

- ☐ There is somebody **at the door**. Shall I go and see who it is?  
There is a notice **on the door**. It says 'Do not disturb'.



**123.1** Answer the questions about the pictures. Use **in**, **at** or **on** with the words below the pictures.

 (bottle)	 (arm)	 (traffic lights)	 (door)
 (wall)	 (Paris)	 (gate)	 (beach)

- Where's the label? On the bottle.
- Where's the fly? .....
- Where is the car waiting? .....
- Where's the notice? .....
  - Where's the key? .....
- Where are the shelves? .....
- Where's the Eiffel Tower? .....
- Where's the man standing? .....
  - Where's the bird? .....
- Where are the children playing? .....

**123.2** Complete the sentences. Use **in**, **at** or **on** + the following:

the window	your coffee	the mountains	that tree
my guitar	<del>the river</del>	the island	the next petrol station

- Look at those people swimming in the river.
- One of the strings ..... is broken.
- There's something wrong with the car. We'd better stop .....
- Would you like sugar ..... ?
- The leaves ..... are a beautiful colour.
- Last year we had a wonderful skiing holiday .....
- There's nobody living ..... It's uninhabited.
- He spends most of the day sitting ..... and looking outside.

**123.3** Complete the sentences with **in**, **at** or **on**.

- There was a long queue of people at the bus stop.
- Nicola was wearing a silver ring ..... her little finger.
- There was an accident ..... the crossroads this morning.
- I wasn't sure whether I had come to the right office. There was no name ..... the door.
- There are some beautiful trees ..... the park.
- You'll find the sports results ..... the back page of the newspaper.
- I wouldn't like an office job. I couldn't spend the whole day sitting ..... a computer.
- My brother lives ..... a small village ..... the south-west of England.
- The man the police are looking for has a scar ..... his right cheek.
- The headquarters of the company are ..... Milan.
- I like that picture hanging ..... the wall ..... the kitchen.
- If you come here by bus, get off ..... the stop after the traffic lights.



# In/at/on (position) 2

A

We say that somebody/something is:

in a line / in a row / in a queue

in the sky / in the world

in an office / in a department

in a book / in a paper (= newspaper) / in a magazine / in a letter

in bed

in the country / in the countryside

in a picture / in a photo / in a photograph

- ☐ When I go to the cinema, I like to sit **in the front row**.
- ☐ James isn't up yet. He's still **in bed**.
- ☐ It was a lovely day. There wasn't a cloud **in the sky**.
- ☐ I've just started working **in the sales department**.
- ☐ Who is the woman **in that photo**?
- ☐ Have you seen this picture **in today's paper**?



in a row

B

on the left / on the right on the left-hand side / on the right-hand side

on the ground floor / on the first floor / on the second floor etc.

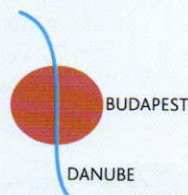
on a map / on a menu / on a list

on a farm

- ☐ In Britain we drive **on the left**. or ... **on the left-hand side**.
- ☐ Our apartment is **on the second floor** of the building.
- ☐ Here's a shopping list. Don't buy anything that's not **on the list**.
- ☐ Have you ever worked **on a farm**?

We say that a place is **on a river** / **on a road** / **on the coast**:

- ☐ Budapest is **on the** (river) **Danube**.
- ☐ The town where you live – is it **on the coast** or inland?


Also **on the way**:

- ☐ We stopped to buy some things in a shop **on the way** home.

C

at the top (of) / at the bottom (of) / at the end (of)

- ☐ Write your name **at the top of the page**.
- ☐ Jane's house is **at the other end of the street**.

at the top (of the page)

at the bottom (of the page)



D

in the front / in the back of a car

- ☐ I was sitting **in the back** (of the car) when we crashed.

at the front / at the back of a building / theatre / group of people etc.

- ☐ The garden is **at the back of the house**.
- ☐ Let's sit **at the front** (of the cinema).
- ☐ We were **at the back**, so we couldn't see very well.

on the front / on the back of a letter / piece of paper etc.

- ☐ I wrote the date **on the back of the photo**.



at the back

at the front

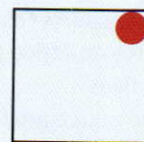
E

in the corner of a room

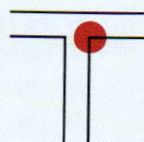
- ☐ The TV is **in the corner** of the room.

at the corner or on the corner of a street

- ☐ There is a small shop **at/on the corner** of the street.



in the corner

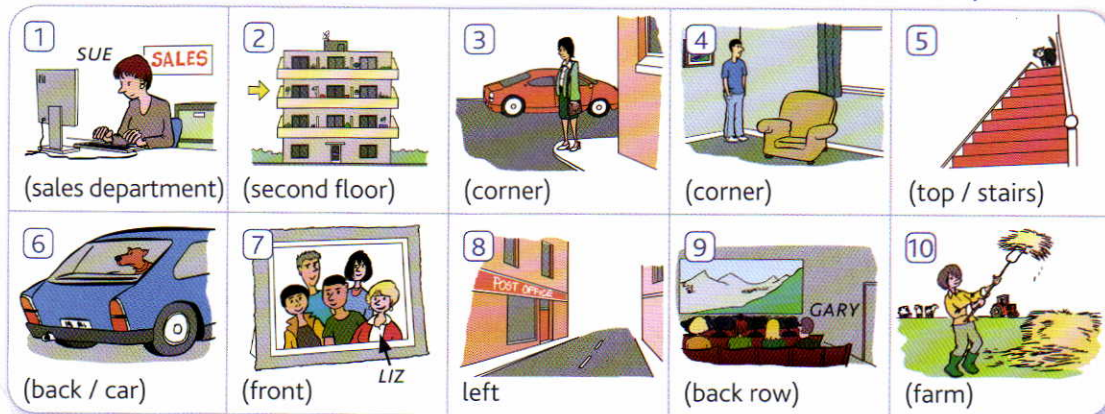


at/on the corner



## Exercises

**124.1** Answer the questions about the pictures. Use **in**, **at** or **on** with the words below the pictures.



- Where does Sue work? In the sales department.
- Sue lives in this building. Where's her flat exactly? .....
- Where is the woman standing? .....
- Where is the man standing? .....
- Where's the cat? .....
- Where's the dog? .....
- Liz is in this group of people. Where is she? .....
- Where's the post office? .....
- Gary is at the cinema. Where is he sitting? .....
- Where does Kate work? .....

**124.2** Complete the sentences. Use **in**, **at** or **on** + the following:

the west coast      the world      the back of the class      the sky  
the front row      the right      the back of this card      the way to work

- It was a lovely day. There wasn't a cloud in the sky.
- In most countries people drive .....
- What is the tallest building ..... ?
- I usually buy a newspaper ..... in the morning.
- San Francisco is ..... of the United States.
- We went to the theatre last night. We had seats .....
- I couldn't hear the teacher. She spoke quietly and I was sitting .....
- I don't have your address. Could you write it ..... ?

**124.3** Complete the sentences with **in**, **at** or **on**.

- Write your name at the top of the page.
- Is your sister ..... this photograph? I don't recognise her.
- I didn't feel very well when I woke up, so I stayed ..... bed.
- We normally use the front entrance to the building, but there's another one ..... the back.
- Is there anything interesting ..... the paper today?
- There was a list of names, but my name wasn't ..... the list.
- ..... the end of the street, there is a path leading to the river.
- I love to look up at the stars ..... the sky at night.
- When I'm a passenger in a car, I prefer to sit ..... the front.
- I live in a very small village. You probably won't find it ..... your map.
- Joe works ..... the furniture department of a large store.
- Paris is ..... the river Seine.
- I don't like cities. I'd much prefer to live ..... the country.
- My office is ..... the top floor. It's ..... the left as you come out of the lift.



## In/at/on (position) 3

**A** In hospital / at work etc.

We say that somebody is **in hospital** / **in prison** / **in jail**:

- ☐ Anna's mother is **in hospital**.

We say that somebody is **at work** / **at school** / **at university** / **at college**:

- ☐ I'll be **at work** until 5.30.  
☐ Julia is studying chemistry **at university**.

We say that somebody is **at home** or **is home** (with or without **at**), but we say **do something at home** (with **at**):

- ☐ I'll **be at home** all evening. or I'll **be home** all evening.  
☐ Shall we go to a restaurant or **eat at home**?

**B** At a party / at a concert etc.

We say that somebody is **at** an event (**at a party** / **at a conference** etc.):

- ☐ Were there many people **at the party** / **at the meeting** / **at the wedding**?  
☐ I saw Steve **at a conference** / **at a concert** on Saturday.

**C** In and at for buildings

You can often use **in** or **at** with buildings. For example, you can eat **in a restaurant** or **at a restaurant**; you can buy something **in a supermarket** or **at a supermarket**. We usually say **at** when we say where an event takes place (for example: a concert, a film, a party, a meeting):

- ☐ We went to a concert **at the National Concert Hall**.  
☐ The meeting took place **at the company's head office** in Frankfurt.  
☐ There was a robbery **at the supermarket**.

We say **at the station** / **at the airport**:

- ☐ There's no need to meet me **at the station**. I can get a taxi.

We say **at** somebody's house:

- ☐ I was **at Helen's house** last night. or I was **at Helen's** last night.

Also **at the doctor's** / **at the hairdresser's** etc.

We use **in** when we are thinking about the building itself. Compare:

- ☐ We had dinner **at the hotel**.  
 All the rooms **in the hotel** have air conditioning. (*not at the hotel*)  
☐ I was **at Helen's (house)** last night.  
 It's always cold **in Helen's house**. The heating doesn't work well. (*not at Helen's house*)

**D** In and at for towns etc.

We normally use **in** with cities, towns and villages:

- ☐ The Louvre is a famous art museum **in Paris**. (*not at Paris*)  
☐ Sam's parents live **in a village** in the south of France. (*not at a village*)

We use **at** when we think of the place as a point or station on a journey:

- ☐ Does this train stop **at Oxford**? (= at Oxford station)

**E** On a bus / in a car etc.

We usually say **on a bus** / **on a train** / **on a plane** / **on a ship** but **in a car** / **in a taxi**:

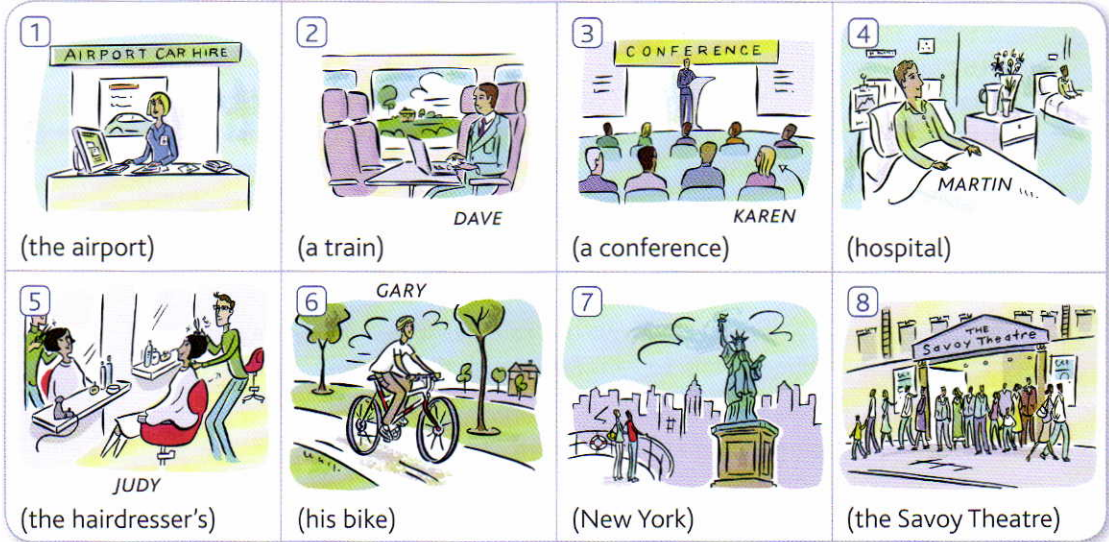
- ☐ **The bus** was very full. There were too many people **on it**.  
☐ Laura arrived **in a taxi**.

We say **on a bike** (= bicycle) / **on a motorbike** / **on a horse**:

- ☐ Jane passed me **on her bike**.



**125.1** Complete the sentences about the pictures. Use **in**, **at** or **on** with the words below the pictures.



- 1 You can hire a car at the airport.
- 2 Dave is .....
- 3 Karen is .....
- 4 Martin is .....
- 5 Judy is .....
- 6 I saw Gary .....
- 7 We spent a few days .....
- 8 We went to a show .....

**125.2** Complete the sentences. Use **in**, **at** or **on** + the following:

the plane	hospital	a taxi	<del>the station</del>	the cinema
Tokyo	school	prison	the airport	the sports centre

- 1 My train arrives at 11.30. Can you meet me at the station ?
- 2 We walked to the restaurant, but we went home .....
- 3 I'd like to see a film. What's on ..... this week?
- 4 Some people are ..... for crimes that they did not commit.
- 5 'What does your sister do? Does she have a job?' 'No, she's still .....
- 6 I play basketball ..... on Friday evenings.
- 7 A friend of mine was injured in an accident a few days ago. She's still .....
- 8 Our flight was delayed. We had to wait ..... for four hours.
- 9 I enjoyed the flight, but the food ..... wasn't very nice.
- 10 Vicky has gone to Japan. She's living .....

**125.3** Complete these sentences with **in**, **at** or **on**.

- 1 We went to a concert at the National Concert Hall.
- 2 It was a very slow train. It stopped ..... every station.
- 3 My parents live ..... a small village about 50 miles from London.
- 4 I haven't seen Kate for some time. I last saw her ..... David's wedding.
- 5 We stayed ..... a very comfortable hotel when we were ..... Amsterdam.
- 6 There were about fifty rooms ..... the hotel.
- 7 I don't know where my umbrella is. Perhaps I left it ..... the bus.
- 8 'Where were you on Monday evening?' 'I was ..... a friend's house.'
- 9 There must be somebody ..... the house. The lights are on.
- 10 The exhibition ..... the Museum of Modern Art finishes on Saturday.
- 11 Shall we travel ..... your car or mine?
- 12 I didn't expect you to be ..... home. I thought you'd be ..... work.
- 13 'Did you like the movie?' 'Yes, but it was too hot ..... the cinema.'
- 14 Paul lives ..... Birmingham. He's a student ..... Birmingham University.



## To/at/in/into

A

We say **go/come/travel** (etc.) **to** a place or event. For example:

<b>go to</b> China	<b>go to</b> bed	<b>come to</b> my house
<b>go back to</b> Italy	<b>go to</b> the bank	<b>be taken to</b> hospital
<b>return to</b> London	<b>go to</b> a concert	<b>be sent to</b> prison
<b>welcome</b> somebody <b>to</b> a place		<b>drive to</b> the airport

TO



- ☐ When are your friends **going back to** Italy? (*not* going back in Italy)
- ☐ Three people were injured in the accident and **taken to** hospital.
- ☐ **Welcome to** our country! (*not* Welcome in)

In the same way we say 'a **journey to** / a **trip to** / a **visit to** / on **my way to** ...' etc.:

- ☐ Did you enjoy **your trip to** Paris / **your visit to** the zoo?

Compare **to** (for *movement*) and **in/at** (for *position*):

- ☐ They are **going to** France. *but* They **live in** France.
- ☐ Can you **come to** the party? *but* I'll **see you at** the party.

We say **been to** a place or an event:

- ☐ I've **been to Italy** four times, but I've never **been to Rome**.
- ☐ Amanda has never **been to a football match** in her life.

B

## Get and arrive

We say **get to** a place:

- ☐ What time did they **get to London** / **to work** / **to the hotel**?

But we say **arrive in** ... or **arrive at** ... (*not* arrive to).

We say **arrive in** a town, city or country:

- ☐ They **arrived in London** / **in Spain** a week ago.

For other places (buildings etc.) or events, we say **arrive at**:

- ☐ When did they **arrive at the hotel** / **at the airport** / **at the party**?

C

## Home

We say **go home** / **come home** / **get home** / **arrive home** / **on the way home** etc. (no preposition).

We do not say 'to home':

- ☐ I'm tired. Let's **go home** now. (*not* go to home)
- ☐ I met Lisa **on my way home**. (*not* my way to home)

D

## Into

**Go into, get into** ... etc. = enter (a room / a building / a car etc.):

- ☐ I opened the door, **went into** the room and sat down.
- ☐ A bird **flew into** the kitchen through the window.
- ☐ Every month, my salary **is paid** directly **into** my bank account.

INTO



With some verbs (especially **go/get/put**) we often use **in** (instead of **into**):

- ☐ She **got in** the car and drove away. (*or* She **got into** the car ...)
- ☐ I read the letter and **put it back in** the envelope.

The opposite of **into** is **out of**:

- ☐ She **got out of** the car and **went into** a shop.

We usually say '**get on/off** a bus / a train / a plane' (*not usually* into/out of):

- ☐ She **got on the bus** and I never saw her again.



**126.1** Put in **to/at/in/into** where necessary. If no preposition is necessary, leave the space empty.

- Three people were taken to hospital after the accident.
- I met Kate on my way - home. (*no preposition*)
- We left our luggage ..... the station and went to find something to eat.
- Shall we take a taxi ..... the station or shall we walk?
- I have to go ..... the bank today. What time does it open?
- The Amazon flows ..... the Atlantic Ocean.
- 'Do you have your camera with you?' 'No, I left it ..... the car.'
- Have you ever been ..... China?
- I had lost my key, but I managed to climb ..... the house through a window.
- We got stuck in a traffic jam on our way ..... the airport.
- We had lunch ..... the airport while we were waiting for our plane.
- Welcome ..... the hotel. We hope you enjoy your stay here.
- We drove along the main road for about a kilometre and then turned ..... a narrow side street.
- Did you enjoy your visit ..... the museum?
- I'm tired. As soon as I get ..... home, I'm going ..... bed.
- Marcel is French. He has just returned ..... France after two years ..... Brazil.
- Carl was born ..... Chicago, but his family moved ..... New York when he was three. He still lives ..... New York.

**126.2** Have you been to these places? If so, how many times? Choose three of the places and write a sentence using **been to**.

Athens	Australia	Hong Kong	Mexico	Paris
Rome	Singapore	Sweden	Tokyo	the United States

- (example answers) I've never been to Australia. / I've been to Mexico once.
- .....
- .....
- .....

**126.3** Put in **to/at/in** where necessary. If no preposition is necessary, leave the space empty.

- What time does this train get to London?
- We arrived ..... Barcelona a few days ago.
- What time did you get ..... home last night?
- What time do you usually arrive ..... work in the morning?
- When we got ..... the cinema, there was a long queue outside.
- I arrived ..... home feeling very tired.

**126.4** Write sentences using **got + into / out of / on / off**.

- You were walking home. A friend passed you in her car. She saw you, stopped and offered you a lift. She opened the door. What did you do? I got into the car.
- You were waiting for the bus. At last your bus came. The doors opened. What did you do then? I ..... the bus.
- You drove home in your car. You stopped outside your house and parked the car. What did you do then? .....
- You were travelling by train to Manchester. When the train got to Manchester, what did you do? .....
- You needed a taxi. After a few minutes a taxi stopped for you. You opened the door. What did you do then? .....
- You were travelling by air. At the end of your flight, your plane landed at the airport and stopped. The doors were opened, you took your bag and stood up. What did you do then? .....



## In/on/at (other uses)

## A

## In

**in the rain / in the sun / in the shade / in the dark / in bad weather** etc.

- ☐ We sat **in the shade**. It was too hot to sit **in the sun**.
- ☐ Don't go out **in the rain**. Wait until it stops.

(write) **in ink / in pen / in pencil**

- ☐ When you do the exam, you're not allowed to write **in pencil**.

Also (write) **in words / in figures / in capital letters** etc.

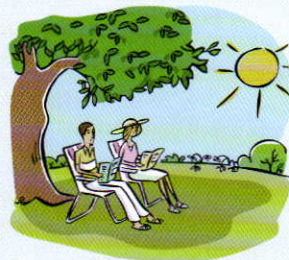
- ☐ Please write your name **in capital letters**.
- ☐ Write the story **in your own words**. (= don't copy somebody else)

(be/fall) **in love (with somebody)**

- ☐ They're very happy together. They're **in love**.

**in (my) opinion**

- ☐ **In my opinion**, the movie wasn't very good.



the shade

## B

## On

**on TV / on television / on the radio**

- ☐ I didn't watch the news **on television**, but I heard it **on the radio**.

**on the phone**

- ☐ I've never met her, but I've spoken to her **on the phone** a few times.

(be/go) **on strike**

- ☐ There are no trains today. The drivers are **on strike**.

(be/go) **on a diet**

- ☐ I've put on a lot of weight. I'll have to go **on a diet**.

(be) **on fire**

- ☐ Look! That car is **on fire**.

**on the whole** (= in general)

- ☐ Sometimes I have problems at work, but **on the whole** I enjoy my job.

**on purpose** (= intentionally)

- ☐ I'm sorry. I didn't mean to annoy you. I didn't do it **on purpose**.

## C

**On holiday / on a trip** etc.

We say: (be/go) **on holiday / on business / on a trip / on a tour / on a cruise** etc.

- ☐ I'm going **on holiday** next week.
- ☐ Emma's away **on business** at the moment.
- ☐ One day I'd like to go **on a world tour**.

You can also say 'go to a place **for a holiday / for my holiday(s)**':

- ☐ Steve has gone to France **for a holiday**.

## D

**At the age of ...** etc.

We say **at the age of 16 / at 120 miles an hour / at 100 degrees** etc.:

- ☐ Tracy left school **at 16**. or ... **at the age of 16**.
- ☐ The train was travelling **at 120 miles an hour**.
- ☐ Water boils **at 100 degrees Celsius**.

We are now flying **at a speed of 800 kilometres an hour** and **at an altitude of 9,000 metres**.





**127.1** Complete the sentences using **in** + the following:

capital letters	cold weather	love	my opinion
pencil	<del>the rain</del>	the shade	

- Don't go out in the rain. Wait until it stops.
- Matt likes to keep warm, so he doesn't go out much .....
- If you write ..... and make a mistake, you can rub it out and correct it.
- They fell ..... almost immediately and were married in a few weeks.
- Please write your address clearly, preferably .....
- It's too hot in the sun. I'm going to sit .....
- Amanda thought the restaurant was OK, but ..... it wasn't very good.

**127.2** Complete the sentences using **on** + the following:

business	a diet	<del>fire</del>	holiday	the phone
purpose	strike	TV	a tour	the whole

- Look! That car is on fire! Somebody call the fire brigade.
- Workers at the factory have gone ..... for better pay and conditions.
- Soon after we arrived, we were taken ..... of the city.
- I feel lazy this evening. Is there anything worth watching ..... ?
- I'm sorry. It was an accident. I didn't do it .....
- Richard has put on a lot of weight recently. I think he should go .....
- Jane's job involves a lot of travelling. She often has to go away .....
- A: I'm going ..... next week.  
B: Where are you going? Somewhere nice?
- A: Is Sarah here?  
B: Yes, but she's ..... at the moment. She won't be long.
- A: How was your exam?  
B: Well, there were some difficult questions, but ..... it was OK.

**127.3** Complete the sentences with **in**, **on** or **at**.

- Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius.
- When I was 14, I went ..... a trip to France organised by my school.
- There was panic when people realised that the building was ..... fire.
- Julia's grandmother died recently ..... the age of 79.
- Can you turn the light on, please? I don't want to sit ..... the dark.
- We didn't go ..... holiday last year. We stayed at home.
- I hate driving ..... fog. You can't see anything.
- I won't be here next week. I'll be ..... holiday.
- Technology has developed ..... great speed.
- Alan got married ..... 17, which is rather young to get married.
- I heard an interesting programme ..... the radio this morning.
- ..... my opinion, violent films should not be shown ..... television.
- I wouldn't like to go ..... a cruise. I think I'd get bored.
- I shouldn't eat too much. I'm supposed to be ..... a diet.
- I wouldn't like his job. He spends most of his time talking ..... the phone.
- The earth travels round the sun ..... 107,000 kilometres an hour.
- 'Did you enjoy your holiday?' 'Not every minute, but ..... the whole, yes.'
- A lot of houses were damaged ..... the storm last week.



A

We use **by** in many expressions to say how we do something. For example, you can:  
 send something **by post**      contact somebody **by phone** / **by email**  
 do something **by hand**      pay **by credit card** / **by cheque**

- ☐ Can I pay **by credit card**?
- ☐ You can contact me **by phone** or **by email**.

But we say **pay cash** or **pay in cash** (*not usually by cash*).

We also say that something happens **by mistake** / **by accident** / **by chance**:

- ☐ We hadn't arranged to meet. We met **by chance**.

But we say 'do something **on purpose**' (= you mean to do it):

- ☐ I didn't do it **on purpose**. It was an accident.

Note that we say **by chance**, **by credit card** etc. (*not by the chance / by a credit card*). In these expressions we use **by** + *noun* without **the** or **a**.

B

In the same way we use **by** ... to say how somebody travels:

**by car** / **by train** / **by plane** / **by boat** / **by ship** / **by bus** / **by bike** etc.  
**by road** / **by rail** / **by air** / **by sea**

- ☐ Jess usually goes to work **by bus**.

But we say **on foot**:

- ☐ Did you come here **by car** or **on foot**?

You cannot use **by** if you say **my car** / **the train** / **a taxi** etc. We say:

**by car**    but    **in my car** (*not by my car*)  
**by train**    but    **on the train** (*not by the train*)

We use **in** for cars and taxis:

- ☐ They didn't come **in their car**. They came **in a taxi**.

We use **on** for bikes and public transport (buses, trains etc.):

- ☐ We travelled **on the 6.45 train**.

C

We say that 'something is done **by** somebody/something' (*passive*):

- ☐ Have you ever been bitten **by a dog**?
- ☐ The programme was watched **by millions of people**.

Compare **by** and **with**:

- ☐ The door must have been opened **with a key**. (*not by a key*)  
 (= somebody used a key to open it)
- ☐ The door must have been opened **by somebody** with a key.

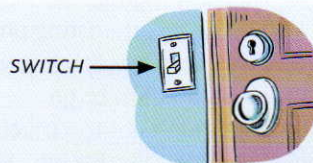
We say 'a play **by Shakespeare**' / 'a painting **by Rembrandt**' / 'a novel **by Tolstoy**' etc.:

- ☐ Have you read anything **by Ernest Hemingway**?

D

**By** also means 'next to / beside':

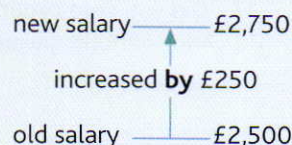
- ☐ Come and sit **by me**. (= next to me)
- ☐ 'Where's the light switch?' '**By the door**.'



E

Note the following use of **by**:

- ☐ Clare's salary has just gone up **from** £2,500 a month **to** £2,750. So it has increased **by £250** / **by ten per cent**.
- ☐ Carl and Mike had a race over 200 metres. Carl won **by** about **three metres**.





## Exercises

**128.1** Complete the sentences using **by** + the following:

canal      ~~chance~~      credit card      hand      mistake

- 1 We hadn't arranged to meet. We met by chance.
- 2 I didn't intend to take your umbrella. I took it .....
- 3 Don't put the sweater in the washing machine. It has to be washed .....
- 4 I don't need cash. I can pay the bill .....
- 5 The town is not on the coast, but is connected to the sea .....

**128.2** Put in **by**, **in** or **on**.

- 1 Jess usually goes to work by bus.
- 2 I saw Jane this morning. She was ..... the bus.
- 3 How did you get here? Did you come ..... train?
- 4 I decided not to go ..... car. I went ..... my bike instead.
- 5 I didn't feel like walking home, so I came home ..... a taxi.
- 6 Sorry we're late. We missed the bus, so we had to come ..... foot.
- 7 How long does it take to cross the Atlantic ..... ship?

**128.3** All these sentences have a mistake. Correct them.

- 1 Did you come here by Kate's car or yours? in Kate's car
- 2 I don't like travelling on bus. ....
- 3 These photographs were taken by a very good camera. ....
- 4 I know this music is from Beethoven, but I can't remember what it's called. ....
- 5 I couldn't pay by cash – I didn't have any money on me. ....
- 6 We lost the game because of a mistake of one of our players. ....

**128.4** Write three sentences like the examples. Write about a song, a painting, a film, a book etc.

- 1 War and Peace is a book by Tolstoy.
- 2 Romeo and Juliet is a play by Shakespeare.
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....

**128.5** Put in **by**, **in**, **on** or **with**.

- 1 Have you ever been bitten by a dog?
- 2 The plane was badly damaged ..... lightning.
- 3 We managed to put the fire out ..... a fire extinguisher.
- 4 Who is that man standing ..... the window?
- 5 These photographs were taken ..... a friend of mine.
- 6 I don't mind going ..... car, but I don't want to go ..... your car.
- 7 There was a small table ..... the bed ..... a lamp and a clock ..... it.

**128.6** Complete the sentences using **by**.

- 1 Clare's salary was £2,500 a month. Now it is £2,750.  
Her salary has increased by £250.
- 2 My daily newspaper used to cost 80 pence. From today it costs 90.  
The price has gone up .....
- 3 There was an election. Helen won. She got 25 votes and James got 23.  
Helen won .....
- 4 I went to Kate's house to see her, but she had gone out five minutes before I arrived.  
I missed .....



## Noun + preposition (reason for, cause of etc.)

A

Noun + for ...

a **demand** / a **need** **FOR** ...

- ☐ The company closed down because there wasn't enough **demand for** its product.
- ☐ There's no excuse for behaviour like that. There's no **need for** it.

a **reason** **FOR** ...

- ☐ The train was late, but nobody knew the **reason for** the delay. (*not* reason of)

B

Noun + of ...

an **advantage** / a **disadvantage** **OF** ...

- ☐ The **advantage of living alone** is that you can do what you like.

*but***there is** an advantage **in** (*or to*) doing something

- ☐ **There are** many advantages **in** living alone. *or* ... many advantages **to** living alone.

a **cause** **OF** ...

- ☐ The **cause of** the explosion is unknown.

a **picture** / a **photo** / a **photograph** / a **map** / a **plan** / a **drawing** (etc.) **OF** ...

- ☐ Rachel showed me some **pictures of** her family.
- ☐ I had a **map of** the town, so I was able to find my way around.

C

Noun + in ...

an **increase** / a **decrease** / a **rise** / a **fall** **IN** (prices etc.)

- ☐ There has been an **increase in** the number of road accidents recently.
- ☐ Last year was a bad one for the company. There was a big **fall in** sales.

D

Noun + to ...

**damage** **TO** ...

- ☐ The accident was my fault, so I had to pay for the **damage to** the other car.

an **invitation** **TO** ... (a party / a wedding etc.)

- ☐ Did you get an **invitation to** the party?

a **solution** **TO** (a problem) / a **key** **TO** (a door) / an **answer** **TO** (a question) / a **reply** **TO** (a letter) / a **reaction** **TO** ...

- ☐ I hope we find a **solution to** the problem. (*not* a solution of the problem)
- ☐ I was surprised at her **reaction to** my suggestion.

an **attitude** **TO** ... *or* an **attitude** **TOWARDS** ...

- ☐ His **attitude to** his job is very negative. *or* His **attitude towards** his job ...

E

Noun + with ... / between ...

a **relationship** / a **connection** / **contact** **WITH** ...

- ☐ Do you have a good **relationship with** your parents?
- ☐ The police want to question a man in **connection with** the robbery.

*but*a **relationship** / a **connection** / **contact** / a **difference** **BETWEEN** two things or people

- ☐ The police believe that there is no **connection between** the two crimes.
- ☐ There are some **differences between** British and American English.



## Exercises

**129.1** Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first.

- 1 What caused the explosion? What was the cause of the explosion ?
- 2 We're trying to solve the problem.  
We're trying to find a solution .....
- 3 Sue gets on well with her brother.  
Sue has a good relationship .....
- 4 The cost of living has gone up a lot.  
There has been a big increase .....
- 5 I don't know how to answer your question.  
I can't think of an answer .....
- 6 I don't think that a new road is necessary.  
I don't think there is any need .....
- 7 I think that working at home has many advantages.  
I think that there are many advantages .....
- 8 The number of people without jobs fell last month.  
Last month there was a fall .....
- 9 Nobody wants to buy shoes like these any more.  
There is no demand .....
- 10 In what way is your job different from mine?  
What is the difference .....

**129.2** Complete the sentences using these nouns + a preposition:

cause	connection	contact	damage	invitation
key	<del>map</del>	photographs	reason	reply

- 1 On the wall there were some pictures and a map of the world.
- 2 Thank you for the ..... your party next week.
- 3 Since she left home two years ago, Sophie has had little ..... her family.
- 4 I can't open this door. Do you have a ..... the other door?
- 5 The ..... the fire at the hotel last week is still unknown.
- 6 Did you get a ..... the email you sent to the company?
- 7 The two companies are completely independent. There is no ..... them.
- 8 Jane showed me some old ..... the city as it looked 100 years ago.
- 9 Carol has decided to give up her job. I don't know her ..... doing this.
- 10 It wasn't a bad accident. The ..... the car wasn't serious.

**129.3** Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 There are some differences between British and American English.
- 2 Money isn't the solution ..... every problem.
- 3 There has been an increase ..... the amount of traffic using this road.
- 4 The advantage ..... having a car is that you don't have to rely on public transport.
- 5 There are many advantages ..... being able to speak a foreign language.
- 6 Everything can be explained. There's a reason ..... everything.
- 7 When Paul left home, his attitude ..... his parents seemed to change.
- 8 Ben and I used to be good friends, but I don't have much contact ..... him now.
- 9 There has been a sharp rise ..... property prices in the past few years.
- 10 What was Sarah's reaction ..... the news?
- 11 If I give you the camera, can you take a picture ..... me?
- 12 The company has rejected the workers' demands ..... a rise ..... pay.
- 13 What was the answer ..... question 3 in the test?
- 14 The fact that Jane was offered a job has no connection ..... the fact that she is a friend of the managing director.



## Adjective + preposition 1

A It was **nice of** you to ...**nice / kind / good / generous / polite / stupid / silly** etc. **OF** somebody (to do something)

- ☐ Thank you. It was very **kind of** you to help me.
- ☐ It is **stupid of** me to go out without a coat in such cold weather.

*but*(be) **nice / kind / good / generous / polite / rude / friendly / cruel** etc. **TO** somebody

- ☐ They have always been very **nice to** me. (*not with me*)
- ☐ Why were you so **unfriendly to** Lucy?

B Adjective + **about / with**
**angry / annoyed / furious / upset** { **ABOUT** something  
**WITH** somebody **FOR** doing something

- ☐ There's no point in getting **angry about** things that don't matter.
- ☐ Are you **annoyed with** me **for** being late?
- ☐ Lisa is **upset about** not being invited to the party.

**excited / worried / nervous / happy** etc. **ABOUT** a situation

- ☐ Are you **nervous about** the exam?

**pleased / satisfied / happy / delighted / disappointed** **WITH** something you receive, or the result of something

- ☐ They were **delighted with** the present I gave them.
- ☐ Were you **happy with** your exam results?

C Adjective + **at / by / with / of****surprised / shocked / amazed / astonished / upset** **AT** or **BY** something

- ☐ Everybody was **surprised at** (*or by*) the news.
- ☐ I hope you weren't **shocked by** (*or at*) what I said.

**impressed** **WITH** or **BY** somebody/something

- ☐ I'm very **impressed with** (*or by*) her English. It's very good.

**fed up / bored** **WITH** something

- ☐ I don't enjoy my job any more. I'm **fed up with** it. / I'm **bored with** it.

**tired / sick** **OF** something

- ☐ Come on, let's go! I'm **tired of** waiting. / I'm **sick of** waiting.

D Sorry about / for

**sorry** **ABOUT** a situation or something that happened

- ☐ I'm **sorry about** the mess. I'll clear it up later.
- ☐ **Sorry about** last night. (= Sorry about something that happened last night)

**sorry** **FOR** or **ABOUT** something you did

- ☐ Alex is very **sorry for** what he said. (*or sorry about* what he said)
- ☐ I'm **sorry for** shouting at you yesterday. (*or sorry about* shouting)

You can also say 'I'm sorry I (did something)':

- ☐ I'm **sorry I shouted** at you yesterday.

**feel / be sorry** **FOR** somebody who is in a bad situation

- ☐ I **feel sorry for** Matt. He's had a lot of bad luck. (*not I feel sorry about* Matt)



## 130.1 Complete the sentences using nice of ... , kind of ... etc.

- I went out in the cold without a coat.
- Tom offered to drive me to the airport.
- I needed money and Sue gave me some.
- They didn't invite us to their party.
- Can I help you with your luggage?
- Kevin never says 'thank you'.
- They've had an argument and now they refuse to speak to each other.

(silly) *That was silly of you.*

(nice) That was ..... him.

(generous) That .....

(not very nice) That wasn't .....

(very kind) .....

(not very polite) .....

(a bit childish) .....

## 130.2 Complete the sentences using these adjectives + a preposition:

amazed    angry    bored    careless    excited    impressed    kind    nervous

- Are you *nervous about* the exam?
- Thank you for all you've done. You've been very ..... me.
- What have I done wrong? Why are you ..... me?
- You must be very ..... your trip next week. It sounds really great.
- I wasn't ..... the service in the restaurant. We had to wait ages before our food arrived.
- Ben isn't very happy at college. He says he's ..... the course he's doing.
- I'd never seen so many people before. I was ..... the crowds.
- It was ..... you to leave the door unlocked when you went out.

## 130.3 Put in the correct preposition.

- They were delighted *with* the present I gave them.
- It was nice ..... you to come and see me when I was ill.
- Why are you so rude ..... people? Why can't you be more polite?
- We always have the same food every day. I'm fed up ..... it.
- We enjoyed our holiday, but we were a bit disappointed ..... the hotel.
- I can't understand people who are cruel ..... animals.
- I was surprised ..... the way he behaved. It was completely out of character.
- I've been trying to learn Spanish, but I'm not very satisfied ..... my progress.
- Tanya doesn't look very well. I'm worried ..... her.
- They told me they were sorry ..... the situation, but there was nothing they could do.
- I wouldn't like to be in her position. I feel sorry ..... her.
- Are you still upset ..... what I said to you yesterday?
- Some people say Kate is unfriendly, but she's always been very nice ..... me.
- I'm tired ..... doing the same thing every day. I need a change.
- The man we interviewed for the job was intelligent and we were impressed ..... the way he answered our questions.
- I'm sorry ..... the smell of paint in this room. I've just finished redecorating it.
- I was shocked ..... what I saw. I'd never seen anything like it before.
- Our neighbours were very angry ..... the noise we made.
- Our neighbours were furious ..... us ..... making so much noise.
- I'm sorry ..... what I did. I hope you're not angry ..... me.



## Adjective + preposition 2

A

## Adjective + of (1)

afraid / frightened / terrified / scared OF ...

- ☐ 'Are you **afraid of** spiders?' 'Yes, I'm **terrified of** them.'

fond / proud / ashamed / jealous / envious OF ...

- ☐ Why are you always so **jealous of** other people?

suspicious / critical / tolerant OF ...

- ☐ He didn't trust me. He was **suspicious of** my motives.

B

## Adjective + of (2)

aware / conscious OF ...

- ☐ 'Did you know he was married?' 'No, I wasn't **aware of** that.'

capable / incapable OF ...

- ☐ I'm sure you are **capable of** passing the examination.

full / short OF ...

- ☐ Amy is a very active person. She's always **full of** energy.  
☐ I'm **short of** money. Can you lend me some?

typical OF ...

- ☐ He's late again. It's **typical of** him to keep everybody waiting.

certain / sure OF or ABOUT ...

- ☐ I think she's arriving this evening, but I'm not **sure of** that. or ... not **sure about** that.

C

## Adjective + at / to / from / in / on / with / for

good / bad / brilliant / better / hopeless etc. AT ...

- ☐ I'm not very **good at** repairing things. (*not good in repairing things*)

married / engaged TO ...

- ☐ Louise is **married to** an American. (*not married with*)

*but* Louise is married **with three children**. (= she is married and has three children)

similar TO ...

- ☐ Your writing is **similar to** mine.

different FROM or different TO ...

- ☐ The film was **different from** what I'd expected. or ... **different to** what I'd expected.

interested IN ...

- ☐ Are you **interested in** art?

keen ON ...

- ☐ We stayed at home because Chris wasn't very **keen on** going out.

dependent ON ... (*but independent OF* ...)

- ☐ I don't want to be **dependent on** anybody.

crowded WITH (people etc.)

- ☐ The streets were **crowded with** tourists. (*but ... full of tourists*)

famous FOR ...

- ☐ The Italian city of Florence is **famous for** its art treasures.

responsible FOR ...

- ☐ Who was **responsible for** all that noise last night?



## Exercises

**131.1** Complete the sentences using these adjectives + the correct preposition:

afraid    capable    different    interested    proud    responsible    similar    ~~sure~~

- I think she's arriving this evening, but I'm not sure of that.
- Your camera is ..... mine, but it isn't exactly the same.
- Don't worry. I'll look after you. There's nothing to be .....
- I never watch the news on TV. I'm not ..... the news.
- The editor is the person who is ..... what appears in a newspaper.
- Sarah is a keen gardener. She's very ..... her garden and loves showing it to visitors.
- I was surprised when I met Lisa for the first time. She was ..... what I expected.
- He could become world champion one day. He's ..... it.

**131.2** Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

- There were lots of tourists in the streets. The streets were crowded with tourists.
- There was a lot of furniture in the room. The room was full .....
- I don't like sport very much. I'm not very keen .....
- We don't have enough time. We're short .....
- I'm not a very good tennis player. I'm not very good .....
- Catherine's husband is Russian. Catherine is married .....
- I don't trust Robert. I'm suspicious .....
- My problem is not the same as yours. My problem is different .....

**131.3** Put in the correct preposition.

- Amy is always full of energy.
- My home town is not a very interesting place. It's not famous ..... anything.
- Kate is very fond ..... her younger brother.
- I don't like going up ladders. I'm scared ..... heights.
- You look bored. You don't seem interested ..... what I'm saying.
- 'Our flight departs at 10.35.' 'Are you sure ..... that?'
- I'm not ashamed ..... what I did. In fact I'm quite proud ..... it.
- I wanted to go out for a meal, but nobody else was keen ..... the idea.
- These days everybody is aware ..... the dangers of smoking.
- The station platform was crowded ..... people waiting for the train.
- Sue is much more successful than I am. Sometimes I feel a bit jealous ..... her.
- Do you know anyone who might be interested ..... buying an old car?
- We've got plenty to eat. The fridge is full ..... food.
- She's very honest. I don't think she is capable ..... telling a lie.
- Helen works hard and she's extremely good ..... her job.
- It's typical ..... him to change his mind at the last minute.
- Mark has no money of his own. He's totally dependent ..... his parents.
- We're short ..... staff in our office at the moment. We need more people to do the work.

**131.4** Write sentences about yourself. Are you good at these things or not? Use the following:

good    pretty good    not very good    hopeless

- (repairing things) I'm not very good at repairing things.
- (telling jokes) .....
- (maths) .....
- (remembering names) .....
- (sport) .....



Verb + preposition 1 **to** and **at****A** Verb + **to**

**talk / speak TO** somebody (**with** is also possible but less usual)

- ☐ Who was that man you were **talking to**?

**listen TO** ...

- ☐ We spent the evening **listening to** music. (*not listening music*)

**apologise TO** somebody (for ...)

- ☐ They **apologised to me** for what happened. (*not They apologised me*)

**explain** something **TO** somebody

- ☐ Can you **explain** this word **to me**? (*not explain me this word*)

**explain / describe (to somebody)** what/how/why ...

- ☐ I **explained to them** why I was worried. (*not I explained them*)  
☐ Let me **describe to you** what I saw. (*not Let me describe you*)

**B** We do not use **to** with these verbs:

**phone / call / email / text** somebody

- ☐ I **called the airline** to cancel my flight. (*not called to the airline*)

but **write** (a letter) **to** somebody

**answer** somebody/something

- ☐ He refused to **answer my question**. (*not answer to my question*)

but **reply to** an email / a letter etc.

**ask** somebody

- ☐ Can I **ask you** a question? (*not ask to you*)

**thank** somebody (for something)

- ☐ He **thanked me** for helping him. (*not He thanked to me*)

**C** Verb + **at**

**look / stare / glance AT** ... , **have a look / take a look AT** ...

- ☐ Why are you **looking at** me like that?

**laugh AT** ...

- ☐ I look stupid with this haircut. Everybody will **laugh at** me.

**aim / point** (something) **AT** ... , **shoot / fire** (a gun) **AT** ...

- ☐ Don't **point** that knife **at** me. It's dangerous.  
☐ We saw someone with a gun **shooting at** birds, but he didn't hit any.

**D** Some verbs can be followed by **at** or **to**, with a difference in meaning. For example:

**shout AT** somebody (when you are angry)

- ☐ He got very angry and started **shouting at** me.

**shout TO** somebody (so that they can hear you)

- ☐ He **shouted to** me from the other side of the street.

**throw** something **AT** somebody/something (in order to hit them)

- ☐ Somebody **threw** an egg **at** the minister.

**throw** something **TO** somebody (for somebody to catch)

- ☐ Lisa shouted 'Catch!' and **threw** the keys **to** me from the window.



## Exercises

## 132.1 Which is correct?

- 1 a Can you explain this word to me? ☒   
 b Can you explain me this word? ☐
- 2 a I got angry with Mark. Afterwards, I apologised to him. ☐   
 b I got angry with Mark. Afterwards I apologised him. ☐
- 3 a Amy won't be able to help you. There's no point in asking to her. ☐   
 b Amy won't be able to help you. There's no point in asking her. ☐
- 4 a I need somebody to explain me what I have to do. ☐   
 b I need somebody to explain to me what I have to do. ☐
- 5 a They didn't understand the system, so I explained it to them. ☐   
 b They didn't understand the system, so I explained it them. ☐
- 6 a I like to sit on the beach and listen to the sound of the sea. ☐   
 b I like to sit on the beach and listen the sound of the sea. ☐
- 7 a I asked them to describe me exactly what happened. ☐   
 b I asked them to describe to me exactly what happened. ☐
- 8 a We'd better phone the restaurant to reserve a table. ☐   
 b We'd better phone to the restaurant to reserve a table. ☐
- 9 a It was a difficult question. I couldn't answer to it. ☐   
 b It was a difficult question. I couldn't answer it. ☐
- 10 a I explained everybody the reasons for my decision. ☐   
 b I explained to everybody the reasons for my decision. ☐
- 11 a I thanked everybody for all the help they had given me. ☐   
 b I thanked to everybody for all the help they had given me. ☐
- 12 a My friend texted to me to let me know she was going to be late. ☐   
 b My friend texted me to let me know she was going to be late. ☐

## 132.2 Complete the sentences. Use these verbs + the correct preposition:

~~explain~~   ~~laugh~~   listen   look   point   reply   speak   throw   throw

- 1 I look stupid with this haircut. Everybody will laugh at me.
- 2 I don't understand this. Can you explain it to me?
- 3 Sue and Kevin had an argument and now they're refusing to ..... each other.
- 4 Be careful with those scissors! Don't ..... them ..... me!
- 5 I'm not sure where we are. I'll have to ..... the map.
- 6 Please ..... me! I've got something important to tell you.
- 7 Don't ..... stones ..... the birds! It's cruel.
- 8 If you don't want that sandwich, ..... it ..... the birds. They'll eat it.
- 9 I tried to contact Tina, but she didn't ..... my emails.

## 132.3 Put in to or at.

- 1 They apologised to me for what happened.
- 2 I glanced ..... my watch to see what time it was.
- 3 Please don't shout ..... me! Try to calm down.
- 4 I saw Sue as I was cycling along the road. I shouted ..... her, but she didn't hear me.
- 5 Don't listen ..... what he says. He doesn't know what he's talking about.
- 6 What's so funny? What are you laughing ..... ?
- 7 Could I have a look ..... your magazine, please?
- 8 I'm lonely. I need somebody to talk .....
- 9 She was so angry she threw a book ..... the wall.
- 10 The woman sitting opposite me on the train kept staring ..... me.
- 11 Can I speak ..... you a moment? There's something I want to ask you.



Verb + preposition 2 **about/for/of/after****A** Verb + about

**talk / read / know ABOUT ... , tell somebody ABOUT ...**

- ☐ We **talked about** a lot of things at the meeting.

**have a discussion ABOUT** something, *but discuss* something (no preposition)

- ☐ We had **a discussion about** what we should do.  
☐ We **discussed** a lot of things at the meeting. (*not discussed about*)

**do something ABOUT** something = *do something to improve a bad situation*

- ☐ If you're worried about the problem, you should **do something about** it.

**B** Verb + for

**ask (somebody) FOR ...**

- ☐ I sent an email to the company **asking** them **for** more information about the job.  
*but 'I asked him the way to ...', 'She asked me my name' (no preposition)*

**apply (TO a person, a company etc.) FOR** a job etc.

- ☐ I think you'd be good at this job. Why don't you **apply for** it?

**wait FOR ...**

- ☐ Don't **wait for** me. I'll join you later.  
☐ I'm not going out yet. I'm **waiting for** the rain to stop.

**search (a person / a place / a bag etc.) FOR ...**

- ☐ I've **searched** the house **for** my keys, but I still can't find them.

**leave (a place) FOR** another place

- ☐ I haven't seen her since she **left** (home) **for** the office this morning.  
 (*not left to the office*)

**C** Care about, care for and take care of

**care ABOUT** somebody/something = *think that somebody/something is important*

- ☐ He's very selfish. He doesn't **care about** other people.

We say **'care what/where/how ...'** etc. (*without about*):

- ☐ You can do what you like. I don't **care what** you do.

**care FOR** somebody/something

(1) = *like something* (usually negative sentences)

- ☐ I don't **care for** very hot weather. (= I don't like ...)

(2) = *look after somebody*

- ☐ Alan is 85 and lives alone. He needs somebody to **care for** him.

**take care OF ...** = *look after, keep safe, take responsibility for*

- ☐ Don't worry about me. I can **take care of** myself.  
☐ I'll **take care of** the travel arrangements. You don't need to do anything.

**D** Look for and look after

**look FOR ...** = *search for, try to find*

- ☐ I've lost my keys. Can you help me to **look for** them?

**look AFTER ...** = *take care of, keep safe or in good condition*

- ☐ Alan is 85 and lives alone. He needs somebody to **look after** him. (*not look for*)  
☐ You can borrow this book, but you must promise to **look after** it.



## 133.1 Put in the correct preposition. If no preposition is necessary, leave the space empty.

- I'm not going out yet. I'm waiting for the rain to stop.
- Don't ask me ..... money. I don't have any.
- I've applied ..... a job at the factory. I don't know if I'll get it.
- I've applied ..... three colleges. I hope one of them accepts me.
- I've searched everywhere ..... Joe, but I haven't been able to find him.
- I don't want to talk ..... what happened last night. Let's forget it.
- I don't want to discuss ..... what happened last night. Let's forget it.
- We had an interesting discussion ..... the problem, but we didn't reach a decision.
- We discussed ..... the problem, but we didn't reach a decision.
- I sent her an email. Now I'm waiting ..... her to reply.
- Ken and Sonia are travelling in Italy. They're in Rome right now, and tomorrow they leave ..... Venice.
- The roof of the house is in very bad condition. I think we ought to do something ..... it.
- We waited ..... Steve for half an hour, but he never came.
- Tomorrow morning I have to catch a plane. I'm leaving my house ..... the airport at 7.30.

## 133.2 Put in the correct preposition after care. If no preposition is necessary, leave the space empty.

- He's very selfish. He doesn't care about other people.
- Who's going to take care ..... you when you are old?
- She doesn't care ..... the exam. She doesn't care whether she passes or fails.
- 'Do you like this coat?' 'Not really. I don't care ..... the colour.'
- Don't worry about the shopping. I'll take care ..... that.
- He gave up his job to care ..... his elderly father.
- I want to have a good holiday. I don't care ..... the cost.
- I want to have a good holiday. I don't care ..... how much it costs.

## 133.3 Complete the sentences with look for or look after. Use the correct form of look (looks/looked/looking).

- I looked for my keys, but I couldn't find them anywhere.
- Kate is ..... a job. I hope she finds one soon.
- Who ..... you when you were ill?
- I'm ..... Liz. I need to ask her something. Have you seen her?
- The car park was full, so we had to ..... somewhere else to park.
- A babysitter is somebody who ..... other people's children.

## 133.4 Complete the sentences with these verbs (in the correct form) + a preposition:

apply   ask   do   leave   look   ~~search~~   talk   wait

- Police are searching for the man who escaped from prison.
- Sarah wasn't ready. We had to ..... her.
- I think Ben likes his job, but he doesn't ..... it much.
- When I'd finished my meal, I ..... the waiter ..... the bill.
- Cathy is unemployed. She has ..... several jobs, but she hasn't had any luck.
- If something is wrong, why don't you ..... something ..... it?
- Helen's car is very old, but it's in excellent condition. She ..... it very well.
- Diane is from Boston, but now she lives in Paris. She ..... Boston ..... Paris when she was 19.



Verb + preposition 3 **about and of**

A

**hear ABOUT ...** = *be told about something*

- ☐ Did you **hear about** the fire at the hotel yesterday?

**hear OF ...** = *know that somebody/something exists*

- ☐ 'Who is Tom Hart?' 'I have no idea. I've never **heard of** him.' (*not heard from him*)

**hear FROM ...** = *be in contact with somebody*

- ☐ 'Have you **heard from** Jane recently?' 'Yes, she called me a few days ago.'

B

**think ABOUT ... and think OF ...**When you **think ABOUT** something, you consider it, you concentrate your mind on it:

- ☐ I've **thought about** what you said and I've decided to take your advice.  
☐ 'Will you lend me the money?' 'I'll **think about** it.'

When you **think OF** something, the idea comes to your mind:

- ☐ It was my idea. I **thought of** it first. (*not thought about it*)  
☐ I felt embarrassed. I couldn't **think of** anything to say. (*not think about anything*)

We also use **think of** when we ask or give an opinion:

- ☐ 'What did you **think of** the movie?' 'I didn't **think much of** it.' (= I didn't like it much)

The difference is sometimes very small and you can use **of** or **about**:

- ☐ When I'm alone, I often **think of (or about)** you.

You can say **think of** or **think about** doing something (for possible future actions):

- ☐ My sister is **thinking of (or about)** going to Canada. (= she is considering it)

C

**dream ABOUT ...** (when you are asleep)

- ☐ I **dreamt about** you last night.

**dream OF or ABOUT** being something / doing something = *imagine*

- ☐ Do you **dream of (or about)** being rich and famous?

**I wouldn't dream OF** doing something = *I would never do it*

- ☐ 'Don't tell anyone what I said.' 'No, I **wouldn't dream of** it.' (= I would never do it)

D

**complain (TO somebody) ABOUT ...** = *say that you are not satisfied*

- ☐ We **complained to** the manager of the restaurant **about** the food.

**complain OF** a pain, an illness etc. = *say that you have a pain etc.*

- ☐ We called the doctor because George was **complaining of** a pain in his stomach.

E

**remind somebody ABOUT ...** = *tell somebody not to forget*

- ☐ I'm glad you **reminded me about** the meeting. I'd completely forgotten about it.

**remind somebody OF ...** = *cause somebody to remember*

- ☐ This house **reminds me of** the one I lived in when I was a child.  
☐ Look at this photograph of Richard. Who does he **remind you of**?

F

**warn somebody ABOUT** a person or thing which is bad, dangerous, unusual etc.

- ☐ I knew he was a strange person. I had been **warned about** him. (*not warned of him*)  
☐ Vicky **warned me** about the traffic. She said it would be bad.

**warn somebody ABOUT or OF** a danger, something bad which might happen later

- ☐ Scientists have **warned us about (or of)** the effects of climate change.



**134.1** Complete the sentences using **hear** or **heard** + a preposition (**about/of/from**).

- I've never heard of Tom Hart. Who is he?
- 'Did you ..... the accident last night?' 'Yes, Vicky told me.'
- Jane used to call me quite often, but I haven't ..... her for a long time now.
- A: Have you ..... a writer called William Hudson?  
B: No, I don't think so. What sort of writer is he?
- Thanks for your email. It was good to ..... you.
- 'Do you want to ..... our holiday?' 'Not now. Tell me later.'
- I live in a small town in the north of England. You've probably never ..... it.

**134.2** Complete the sentences using **think about** or **think of**. Sometimes both **about** and **of** are possible. Use the correct form of **think** (**think/thinking/thought**).

- You look serious. What are you thinking about ?
- I need time to make decisions. I like to ..... things carefully.
- That's a good idea. Why didn't I ..... that?
- A: I've finished reading the book you lent me.  
B: What did you ..... it? Did you think it was good?
- We're ..... going out to eat this evening. Would you like to come?
- I don't really want to go out with Tom tonight. I'll have to ..... an excuse.
- When I was offered the job, I didn't accept immediately. I went away and ..... it for a while. In the end I decided to take the job.
- I don't ..... much ..... this coffee. It's like water.
- Katherine is homesick. She's always ..... her family back home.
- A: Do you think I should apply to do the course?  
B: I can't ..... any reason why not.

**134.3** Put in the correct preposition.

- Did you hear about the fire at the hotel yesterday?
- 'I had a strange dream last night.' 'Did you? What did you dream ..... ?'
- Our neighbours complained ..... us ..... the noise we made last night.
- Kevin was complaining ..... pains in his chest, so he went to the doctor.
- I love this music. It reminds me ..... a warm day in spring.
- He loves his job. He thinks ..... his work all the time, he dreams ..... it, he talks ..... it and I'm fed up with hearing ..... it.
- 'We've got no money. What can we do?' 'Don't worry. I'll think ..... something.'
- Jackie warned me ..... the water. She said it wasn't safe to drink.
- We warned our children ..... the dangers of playing in the street.

**134.4** Complete the sentences using these verbs (in the correct form) + a preposition:

complain   dream   hear   remind   remind   ~~think~~   think   warn

- It was my idea. I thought of it first.
- Ben is never satisfied. He's always ..... something.
- I can't make a decision yet. I need time to ..... your proposal.
- Before you go into the house, I must ..... you ..... the dog. He's bitten people before, so be careful.
- She's not a well-known singer. Not many people have ..... her.
- A: You wouldn't go away without telling me, would you?  
B: Of course not. I wouldn't ..... it.
- I would have forgotten my appointment if Jane hadn't ..... me ..... it.
- Do you see that man over there? Does he ..... you ..... anybody you know?



## Verb + preposition 4 of/for/from/on

## A

## Verb + of

accuse / suspect somebody **OF** ...

- ☐ Sue **accused** me **of** being selfish.
- ☐ Some students were **suspected of** cheating in the exam.

approve / disapprove **OF** ...

- ☐ His parents don't **approve of** what he does, but they can't stop him.

die **OF** or **FROM** an illness etc.

- ☐ 'What did he **die of**?' 'A heart attack.'

consist **OF** ...

- ☐ We had an enormous meal. It **consisted of** seven courses.

## B

## Verb + for

pay (somebody) **FOR** ...

- ☐ I didn't have enough money to **pay for** the meal. (*not* pay the meal)
- but* **pay** a bill / a fine / a fee / tax / rent / a sum of money etc. (no preposition)
- ☐ I didn't have enough money to **pay the rent**.

thank / forgive somebody **FOR** ...

- ☐ I'll never **forgive** them **for** what they did.

apologise (**TO** somebody) **FOR** ...

- ☐ When I realised I was wrong, I **apologised (to them) for** my mistake.

blame somebody/something **FOR** ... , somebody is **to blame FOR** ...

- ☐ Everybody **blamed** me **for** the accident.
- ☐ Everybody said that I was **to blame for** the accident.

blame (a problem etc.) **ON** ...

- ☐ The accident wasn't my fault. Don't **blame** it **on** me.

## C

## Verb + from

suffer **FROM** an illness etc.

- ☐ There's been an increase in the number of people **suffering from** heart disease.

protect somebody/something **FROM**

- ☐ Sun block **protects** the skin **from** the sun.

## D

## Verb + on

depend / rely **ON** ...

- ☐ 'What time will you be home?' 'I don't know. It **depends on** the traffic.'
- ☐ You can **rely on** Anna. She always keeps her promises.

You can use **depend + when/where/how** etc. with or without **on**:

- ☐ 'Are you going to buy it?' 'It **depends how much** it is.' (or It depends **on** how much)

live **ON** money/food

- ☐ Michael's salary is very low. It isn't enough to **live on**.

congratulate / compliment somebody **ON** ...

- ☐ I **congratulated** her **on** doing so well in her exams.
- ☐ The meal was really good. I **complimented** Mark **on** his cooking skills.



## Exercises

**135.1** Put in the correct preposition. If no preposition is necessary, leave the space empty.

- 1 Some students were suspected of cheating in the exam.
- 2 Are you going to apologise ..... what you did?
- 3 The apartment consists ..... three rooms, a kitchen and bathroom.
- 4 I was accused ..... lying, but I was telling the truth.
- 5 We finished our meal, paid ..... the bill, and left the restaurant.
- 6 The accident was my fault, so I had to pay ..... the repairs.
- 7 Some people are dying ..... hunger, while others eat too much.
- 8 I called Helen to thank her ..... the present she sent me.
- 9 The government is popular. Most people approve ..... what they're doing.
- 10 Do you blame the government ..... the economic situation?
- 11 When something goes wrong, you always blame it ..... other people.

**135.2** Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

- 1 Sue said that I was selfish.  
Sue accused me of being selfish.
- 2 The misunderstanding was my fault, so I apologised.  
I apologised .....
- 3 Jane won the tournament, so I congratulated her.  
I congratulated .....
- 4 He has enemies, and he has a bodyguard to protect him.  
He has a bodyguard to protect .....
- 5 There are eleven players in a football team.  
A football team consists .....
- 6 Sandra eats only bread and eggs.  
Sandra lives .....
- 7 You can't say that your problems are my fault.  
You can't blame .....

**135.3** Complete the sentences using these verbs (in the correct form) + a preposition:

accuse    apologise    ~~approve~~    congratulate    depend    live    pay    suffer

- 1 His parents don't approve of what he does, but they can't stop him.
- 2 When you went to the theatre with Paul, who ..... the tickets?
- 3 It's not pleasant when you are ..... something you didn't do.
- 4 We hope to go to the beach tomorrow, but it ..... the weather.
- 5 Things are cheap there. You can ..... very little money.
- 6 You were rude to Lisa. I think you should ..... her.
- 7 Alex ..... back pain. He spends too much time working at his desk.
- 8 When I saw David, I ..... him ..... passing his driving test.

**135.4** Put in the correct preposition. If no preposition is necessary, leave the space empty.

- 1 I'll never forgive them for what they did.
- 2 They wore warm clothes to protect themselves ..... the cold.
- 3 You know you can always rely ..... me if you need any help.
- 4 Sophie doesn't have enough money to pay ..... her college fees.
- 5 She's often unwell. She suffers ..... very bad headaches.
- 6 I don't know whether I'll go out tonight. It depends ..... how I feel.
- 7 She hasn't got a job. She depends ..... her parents for money.
- 8 My usual breakfast consists ..... fruit, cereal and coffee.
- 9 I complimented her ..... her English. She spoke really well.



Verb + preposition 5 **in/into/with/to/on**

A

## Verb + in

**believe IN ...**

- ☐ Do you **believe in** God? (= Do you believe that God exists?)
- ☐ I **believe in** saying what I think. (= I believe it is right to say what I think)

*but believe* something (= believe it is true), **believe** somebody (= believe they are telling the truth)

- ☐ The story can't be true. I don't **believe it**. (*not believe in it*)

**specialise IN ...**

- ☐ Helen is a lawyer. She **specialises in** company law.

**succeed IN ...**

- ☐ I hope you **succeed in** finding the job you want.

B

## Verb + into

**break INTO ...**

- ☐ Our house was **broken into** a few days ago, but nothing was stolen.

**crash / drive / bump / run INTO ...**

- ☐ He lost control of the car and **crashed into** a wall.

**divide / cut / split** something **INTO** two or more parts

- ☐ The book is **divided into** three parts.

**translate** a book etc. **FROM** one language **INTO** another

- ☐ She's a famous writer. Her books have been **translated into** many languages.

C

## Verb + with

**collide WITH ...**

- ☐ There was an accident this morning. A bus **collided with** a car.

**fill** something **WITH ...** (*but full of ...* – see Unit 131B)

- ☐ Take this saucepan and **fill it with** water.

**provide / supply** somebody **WITH ...**

- ☐ The school **provides** all its students **with** books.

D

## Verb + to

**happen TO ...**

- ☐ What **happened to** that gold watch you used to have? (= where is it now?)

**invite** somebody **TO** a party / a wedding etc.

- ☐ They only **invited** a few people **to** their wedding.

**prefer** one thing/person **TO** another

- ☐ I **prefer** tea **to** coffee.

E

## Verb + on

**concentrate ON ...**

- ☐ I tried to **concentrate on** my work, but I kept thinking about other things.

**insist ON ...**

- ☐ I wanted to go alone, but some friends of mine **insisted on** coming with me.

**spend** (money) **ON ...**

- ☐ How much do you **spend on** food each week?



## Exercises

**136.1** Complete the sentences using these verbs (in the correct form) + a preposition:

believe    concentrate    divide    drive    fill    happen    ~~insist~~    invite    succeed

- I wanted to go alone, but my friends insisted on coming with me.
- I haven't seen Mike for ages. I wonder what has ..... him.
- We've been ..... the party, but unfortunately we can't go.
- It's a very large house. It's ..... four apartments.
- I don't ..... ghosts. I think people imagine that they see them.
- Steve gave me an empty bucket and told me to ..... it ..... water.
- I was driving along when the car in front stopped suddenly. I couldn't stop in time and ..... the back of it.
- Don't try and do two things together. .... one thing at a time.
- It wasn't easy, but in the end we ..... finding a solution to the problem.

**136.2** Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

- There was a collision between a bus and a car.  
A bus collided with a car .....
- I don't mind big cities, but I prefer small towns.  
I prefer .....
- I got all the information I needed from Jane.  
Jane provided me .....
- This morning I bought a pair of shoes which cost £70.  
This morning I spent .....
- There are ten districts in the city.  
The city is divided .....

**136.3** Put in the correct preposition. If the sentence is already complete, leave the space empty.

- The school provides all its students with books.
- A strange thing happened ..... me a few days ago.
- Mark decided to give up sport to concentrate ..... his studies.
- Money should be used well. I don't believe ..... wasting it.
- My present job isn't wonderful, but I prefer it ..... what I did before.
- I hope you succeed ..... getting what you want.
- As I was coming out of the room, I collided ..... somebody who was coming in.
- There was an awful noise as the car crashed ..... a tree.
- Patrick is a photographer. He specialises ..... sports photography.
- Do you spend a lot of money ..... clothes?
- I was amazed when Joe walked into the room. I couldn't believe ..... it.
- Somebody broke ..... my car and stole the radio.
- I was quite cold, but Tom insisted ..... having the window open.
- The teacher decided to split the class ..... four groups.
- I filled the tank, but unfortunately I filled it ..... the wrong kind of petrol.
- Some words are difficult to translate ..... one language ..... another.

**136.4** Use your own ideas to complete these sentences. Use a preposition.

- I wanted to go out alone, but my friend insisted on coming with me .....
- I spend a lot of money .....
- I saw the accident. The car crashed .....
- Chris prefers basketball .....
- The restaurant we went to specialises .....
- Shakespeare's plays have been translated .....



We often use verbs with the following words:

So you can say **look out** / **get on** / **take off** / **run away** etc. These are *phrasal verbs*.

We often use **on/off/out** etc. with verbs of movement. For example:

- But often the second word (**on/off/out** etc.) gives a special meaning to the verb. For example:

- For more phrasal verbs, see Units 138–145.

Sometimes a phrasal verb is followed by a *preposition*. For example:

Sometimes a phrasal verb has an *object*. Usually there are two possible positions for the object. So you can say:

If the object is a *pronoun* (**it/them/me/him** etc.), only one position is possible:

I turned it on. (not I turned on it)

Some more examples:

- Phrasal verbs 2–9 → Units 138–145      American English → Appendix 7



**137.1** Complete each sentence using a verb from A (in the correct form) + a word from B. You can use a word more than once.

A fly get go  
look sit speak

B away by down on  
out round up

- The bus was full. We couldn't get on.
- I've been standing for the last two hours. I'm going to ..... for a bit.
- A cat tried to catch the bird, but it ..... just in time.
- We were trapped in the building. We couldn't .....
- I can't hear you very well. Can you ..... a little?
- 'Do you speak German?' 'Not very well, but I can .....
- Everything has got so expensive. Prices have ..... a lot.
- I thought there was somebody behind me, but when I ....., there was nobody there.

**137.2** Complete the sentences using a word from A and a word from B. You can use a word more than once.

A away back forward in up B at through to with

- You're walking too fast. I can't keep up with you.
- My holidays are nearly over. Next week I'll be ..... work.
- We went ..... the top floor of the building to admire the view.
- The meeting tomorrow is going to be difficult. I'm not looking ..... it.
- There was a bank robbery last week. The robbers got ..... £50,000.
- I love to look ..... the stars in the sky at night.
- I was sitting in the kitchen when a bird flew ..... the open window.

**137.3** Complete the sentences using these phrasal verbs + it/them/me:

fill in get out give back switch on take off wake up

- They gave me a form and told me to fill it in.
- I'm going to bed now. Can you ..... at 6.30?
- I've got something in my eye and I can't .....
- I don't like it when people borrow things and don't .....
- I want to use the hair dryer. How do I ..... ?
- My shoes are dirty. I'd better ..... before going into the house.

**137.4** Use your own ideas to complete the sentences. Use a noun (this box etc.) or a pronoun (it/them etc.) + the word in brackets (away/up etc.).

- Don't throw away this box. I want to keep it. (away)
- I don't want this newspaper. You can throw it away. (away)
- I borrowed these books from the library. I have to take ..... tomorrow. (back)
- We can turn ..... Nobody is watching it. (off)
- A: How did the vase get broken?  
B: I'm afraid I knocked ..... while I was cleaning. (over)
- Shh! My mother is asleep. I don't want to wake ..... (up)
- It's cold today. You should put ..... if you're going out. (on)
- It was only a small fire. I was able to put ..... easily. (out)
- A: Is this hotel more expensive than when we stayed here last year?  
B: Yes, they've put ..... (up)
- It's a bit dark in this room. Shall I turn ..... ? (on)



## A

Compare **in** and **out**:**in** = into a room, a building, a car etc.

- ☐ How did the thieves **get in**?
- ☐ Here's a key, so you can **let yourself in**.
- ☐ Lisa walked up to the edge of the pool and **dived in**. (= into the water)
- ☐ I've got a new apartment. I'm **moving in** on Friday.
- ☐ As soon as I got to the airport, I **checked in**.

In the same way you can say **go in, come in, walk in, break in** etc.Compare **in** and **into**:

- ☐ I'm moving **in** next week.
- ☐ I'm moving **into my new flat** on Friday.

**out** = out of a room, building, a car etc.

- ☐ He just stood up and **walked out**.
- ☐ I had no key, so I was **locked out**.
- ☐ She swam up and down the pool, and then **climbed out**.
- ☐ Andy opened the window and **looked out**.
- ☐ (at a hotel) What time do we have to **check out**?

In the same way you can say **go out, get out, move out, let somebody out** etc.Compare **out** and **out of**:

- ☐ He walked **out**.
- ☐ He walked **out of the room**.

## B

Other verbs + **in****drop in** = visit somebody for a short time without arranging to do this

- ☐ I **dropped in** to see Chris on my way home.

**join in** = take part in an activity that is already going on

- ☐ They were playing cards, so I **joined in**.

**plug in** an electrical machine = connect it to the electricity supply

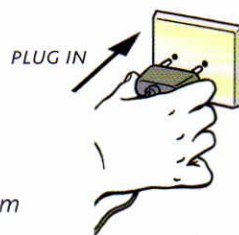
- ☐ The fridge isn't working because you haven't **plugged it in**.

**fill in** a form, a questionnaire etc. = write the necessary information on a form

- ☐ Please **fill in** the application form and send it to us by 28 February.

You can also say **fill out** a form.**take** somebody **in** = deceive somebody

- ☐ The man said he was a policeman and I believed him. I was completely **taken in**.



## C

Other verbs + **out****eat out** = eat at a restaurant, not at home

- ☐ There wasn't anything to eat at home, so we decided to **eat out**.

**drop out** of college, university, a course, a race = stop before you have completely finished a course/race etc.

- ☐ Gary went to university but **dropped out** after a year.

**get out** of something that you arranged to do = avoid doing it

- ☐ I promised I'd go to the wedding. I don't want to go, but I can't **get out** of it now.

**cut** something **out** (of a newspaper etc.)

- ☐ There was a beautiful picture in the magazine, so I **cut it out** and kept it.

**leave** something **out** = omit it, not include it

- ☐ In the sentence 'She said that she was ill', you can **leave out** the word 'that'.

**cross** something **out** / **rub** something **out**

- ☐ Some of the names on the list had been **crossed out**. ~~Sarah~~ cross out



**138.1** Complete the sentences using a verb in the correct form.

- Here's a key so that you can let yourself in.
- Liz doesn't like cooking, so she ..... out a lot.
- Amy isn't living in this apartment any more. She ..... out a few weeks ago.
- If you're in our part of town, you should ..... in and say hello.
- When I ..... in at the airport, I was told my flight would be delayed.
- There was an article in the paper that I wanted to keep, so I ..... it out.
- I wanted to iron some clothes, but there was nowhere to ..... the iron in.
- I hate ..... in questionnaires.
- Steve was upset because he'd been ..... out of the team.
- Be careful! The water's not very deep here, so don't ..... in.
- If you write in pencil and you make a mistake, you can ..... it out.
- Paul started doing a Spanish course, but he ..... out after a few weeks.

**138.2** Complete the sentences with **in**, **into**, **out** or **out of**.

- I've got a new flat. I'm moving in on Friday.
- We checked ..... the hotel as soon as we arrived.
- As soon as we arrived at the hotel, we checked .....
- The car stopped and the driver got .....
- Thieves broke ..... the house while we were away.
- Why did Sarah drop ..... college? Did she fail her exams?

**138.3** Complete the sentences using a verb + **in** or **out (of)**.

- Lisa walked to the edge of the pool, dived in and swam to the other end.
- Not all the runners finished the race. Three of them .....
- I went to see Joe and Sophie in their new house. They ..... last week.
- I've told you everything you need to know. I don't think I've ..... anything.
- Some people in the crowd started singing. Then a few more people ..... and soon everybody was singing.
- We go to restaurants a lot. We like .....
- Don't be ..... by him. If I were you, I wouldn't believe anything he says.
- I ..... to see Laura a few days ago. She was fine.
- A: Can we meet tomorrow morning at 10?  
B: Probably. I'm supposed to go to another meeting, but I think I can ..... it.

**138.4** Complete the sentences. Use the word in brackets in the correct form.

- A: The fridge isn't working.  
B: That's because you haven't plugged it in. (plug)
- A: What do I have to do with these forms?  
B: ..... and send them to this address. (fill)
- A: I've made a mistake on this form.  
B: That's all right. Just ..... and correct it. (cross)
- A: Did you believe the story they told you?  
B: Yes, I'm afraid they completely ..... (take)
- A: Have you been to that new club in Bridge Street?  
B: We wanted to go there a few nights ago, but they wouldn't ..... because we weren't members. (let)



## Phrasal verbs 3 out

A

**out** = not burning, not shining**go out****put out** a fire / a cigarette / a light**turn out** a light**blow out** a candle

- ☐ Suddenly all the lights in the building **went out**.
- ☐ We managed to **put** the fire **out**.
- ☐ I **turned** the lights **out** before leaving.
- ☐ We don't need the candle. You can **blow** it **out**.

B

**work out****work out** = *do physical exercises*

- ☐ Rachel **works out** at the gym three times a week.

**work out** = *develop, progress*

- ☐ Good luck for the future. I hope everything **works out** well for you.
- ☐ A: Why did James leave the company?  
B: Things didn't **work out**. (= things didn't work out well)

**work out** (for mathematical calculations)

- ☐ The total bill for three people is £84.60. That **works out** at £28.20 each.

**work something out** = *calculate, think about a problem and find the answer*

- ☐  $345 \times 76$ ? I need to do this on paper. I can't **work** it **out** in my head.

C

Other verbs + **out****carry out** an order, an experiment, a survey, an investigation, a plan etc.

- ☐ Soldiers are expected to **carry out** orders.
- ☐ An investigation into the accident will be **carried out** as soon as possible.

**fall out** (with somebody) = *stop being friends*

- ☐ They used to be very good friends. I'm surprised to hear that they have **fallen out**.
- ☐ David **fell out with** his father and left home.

**find out** that/what/when ... etc., **find out about** something = *get information*

- ☐ The police never **found out** who committed the murder.
- ☐ I just **found out** that it's Helen's birthday today.
- ☐ I checked a few websites to **find out** about hotels in the town.

**give/hand things out** = *give to each person*

- ☐ At the end of the lecture, the speaker **gave out** information sheets to the audience.

**point something out** (to somebody) = *draw attention to something*

- ☐ As we drove through the city, our guide **pointed out** all the sights.
- ☐ I didn't realise I'd made a mistake until somebody **pointed it out** to me.

**run out** (of something)

- ☐ We **ran out of** petrol on the motorway. (= we used all our petrol)

**sort something out** = *find a solution to, put in order*

- ☐ There are a few problems we need to **sort out**.
- ☐ All these papers are mixed up. I'll have to **sort** them **out**.

**turn out** to be ... , **turn out** good/nice etc. , **turn out** that ...

- ☐ Nobody believed Paul at first, but he **turned out** to be right. (= it became clear in the end that he was right)
- ☐ The weather wasn't so good in the morning, but it **turned out** nice later.
- ☐ I thought they knew each other, but it **turned out** that they'd never met.

**try out** a machine, a system, a new idea etc. = *test it to see if it is OK*

- ☐ The company is **trying out** a new computer system at the moment.



**139.1** Which words can go together? Choose from the list.

a candle   a cigarette   ~~a light~~   a mess   a mistake   a new product   an order

- |                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| 1 turn out <u>a light</u> |                  |
| 2 point out .....         | 5 put out .....  |
| 3 blow out .....          | 6 try out .....  |
| 4 carry out .....         | 7 sort out ..... |

**139.2** Complete the sentences using a verb + out.

- The company is trying out a new computer system at the moment.
- Steve is very fit. He does a lot of sport and ..... regularly.
- The road will be closed for two days next week while building work is .....
- We didn't manage to discuss everything at the meeting. We ..... of time.
- You have to ..... the problem yourself. I can't do it for you.
- I don't know what happened exactly. I need to .....
- The new drug will be ..... on a small group of patients.
- I thought the two books were the same until a friend of mine ..... the difference.
- They got married a few years ago, but it didn't ..... and they separated.
- There was a power cut and all the lights .....
- We thought she was American at first, but she ..... to be Swedish.
- Sometimes it ..... cheaper to eat in a restaurant than to cook at home.
- I haven't applied for the job yet. I want to ..... more about the company first.
- It took the fire brigade two hours to ..... the fire.

**139.3** For each picture, complete the sentence using a verb + out.



They've run out of  
petrol



The man with the beard is  
leaflets.



The weather has .....



Sally and Kim are .....  
at the gym.



They've .....



Lisa is trying to .....  
how .....

**139.4** Complete the sentences. Each time use a verb + out.

- A: Was the fire serious?  
B: No, we were able to put it out.
- A: This recipe looks interesting.  
B: Yes, let's .....
- A: How much money do I owe you exactly?  
B: Just a moment. I'll have to .....
- A: What happened about your problem with your bank?  
B: It's OK now. I went to see them and we .....



Phrasal verbs 4 **on/off** (1)**A** On and off for lights, machines etc.

We say: the light **is on** / **put** the light **on** / **leave** the light **on** etc.  
**turn** the light **on/off** or **switch** the light **on/off**

- ☐ Shall I **leave** the lights **on** or **turn** them **off**?
- ☐ 'Is the heating **on**?' 'No, I **switched** it **off**.'
- ☐ We need some boiling water, so I'll **put** the kettle **on**.

Also **put on** some music / a CD etc.

- ☐ I haven't listened to this CD yet. Shall I **put it on**? (= shall I play it)

**B** On and off for events etc.

**go on** = *happen*

- ☐ What's all that noise? What's **going on**? (= what's happening)

**call** something **off** = *cancel it*

- ☐ The open air concert had to be **called off** because of the weather.

**put** something **off**, **put off** doing something = *delay it*

- ☐ The wedding has been **put off** until January.
- ☐ We can't **put off** making a decision. We have to decide now.

**C** On and off for clothes etc.

**put on** clothes, glasses, make-up, a seat belt etc.

- ☐ My hands were cold, so I **put** my gloves **on**.

Also **put on** weight = *get heavier*

- ☐ I've **put on** two kilograms in the last month.

**try on** clothes (to see if they fit)

- ☐ I **tried on** a jacket in the shop, but it didn't fit me very well.

**take off** clothes, glasses etc.

- ☐ It was warm, so I **took off** my jacket.

**D** Off = away from a person or place

**be off** (to a place)

- ☐ Tomorrow I'm **off** to Paris / I'm **off** on holiday.  
 (= I'm going to Paris / I'm going on holiday)

**walk off** / **run off** / **drive off** / **ride off** / **go off** (similar to **walk away** / **run away** etc.)

- ☐ Diane got on her bike and **rode off**.
- ☐ Mark left home at the age of 18 and **went off** to Canada.

**set off** = *start a journey*

- ☐ We **set off** very early to avoid the traffic. (= We left early)

**take off** = *leave the ground (for planes)*

- ☐ After a long delay the plane finally **took off**.

**see** somebody **off** = *go with them to the airport/station to say goodbye*

- ☐ Helen was going away. We went to the station with her to **see her off**.



## Exercises

**140.1** Complete the sentences using **put on** + the following:

a CD    the heating    the kettle    ~~the light~~    the oven

- 1 It was getting dark, so I put the light on.
- 2 It was getting cold, so I .....
- 3 I wanted to bake a cake, so I .....
- 4 I wanted to make some tea, so I .....
- 5 I wanted to listen to some music, so I .....

**140.2** Complete the sentences. Each time use a verb + **on** or **off**.

- 1 It was warm, so I took off my jacket.
- 2 What are all these people doing? What's ..... ?
- 3 The weather was too bad for the plane to ....., so the flight was delayed.
- 4 I didn't want to be disturbed, so I ..... my phone.
- 5 Rachel got into her car and ..... at high speed.
- 6 Tim has ..... weight since I last saw him. He used to be quite thin.
- 7 A: What time are you leaving tomorrow?  
B: I'm not sure yet, but I'd like to ..... as early as possible.
- 8 Don't ..... until tomorrow what you can do today.
- 9 There was going to be a strike by bus drivers, but now they have been offered more money and the strike has been .....
- 10 Are you cold? Shall I get you a sweater to ..... ?
- 11 When I go away, I prefer to be alone at the station or airport. I don't like it when people come to ..... me .....

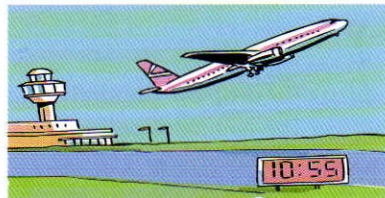
**140.3** Look at the pictures and complete the sentences.

①



Her hands were cold, so she put her gloves on.

②



The plane ..... at 10.55.

③



Maria ....., but it was too big for her.

④



The match ..... because of the weather.

⑤



Mark's parents went to the airport to .....

⑥



He took his sunglasses out of his pocket and .....



Phrasal verbs 5 **on/off** (2)

A

Verb + **on** = continue doing something**drive on** / **walk on** / **play on** = *continue driving/walking/playing etc.*

- ☐ Shall we stop at this petrol station or shall we **drive on** to the next one?

**go on** = *continue*

- ☐ The party **went on** until 4 o'clock in the morning.

**go on** / **carry on** doing something = *continue doing something*

- ☐ We can't **go on** spending money like this. We'll have nothing left soon.  
☐ I don't want to **carry on** working here. I'm going to look for another job.

Also **go on with** / **carry on with** something

- ☐ Don't let me disturb you. Please **carry on with** what you're doing.

**keep on** doing something = *do it continuously or repeatedly*

- ☐ He **keeps on** criticising me. I'm fed up with it!

B

Get on

**get on** = *progress*

- ☐ How are you **getting on** in your new job? (= How is it going?)

**get on (with somebody)** = *have a good relationship*

- ☐ Joanne and Karen don't **get on**. They're always arguing.  
☐ Richard **gets on** well **with** his neighbours. They're all very friendly.

**get on with** something = *continue doing something you have to do, usually after an interruption*

- ☐ I must **get on with** my work. I have a lot to do.

C

Verb + **off****doze off** / **drop off** / **nod off** = *fall asleep*

- ☐ The lecture wasn't very interesting. In fact I **dozed off** in the middle of it.

**finish something off** = *do the last part of something*

- ☐ A: Have you finished painting the kitchen?  
 B: Nearly. I'll **finish it off** tomorrow.

**go off** = *explode*

- ☐ A bomb **went off** in the city centre, but fortunately nobody was hurt.

Also an alarm can **go off** = *ring*

- ☐ Did you hear the alarm **go off**?

**put somebody off** (doing something) = *cause somebody not to want something or to do something*

- ☐ We wanted to go to the exhibition, but we were **put off** by the long queue.  
☐ What **put** you **off** applying for the job? Was the salary too low?

**rip somebody off** = *cheat somebody (informal)*

- ☐ Did you really pay £2,000 for that painting? I think you were **ripped off**.  
 (= you paid too much)

**show off** = *try to impress people with your ability, your knowledge etc.*

- ☐ Look at that boy on the bike riding with no hands. He's just **showing off**.

**tell somebody off** = *speak angrily to somebody because they did something wrong*

- ☐ Clare's mother **told her off** for wearing dirty shoes in the house.



**141.1** Change the underlined words. Keep the same meaning, but use a verb + **on** or **off**.

- Did you hear the bomb explode?  
Did you hear the bomb go off?
- The meeting continued longer than I expected.  
The meeting ..... longer than I expected.
- We didn't stop to rest. We continued walking.  
We didn't stop to rest. We .....
- I fell asleep while I was watching TV.  
I ..... while I was watching TV.
- Gary doesn't want to retire. He wants to continue working.  
Gary doesn't want to retire. He wants to ..... working.
- The fire alarm rang in the middle of the night.  
The fire alarm ..... in the middle of the night.
- Martin phones me continuously. It's very annoying.  
Martin ..... It's very annoying.

**141.2** Complete each sentence using a verb + **on** or **off**.

- We can't go on spending money like this. We'll have nothing left soon.
- I was standing by the car when suddenly the alarm .....
- I'm not ready to go home yet. I have a few things to .....
- 'Shall I stop the car here?' 'No, .....
- Bill paid too much for the car he bought. I think he was .....
- 'Is Emma enjoying her course at university?' 'Yes, she's ..... very well.'
- I was very tired at work today. I nearly ..... at my desk a couple of times.
- Ben was ..... by his boss for being late for work repeatedly.
- I really like working with my colleagues. We all ..... really well together.
- There was a very loud noise. It sounded like a bomb .....
- I ..... making the same mistake. It's very frustrating.
- I've just had a coffee break, and now I must ..... with my work.
- Peter is always trying to impress people. He's always .....
- We decided not to go to the concert. We were ..... by the cost of tickets.

**141.3** Complete the sentences. Use the following verbs (in the correct form) + **on** or **off**. Sometimes you will need other words as well:

carry      finish      ~~get~~      get      get      go      rip      tell

- A: How are you getting on in your new job?  
B: Fine, thanks. It's going very well.
- A: Have you written the letter you had to write?  
B: I've started it. I'll ..... in the morning.
- A: We took a taxi to the airport. It cost £40.  
B: £40! Normally it costs about £20. You .....
- A: Why were you late for work this morning?  
B: I overslept. My alarm clock didn't .....
- A: How ..... in your interview? Do you think you'll get the job?  
B: I hope so. The interview was OK.
- A: Did you stop playing tennis when it started to rain?  
B: No, we ..... The rain wasn't very heavy.
- A: Some children at the next table in the restaurant were behaving very badly.  
B: Why didn't their parents .....?
- A: Why does Paul want to leave his job?  
B: He ..... his boss.



## Phrasal verbs 6 up/down

A

Compare **up** and **down**:**put** something **up** (on a wall etc.)

- ☐ I **put** a picture **up** on the wall.

**pick** something **up**

- ☐ There was a letter on the floor.  
I **picked** it **up** and looked at it.

**stand up**

- ☐ Alan **stood up** and walked out.

**turn** something **up**

- ☐ I can't hear the TV. Can you  
**turn** it **up** a bit?

**take** something **down** (from a wall etc.)

- ☐ I didn't like the picture, so I **took** it **down**.

**put** something **down**

- ☐ I stopped writing and **put down** my pen.

**sit down / bend down / lie down**

- ☐ I **bent down** to tie my shoelace.

**turn** something **down**

- ☐ The oven is too hot. **Turn** it **down** to 150 degrees.



B

**Knock down, cut down** etc.**knock down** a building, **blow** something **down**, **cut** something **down** etc.

- ☐ Some old houses were **knocked down** to make way for the new shopping centre.  
☐ Why did you **cut down** the tree in your garden?

**be knocked down** (by a car etc.)

- ☐ A man was **knocked down** by a car and taken to hospital.

**burn down** = *be destroyed by fire*

- ☐ They were able to put out the fire before the house **burnt down**.

C

**Down** = getting less**slow down** = *go more slowly*

- ☐ You're driving too fast. **Slow down**.

**calm** (somebody) **down** = *become calmer, make somebody calmer*

- ☐ **Calm down**. There's no point in getting angry.

**cut down** (on something) = *eat, drink or do something less often*

- ☐ I'm trying to **cut down on** coffee. I drink too much of it.

D

Other verbs + **down****break down** = *stop working (for machines, cars, relationships etc.)*

- ☐ The car **broke down** and I had to phone for help.  
☐ Their marriage **broke down** after only a few months.

**close down / shut down** = *stop doing business*

- ☐ There used to be a shop at the end of the street; it **closed down** a few years ago.

**let** somebody **down** = *disappoint them because you didn't do what they hoped*

- ☐ You can always rely on Paul. He'll never **let** you **down**.

**turn** somebody/something **down** = *refuse an application, an offer etc.*

- ☐ I applied for several jobs, but I was **turned down** for all of them.  
☐ Rachel was offered the job, but she decided to **turn** it **down**.

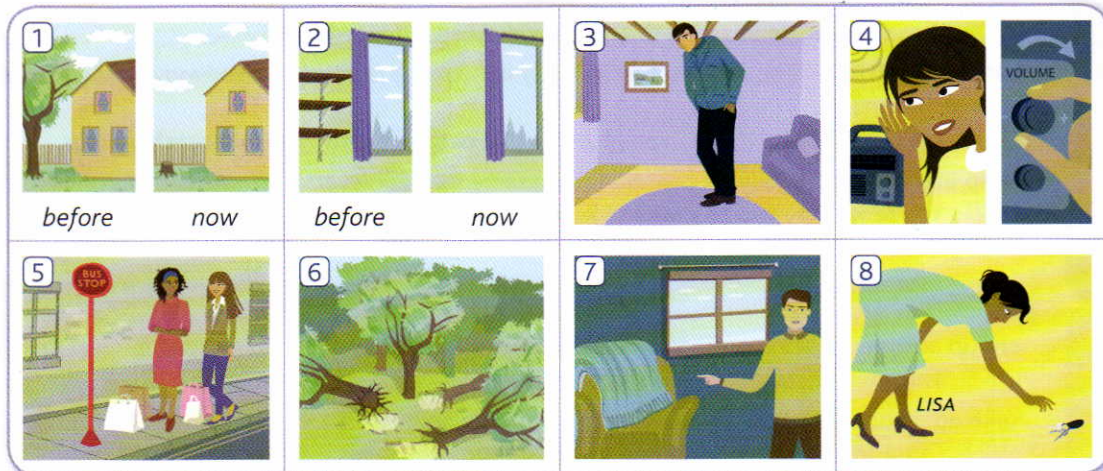
**write** something **down** = *write something on paper because you may need the information later*

- ☐ I can't remember Tim's address. I **wrote** it **down**, but I can't find it.



## Exercises

**142.1** For each picture, complete the sentences using a verb + **up** or **down**. In most sentences you will need other words as well.



- 1 There used to be a tree next to the house, but we cut it down.
- 2 There used to be some shelves on the wall, but I .....
- 3 The ceiling was so low, he couldn't ..... straight.
- 4 She couldn't hear the radio very well, so she .....
- 5 While they were waiting for the bus, they ..... on the ground.
- 6 A few trees ..... in the storm last week.
- 7 We've got some new curtains, but we haven't ..... yet.
- 8 Lisa dropped her keys, so she ..... and .....

**142.2** Complete the sentences. Use the following verbs (in the correct form) + **down**:

calm   let   ~~take~~   turn   turn   write

- 1 I don't like this picture on the wall. I'm going to take it down.
- 2 The music is too loud. Can you ..... ?
- 3 David was very angry. I tried to .....
- 4 Sarah gave me her phone number. I ..... on a piece of paper.
- 5 I promised I would help Anna. I don't want to .....
- 6 I was offered the job, but I decided I didn't want it. So I .....

**142.3** Complete each sentence using a verb (in the correct form) + **down**.

- 1 I stopped writing and put down my pen.
- 2 I was really angry. It took me a long time to .....
- 3 The train ..... as it approached the station.
- 4 Sarah applied to study medicine at university, but she .....
- 5 Our car is very reliable. It has never .....
- 6 I need to spend less money. I'm going to ..... on things I don't really need.
- 7 I didn't play very well. I felt that I had ..... the other players in the team.
- 8 The shop ..... because it was losing money.
- 9 This is a very ugly building. Many people would like it to .....
- 10 I can't understand why you ..... the chance of working abroad for a year. It would have been a great experience for you.
- 11 A: Did you see the accident? What happened exactly?  
B: A man ..... by a car as he was crossing the road.
- 12 Peter got married when he was 20, but unfortunately the marriage ..... a few years later.



## Phrasal verbs 7 up (1)

A

**go up / come up / walk up (to ...)** = *approach*

- ☐ A man **came up to** me in the street and asked me for money.

**catch up (with somebody)**, **catch somebody up** = *move faster than somebody in front of you so that you reach them*

- ☐ I'm not ready to go yet. You go on and I'll **catch up with** you / I'll **catch you up**.

**keep up (with somebody)** = *continue at the same speed or level*

- ☐ You're walking too fast. I can't **keep up (with)** you.  
☐ You're doing well. **Keep it up!**

B

**set up** an organisation, a company, a business, a system, a website etc. = *start it*

- ☐ The government has **set up** a committee to investigate the problem.

**take up** a hobby, a sport, an activity etc. = *start doing it*

- ☐ Laura **took up** photography a few years ago. She takes really good pictures.

**fix up** a meeting etc. = *arrange it*

- ☐ We've **fixed up** a meeting for next Monday.

C

**grow up** = *become an adult*

- ☐ Ann was born in Hong Kong but **grew up** in Australia.

**bring up** a child = *raise, look after a child*

- ☐ Her parents died when she was a child and she was **brought up** by her grandparents.

D

**clean up / clear up / tidy up** something = *make it clean, tidy etc.*

- ☐ Look at this mess! Who's going to **tidy up?** (or **tidy it up**)

**wash up** = *wash the plates, dishes etc. after a meal*

- ☐ I hate **washing up**. (or I hate **doing the washing-up**.)

E

**end up** somewhere, **end up** doing something etc.

- ☐ There was a fight in the street and three men **ended up** in hospital. (= that's what happened to these men in the end)  
☐ I couldn't find a hotel and **ended up** sleeping on a bench at the station. (= that's what happened to me in the end)

**give up** = *stop trying*, **give something up** = *stop doing it*

- ☐ Don't **give up**. Keep trying!  
☐ Sue got bored with her job and decided to **give it up**. (= stop doing it)

**make up** something, be **made up of** something

- ☐ Children under 16 **make up** half the population of the city. (= half the population are children under 16)  
☐ Air is **made up** mainly **of** nitrogen and oxygen. (= Air consists of ...)

**take up** space or time = *use space or time*

- ☐ Most of the space in the room was **taken up** by a large table.

**turn up / show up** = *arrive, appear*





- ☐ We arranged to meet David last night, but he didn't **turn up**.

**use something up** = *use all of it so that nothing is left*

- ☐ I'm going to make some soup. We have a lot of vegetables and I want to **use them up**.



- 143.1** Look at the pictures and complete the sentences. Use three words each time, including a verb from Section A.

<p>1</p>  <p>A man <u>came up to</u> me in the street and asked me the way to the station.</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Sue <u>approached</u> the front door of the house and rang the doorbell.</p>
<p>3</p>  <p>Tom was a long way behind the other runners, but he managed to <u>catch up with</u> them. <u>TOM</u></p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Tanya was running too fast for Paul. He couldn't <u>keep up with</u> her.</p>

- 143.2** Complete the sentences. Use the following verbs (in the correct form) + up:

~~end~~   end   give   give   grow   make   take   take   turn   use   wash

- I couldn't find a hotel and ended up sleeping on a bench at the station.
- I'm feeling very tired now. I've used up all my energy.
- After dinner I washed up and put the dishes away.
- People often ask children what they want to be when they grow up.
- We invited Tom to the party, but he didn't show up.
- Two years ago James made up his studies to be a professional footballer.
- A: Do you do any sports?  
B: Not at the moment, but I'm thinking of taking up tennis.
- You don't have enough determination. You give up too easily.
- Karen travelled a lot for a few years and ended up in Canada, where she still lives.
- I do a lot of gardening. It takes up most of my free time.
- There are two universities in the city, and students make up 20 per cent of the population.

- 143.3** Complete the sentences. Use the following verbs + up (with any other necessary words):

bring   ~~catch~~   fix   ~~give~~   go   keep   keep   make   set   tidy

- Sue got bored with her job and decided to give it up.
- I'm not ready yet. You go on and I'll catch up with you.
- The room is in a mess. I'd better tidy up.
- We expect to go away on holiday sometime in July, but we haven't made up yet.
- Stephen is having problems at school. He can't keep up with the rest of the class.
- Although I gave up in the country, I have always preferred cities.
- Our team started the game well, but we couldn't keep up with and in the end we lost.
- I saw Mike at the party, so I gave up him and said hello.
- When I was on holiday, I joined a tour group. The group made up two Americans, three Germans, five Italians and myself.
- Helen has her own internet website. A friend of hers helped her to set up.



Phrasal verbs 8 **up** (2)

A

**bring up** a topic etc. = *introduce it in a conversation*

- ☐ I don't want to hear any more about this matter. Please don't **bring it up** again.

**come up** = *be introduced in a conversation*

- ☐ Some interesting points **came up** in our discussion yesterday.

**come up with** an idea, a suggestion etc. = *produce an idea*

- ☐ Sarah is very creative. She's always **coming up with** new ideas.

**make** something **up** = *invent something that is not true*

- ☐ What Kevin told you about himself wasn't true. He **made it all up**.

B

**cheer up** = *be happier*, **cheer somebody up** = *make somebody feel happier*

- ☐ You look so sad! **Cheer up**!
- ☐ Helen is depressed at the moment. What can we do to **cheer her up**?

**save up** for something / to do something = *save money to buy something*

- ☐ Dan is **saving up** for a trip round the world.

**clear up** = *become bright (for weather)*

- ☐ It was raining when I got up, but it **cleared up** later.

C

**blow up** = *explode*, **blow something up** = *destroy it with a bomb etc.*

- ☐ The engine caught fire and **blew up**.
- ☐ The bridge was **blown up** during the war.

**tear something up** = *tear it into pieces*

- ☐ I didn't read the letter. I just **tore it up** and threw it away.

**beat somebody up** = *hit someone repeatedly so that they are badly hurt*

- ☐ A friend of mine was attacked and **beaten up** a few days ago. He was badly hurt and had to go to hospital.

D

**break up / split up** (with somebody) = *separate*

- ☐ I'm surprised to hear that Sue and Paul have **split up**. They seemed very happy together.

**do up** a coat, a shoelace, buttons etc. = *fasten, tie etc.*

- ☐ It's quite cold. **Do up** your coat before you go out.

**do up** a building, a room etc. = *repair and improve it*

- ☐ The kitchen looks great now that it has been **done up**.

**look something up** in a dictionary, encyclopaedia etc.

- ☐ If you don't know the meaning of a word, you can **look it up** in a dictionary.

**put up with** something = *tolerate it*

- ☐ We live on a busy road, so we have to **put up with** a lot of noise from the traffic.

**hold up** a person, a plan etc. = *delay*

- ☐ Don't wait for me. I don't want to **hold you up**.
- ☐ Plans to build a new factory have been **held up** because of the company's financial problems.

**mix up** people/things, **get** people/things **mixed up** = *you think one is the other*

- ☐ The two brothers look very similar. Many people **mix them up**. (or ... **get them mixed up**)



## Exercises

## 144.1 Which goes with which?

- 1 I'm going to tear up
- 2 Jane came up with
- 3 Paul is always making up
- 4 I think you should do up
- 5 I don't think you should bring up
- 6 I'm saving up for
- 7 We had to put up with

- a a new camera
- b a lot of bad weather
- c your jacket
- d an interesting suggestion
- e excuses
- f ~~the letter~~
- g that subject

- 1 f
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....
- 7 .....

## 144.2 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences. You will need two or three words each time.

1



this morning



now

The weather was horrible this morning, but it's cleared up now.

2



AMY



Amy was late because she was ..... in the traffic.

3



They bought an old house and ..... It's really nice now.

4



JOE

Come out for a meal with us!



Joe was really depressed. We took him out for a meal to .....

## 144.3 Complete the sentences using a verb (in the correct form) + up. Sometimes you will need other words as well.

- 1 Some interesting matters came up in our discussion yesterday.
- 2 The ship ..... and sank. The cause of the explosion was never discovered.
- 3 Two men have been arrested after a man was ..... outside a restaurant last night. The injured man was taken to hospital.
- 4 'Is Robert still going out with Tina?' 'No, they've .....'
- 5 My hands were so cold, I found it hard to ..... my shoelaces.
- 6 I wish it would stop raining! I hope it ..... soon.
- 7 I wanted to phone Chris, but I dialled Laura's number by mistake. I got their phone numbers .....

## 144.4 Complete the sentences using a verb + up. You will need other words as well.

- 1 Don't wait for me. I don't want to hold you up.
- 2 I don't know what this word means. I'll have to .....
- 3 There's nothing we can do about the problem. We'll just have to ..... it.
- 4 'Was that story true?' 'No, I .....'
- 5 I think we should follow Tom's suggestion. Nobody has ..... a better plan.
- 6 I hate this photo. I'm going to .....
- 7 I'm trying to spend less money at the moment. I'm ..... a trip to Australia.



## Phrasal verbs 9 away/back

A

Compare **away** and **back**:**away** = away from home

- ☐ We're **going away** on holiday today.

**away** = away from a place, a person etc.

- ☐ The woman got into her car, started the engine and **drove away**.
- ☐ I tried to take a picture of the bird, but it **flew away**.
- ☐ I dropped the ticket and it **blew away** in the wind.
- ☐ The police searched the house and **took away** a computer.

In the same way you can say:

**walk away, run away, look away** etc.**back** = back home

- ☐ We'll **be back** in three weeks.

**back** = back to a place, a person etc.

- ☐ A: I'm going out now.  
B: What time will you **be back**?
- ☐ After eating at a restaurant, we **walked back** to our hotel.
- ☐ I've still got Jane's keys. I forgot to **give** them **back** to her.
- ☐ When you've finished with that book, can you **put it back** on the shelf?

In the same way you can say:

**go back, come back, get back, take something back** etc.

B

Other verbs + **away****get away** = escape, leave with difficulty

- ☐ We tried to catch the thief, but she managed to **get away**.

**get away with** something = do something wrong without being caught

- ☐ I parked in a no-parking zone, but I **got away with** it. I didn't have to pay a fine.

**keep away (from ...)** = don't go near

- ☐ **Keep away from** the edge of the pool. You might fall in.

**give** something **away** = give it to somebody else because you don't want it any more

- ☐ 'Did you sell your old computer?' 'No, I **gave it away**.'

**put** something **away** = put it in the place where it is kept, usually out of sight

- ☐ When the children had finished playing with their toys, they **put them away**.

**throw** something **away** = put it in the rubbish

- ☐ I kept the letter, but I **threw away** the envelope.

C

Other verbs + **back****wave back / smile back / shout back / write back / hit** somebody **back**

- ☐ I waved to her and she **waved back**.

**call/phone/ring** (somebody) **back** = return a phone call

- ☐ I can't talk to you now. I'll **call you back** in ten minutes.

**get back to** somebody = reply to them by phone etc.

- ☐ I sent him an email, but he never **got back to** me.

**look back (on something)** = think about what happened in the past

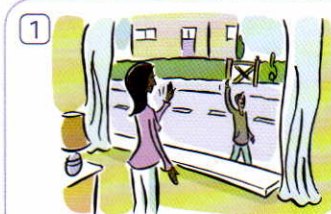
- ☐ My first job was in a travel agency. I didn't like it very much at the time but, **looking back on it**, I learnt a lot and it was a very useful experience.

**pay back** money, **pay** somebody **back**

- ☐ If you borrow money, you have to **pay it back**.
- ☐ Thanks for lending me the money. I'll **pay you back** next week.



## 145.1 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences.



She waved to him and he  
waved back.



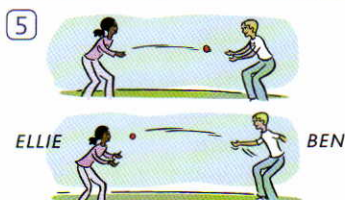
It was windy. I dropped a  
twenty-pound note and it



Sue opened the letter, read it  
and ..... in  
the envelope.



He tried to talk to her, but  
she just .....



Ellie threw the ball to Ben  
and he .....



His shoes were worn out, so  
he .....

## 145.2 Complete the sentences. Use a verb + away or back.

- I was away all day yesterday. I got back very late.
- I haven't seen our neighbours for a while. I think they must .....
- 'I'm going out now.' 'OK. What time will you ..... ?'
- A man was trying to break into a car. When he saw me, he .....
- I smiled at him, but he didn't .....
- If you cheat in the exam, you might ..... with it. But you might  
get caught.
- Be careful! That's an electric fence. .... from it.

## 145.3 Complete the sentences using a verb in the correct form.

- The woman got into her car, started the engine and drove away.
- Here's the money you need. .... me back when you can.
- Don't ..... that box away. It could be useful.
- Jane doesn't do anything at work. I don't know how she ..... away with it.
- I'm going out now. I'll ..... back in about an hour.
- You should think more about the future; don't ..... back all the time.
- Gary is very generous. He won some money in the lottery and ..... it all away.
- I'll ..... back to you as soon as I have the information you need.

## 145.4 Complete the sentences. Use the verb in brackets + away or back.

- A: Do you still have my keys?  
B: No. Don't you remember? I gave them back to you yesterday. (give)
- A: Do you want this magazine?  
B: No, I've finished with it. You can ..... (throw)
- A: How are your new jeans? Do they fit you OK?  
B: No, I'm going to ..... to the shop. (take)
- A: Here's the money you asked me to lend you.  
B: Thanks. I'll ..... as soon as I can. (pay)
- A: What happened to all the books you used to have?  
B: I didn't want them any more, so I ..... (give)
- A: Did you phone Sarah?  
B: She wasn't there. I left a message asking her to ..... (call)



# Appendix 1

## Regular and irregular verbs

### 1.1 Regular verbs

If a verb is regular, the past simple and past participle end in **-ed**. For example:

<i>infinitive</i>	<b>clean</b>	<b>finish</b>	<b>use</b>	<b>paint</b>	<b>stop</b>	<b>carry</b>
<i>past simple</i>	<b>cleaned</b>	<b>finished</b>	<b>used</b>	<b>painted</b>	<b>stopped</b>	<b>carried</b>
<i>past participle</i>	<b>cleaned</b>	<b>finished</b>	<b>used</b>	<b>painted</b>	<b>stopped</b>	<b>carried</b>

For spelling rules, see Appendix 6.

For the *past simple* (I **cleaned** / they **finished** / she **carried** etc.), see Unit 5.

We use the *past participle* to make the perfect tenses and all the passive forms.

*Perfect tenses (have/has/had cleaned):*

- ☐ I **have cleaned** the windows. (*present perfect* – see Units 7–8)
- ☐ They were still working. They **hadn't finished**. (*past perfect* – see Unit 15)

*Passive (is cleaned / was cleaned etc.):*

- ☐ He **was carried** out of the room. (*past simple passive*)
  - ☐ This gate **has just been painted**. (*present perfect passive*)
- } see Units 42–44

### 1.2 Irregular verbs

When the past simple and past participle do *not* end in **-ed** (for example, I **saw** / I **have seen**), the verb is *irregular*.

With some irregular verbs, all three forms (*infinitive*, *past simple* and *past participle*) are the same.

For example, **hit**:

- ☐ Don't **hit** me. (*infinitive*)
- ☐ Somebody **hit** me as I came into the room. (*past simple*)
- ☐ I've never **hit** anybody in my life. (*past participle* – *present perfect*)
- ☐ George was **hit** on the head by a stone. (*past participle* – *passive*)

With other irregular verbs, the past simple is the same as the past participle (but different from the infinitive). For example, **tell** → **told**:

- ☐ Can you **tell** me what to do? (*infinitive*)
- ☐ She **told** me to come back the next day. (*past simple*)
- ☐ Have you **told** anybody about your new job? (*past participle* – *present perfect*)
- ☐ I was **told** to come back the next day. (*past participle* – *passive*)

With other irregular verbs, all three forms are different. For example, **wake** → **woke**/**woken**:

- ☐ I'll **wake** you up. (*infinitive*)
- ☐ I **woke** up in the middle of the night. (*past simple*)
- ☐ The baby has **woken** up. (*past participle* – *present perfect*)
- ☐ I was **woken** up by a loud noise. (*past participle* – *passive*)

### 1.3 The following verbs can be regular or irregular:

<b>burn</b> → burned or burnt	<b>smell</b> → smelled or smelt
<b>dream</b> → dreamed or dreamt [dreɪmt]*	<b>spell</b> → spelled or spelt
<b>lean</b> → leaned or leant [lent]*	<b>spill</b> → spilled or spilt
<b>learn</b> → learned or learnt	<b>spoil</b> → spoiled or spoilt

\* pronunciation

So you can say:

- ☐ I **leant** out of the window. or I **leaned** out of the window.
- ☐ The dinner has been **spoiled**. or The dinner has been **spoilt**.

In British English the irregular form (**burnt/learnt** etc.) is more usual. For American English, see Appendix 7.



## 1.4 List of irregular verbs

<i>infinitive</i>	<i>past simple</i>	<i>past participle</i>
be	was/were	been
beat	beat	beaten
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
bend	bent	bent
bet	bet	bet
bite	bit	bitten
blow	blew	blown
break	broke	broken
bring	brought	brought
broadcast	broadcast	broadcast
build	built	built
burst	burst	burst
buy	bought	bought
catch	caught	caught
choose	chose	chosen
come	came	come
cost	cost	cost
creep	crept	crept
cut	cut	cut
deal	dealt	dealt
dig	dug	dug
do	did	done
draw	drew	drawn
drink	drank	drunk
drive	drove	driven
eat	ate	eaten
fall	fell	fallen
feed	fed	fed
feel	felt	felt
fight	fought	fought
find	found	found
flee	fled	fled
fly	flew	flown
forbid	forbade	forbidden
forget	forgot	forgotten
forgive	forgave	forgiven
freeze	froze	frozen
get	got	got/gotten
give	gave	given
go	went	gone
grow	grew	grown
hang	hung	hung
have	had	had
hear	heard	heard
hide	hid	hidden
hit	hit	hit
hold	held	held
hurt	hurt	hurt
keep	kept	kept
kneel	knelt	knelt
know	knew	known
lay	laid	laid
lead	led	led
leave	left	left
lend	lent	lent
let	let	let
lie	lay	lain

<i>infinitive</i>	<i>past simple</i>	<i>past participle</i>
light	lit	lit
lose	lost	lost
make	made	made
mean	meant	meant
meet	met	met
pay	paid	paid
put	put	put
read	read [red]*	read [red]*
ride	rode	ridden
ring	rang	rung
rise	rose	risen
run	ran	run
say	said	said
see	saw	seen
seek	sought	sought
sell	sold	sold
send	sent	sent
set	set	set
sew	sewed	sewn/sewed
shake	shook	shaken
shine	shone	shone
shoot	shot	shot
show	showed	shown/showed
shrink	shrank	shrunk
shut	shut	shut
sing	sang	sung
sink	sank	sunk
sit	sat	sat
sleep	slept	slept
slide	slid	slid
speak	spoke	spoken
spend	spent	spent
spit	spat	spat
split	split	split
spread	spread	spread
spring	sprang	sprung
stand	stood	stood
steal	stole	stolen
stick	stuck	stuck
sting	stung	stung
stink	stank	stunk
strike	struck	struck
swear	swore	sworn
sweep	swept	swept
swim	swam	swum
swing	swung	swung
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
weep	wept	wept
win	won	won
write	wrote	written

\* pronunciation



# Appendix 2

## Present and past tenses

	<i>simple</i>	<i>continuous</i>
<i>present</i>	<p><b>I do</b> <i>present simple</i> (→ Units 2–4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ann often <b>plays</b> tennis.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I <b>work</b> in a bank, but I <b>don't enjoy</b> it much.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Do</b> you <b>like</b> parties?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> It <b>doesn't rain</b> so much in summer.</li> </ul>	<p><b>I am doing</b> <i>present continuous</i> (→ Units 1, 3–4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 'Where's Ann?' 'She's <b>playing</b> tennis.'</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Please don't disturb me now. I'm <b>working</b>.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hello. <b>Are</b> you <b>enjoying</b> the party?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> It <b>isn't raining</b> at the moment.</li> </ul>
<i>present perfect</i>	<p><b>I have done</b> <i>present perfect simple</i> (→ Units 7–8, 10–14)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ann <b>has played</b> tennis many times.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I've <b>lost</b> my key. <b>Have</b> you <b>seen</b> it anywhere?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How long <b>have</b> you and Sam <b>known</b> each other?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A: Is it still raining? B: No, it <b>has stopped</b>.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The house is dirty. I <b>haven't cleaned</b> it for weeks.</li> </ul>	<p><b>I have been doing</b> <i>present perfect continuous</i> (→ Units 9–11)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ann is tired. She <b>has been playing</b> tennis.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> You're out of breath. <b>Have</b> you <b>been running</b>?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How long <b>have</b> you <b>been learning</b> English?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> It's still raining. It <b>has been raining</b> all day.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I <b>haven't been feeling</b> well recently. Perhaps I should go to the doctor.</li> </ul>
<i>past</i>	<p><b>I did</b> <i>past simple</i> (→ Units 5–6, 13–14)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ann <b>played</b> tennis yesterday afternoon.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I <b>lost</b> my key a few days ago.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> There was a film on TV last night, but we <b>didn't watch</b> it.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What <b>did</b> you <b>do</b> when you finished work yesterday?</li> </ul>	<p><b>I was doing</b> <i>past continuous</i> (→ Unit 6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I saw Ann at the sports centre yesterday. She <b>was playing</b> tennis.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I dropped my key when I <b>was trying</b> to open the door.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The television was on, but we <b>weren't watching</b> it.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What <b>were</b> you <b>doing</b> at this time yesterday?</li> </ul>
<i>past perfect</i>	<p><b>I had done</b> <i>past perfect</i> (→ Unit 15)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> It wasn't her first game of tennis. She <b>had played</b> many times before.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> They couldn't get into the house because they <b>had lost</b> the key.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The house was dirty because I <b>hadn't cleaned</b> it for weeks.</li> </ul>	<p><b>I had been doing</b> <i>past perfect continuous</i> (→ Unit 16)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ann was tired yesterday evening because she <b>had been playing</b> tennis in the afternoon.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> James decided to go to the doctor because he <b>hadn't been feeling</b> well.</li> </ul>

For the passive, see Units 42–44.



# Appendix 3

## The future

### 3.1 List of future forms:

<input type="checkbox"/> I'm leaving tomorrow.	<i>present continuous</i>	(→ Unit 19 A)
<input type="checkbox"/> My train leaves at 9.30.	<i>present simple</i>	(→ Unit 19B)
<input type="checkbox"/> I'm going to leave tomorrow.	(be) <b>going to</b>	(→ Units 20, 23)
<input type="checkbox"/> I'll leave tomorrow.	<b>will</b>	(→ Units 21–23)
<input type="checkbox"/> I'll be leaving tomorrow.	<i>future continuous</i>	(→ Unit 24)
<input type="checkbox"/> I'll have left by this time tomorrow.	<i>future perfect</i>	(→ Unit 24)
<input type="checkbox"/> I hope to see you before I leave tomorrow.	<i>present simple</i>	(→ Unit 25)

### 3.2 Future actions

We use the present continuous (**I'm doing**) for arrangements:

- ☐ I'm leaving tomorrow. I've got my plane ticket. (already planned and arranged)
- ☐ 'When **are** they **getting** married?' 'On 24 July.'

We use the present simple (**I leave** / **it leaves** etc.) for timetables, programmes etc. :

- ☐ My train **leaves** at 11.30. (according to the timetable)
- ☐ What time **does** the film **begin**?

We use **(be) going to** ... to say what somebody has already decided to do:

- ☐ I've decided not to stay here any longer. **I'm going to leave** tomorrow. (or **I'm leaving** tomorrow.)
- ☐ 'Your shoes are dirty.' 'Yes, I know. **I'm going to clean** them.'

We use **will ('ll)** when we decide or agree to do something at the time of speaking:

- ☐ A: I don't want you to stay here any longer.  
B: OK. **I'll leave** tomorrow. (B decides this at the time of speaking)
- ☐ That bag looks heavy. **I'll help** you with it.
- ☐ I **won't tell** anybody what happened. I promise. (**won't = will not**)

### 3.3 Future happenings and situations

Most often we use **will** to talk about future happenings ('something **will happen**') or situations ('something **will be**')

- ☐ I don't think John is happy at work. I think he'll **leave** soon.
- ☐ This time next year I'll **be** in Japan. Where **will** you **be**?

We use **(be) going to** when the situation *now* shows what **is going to happen in the future**:

- ☐ Look at those black clouds. **It's going to rain**. (you can see the clouds *now*)

### 3.4 Future continuous and future perfect

**Will be (do)ing** = will be in the middle of (doing something):

- ☐ This time next week I'll be on holiday. **I'll be lying** on a beach or **swimming** in the sea.

We also use **will be -ing** for future actions (see Unit 24C):

- ☐ What time **will** you **be leaving** tomorrow?

We use **will have (done)** to say that something will already be complete before a time in the future:

- ☐ I won't be here this time tomorrow. **I'll have** already **left**.

### 3.5 We use the *present (not will)* after **when/if/while/before** etc. (see Unit 25):

- ☐ I hope to see you **before** I **leave** tomorrow. (*not before I will leave*)
- ☐ **When** you **are** in London again, come and see us. (*not When you will be*)
- ☐ **If** we **don't hurry**, we'll be late.



## Appendix 4

### Modal verbs (**can/could/will/would** etc.)

This appendix is a summary of modal verbs. For more information, see Units 21–41.

#### 4.1 Compare **can/could** etc. for actions:

<b>can</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I <b>can go</b> out tonight. (= there is nothing to stop me)
	<input type="checkbox"/> I <b>can't go</b> out tonight.
<b>could</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I <b>could go</b> out tonight, but I'm not very keen.
	<input type="checkbox"/> I <b>couldn't go</b> out last night. (= I wasn't able)
<b>can or may</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Can May</b> } I <b>go</b> out tonight? (= do you allow me?)
<b>will/won't</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I think I'll <b>go</b> out tonight.
	<input type="checkbox"/> I promise I <b>won't go</b> out.
<b>would</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I <b>would go</b> out tonight, but I have too much to do.
	<input type="checkbox"/> I promised I <b>wouldn't go</b> out.
<b>shall</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Shall I go</b> out tonight? (do you think it is a good idea?)
<b>should or ought to</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I { <b>should ought to</b> } <b>go</b> out tonight. (= it would be a good thing to do)
<b>must</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I <b>must go</b> out tonight. (= it is necessary)
	<input type="checkbox"/> I <b>mustn't go</b> out tonight. (= it is necessary that I do <i>not</i> go out)
<b>needn't</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I <b>needn't go</b> out tonight. (= it is not necessary)

Compare **could have ... / would have ...** etc. :

<b>could</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I <b>could have gone</b> out last night, but I decided to stay at home.
<b>would</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I <b>would have gone</b> out last night, but I had too much to do.
<b>should or ought to</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I { <b>should ought to</b> } <b>have gone</b> out last night. I'm sorry I didn't.
<b>needn't</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I <b>needn't have gone</b> out last night. (= I went out, but it was not necessary)

#### 4.2 We use **will/would/may** etc. to say whether something is possible, impossible, probable, certain etc. Compare:

<b>will</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 'What time <b>will she be</b> here?' 'She'll <b>be</b> here soon.'
<b>would</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> She <b>would be</b> here now, but she's been delayed.
<b>should or ought to</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> She { <b>should ought to</b> } <b>be</b> here soon. (= I expect she will be here soon)
<b>may or might or could</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> She { <b>may might could</b> } <b>be</b> here now. I'm not sure. (= it's possible that she is here)
<b>must</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> She <b>must be</b> here. I saw her come in.
<b>can't</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> She <b>can't possibly be</b> here. I know for certain that she's away on holiday.

Compare **would have ... / should have ...** etc. :

<b>will</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> She <b>will have arrived</b> by now. (= before now)
<b>would</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> She <b>would have arrived</b> earlier, but she was delayed.
<b>should or ought to</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I wonder where she is. She { <b>should ought to</b> } <b>have arrived</b> by now.
<b>may or might or could</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> She { <b>may might could</b> } <b>have arrived</b> . I'm not sure. (= it's possible that she has arrived)
<b>must</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> She <b>must have arrived</b> by now. (= I'm sure – there is no other possibility)
<b>can't</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> She <b>can't possibly have arrived</b> yet. It's much too early. (= it's impossible)



# Appendix 5

## Short forms (I'm / you've / didn't etc.)

- 5.1** In spoken English we usually say **I'm / you've / didn't** etc. (*short forms* or *contractions*) rather than **I am / you have / did not** etc. We also use these short forms in informal writing (for example, a letter or message to a friend).

When we write short forms, we use an *apostrophe* (') for the missing letter(s):

I'm = I am      you've = you have      didn't = did not

- 5.2** List of short forms:

'm = am	I'm	he's	she's	it's			
's = is or has							
're = are					you're	we're	they're
've = have	I've				you've	we've	they've
'll = will	I'll	he'll	she'll		you'll	we'll	they'll
'd = would or had	I'd	he'd	she'd		you'd	we'd	they'd

's can be **is** or **has**:

- ☐ She's ill. (= She **is** ill.)
- ☐ She's gone away. (= She **has** gone)

but **let's** = let **us**:

- ☐ Let's go now. (= Let **us** go)

'd can be **would** or **had**:

- ☐ I'd see a doctor if I were you. (= I **would** see)
- ☐ I'd never seen her before. (= I **had** never seen)

We use some of these short forms (especially 's) after question words (**who/what** etc.) and after **that/there/here**:

- who's   what's   where's   how's   that's   there's   here's   who'll   there'll   who'd
- ☐ **Who's** that woman over there? (= who **is**)
  - ☐ **What's** happened? (= what **has**)
  - ☐ Do you think **there'll** be many people at the party? (= there **will**)

We also use short forms (especially 's) after a noun:

- ☐ **Katherine's** going out tonight. (= Katherine **is**)
- ☐ **My best friend's** just got married. (= My best friend **has**)

You cannot use 'm / 's / 're / 've / 'll / 'd at the end of a sentence (because the verb is stressed in this position):

- ☐ 'Are you tired?' 'Yes, I **am**.' (not Yes, I'm.)
- ☐ Do you know where she **is**? (not Do you know where she's?)

- 5.3** Negative short forms

<b>isn't</b> (= is not)	<b>don't</b> (= do not)	<b>haven't</b> (= have not)
<b>aren't</b> (= are not)	<b>doesn't</b> (= does not)	<b>hasn't</b> (= has not)
<b>wasn't</b> (= was not)	<b>didn't</b> (= did not)	<b>hadn't</b> (= had not)
<b>weren't</b> (= were not)		
<b>can't</b> (= cannot)	<b>couldn't</b> (= could not)	<b>mustn't</b> (= must not)
<b>won't</b> (= will not)	<b>wouldn't</b> (= would not)	<b>needn't</b> (= need not)
<b>shan't</b> (= shall not)	<b>shouldn't</b> (= should not)	<b>daren't</b> (= dare not)

Negative short forms for **is** and **are** can be:

he **isn't** / she **isn't** / it **isn't**      or    he's **not** / she's **not** / it's **not**  
 you **aren't** / we **aren't** / they **aren't**    or    you're **not** / we're **not** / they're **not**



# Appendix 6

## Spelling

### 6.1 Nouns, verbs and adjectives can have the following endings:

noun + <b>-s/-es</b> ( <i>plural</i> )	books	ideas	matches
verb + <b>-s/-es</b> (after <b>he/she/it</b> )	works	enjoys	washes
verb + <b>-ing</b>	working	enjoying	washing
verb + <b>-ed</b>	worked	enjoyed	washed
adjective + <b>-er</b> ( <i>comparative</i> )	cheaper	quicker	brighter
adjective + <b>-est</b> ( <i>superlative</i> )	cheapest	quickest	brightest
adjective + <b>-ly</b> ( <i>adverb</i> )	cheaply	quickly	brightly

When we use these endings, there are sometimes changes in spelling. These changes are listed below.

### 6.2 Nouns and verbs + **-s/-es**

The ending is **-es** when the word ends in **-s/-ss/-sh/-ch/-x**:

bus/buses	miss/misses	wash/washes
match/matches	search/searches	box/boxes

Note also:

potato/potatoes	tomato/tomatoes
do/does	go/goes

### 6.3 Words ending in **-y** (baby, carry, easy etc.)

If a word ends in a *consonant*\* + **y** (**-by/-ry/-sy/-vy** etc.)

**y** changes to **ie** before the ending **-s**:

baby/babies	story/stories	country/countries	secretary/secretaries
hurry/hurries	study/studies	apply/applies	try/tries

**y** changes to **i** before the ending **-ed**:

hurry/hurried	study/studied	apply/applied	try/tried
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**y** changes to **i** before the endings **-er** and **-est**:

easy/easier/easiest	heavy/heavier/heaviest	lucky/luckier/luckiest
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**y** changes to **i** before the ending **-ly**:

easy/easily	heavy/heavily	temporary/temporarily
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**y** does *not* change before **-ing**:

hurrying	studying	applying	trying
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**y** does *not* change if the word ends in a *vowel*\* + **y** (**-ay/-ey/-oy/-uy**):

play/plays/played	monkey/monkeys	enjoy/enjoys/enjoyed	buy/buys
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An exception is: **day/daily**

Note also: **pay/paid** **lay/laid** **say/said**

### 6.4 Verbs ending in **-ie** (die, lie, tie)

If a verb ends in **-ie**, **ie** changes to **y** before the ending **-ing**:

die/dying	lie/lying	tie/tying
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\* a e i o u are *vowel* letters.

The other letters (b c d f g etc.) are *consonant* letters.



### 6.5 Words ending in -e (hope, dance, wide etc.)

#### Verbs

If a verb ends in -e, we leave out **e** before the ending **-ing**:

hope/hoping      smile/smiling      dance/dancing      confuse/confusing

Exceptions are **be/being**

and verbs ending in **-ee**:      see/seeing      agree/agreeing

If a verb ends in -e, we add **-d** for the past (of regular verbs):

hope/hoped      smile/smiled      dance/danced      confuse/confused

#### Adjectives and adverbs

If an adjective ends in -e, we add **-r** and **-st** for the comparative and superlative:

wide/wider/widest      late/later/latest      large/larger/largest

If an adjective ends in -e, we *keep e* before **-ly** in the adverb:

polite/politely      extreme/extremely      absolute/absolutely

If an adjective ends in **-le** (simple, terrible etc.), the adverb ending is **-ply**, **-bly** etc.:

simple/simply      terrible/terribly      reasonable/reasonably

### 6.6 Doubling consonants (stop/stopping/stopped, wet/wetter/wettest etc.)

Sometimes a word ends in *vowel + consonant*. For example:

stop    plan    rub    big    wet    thin    prefer    regret

Before the endings **-ing**/**-ed**/**-er**/**-est**, we double the consonant at the end. So **p** → **pp**, **n** → **nn** etc.

For example:

stop	p → <b>pp</b>	stopping	stopped
plan	n → <b>nn</b>	planning	planned
rub	b → <b>bb</b>	rubbing	rubbed
big	g → <b>gg</b>	bigger	biggest
wet	t → <b>tt</b>	wetter	wettest
thin	n → <b>nn</b>	thinner	thinnest

If the word has more than one syllable (**prefer**, **begin** etc.), we double the consonant at the end *only if the final syllable is stressed*:

preFER / prefer**ring** / preferred

perMIT / permit**ting** / permitted

reGRET / regret**ting** / regretted

beGIN / begin**ning**

If the final syllable is not stressed, we do *not* double the final consonant:

VISit / visit**ing** / visited

deVELOP / develop**ing** / developed

HAPpen / happen**ing** / happened

reMEMber / remember**ing** / remembered

In British English, verbs ending in **-l** have **-ll-** before **-ing** and **-ed** whether the final syllable is stressed or not:

travel / travel**ling** / travelled

cancel / cancell**ing** / cancelled

For American spelling, see Appendix 7.

#### Note that

we do *not* double the final consonant if the word ends in two consonants (**-rt**, **-lp**, **-ng** etc.):

start / start**ing** / started

help / help**ing** / helped

long / long**er** / longest

we do *not* double the final consonant if there are two vowel letters before it (**-oil**, **-eed** etc.):

boil / boil**ing** / boiled

need / need**ing** / needed

explain / explain**ing** / explained

cheap / cheap**er** / cheapest

loud / loud**er** / loudest

quiet / quiet**er** / quietest

we do *not* double **y** or **w** at the end of words. (At the end of words **y** and **w** are not consonants.)

stay / stay**ing** / stayed

grow / grow**ing**

new / new**er** / newest



## Appendix 7

### American English

There are a few grammatical differences between British English and American English:

Unit	BRITISH	AMERICAN
7A–B and 13A	<p>The <i>present perfect</i> or <i>past simple</i> can be used for new or recent happenings. The <i>present perfect</i> is more common:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I've <b>lost</b> my key. <b>Have</b> you <b>seen</b> it? (or I <b>lost</b> my key. <b>Did</b> you <b>see</b> it?)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sally isn't here. She's <b>gone</b> out.</p> <p>The <i>present perfect</i> or <i>past simple</i> can be used with <b>just</b>, <b>already</b> and <b>yet</b>. The <i>present perfect</i> is more common:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I'm not hungry. I've <b>just had</b> lunch. (or I <b>just had</b> lunch.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A: What time is Mark leaving? B: He's <b>already left</b>.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Have</b> you <b>finished</b> your work <b>yet</b>?</p>	<p>The <i>present perfect</i> or <i>past simple</i> can be used for new or recent happenings. The <i>past simple</i> is more common:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I <b>lost</b> my key. <b>Did</b> you <b>see</b> it? (or I've lost my key. <b>Have</b> you <b>seen</b> it?)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sally isn't here. She <b>went</b> out.</p> <p>The <i>present perfect</i> or <i>past simple</i> can be used with <b>just</b>, <b>already</b> and <b>yet</b>. The <i>past simple</i> is more common:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I'm not hungry. I <b>just had</b> lunch. (or I've <b>just had</b> lunch.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A: What time is Mark leaving? B: He <b>already left</b>.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Did</b> you <b>finish</b> your work <b>yet</b>?</p>
17C	<p>British speakers usually say:</p> <p><b>have</b> a bath      <b>have</b> a shower <b>have</b> a break      <b>have</b> a holiday</p>	<p>American speakers say:</p> <p><b>take</b> a bath      <b>take</b> a shower <b>take</b> a break      <b>take</b> a vacation</p>
21D and 22D	<p><b>Will</b> or <b>shall</b> can be used with I/we:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I <b>will/shall</b> be late this evening.</p> <p><b>Shall</b> I ... ? and <b>shall</b> we ... ? are used to ask for advice etc.:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Which way <b>shall</b> we go?</p>	<p><b>Shall</b> is unusual:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I <b>will</b> be late this evening.</p> <p><b>Should</b> I ... ? and <b>should</b> we ... ? are more usual to ask for advice etc.:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Which way <b>should</b> we go?</p>
28	<p>British speakers use <b>can't</b> to say they believe something is not probable:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sarah hasn't contacted me. She <b>can't</b> have got my message.</p>	<p>American speakers use <b>must not</b> in this situation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sarah hasn't contacted me. She <b>must not</b> have gotten my message.</p>
32	<p>You can use <b>needn't</b> or <b>don't need to</b>:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We <b>needn't</b> hurry. or We <b>don't need to</b> hurry.</p>	<p><b>Needn't</b> is unusual. The usual form is <b>don't need to</b>:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We <b>don't need to</b> hurry.</p>
34A–B	<p>After <b>insist</b>, <b>demand</b> etc. you can use <b>should</b>:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I insisted that he <b>should apologise</b>.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Many people are demanding that something <b>should be</b> done about the problem.</p>	<p>The <i>subjunctive</i> is normally used. <b>Should</b> is unusual after <b>insist</b>, <b>demand</b> etc.:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I insisted that he <b>apologize</b>.*</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Many people are demanding that something <b>be done</b> about the problem.</p>
51B	<p>British speakers generally use <b>Have you?</b> / <b>Isn't she?</b> etc.:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A: Lisa isn't very well today. B: <b>Isn't she?</b> What's wrong with her?</p>	<p>American speakers generally use <b>You have?</b> / <b>She isn't?</b> etc.:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A: Lisa isn't very well today. B: <b>She isn't?</b> What's wrong with her?</p>
70B	<p><b>Accommodation</b> is usually uncountable:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> There isn't enough <b>accommodation</b>.</p>	<p><b>Accommodation</b> can be countable:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> There aren't enough <b>accommodations</b>.</p>

\* Many verbs ending in **-ise** in British English (apologise/organise/specialise etc.) are spelt with **-ize** (apologize/organize/specialize etc.) in American English.



Unit 74B	BRITISH to/in <b>hospital</b> (without <b>the</b> ): <input type="checkbox"/> Three people were injured and taken to <b>hospital</b> .	AMERICAN to/in <b>the hospital</b> : <input type="checkbox"/> Three people were injured and taken to <b>the hospital</b> .
79C	Nouns like <b>government/team/family</b> etc. can have a singular or plural verb: <input type="checkbox"/> The team <b>is/are</b> playing well.	These nouns normally take a singular verb in American English: <input type="checkbox"/> The team <b>is</b> playing well.
121B	<b>at the weekend / at weekends</b> : <input type="checkbox"/> Will you be here <b>at the weekend</b> ?	<b>on the weekend / on weekends</b> : <input type="checkbox"/> Will you be here <b>on the weekend</b> ?
124D	<b>at the front / at the back</b> (of a group etc.): <input type="checkbox"/> Let's sit <b>at</b> the front (of the cinema).	<b>in the front / in the back</b> (of a group etc.): <input type="checkbox"/> Let's sit <b>in</b> the front (of the movie theater).
131C	<b>different from</b> or <b>different to</b> : <input type="checkbox"/> It was <b>different from/to</b> what I'd expected.	<b>different from</b> or <b>different than</b> : <input type="checkbox"/> It was <b>different from/than</b> what I'd expected.
137A	British speakers use both <b>round</b> and <b>around</b> : <input type="checkbox"/> He turned <b>round</b> . <i>or</i> He turned <b>around</b> .	American speakers use <b>around</b> (not usually 'round'): <input type="checkbox"/> He turned <b>around</b> .
137C	British speakers use both <b>fill in</b> and <b>fill out</b> : <input type="checkbox"/> Can you <b>fill in</b> this form? <i>or</i> Can you <b>fill out</b> this form?	American speakers use <b>fill out</b> : <input type="checkbox"/> Can you <b>fill out</b> this form?
141B	<b>get on</b> = <i>progress</i> : <input type="checkbox"/> How are you <b>getting on</b> in your new job? <b>get on</b> (with somebody): <input type="checkbox"/> Richard <b>gets on</b> well with his new neighbours.	American speakers do not use <b>get on</b> in this way. American speakers use <b>get along</b> (with somebody): <input type="checkbox"/> Richard <b>gets along</b> well with his new neighbors.
144D	<b>do up</b> a house etc. : <input type="checkbox"/> That old house looks great now that it has been <b>done up</b> .	<b>fix up</b> a house etc. : <input type="checkbox"/> That old house looks great now that it has been <b>fixed up</b> .

Appendix 1.3	BRITISH The verbs in this section ( <b>burn, spell</b> etc.) can be regular or irregular ( <b>burned or burnt, spelled or spelt</b> etc.). The past participle of <b>get</b> is <b>got</b> : <input type="checkbox"/> Your English has <b>got</b> much better. (= has become much better) <b>Have got</b> is also an alternative to <b>have</b> : <input type="checkbox"/> I've <b>got</b> two brothers. (= I have two brothers.)	AMERICAN The verbs in this section are normally regular ( <b>burned, spelled</b> etc.). The past participle of <b>get</b> is <b>gotten</b> : <input type="checkbox"/> Your English has <b>gotten</b> much better. <b>Have got</b> = have (as in British English): <input type="checkbox"/> I've <b>got</b> two brothers.
6.6	British spelling: travel → travelling / travelled cancel → cancelling / cancelled	American spelling: travel → traveling / traveled cancel → canceling / canceled



# Additional exercises

These exercises are divided into the following sections:

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## Present and past

## Units 1–6, Appendix 2

**1** Put the verb into the correct form: present simple (**I do**), present continuous (**I am doing**), past simple (**I did**) or past continuous (**I was doing**).

- We can go out now. It isn't raining (it / not / rain) any more.
- Katherine was waiting (wait) for me when I arrived (I / arrive).
- I was (I / get) hungry. Let's go and have something to eat.
- What do you do (you / do) in your spare time? Do you have any hobbies?
- The weather was horrible when we arrived (we / arrive). It was cold and it was raining (it / rain) hard.
- Louise usually phones (phone) me on Fridays, but she didn't phone (she / not / phone) last Friday.
- A: When I last saw you, you were thinking (you / think) of moving to a new flat.  
B: That's right, but in the end I decided (I / decide) to stay where I was.
- Why do you look (you / look) at me like that? What's the matter?
- It's usually dry here at this time of the year. it doesn't rain (it / not / rain) much.
- Sorry I'm late. My phone rang (ring) three times while I was getting (I / get) ready to go out.
- Lisa was busy when we went (we / go) to see her yesterday. She had an exam today and she was preparing (she / prepare) for it. We didn't want (we / not / want) to disturb her, so we didn't stay (we / not / stay) very long.
- When I first told (tell) Tom what happened, he didn't believe (he / not / believe) me. He thought (he / think) that I was joking (I / joke).



## Present and past

## Units 1–14, Appendix 2

## 2 Which is correct?

- 1 Everything is going well. We didn't have / haven't had any problems so far.  
(haven't had is correct)
- 2 Lisa didn't go / hasn't gone to work yesterday. She wasn't feeling well.
- 3 Look! That man over there wears / is wearing the same sweater as you.
- 4 I went / have been to New Zealand last year.
- 5 I didn't hear / haven't heard from Jess recently. I hope she's OK.
- 6 I wonder why James is / is being so nice to me today. He isn't usually like that.
- 7 Jane had a book open in front of her, but she didn't read / wasn't reading it.
- 8 I wasn't very busy. I didn't have / wasn't having much to do.
- 9 It begins / It's beginning to get dark. Shall I turn on the light?
- 10 After finishing school, Tim got / has got a job in a factory.
- 11 When Sue heard the news, she wasn't / hasn't been very pleased.
- 12 This is a nice restaurant, isn't it? Is this the first time you are / you've been here?
- 13 I need a new job. I'm doing / I've been doing the same job for too long.
- 14 'Anna has gone out.' 'Oh, has she? What time did she go / has she gone?'
- 15 'You look tired.' 'Yes, I've played / I've been playing basketball.'
- 16 Where are you coming / do you come from? Are you American?
- 17 I'd like to see Tina again. It's a long time since I saw her / that I didn't see her.
- 18 Robert and Maria have been married since 20 years / for 20 years.

## 3 Complete each question using a suitable verb.

- 1 A: I'm looking for Paul. Have you seen him?  
B: Yes, he was here a moment ago.
- 2 A: Why did you go to bed so early last night?  
B: I was feeling very tired.
- 3 A: Where ..... ?  
B: Just to the shop at the end of the street. I'll be back in a few minutes.
- 4 A: ..... TV every evening?  
B: No, only if there's something special on.
- 5 A: Your house is very beautiful. How long ..... here?  
B: Nearly ten years.
- 6 A: How was your holiday? ..... a nice time?  
B: Yes, thanks. It was great.
- 7 A: ..... Sarah recently?  
B: Yes, we had lunch together a few days ago.
- 8 A: Can you describe the woman you saw? What ..... ?  
B: A red sweater and black jeans.
- 9 A: I'm sorry to keep you waiting. .... long?  
B: No, only about ten minutes.
- 10 A: How long ..... you to get to work in the morning?  
B: Usually about 45 minutes. It depends on the traffic.
- 11 A: ..... a horse before?  
B: No, this is the first time. I'm a little nervous.
- 12 A: ..... to the United States?  
B: No, never, but I went to Canada a few years ago.



4

Use your own ideas to complete B's sentences.

- 1 A: What's the new restaurant like? Is it good?  
B: I've no idea. I've never been there.
- 2 A: How well do you know Ben?  
B: Very well. We have known each other since we were children.
- 3 A: Did you enjoy your holiday?  
B: Yes, it was really good. It's the best holiday I've ever had.
- 4 A: Is David still here?  
B: No, I'm afraid he isn't. He left about ten minutes ago.
- 5 A: I like your suit. I haven't seen it before.  
B: It's new. It's the first time I've worn it.
- 6 A: How did you cut your knee?  
B: I slipped and fell when I was playing tennis.
- 7 A: Do you ever go swimming?  
B: Not these days. I haven't gone swimming a long time.
- 8 A: How often do you go to the cinema?  
B: Very rarely. It's nearly a year since I went to the cinema.
- 9 A: I've bought some new shoes. Do you like them?  
B: Yes, they're very nice. Where did you buy them?

Present and past

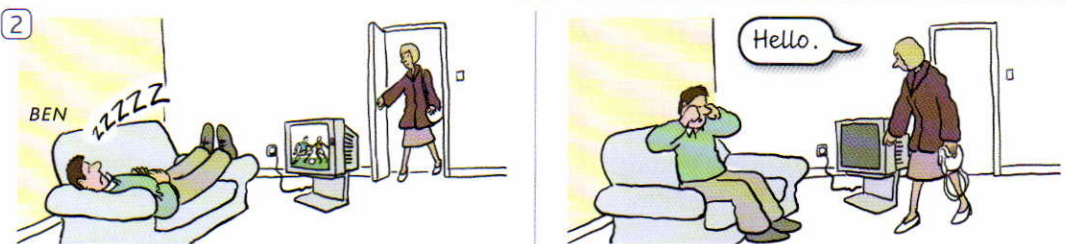
Units 1-17, 110, Appendix 2

5

Put the verb into the correct form: past simple (I did), past continuous (I was doing), past perfect (I had done) or past perfect continuous (I had been doing).



Yesterday afternoon Sarah went (go) to the station to meet Paul. When she got (get) there, Paul was waiting (already / wait) for her. His train had arrived (arrive) early.



When I got home, Ben was lying (lie) on the sofa. The TV was on, but he wasn't watching (not / watch) it. He had fallen (fall) asleep and was snoring (snore) loudly. I turned (turn) the TV off and just then he woke up (wake) up.



3



Last night I ..... (just / go) to bed and ..... (read) a book when suddenly I ..... (hear) a noise. I ..... (get) up to see what it was, but I ..... (not / see) anything, so I ..... (go) back to bed.

4



Lisa had to go to New York last week, but she almost ..... (miss) the plane. She ..... (stand) in the queue at the check-in desk when she suddenly ..... (realise) that she ..... (leave) her passport at home. Fortunately she lives near the airport, so she ..... (have) time to take a taxi home to get it. She ..... (get) back to the airport just in time for her flight.

5



I ..... (meet) Peter and Lucy yesterday as I ..... (walk) through the park. They ..... (be) to the sports centre where they ..... (play) tennis. They ..... (go) to a cafe and ..... (invite) me to join them, but I ..... (arrange) to meet another friend and ..... (not / have) time.

6

Make sentences from the words in brackets. Put the verb into the correct form: present perfect (I have done), present perfect continuous (I have been doing), past perfect (I had done) or past perfect continuous (I had been doing).

1 Amanda is sitting on the ground. She's out of breath.  
(she / run) She has been running.

2 Where's my bag? I left it under this chair.  
(somebody / take / it) .....

3 We were all surprised when Jess and Nick got married last year.  
(they / only / know / each other / a few weeks) .....

4 It's still raining. I wish it would stop.  
(it / rain / all day) .....

5 Suddenly I woke up. I was confused and didn't know where I was.  
(I / dream) .....



## Additional exercises

6 I wasn't hungry at lunchtime, so I didn't have anything to eat.

(I / have / a big breakfast)

7 Every year Robert and Tina spend a few days at the same hotel by the sea.

(they / go / there for years)

8 I've got a headache.

(I / have / it / since I got up)

9 Next month Gary is going to run in a marathon.

(he / train / very hard for it)

7

Put the verb into the correct form.

Sarah and Joe are old friends. They meet by chance at a train station.

SARAH: Hello, Joe. (1) ..... (I / not / see)

you for ages. How are you?

JOE: I'm fine. How about you?

(2) ..... (you / look) good.

SARAH: Thanks. You too.

So, (3) ..... (you / go) somewhere or

(4) ..... (you / meet) somebody?

JOE: (5) ..... (I / go) to London for a business meeting.

SARAH: Oh. (6) ..... (you / often / go) away on business?

JOE: Quite often, yes. And you? Where (7) ..... (you / go)?

SARAH: Nowhere. (8) ..... (I / meet) a friend.

Unfortunately her train (9) ..... (be) delayed –

(10) ..... (I / wait) here for nearly an hour.

JOE: How are your children?

SARAH: They're all fine, thanks. The youngest (11) ..... (just / start) school.

JOE: How (12) ..... (she / get) on?

(13) ..... (she / like) it?

SARAH: Yes, (14) ..... (she / think) it's great.

JOE: (15) ..... (you / work) at the moment? The last time I

(16) ..... (speak) to you, (17) .....

(you / work) in a travel agency.

SARAH: That's right. Unfortunately the company (18) ..... (go) out

of business a couple of months after (19) ..... (I / start) work

there, so (20) ..... (I / lose) my job.

JOE: And (21) ..... (you / not / have) a job since then?

SARAH: Not a permanent job. (22) ..... (I / have) a few temporary

jobs. By the way, (23) ..... (you / see) Matt recently?

JOE: Matt? He's in Canada.

SARAH: Really? How long (24) ..... (he / be) in Canada?

JOE: About a year now. (25) ..... (I / see) him a few days before

(26) ..... (he / go). (27) ..... (he / be)

unemployed for months, so (28) ..... (he / decide) to try his

luck somewhere else. (29) ..... (he / really / look forward)

to going.

SARAH: So, what (30) ..... (he / do) there?

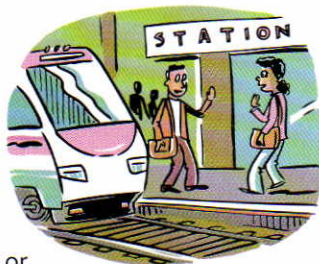
JOE: I have no idea. (31) ..... (I / not / hear) from him since

(32) ..... (he / leave). Anyway, I have to go and catch my train.

It was really nice to see you again.

SARAH: You too. Bye. Have a good trip.

JOE: Thanks. Bye.





## 8 Put the verb into the most suitable form.

- 1 Who ..... (invent) the bicycle?
- 2 'Do you still have a headache?' 'No, ..... (it / go). I'm OK now.'
- 3 I was the last to leave the office last night. Everybody else ..... (go) home when I ..... (leave).
- 4 What ..... (you / do) last weekend? ..... (you / go) away?
- 5 I like your car. How long ..... (you / have) it?
- 6 It's a shame the trip was cancelled. I ..... (look) forward to it.
- 7 Jane is an experienced teacher and loves her job. .... (she / teach) for 15 years.
- 8 ..... (I / buy) a new jacket last week, but ..... (I / not / wear) it yet.
- 9 A few days ago ..... (I / see) a man at a party whose face ..... (be) very familiar. At first I couldn't think where ..... (I / see) him before. Then suddenly ..... (I / remember) who ..... (it / be).
- 10 ..... (you / hear) of Agatha Christie? ..... (she / be) a writer who ..... (die) in 1976. .... (she / write) more than 70 detective novels. .... (you / read) any of them?
- 11 A: What ..... (this word / mean)?  
B: I've no idea. .... (I / never / see) it before. Look it up in the dictionary.
- 12 A: ..... (you / get) to the theatre in time for the play last night?  
B: No, we were late. By the time we got there, ..... (it / already / start).
- 13 I went to Sarah's room and ..... (knock) on the door, but there ..... (be) no answer. Either ..... (she / go) out or ..... (she / not / want) to see anyone.
- 14 Patrick asked me how to use the photocopier. .... (he / never / use) it before, so ..... (he / not / know) what to do.
- 15 Lisa ..... (go) for a swim after work yesterday. .... (she / need) some exercise because ..... (she / sit) in an office all day in front of a computer.

## Past continuous and used to

## Units 6, 18

## 9 Complete the sentences using the past continuous (was/were -ing) or used to ... . Use the verb in brackets.

- 1 I haven't been to the cinema for ages now. We used to go a lot. (go)
- 2 Ann didn't see me wave to her. She was looking in the other direction. (look)
- 3 I ..... a lot, but I don't use my car very much these days. (drive)
- 4 I asked the taxi driver to slow down. She ..... too fast. (drive)
- 5 Rosemary and Jonathan met for the first time when they ..... in the same bank. (work)
- 6 When I was a child, I ..... a lot of bad dreams. (have)
- 7 I wonder what Joe is doing these days. He ..... in Spain when I last heard from him. (live)
- 8 'Where were you yesterday afternoon?' 'I ..... volleyball.' (play)
- 9 'Do you do any sports?' 'Not these days, but I ..... volleyball.' (play)
- 10 George looked very nice at the party. He ..... a very smart suit. (wear)



## The future

## Units 19–25, Appendix 3

**10** What do you say to your friend in these situations? Use the words given in brackets. Use the present continuous (**I am doing**), **going to** or **will (I'll)**.

1 You have made all your holiday arrangements. Your destination is Jamaica.

FRIEND: Have you decided where to go for your holiday yet?

YOU: I'm going to Jamaica. (I / go)

2 You have made an appointment with the dentist for Friday morning.

FRIEND: Shall we meet on Friday morning?

YOU: I can't on Friday. (I / go)

3 You and some friends are planning a holiday in Spain. You have decided to hire a car, but you haven't arranged this yet.

FRIEND: How do you plan to travel round Spain? By train?

YOU: No, (we / hire)

4 Your friend has two young children. She wants to go out tomorrow evening. You offer to look after the children.

FRIEND: I want to go out tomorrow evening, but I don't have a babysitter.

YOU: That's no problem. (I / look after)

5 You have already arranged to have lunch with Sue tomorrow.

FRIEND: Are you free at lunchtime tomorrow?

YOU: No, (have lunch)

6 You are in a restaurant. You and your friend are looking at the menu. Maybe your friend has decided what to have. You ask her/him.

YOU: What (you / have)

FRIEND: I don't know. I can't make up my mind.

7 You and a friend are reading. It's getting a bit dark and your friend is having trouble reading. You decide to turn on the light.

FRIEND: It's getting a bit dark, isn't it? It's difficult to read.

YOU: Yes. (I / turn on)

8 You and a friend are reading. It's getting a bit dark and you decide to turn on the light. You stand up and walk towards the light switch.

FRIEND: What are you doing?

YOU: (I / turn on)

**11** Put the verb into the most suitable form. Use a present tense (simple or continuous), **will (I'll)** or **shall**.

Conversation 1 (*in the morning*)

JENNY: (1) Are you doing (you / do) anything tomorrow evening, Helen?

HELEN: No, why?

JENNY: Well, would you like to go to the cinema? *Strangers on a Plane* is on. I want to see it, but I don't want to go alone.

HELEN: OK, (2) (I / come) with you. What time

(3) (we / meet)?

JENNY: Well, the film (4) (start) at 8.45, so

(5) (I / meet) you at about 8.30 outside the cinema, OK?

HELEN: Fine. (6) (I / see) Tina later this evening.

(7) (I / ask) her if she wants to come too?

JENNY: Yes, do that. (8) (I / see) you tomorrow then. Bye.



## Conversation 2 (later the same day)

- HELEN: Jenny and I (9) ..... (go) to the cinema tomorrow night to see *Strangers on a Plane*. Why don't you come too?
- TINA: I'd love to come. What time (10) ..... (the film / start)?
- HELEN: 8.45.
- TINA: (11) ..... (you / meet) outside the cinema?
- HELEN: Yes, at 8.30. Is that OK for you?
- TINA: Yes, (12) ..... (I / be) there at 8.30.

12

Put the verb into the most suitable form. Sometimes there is more than one possibility.

## 1 A has decided to learn a language.

- A: I've decided to try and learn a foreign language.
- B: Have you? Which language (1) are you going to learn (you / learn)?
- A: Spanish.
- B: (2) ..... (you / do) a course?
- A: Yes, (3) ..... (it / start) next week.
- B: That's great. I'm sure (4) ..... (you / enjoy) it.
- A: I hope so. But I think (5) ..... (it / be) difficult.

## 2 A wants to know about B's holiday plans.

- A: I hear (1) ..... (you / go) on holiday soon.
- B: That's right. (2) ..... (we / go) to Finland.
- A: I hope (3) ..... (you / have) a nice time.
- B: Thanks. (4) ..... (I / send) you a postcard and  
(5) ..... (I / get) in touch with you when  
(6) ..... (I / get) back.

## 3 A invites B to a party.

- A: (1) ..... (I / have) a party next Saturday. Can you come?
- B: On Saturday? I'm not sure. Some friends of mine (2) ..... (come) to stay with me next week, but I think (3) ..... (they / leave) by Saturday. But if (4) ..... (they / be) still here, (5) ..... (I / not / be) able to come to the party.
- A: OK. Well, tell me as soon as (6) ..... (you / know).
- B: Right. (7) ..... (I / call) you during the week.

## 4 A and B are two secret agents arranging a meeting. They are talking on the phone.

- A: Well, what time (1) ..... (we / meet)?
- B: Come to the cafe by the station at 4 o'clock.  
(2) ..... (I / wait) for you when (3) ..... (you / arrive).  
(4) ..... (I / sit) by the window and (5) ..... (I / wear) a bright green sweater.
- A: OK. (6) ..... (Agent 307 / come) too?
- B: No, she can't be there.
- A: Oh. (7) ..... (I / bring) the documents?
- B: Yes. (8) ..... (I / explain) everything when (9) ..... (I / see) you. And don't be late.
- A: OK. (10) ..... (I / try) to be on time.





**13** Put the verb into the correct form. Choose from the following:

*present continuous (I am doing)*

*present simple (I do)*

*going to (I'm going to do)*

*will ('ll) / won't*

*will be doing*

*shall*

- 1 I feel a bit hungry. I think ..... (I / have) something to eat.
- 2 Why are you putting on your coat? ..... (you / go) somewhere?
- 3 What time ..... (I / phone) you tonight? About 7.30?
- 4 Look! That plane is flying towards the airport. .... (it / land).
- 5 We must do something soon, before ..... (it / be) too late.
- 6 I'm sorry you've decided to leave the company. .... (I / miss) you when ..... (you / go).
- 7 ..... (I / give) you my phone number? If ..... (I / give) you my number, ..... (you / call) me?
- 8 Are you still watching that programme? What time ..... (it / end)?
- 9 ..... (I / go) to a wedding next weekend. A friend of mine ..... (get) married.
- 10 I'm not ready yet. .... (I / tell) you when ..... (I / be) ready. I promise ..... (I / not / be) very long.
- 11 A: Where are you going?  
B: To the hairdresser's. .... (I / have) my hair cut.
- 12 She was very rude to me. I refuse to speak to her again until ..... (she / apologise).
- 13 I wonder where ..... (we / live) ten years from now?
- 14 What do you plan to do when ..... (you / finish) your course at college?

**Past, present and future**

**Units 1-25**

**14** Use your own ideas to complete B's sentences.

- 1 A: How did the accident happen?  
B: I was going too fast and couldn't stop in time.
- 2 A: Is that a new camera?  
B: No, I ..... it a long time.
- 3 A: Is that a new computer?  
B: Yes, I ..... it a few weeks ago.
- 4 A: I can't talk to you right now. You can see I'm very busy.  
B: OK. I ..... back in about half an hour.
- 5 A: This is a nice restaurant. Do you come here often?  
B: No, it's the first time I ..... here.
- 6 A: Do you do any sport?  
B: No, I ..... football, but I gave it up.
- 7 A: I'm sorry I'm late.  
B: That's OK. I ..... long.
- 8 A: When you went to the US last year, was it your first visit?  
B: No, I ..... there twice before.
- 9 A: Do you have any plans for the weekend?  
B: Yes, I ..... to a party on Saturday night.
- 10 A: Do you know what Steve's doing these days?  
B: No, I ..... him for ages.
- 11 A: Will you still be here by the time I get back?  
B: No, I ..... by then.



- 15 Robert is travelling in North America. He sends an email to a friend in Winnipeg (Canada). Put the verb into the most suitable form.



Delete Junk Reply Reply All Forward Print To Do

**Subject:**  
**To:**

Hi

(1) I've just arrived (I / just / arrive) in Minneapolis. (2) ..... (I / travel) for more than a month now, and (3) ..... (I / begin) to think about coming home. Everything (4) ..... (I / see) so far (5) ..... (be) really interesting, and (6) ..... (I / meet) some really kind people.

(7) ..... (I / leave) Kansas City a week ago. (8) ..... (I / stay) there with Emily, the aunt of a friend from college. She was really helpful and hospitable and although (9) ..... (I / plan) to stay only a couple of days, (10) ..... (I / end up) staying more than a week.

(11) ..... (I / enjoy) the journey from Kansas City to here.

(12) ..... (I / take) the Greyhound bus and (13) ..... (meet) some really interesting people – everybody was really friendly.

So now I'm here, and (14) ..... (I / stay) here for a few days before (15) ..... (I / continue) up to Canada. I'm not sure exactly when (16) ..... (I / get) to Winnipeg – it depends what happens while (17) ..... (I / be) here. But (18) ..... (I / let) you know as soon as (19) ..... (I / know) myself.

(20) ..... (I / stay) with a family here – they're friends of some people I know at home. Tomorrow (21) ..... (we / visit) some people they know who (22) ..... (build) a house in the mountains. It isn't finished yet, but (23) ..... (it / be) interesting to see what it's like.

Anyway, that's all for now. (24) ..... (I / be) in touch again soon.

Robert

### Modal verbs (can/must/would etc.)

### Units 26–36, Appendix 4

- 16 Which alternatives are correct? Sometimes only one alternative is correct, and sometimes two of the alternatives are possible.

- 'What time will you be home tonight?' 'I'm not sure. I ..... late.'  
(A) may be (B) might be (C) can be (both A and B are correct)
- I can't find the theatre tickets. They ..... out of my pocket.  
A must have fallen B should have fallen C had to fall
- Somebody ran in front of the car as I was driving. Fortunately I ..... just in time.  
A could stop B could have stopped C managed to stop
- We've got plenty of time. We ..... yet.  
A mustn't leave B needn't leave C don't need to leave



## Additional exercises

- 5 I ..... out but I didn't feel like it, so I stayed at home.  
A could go    B could have gone    C must have gone
- 6 I'm sorry I ..... come to your party last week.  
A couldn't come    B couldn't have come    C wasn't able to come
- 7 'What do you think of my theory?' 'I'm not sure. You ..... right.'  
A could be    B must be    C might be
- 8 I couldn't wait for you any longer. I ....., and so I went.  
A must go    B must have gone    C had to go
- 9 'Do you know where Sarah is?' 'No. I suppose she ..... shopping.'  
A should have gone    B may have gone    C could have gone
- 10 At first they didn't believe me when I told them what had happened, but in the end I ..... them that I was telling the truth.  
A was able to convince    B managed to convince    C could convince
- 11 I promised I'd call Gary this evening. I .....  
A mustn't forget    B needn't forget    C don't have to forget
- 12 Why did you leave without me? You ..... for me.  
A must have waited    B had to wait    C should have waited
- 13 Lisa called me and suggested ..... lunch together.  
A we have    B we should have    C to have
- 14 You look nice in that jacket, but you hardly ever wear it. .... it more often.  
A You'd better wear    B You should wear    C You ought to wear
- 15 Shall I buy a car? What's your advice? What ..... ?  
A will you do    B would you do    C shall you do

17

Complete the sentences using the words in brackets.

- 1 Don't phone them now.  
They might be having lunch. (might / have)
- 2 I've eaten too much. Now I feel sick.  
I ..... so much. (shouldn't / eat)
- 3 I wonder why Tom didn't phone me.  
He ..... (must / forget)
- 4 Why did you go home so early?  
You ..... home so early. (needn't / go)
- 5 You've signed the contract.  
It ..... now. (can't / change)
- 6 'What's Linda doing?' 'I'm not sure.'  
She ..... TV. (may / watch)
- 7 Laura was standing outside the cinema.  
She ..... for somebody. (must / wait)
- 8 He was in prison at the time that the crime was committed.  
He ..... it. (couldn't / do)
- 9 Why weren't you here earlier?  
You ..... here earlier. (ought / be)
- 10 Why didn't you ask me to help you?  
I ..... you. (would / help)
- 11 I'm surprised you weren't told that the road was dangerous.  
You ..... about it. (should / warn)
- 12 Gary was in a strange mood yesterday.  
He ..... very well. (might not / feel)



**18** Complete B's sentences using **can/could/might/must/should/would** + the verb in brackets. In some sentences you need to use **have**: **must have ... / should have ...** etc. In some sentences you need the negative (**can't/couldn't** etc.).

- 1 A: I'm hungry.  
B: But you've just had lunch. You can't be hungry already. (be)
- 2 A: I haven't seen our neighbours for ages.  
B: No. They must have gone away. (go)
- 3 A: What's the weather like? Is it raining?  
B: Not at the moment, but it ..... later. (rain)
- 4 A: Where's Julia?  
B: I'm not sure. She ..... out. (go)
- 5 A: I didn't see you at Michael's party last week.  
B: No, I had to work that night, so I ..... (go)
- 6 A: I think I saw you at Michael's party last week.  
B: No, you ..... me. I didn't go to Michael's party. (see)
- 7 A: What time will we get to Sue's house?  
B: Well, it takes about one and a half hours, so if we leave at 3 o'clock, we ..... there by 4.30. (get)
- 8 A: When was the last time you saw Bill?  
B: Years ago. I ..... him if I saw him now. (recognise)
- 9 A: Did you hear the explosion?  
B: What explosion?  
A: There was a loud explosion about an hour ago. You ..... it. (hear)
- 10 A: We weren't sure which way to go. In the end we turned right.  
B: You went the wrong way. You ..... left. (turn)

### if (conditional)

Units 25, 38–40

**19** Put the verb into the correct form.

- 1 If you found a wallet in the street, what would you do with it? (you / find)
- 2 I must hurry. My friend will be annoyed if I'm not on time. (I / not / be)
- 3 I didn't realise that Gary was in hospital. If I'd known he was in hospital, I would have gone to visit him. (I / know)
- 4 If the phone ....., can you answer it? (ring)
- 5 I can't decide what to do. What would you do if ..... in my position? (you / be)
- 6 A: What shall we do tomorrow?  
B: Well, if ..... a nice day, we can go to the beach. (it / be)
- 7 A: Let's go to the beach.  
B: No, it's too cold. If ..... warmer, I wouldn't mind going. (it / be)
- 8 A: Did you go to the beach yesterday?  
B: No, it was too cold. If ..... warmer, we might have gone. (it / be)
- 9 If ..... enough money to go anywhere in the world, where would you go? (you / have)
- 10 I'm glad we had a map. I'm sure we would have got lost if ..... one. (we / not / have)
- 11 The accident was your fault. If ..... more carefully, it wouldn't have happened. (you / drive)
- 12 A: Why do you read newspapers?  
B: Well, if ..... newspapers, I wouldn't know what was happening in the world. (I / not / read)



**20** Complete the sentences.

- 1 Lisa is tired all the time. She shouldn't go to bed so late.  
If Lisa didn't go to bed so late, she wouldn't be tired all the time.
- 2 It's getting late. I don't think Sarah will come to see us now.  
I'd be surprised if Sarah ..... to see us now.
- 3 I'm sorry I disturbed you. I didn't know you were busy.  
If ..... you were busy, I ..... you.
- 4 I don't want them to be upset, so I've decided not to tell them what happened.  
..... upset if I ..... them what happened.
- 5 The dog attacked you, but only because you frightened it.  
If you ..... the dog, it ..... you.
- 6 Unfortunately I didn't have an umbrella and so I got very wet in the rain.  
I ..... so wet if ..... an umbrella.
- 7 Martin failed his driving test. He was very nervous and that's why he failed.  
If he ..... so nervous, he ..... the test.

**21** Use your own ideas to complete the sentences.

- 1 I'd go out tonight if .....
- 2 I'd have gone out last night if .....
- 3 If you hadn't reminded me, .....
- 4 If I had my camera, .....
- 5 If you give me the camera, .....
- 6 Who would you phone if .....?
- 7 We wouldn't have been late if .....
- 8 If I'd been able to get a ticket, .....
- 9 If I'd done better at the interview, .....
- 10 You wouldn't be hungry now if .....
- 11 Cities would be nicer places if .....
- 12 If there was no TV, .....

**Passive**

**Units 42-45**

**22** Put the verb into the most suitable passive form.

- 1 There's somebody behind us. I think we're being followed (we / follow).
- 2 A mystery is something that can't be explained (can't / explain).
- 3 We didn't play football yesterday. The game ..... (cancel).
- 4 The TV ..... (repair). It's working again now.
- 5 In the middle of the village there is a church which ..... (restore)  
at the moment. The work is almost finished.
- 6 The tower is the oldest part of the church. .... (it / believe) to be  
over 600 years old.
- 7 If I didn't do my job properly, ..... (I / would / sack).
- 8 A: I left a newspaper on the desk last night and it isn't there now.  
B: ..... (it / might / throw) away.
- 9 I learnt to swim when I was very young. .... (I / teach) by my  
mother.
- 10 After ..... (arrest), I was taken to the police station.
- 11 '..... (you / ever / arrest)?' 'No, never.'
- 12 Two people ..... (report) to ..... (injure)  
in an explosion at a factory in Birmingham early this morning.



**23 Put the verb into the correct form, active or passive.**

- 1 This house is quite old. It was built (build) over 100 years ago.
- 2 My grandfather was a builder. He built (build) this house many years ago.
- 3 'Is your car still for sale?' 'No, I ..... (sell) it.'
- 4 A: Is the house at the end of the street still for sale?  
B: No, it ..... (sell).
- 5 Sometimes mistakes ..... (make). It's inevitable.
- 6 I wouldn't leave your car unlocked. It ..... (might / steal).
- 7 My bag has disappeared. It ..... (must / steal).
- 8 I can't find my hat. Somebody ..... (must / take) it by mistake.
- 9 It's a serious problem. I don't know how it ..... (can / solve).
- 10 We didn't leave early enough. We ..... (should / leave) earlier.
- 11 Nearly every time I travel by plane, my flight ..... (delay).
- 12 A new bridge ..... (build) across the river. Work started last year and the bridge ..... (expect) to open next year.

**24 Read these newspaper reports and put the verbs into the most suitable form.**
**1 Castle Fire**

Winton Castle (1) was damaged (damage) in a fire last night. The fire, which (2) ..... (discover) at about 9 o'clock, spread very quickly. Nobody (3) ..... (injure), but two people had to (4) ..... (rescue) from an upstairs room. A number of paintings (5) ..... (believe / destroy). It (6) ..... (not / know) how the fire started.

**3 ROAD DELAYS**

Repair work started yesterday on the Paxham-Longworth road. The road (1) ..... (resurface) and there will be long delays. Drivers (2) ..... (ask) to use an alternative route if possible. The work (3) ..... (expect) to last two weeks. Next Sunday the road (4) ..... (close), and traffic (5) ..... (divert).

**2 SHOP ROBBERY**

In Paxham yesterday a shop assistant (1) ..... (force) to hand over £500 after (2) ..... (threaten) by a man with a knife. The man escaped in a car which (3) ..... (steal) earlier in the day. The car (4) ..... (later / find) in a car park where it (5) ..... (abandon) by the thief. A man (6) ..... (arrest) in connection with the robbery and (7) ..... (still / question) by the police.

**4 Accident**


A woman (1) ..... (take) to hospital after her car collided with a lorry near Norstock yesterday. She (2) ..... (allow) home later after treatment. The road (3) ..... (block) for an hour after the accident, and traffic had to (4) ..... (divert). A police inspector said afterwards: 'The woman was lucky. She could (5) ..... (kill).'




Reported speech

Units 47–48, 50


25 Complete the sentences using reported speech.

1  Can I speak to Paul, please?  
I'll try again later.  
Paul has gone out. I don't know when he'll be back. Do you want to leave a message?  
YOU


A woman phoned at lunchtime yesterday and asked if she could speak to Paul. I told ..... and .....  
I asked .....  
but she said ..... later. But she never did.

2  We have no record of a reservation in your name.  
We're sorry, but the hotel is full.  
Do you have any rooms free anyway?

I went to London recently, but my visit didn't begin well. I had reserved a hotel room, but when I got to the hotel they told .....  
When I asked .....  
they said .....  
There was nothing I could do. I just had to look for somewhere else to stay.

3  Why are you visiting the country?  
How long do you intend to stay?  
Where will you be staying during your visit?  
IMMIGRATION  
We're on holiday.

After getting off the plane, we had to queue for an hour to get through immigration. Finally it was our turn. The immigration official asked us .....  
, and we told .....  
Then he wanted to know ..... and .....  
He seemed satisfied with our answers, checked our passports and wished us a pleasant stay.

4  I'll phone you from the airport when I arrive.  
SUE  
Don't come to the airport. I'll take the bus.

A: What time is Sue arriving this afternoon?  
B: About three. She said ..... us .....  
A: Aren't you going to meet her?  
B: No, she said ..... She said .....



5



What's your job?

How much do you earn?

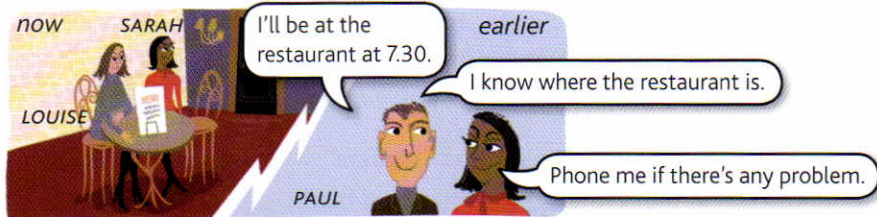


YOU

Mind your own business!

A few days ago a man phoned from a marketing company and started asking me questions. He wanted to know ..... and asked ..... I don't like people phoning and asking questions like that, so I told ..... and I put the phone down.

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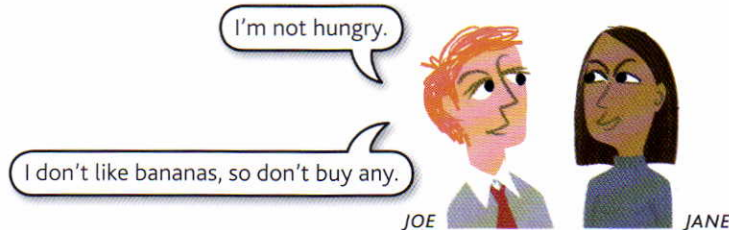
Louise and Sarah are in a restaurant waiting for Paul.

LOUISE: I wonder where Paul is. He said .....

SARAH: Maybe he's got lost.

LOUISE: I don't think so. He said .....  
And I told .....

7



Five minutes later

JOE: Is there anything to eat?

JANE: You just said .....

JOE: Well, I am now. I'd love a banana.

JANE: A banana? But you said .....  
You told .....

## -ing and to ...

## Units 53–66

## 26 Put the verb into the correct form.

- How old were you when you learnt to drive ? (drive)
- I don't mind walking home, but I'd rather get a taxi. (walk, get)
- I can't make a decision. I keep ..... my mind. (change)
- He had made his decision and refused ..... his mind. (change)
- Why did you change your decision? What made you ..... your mind? (change)
- It was a really good holiday. I really enjoyed ..... by the sea again. (be)
- Did I really tell you I was unhappy? I don't remember ..... that. (say)
- 'Remember ..... Tom tomorrow.' 'OK. I won't forget.' (call)



## Additional exercises

- 9 The water here is not very good. I'd avoid ..... it if I were you. (drink)
- 10 I pretended ..... interested in the conversation, but really it was very boring. (be)
- 11 I got up and looked out of the window ..... what the weather was like. (see)
- 12 I have a friend who claims ..... able to speak five languages. (be)
- 13 I like ..... carefully about things before ..... a decision. (think, make)
- 14 I had a flat in the centre of town but I didn't like ..... there, so I decided ..... (live, move)
- 15 Steve used ..... a footballer. He had to stop ..... because of an injury. (be, play)
- 16 After ..... by the police, the man admitted ..... the car, but denied ..... at 100 miles an hour. (stop, steal, drive)
- 17 A: How do you make this machine ..... ? (work)  
B: I'm not sure. Try ..... that button and see what happens. (press)

### 27 Make sentences from the words in brackets.

- 1 I can't find the tickets. (I / seem / lose / them)  
*I seem to have lost them.*
- 2 I don't have far to go. (it / not / worth / take / a taxi)  
*It's not worth taking a taxi.*
- 3 I'm feeling a bit tired. (I / not / fancy / go / out)
- 4 Tim isn't very reliable. (he / tend / forget / things)
- 5 I've got a lot of luggage. (you / mind / help / me?)
- 6 There's nobody at home. (everybody / seem / go out)
- 7 We don't like our apartment. (we / think / move)
- 8 The vase was very valuable. (I / afraid / touch / it)
- 9 Ben never carries a lot of money with him. (he / afraid / robbed)
- 10 I wouldn't go to see the film. (it / not / worth / see)
- 11 I'm very tired after that long walk. (I / not / used / walk / so far)
- 12 Sue is on holiday. I received a postcard from her yesterday. (she / seem / enjoy / herself)
- 13 Dan had lots of photographs he'd taken while on holiday. (he / insist / show / them to me)
- 14 I don't want to do the shopping. (I'd rather / somebody else / do / it)



**28** Complete the second sentence so that the meaning is similar to the first.

- 1 I was surprised I passed the exam.  
I didn't expect to pass the exam .
- 2 Did you manage to solve the problem?  
Did you succeed in solving the problem ?
- 3 I don't read newspapers any more.  
I've given up .
- 4 I'd prefer not to go out tonight.  
I'd rather .
- 5 He finds it difficult to sleep at night.  
He has trouble .
- 6 Shall I phone you this evening?  
Do you want ?
- 7 Nobody saw me come in.  
I came in without .
- 8 They said I was a cheat.  
I was accused .
- 9 It will be good to see them again.  
I'm looking forward .
- 10 What do you think I should do?  
What do you advise me ?
- 11 It's a pity I couldn't go out with you last night.  
I'd like .
- 12 I wish I'd taken your advice.  
I regret .

**a/an and the**
**Units 69–76**
**29** Put in **a/an** or **the** where necessary. Leave the space empty if the sentence is already complete.

- 1 I don't usually like staying at \_\_\_\_\_ hotels, but last summer we spent two weeks at a very nice hotel by the sea.
- 2 If you go to live in \_\_\_\_\_ foreign country, you should try and learn \_\_\_\_\_ language.
- 3 Helen is \_\_\_\_\_ economist. She lives in \_\_\_\_\_ United States and works for \_\_\_\_\_ investment company.
- 4 I love \_\_\_\_\_ sport, especially \_\_\_\_\_ tennis. I play two or three times \_\_\_\_\_ week if I can, but I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ very good player.
- 5 I won't be home for \_\_\_\_\_ dinner this evening. I'm meeting some friends after \_\_\_\_\_ work and we're going to \_\_\_\_\_ cinema.
- 6 When \_\_\_\_\_ unemployment is high, it's difficult for \_\_\_\_\_ people to find \_\_\_\_\_ work. It's \_\_\_\_\_ big problem.
- 7 There was \_\_\_\_\_ accident as I was going \_\_\_\_\_ home last night. Two people were taken to \_\_\_\_\_ hospital. I think \_\_\_\_\_ most accidents are caused by \_\_\_\_\_ people driving too fast.
- 8 A: What's \_\_\_\_\_ name of \_\_\_\_\_ hotel where you're staying?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_ Ambassador. It's in \_\_\_\_\_ Queen Street in \_\_\_\_\_ city centre. It's near \_\_\_\_\_ station.
- 9 I have two brothers. \_\_\_\_\_ older one is training to be \_\_\_\_\_ pilot with \_\_\_\_\_ British Airways. \_\_\_\_\_ younger one is still at \_\_\_\_\_ school. When he leaves \_\_\_\_\_ school, he wants to go to \_\_\_\_\_ university to study \_\_\_\_\_ law.



## Pronouns and determiners

Units 82–91

30 Which alternatives are correct? Sometimes only one alternative is correct, and sometimes two alternatives are possible.

- I don't remember ..... about the accident.  
 (A) anything    B something    C nothing    (A is correct)
- Chris and I have known ..... for quite a long time.  
 A us    B each other    C ourselves
- 'How often do the buses run?' '..... twenty minutes.'  
 A All    B Each    C Every
- I shouted for help, but ..... came.  
 A nobody    B no-one    C anybody
- Last night we went out with some friends of .....  
 A us    B our    C ours
- It didn't take us a long time to get here. .... traffic.  
 A It wasn't much    B There wasn't much    C It wasn't a lot
- Can I have ..... milk in my coffee, please?  
 A a little    B any    C some
- Sometimes I find it difficult to .....  
 A concentrate    B concentrate me    C concentrate myself
- There's ..... on at the cinema that I want to see, so there's no point in going.  
 A something    B anything    C nothing
- I drink ..... water every day.  
 A much    B a lot of    C lots of
- ..... in the centre are open on Sunday.  
 A Most of shops    B Most of the shops    C The most of the shops
- There were about twenty people in the photo. I didn't recognise ..... of them.  
 A any    B none    C either
- I've been waiting ..... for Sarah to phone.  
 A all morning    B the whole morning    C all the morning
- I can't afford to buy anything in this shop. .... so expensive.  
 A All is    B Everything is    C All are

## Adjectives and adverbs

Units 98–108

31 There are mistakes in some of these sentences. Correct the sentences where necessary. Write 'OK' if the sentence is already correct.

- The building was total destroyed in the fire. totally destroyed
- I didn't like the book. It was such a stupid story. OK
- The city is very polluted. It's the more polluted place I've ever been to. ....
- I was disappointing that I didn't get the job. I was well-qualified and the interview went well. ....
- It's warm today, but there's quite a strong wind. ....
- Joe works hardly, but he doesn't get paid very much. ....
- The company's offices are in a modern large building. ....
- Dan is a very fast runner. I wish I could run as fast as him. ....



- 9 I missed the three last days of the course because I was ill.
- 10 You don't look happy. What's the matter?
- 11 The weather has been unusual cold for the time of the year.
- 12 The water in the pool was too dirty to swim in it.
- 13 I got impatient because we had to wait so long time.
- 14 Is this box big enough or do you need a bigger one?
- 15 This morning I got up more early than usual.

## Conjunctions

Units 25, 38, 112–118

## 32 Which is correct?

- 1 I'll try to be on time, but don't worry if / when I'm late. (*if is correct*)
- 2 Don't throw that bag away. If / When you don't want it, I'll have it.
- 3 Please report to reception if / when you arrive at the hotel.
- 4 We've arranged to go to the beach tomorrow, but we won't go if / when it's raining.
- 5 Tanya is in her final year at school. She still doesn't know what she's going to do if / when she leaves.
- 6 What would you do if / when you lost your keys?
- 7 I hope I'll be able to come to the party, but I'll let you know if / unless I can't.
- 8 I don't want to be disturbed, so don't phone me if / unless it's something important.
- 9 Please sign the contract if / unless you're happy with the conditions.
- 10 I like travelling by ship as long as / unless the sea is not rough.
- 11 You might not remember the name of the hotel, so write it down if / in case you forget it.
- 12 It's not cold now, but take your coat with you if / in case it gets cold later.
- 13 Take your coat with you and then you can put it on if / in case it gets cold later.
- 14 They always have the TV on, even if / if nobody is watching it.
- 15 Even / Although I left home early, I got to work late.
- 16 Despite / Although we've known each other a long time, we're not particularly close friends.
- 17 'When did you leave school?' 'As / When I was 17.'
- 18 I think Ann will be very pleased as / when she hears the news.

## Prepositions (time)

Units 12, 119–122

## 33 Put in one of the following: at on in during for since by until

- 1 Jack has gone away. He'll be back in a week.
- 2 We're having a party on Saturday. Can you come?
- 3 I've got an interview next week. It's at 9.30 on Tuesday morning.
- 4 Sue isn't usually here on weekends. She goes away.
- 5 The train service is very good. The trains are nearly always on time.
- 6 It was a confusing situation. Many things were happening at the same time.
- 7 I couldn't decide whether or not to buy the sweater. At the end I decided not to.
- 8 The road is busy all the time, even at night.
- 9 I met a lot of nice people during my stay in New York.
- 10 I saw Helen on Friday, but I haven't seen her since then.
- 11 Robert has been doing the same job for five years.
- 12 Lisa's birthday is at the end of March. I'm not sure exactly which day it is.
- 13 We have some friends staying with us from the moment. They're staying until Friday.
- 14 If you're interested in applying for the job, your application must be received by Friday.
- 15 I'm just going out. I won't be long – I'll be back in ten minutes.



## Prepositions (position and other uses)

Units 123–128

## 34 Put in the missing preposition.

- 1 I'd love to be able to visit every country ..... the world.
- 2 Jessica White is my favourite author. Have you read anything ..... her?
- 3 'Is there a bank near here?' 'Yes, there's one ..... the end of this road.'
- 4 Tim is away at the moment. He's ..... holiday.
- 5 We live ..... the country, a long way from the nearest town.
- 6 I've got a stain ..... my jacket. I'll have to have it cleaned.
- 7 We went ..... a party ..... Lisa's house on Saturday.
- 8 Boston is ..... the east coast of the United States.
- 9 Look at the leaves ..... that tree. They're a beautiful colour.
- 10 'Have you ever been ..... Tokyo?' 'No, I've never been ..... Japan.'
- 11 Mozart died ..... Vienna in 1791 ..... the age of 35.
- 12 'Are you ..... this photo?' 'Yes, that's me, ..... the left.'
- 13 We went ..... the theatre last night. We had seats ..... the front row.
- 14 'Where's the light switch?' 'It's ..... the wall ..... the door.'
- 15 It was late when we arrived ..... the hotel.
- 16 I couldn't decide what to eat. There was nothing ..... the menu that I liked.
- 17 We live ..... a tower block. Our apartment is ..... the fifteenth floor.
- 18 A: What did you think of the film?  
B: Some parts were a bit stupid, but ..... the whole I enjoyed it.
- 19 'When you paid the restaurant bill, did you pay cash?' 'No, I paid ..... credit card.'
- 20 'How did you get here? Did you come ..... the bus?' 'No, ..... car.'
- 21 A: I wonder what's ..... TV this evening. Do you have a newspaper?  
B: Yes, the TV programmes are ..... the back page.
- 22 Helen works for a telecommunications company. She works ..... the customer services department.
- 23 Anna spent two years working ..... Chicago before returning ..... Italy.
- 24 'Did you enjoy your trip ..... the beach?' 'Yes, it was great.'
- 25 Next summer we're going ..... a trip to Canada.

## Noun/adjective + prepositions

Units 129–131

## 35 Put in the missing preposition.

- 1 The plan has been changed, but nobody seems to know the reason ..... this.
- 2 Don't ask me to decide. I'm not very good ..... making decisions.
- 3 Some people say that Sue is unfriendly, but she's always very nice ..... me.
- 4 What do you think is the best solution ..... the problem?
- 5 There has been a big increase ..... the price of oil recently.
- 6 He lives a rather lonely life. He doesn't have much contact ..... other people.
- 7 Paul is a keen photographer. He likes taking pictures ..... people.
- 8 Michael got married ..... a woman he met when he was studying at college.
- 9 He's very brave. He's not afraid ..... anything.
- 10 I'm surprised ..... the amount of traffic today. I didn't think it would be so busy.
- 11 Thank you for lending me the guidebook. It was full ..... useful information.
- 12 I'm afraid I've had to change my plans, so I can't meet you tomorrow. I'm sorry ..... that.



## Verb + preposition

## Units 132–136

36 Complete each sentence with a preposition where necessary. If no preposition is necessary, leave the space empty.

- 1 She works quite hard. You can't accuse her ..... being lazy.
- 2 Who's going to look ..... your children while you're at work?
- 3 The problem is becoming serious. We have to discuss ..... it.
- 4 The problem is becoming serious. We have to do something ..... it.
- 5 I prefer this chair ..... the other one. It's more comfortable.
- 6 I need to phone ..... the office to tell them I won't be at work today.
- 7 The river divides the city ..... two parts.
- 8 'What do you think ..... your new boss?' 'She's all right, I suppose.'
- 9 Can somebody please explain ..... me what I have to do?
- 10 I said hello to her, but she didn't answer ..... me.
- 11 'Do you like staying at hotels?' 'It depends ..... the hotel.'
- 12 'Have you ever been to Borla?' 'No, I've never heard ..... it. Where is it?'
- 13 You remind me ..... somebody I knew a long time ago. You look just like her.
- 14 This is wonderful news! I can't believe ..... it.
- 15 George is not an idealist – he believes ..... being practical.
- 16 What's funny? What are you laughing ..... ?
- 17 What did you do with all the money you had? What did you spend it ..... ?
- 18 If Alex asks ..... you ..... money, don't give him any.
- 19 I apologised ..... Sarah ..... keeping her waiting so long.
- 20 Lisa was very helpful. I thanked ..... her ..... everything she'd done.

## Phrasal verbs

## Units 137–145

37 A says something and B replies. Which goes with which?

A

- 1 ~~I've made a mistake on this form.~~
- 2 I'm too warm with my coat on.
- 3 This jacket looks nice.
- 4 My phone number is 576920.
- 5 This room is in a mess.
- 6 What's 45 euros in dollars?
- 7 How did you find the mistake?
- 8 I'm not sure whether to accept their offer or not.
- 9 I need a place to stay when I'm in London.
- 10 It's a subject he doesn't like to talk about.
- 11 I don't know what this word means.

B

- a Don't worry. I'll clear it up.
- b No problem. I can fix it up.
- c Kate pointed it out.
- d ~~That's OK. Cross it out and correct it.~~
- e Yes, why don't you try it on?
- f OK, I won't bring it up.
- g Just a minute. I'll write it down.
- h Why don't you take it off then?
- i You can look it up.
- j I think you should turn it down.
- k Give me a moment. I'll work it out.

- 1 d
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....
- 7 .....
- 8 .....
- 9 .....
- 10 .....
- 11 .....



**38** Only one alternative is correct. Which is it?

- 1 Nobody believed Paul at first but he B to be right. (B is correct)  
A came out    B turned out    C worked out    D carried out
- 2 Here's some good news. It will .....  
A turn you up    B put you up    C blow you up    D cheer you up
- 3 I was annoyed with the way the children were behaving, so I .....  
A told them up    B told them off    C told them out    D told them over
- 4 The club committee is ..... of the president, the secretary and seven other members.  
A set up    B made up    C set out    D made out
- 5 You were going to apply for the job, and then you decided not to. So what ..... ?  
A put you off    B put you out    C turned you off    D turned you away
- 6 I had no idea that he was lying to me. I was completely .....  
A taken in    B taken down    C taken off    D taken over
- 7 Helen started a course at college, but she ..... after six months.  
A went out    B fell out    C turned out    D dropped out
- 8 You can't predict everything. Often things don't ..... as you expect.  
A make out    B break out    C work out    D get out
- 9 Why are all these people here? What's ..... ?  
A going off    B getting off    C going on    D getting on
- 10 It's a very busy airport. There are planes ..... or landing every few minutes.  
A going up    B taking off    C getting up    D driving off
- 11 The traffic was moving slowly because a bus had ..... and was blocking the road.  
A broken down    B fallen down    C fallen over    D broken up
- 12 How are you ..... in your new job? Are you enjoying it?  
A keeping on    B going on    C carrying on    D getting on

**39** Complete the sentences. Use two words each time.

- 1 Keep away from the edge of the pool. You might fall in.
- 2 I didn't notice that the two pictures were different until Tanya pointed it ..... me.
- 3 I asked Dan if he had any suggestions about what we should do, but he didn't come ..... anything.
- 4 I'm glad Sarah is coming to the party. I'm really looking ..... seeing her again.
- 5 Things are changing all the time. It's difficult to keep ..... all these changes.
- 6 I don't want to run ..... food for the party. Are you sure we have enough?
- 7 Don't let me interrupt you. Carry ..... your work.
- 8 Steve was very happy in his job until he fell ..... his boss. After that, it was impossible for them to work together, and Steve decided to leave.
- 9 I've had enough of being treated like this. I'm not going to put ..... it any more.
- 10 I didn't enjoy the trip very much at the time, but when I look ..... it now, I realise it was a good experience and I'm glad I went on it.
- 11 The wedding was supposed to be a secret, so how did you find ..... it?  
Did Jess tell you?
- 12 There is a very nice atmosphere in the office where I work. Everybody gets ..... everybody else.



**40** Complete each sentence using a phrasal verb that means the same as the words in brackets.

- 1 The football match had to be called off because of the weather. (cancelled)
- 2 The story Kate told wasn't true. She made it up. (invented it)
- 3 A bomb ..... near the station, but no-one was injured. (exploded)
- 4 Paul finally ..... nearly an hour late. (arrived)
- 5 Here's an application form. Can you ..... and sign it, please? (complete it)
- 6 A number of buildings are going to be ..... to make way for the new road. (demolished)
- 7 I'm having a few problems with my computer which need to be ..... as soon as possible. (put right)
- 8 Be positive! You must never ..... ! (stop trying)
- 9 I was very tired and ..... in front of the television. (fell asleep)
- 10 After eight years together, they've decided to ..... (separate)
- 11 The noise is terrible. I can't ..... any longer. (tolerate it)
- 12 We don't have a lot of money, but we have enough to ..... (manage)
- 13 I'm sorry I'm late. The meeting ..... longer than I expected. (continued)
- 14 We need to make a decision today at the latest. We can't ..... any longer. (delay it)

**41** Complete the sentences. Use one word each time.

- 1 You're driving too fast. Please slow down.
- 2 It was only a small fire and I managed to ..... it out with a bucket of water.
- 3 The house is empty at the moment, but I think the new tenants are ..... in next week.
- 4 I've ..... on weight. My clothes don't fit any more.
- 5 Their house is really nice now. They've ..... it up really well.
- 6 I was talking to the woman sitting next to me on the plane, and it ..... out that she works for the same company as my brother.
- 7 'Do you know what happened?' 'Not yet, but I'm going to ..... out.'
- 8 There's no need to get angry. .... down!
- 9 If you're going on a long walk, plan your route carefully before you ..... off.
- 10 Sarah has just phoned to say that she'll be late. She's been ..... up.
- 11 You've written my name wrong. It's Martin, not Marin – you ..... out the T.
- 12 Three days at £45 a day – that ..... out at £135.
- 13 We had a really interesting discussion, but Jane didn't ..... in. She just listened.
- 14 Jonathan is pretty fit. He ..... out in the gym every day.
- 15 Come and see us more often. You can ..... in any time you like.
- 16 We are still discussing the contract. There are still a couple of things to ..... out.
- 17 My alarm clock ..... off in the middle of the night and ..... me up.



# Study guide

This guide is to help you decide which units you need to study. The sentences in the guide are grouped together (*Present and past*, *Articles and nouns* etc.) in the same way as the units in the *Contents* (pages iii–vi).

Each sentence can be completed using one or more of the alternatives (A, B, C etc.). There are between two and five alternatives each time. IN SOME SENTENCES MORE THAN ONE ALTERNATIVE IS POSSIBLE.

If you don't know or if you are not sure which alternatives are correct, then you probably need to study the unit(s) in the list on the right. You will also find the correct sentence in this unit. (If two or three units are listed, you will find the correct sentence in the first one.)

There is a key to this study guide on page 372.

## IF YOU ARE NOT SURE WHICH IS RIGHT

## STUDY UNIT

### Present and past

- |     |  |           |
|-----|--|-----------|
| 1.1 | At first I didn't like my job, but ..... to enjoy it now.<br>A I'm beginning    B I begin                                    | 1, 3      |
| 1.2 | I don't understand this sentence. What ..... ?<br>A does mean this word    B does this word mean    C means this word        | 2, 49     |
| 1.3 | Robert ..... away two or three times a year.<br>A is going usually    B is usually going    C usually goes    D goes usually | 2, 3, 110 |
| 1.4 | How ..... now? Better than before?<br>A you are feeling    B do you feel    C are you feeling                                | 4         |
| 1.5 | It was a boring weekend. .... anything.<br>A I didn't    B I don't do    C I didn't do                                       | 5         |
| 1.6 | Matt ..... while we were having dinner.<br>A phoned    B was phoning    C has phoned   | 6, 14     |

### Present perfect and past

- |     |   |        |
|-----|---|--------|
| 2.1 | James is on holiday. He ..... to Italy.<br>A is gone    B has gone    C has been  | 7      |
| 2.2 | Everything is going well. We ..... any problems so far.<br>A didn't have    B don't have    C haven't had                           | 8      |
| 2.3 | Sarah has lost her passport again. It's the second time this .....<br>A has happened    B happens    C happened    D is happening   | 8      |
| 2.4 | You're out of breath. .... ?<br>A Are you running    B Have you run    C Have you been running                                      | 9      |
| 2.5 | Where's the book I gave you? What ..... with it?<br>A have you done    B have you been doing    C are you doing                     | 10     |
| 2.6 | '..... each other for a long time?' 'Yes, since we were at school.'<br>A Do you know    B Have you known    C Have you been knowing | 11, 10 |
| 2.7 | Sally has been working here .....<br>A for six months    B since six months    C six months ago                                     | 12     |



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- 2.8 It's two years ..... Joe.  
A that I don't see    B that I haven't seen    C since I didn't see  
D since I last saw 12
- 2.9 It ..... raining for a while, but now it's raining again.  
A stopped    B has stopped    C was stopped 13
- 2.10 My mother ..... in Italy.  
A grew up    B has grown up    C had grown up 13
- 2.11 ..... a lot of sweets when you were a child?  
A Have you eaten    B Had you eaten    C Did you eat 14
- 2.12 Jack ..... in New York for ten years. Now he lives in Los Angeles.  
A lived    B has lived    C has been living 14, 11
- 2.13 The man sitting next to me on the plane was very nervous. He ..... before.  
A hasn't flown    B didn't fly    C hadn't flown    D wasn't flying 15
- 2.14 Katherine was sitting in an armchair resting. She was tired because ..... very hard.  
A she was working    B she's been working    C she'd been working 16
- 2.15 ..... a car when you were living in Paris?  
A Had you    B Were you having    C Have you had    D Did you have 17, 14
- 2.16 I ..... tennis a lot, but I don't play very much now.  
A was playing    B was used to play    C used to play 18
- Future**
- 3.1 I'm tired. .... to bed now. Goodnight.  
A I go    B I'm going 19
- 3.2 ..... tomorrow, so we can go out somewhere.  
A I'm not working    B I don't work    C I won't work 19, 21
- 3.3 That bag looks heavy. .... you with it.  
A I'm helping    B I help    C I'll help 21
- 3.4 I think the weather ..... be nice later.  
A will    B shall    C is going to 23, 22
- 3.5 'Anna is in hospital.' 'Yes, I know. .... her this evening.'  
A I visit    B I'm going to visit    C I'll visit 23, 20
- 3.6 We're late. The film ..... by the time we get to the cinema.  
A will already start    B will be already started    C will already have started 24
- 3.7 Don't worry ..... late tonight.  
A if I'm    B when I'm    C when I'll be    D if I'll be 25



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## Modals

- 4.1 The fire spread through the building very quickly, but fortunately everybody .....  
A was able to escape    B managed to escape    C could escape    26
- 4.2 I'm so tired I ..... for a week.  
A can sleep    B could sleep    B could have slept    27
- 4.3 The story ..... be true, but I don't think it is.  
A might    B can    C could    D may    27, 29
- 4.4 Why did you stay at a hotel when you were in Paris? You ..... with Sarah.  
A can stay    B could stay    C could have stayed    27
- 4.5 'I've lost one of my gloves.' 'You ..... it somewhere.'  
A must drop    B must have dropped    C must be dropping  
D must have been dropping    28
- 4.6 'Why wasn't Amy at the meeting yesterday?' 'She ..... about it.'  
A might not know    B may not know    C might not have known  
D may not have known    29
- 4.7 What was the problem? Why ..... leave early?  
A had you to    B did you have to    C must you    D you had to    31
- 4.8 We've got plenty of time. We ..... hurry.  
A don't need to    B mustn't    C needn't    32
- 4.9 You missed a great party last night. You ..... . Why didn't you?  
A must have come    B should have come    C ought to have come  
D had to come    33
- 4.10 Jane won the lottery. I ..... a car with the money she'd won.  
A suggested that she buy    B suggested that she should buy  
C suggested her to buy    D suggested that she bought    34
- 4.11 You're always at home. You ..... out more often.  
A should go    B had better go    C had better to go    35
- 4.12 It's late. It's time ..... home.  
A we go    B we must go    C we should go    D we went    E to go    35
- 4.13 ..... a little longer, but I really have to go now.  
A I'd stay    B I'll stay    C I can stay    D I'd have stayed    36

## If and wish

- 5.1 I'm not going to bed yet. I'm not tired. If I ..... to bed now, I wouldn't sleep.  
A go    B went    C had gone    D would go    38
- 5.2 If I were rich, ..... a lot.  
A I'll travel    B I can travel    C I would travel    D I travelled    39
- 5.3 I wish I ..... have to work tomorrow, but unfortunately I do.  
A don't    B didn't    C wouldn't    D won't    39, 41



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5.4 The view was wonderful. If ..... a camera with me, I would have taken some pictures.

- A I had    B I would have    C I would have had    D I'd had

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5.5 The weather is horrible. I wish it ..... raining.

- A would stop    B stopped    C stops    D will stop

41

## Passive

6.1 We ..... by a loud noise during the night.

- A woke up    B are woken up    C were woken up    D were waking up

42

6.2 A new supermarket is going to ..... next year.

- A build    B be built    C be building    D building

43

6.3 There's somebody walking behind us. I think .....

- A we are following    B we are being following    C we are followed  
D we are being followed

43

6.4 'Where ..... ?' 'In Chicago.'

- A were you born    B are you born    C have you been born  
D did you born

44

6.5 There was a fight at the party, but nobody .....

- A was hurt    B got hurt    C hurt

44

6.6 Jane ..... to phone me last night, but she didn't.

- A supposed    B is supposed    C was supposed

45

6.7 Where ..... ? Which hairdresser did you go to?

- A did you cut your hair    B have you cut your hair  
C did you have cut your hair    D did you have your hair cut

46

## Reported speech

7.1 Paul left the room suddenly. He said he ..... to go.

- A had    B has    C have

48, 47

7.2 Hi, Joe. I didn't expect to see you. Sonia said you ..... in hospital.

- A are    B were    C was    D should be

48, 47

7.3 Ann ..... and left.

- A said goodbye to me    B said me goodbye    C told me goodbye

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## Questions and auxiliary verbs

8.1 'What time ..... ?' 'At 8.30.'

- A starts the film    B does start the film    C does the film start

49

8.2 'Do you know where ..... ?' 'No, he didn't say.'

- A Tom has gone    B has Tom gone    C has gone Tom

50

8.3 The police officer stopped us and asked us where .....

- A were we going    B are we going    C we are going    D we were going

50



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- 8.4 'Do you think it will rain?' '.....'.  
A I hope not. B I don't hope. C I don't hope so. 51
- 8.5 'You don't know where Karen is, .....?' 'Sorry, I have no idea.'  
A don't you B do you C is she D are you 52

**-ing and to ...**

- 9.1 You can't stop me ..... what I want.  
A doing B do C to do D that I do 53
- 9.2 I must go now. I promised ..... late.  
A not being B not to be C to not be D I wouldn't be 54, 36
- 9.3 Do you want ..... with you or do you want to go alone?  
A me coming B me to come C that I come D that I will come 55
- 9.4 I know I locked the door. I clearly remember ..... it.  
A locking B to lock C to have locked 56
- 9.5 She tried to be serious, but she couldn't help .....  
A laughing B to laugh C that she laughed D laugh 57
- 9.6 Paul lives in Berlin now. He likes ..... there.  
A living B to live 58
- 9.7 It's not my favourite job, but I like ..... the kitchen as often as possible.  
A cleaning B clean C to clean D that I clean 58
- 9.8 I'm tired. I'd rather ..... out this evening, if you don't mind.  
A not going B not to go C don't go D not go 59
- 9.9 I'd rather ..... anyone what I said.  
A you don't tell B not you tell C you didn't tell D you wouldn't tell 59
- 9.10 Are you looking forward ..... on holiday?  
A going B to go C to going D that you go 60, 62
- 9.11 When Lisa came to Britain, she had to get used ..... on the left.  
A driving B to driving C to drive 61
- 9.12 I'm thinking ..... a house. Do you think that's a good idea?  
A to buy B of to buy C of buying D about buying 62, 66
- 9.13 I had no ..... a place to stay. In fact it was surprisingly easy.  
A difficulty to find B difficulty finding C trouble to find D trouble finding 63
- 9.14 I phoned the restaurant ..... a table.  
A for reserve B to reserve C for reserving D for to reserve 64
- 9.15 James doesn't speak very clearly. ....  
A It is difficult to understand him. B He is difficult to understand. 65  
C He is difficult to understand him.



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9.16	The path was icy, so we walked very carefully. We were afraid .....	66
	A of falling    B from falling    C to fall    D to falling	
9.17	I didn't hear you ..... in. You must have been very quiet.	67
	A come    B to come    C came	
9.18	..... a hotel, we looked for somewhere to have dinner.	68
	A Finding    B After finding    C Having found    D We found	
<b>Articles and nouns</b>		
10.1	It wasn't your fault. It was .....	69
	A accident    B an accident    C some accident	
10.2	Where are you going to put all your ..... ?	70
	A furniture    B furnitures	
10.3	'Where are you going?' 'I'm going to buy ..... !'	70
	A a bread    B some bread    C a loaf of bread	
10.4	Sandra is ..... She works at a large hospital.	71, 72
	A nurse    B a nurse    C the nurse	
10.5	Helen works six days ..... week.	72
	A in    B for    C a    D the	
10.6	There are millions of stars in .....	73
	A space    B a space    C the space	
10.7	Every day ..... begins at 9 and finishes at 3.	74
	A school    B a school    C the school	
10.8	..... a problem in most big cities.	75
	A Crime is    B The crime is    C The crimes are	
10.9	When ..... invented?	76
	A was telephone    B were telephones    C were the telephones D was the telephone	
10.10	Have you been to ..... ?	77
	A Canada or United States    B the Canada or the United States C Canada or the United States    D the Canada or United States	
10.11	On our first day in Moscow, we visited .....	78
	A Kremlin    B a Kremlin    C the Kremlin	
10.12	What time ..... on TV?	79, 70
	A is the news    B are the news    C is news    D is the new	
10.13	It took us quite a long time to get here. It was ..... journey.	80
	A three hour    B a three-hours    C a three-hour	
10.14	This isn't my book. It's .....	81
	A my sister    B my sister's    C from my sister    D of my sister E of my sister's	



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## Pronouns and determiners

- 11.1 What time shall we ..... tomorrow? 82  
**A** meet **B** meet us **C** meet ourselves
- 11.2 I'm going to a wedding on Saturday. .... is getting married. 83  
**A** A friend of me **B** A friend of mine **C** One my friends
- 11.3 They live on a busy road. .... a lot of noise from the traffic. 84  
**A** It must be **B** It must have **C** There must have **D** There must be
- 11.4 He's lazy. He never does ..... work. 85  
**A** some **B** any **C** no
- 11.5 'What would you like to eat?' 'I don't mind. ....  
 – whatever you have.' 85  
**A** Something **B** Anything **C** Nothing
- 11.6 We couldn't buy anything because ..... of the shops were open. 86  
**A** all **B** no-one **C** none **D** nothing
- 11.7 We went shopping and spent ..... money. 87  
**A** a lot of **B** much **C** lots of **D** many
- 11.8 ..... don't visit this part of the town. 88  
**A** The most tourists **B** Most of tourists **C** Most tourists
- 11.9 I asked two people the way to the station, but ..... of them could  
 help me. 89  
**A** none **B** either **C** both **D** neither
- 11.10 ..... had a great time at the party. 90  
**A** Everybody **B** All **C** All of us **D** Everybody of us
- 11.11 The bus service is excellent. There's a bus ..... ten minutes. 90, 91  
**A** each **B** every **C** all

## Relative clauses

- 12.1 I don't like stories ..... have unhappy endings. 92  
**A** that **B** they **C** which **D** who
- 12.2 I didn't believe them at first, but in fact everything ..... was true. 93  
**A** they said **B** that they said **C** what they said
- 12.3 What's the name of the man ..... ? 94  
**A** you borrowed his car **B** which car you borrowed  
**C** whose car you borrowed **D** his car you borrowed
- 12.4 Anna told me about her new job, ..... a lot. 95  
**A** that she's enjoying **B** which she's enjoying **C** she's enjoying  
**D** she's enjoying it
- 12.5 Sarah couldn't meet us, ..... was a shame. 96  
**A** that **B** it **C** what **D** which
- 12.6 George showed me some pictures ..... by his father. 97, 92  
**A** painting **B** painted **C** that were painted **D** they were painted



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## Adjectives and adverbs

- |       |   |          |
|-------|---|----------|
| 13.1  | Jane doesn't enjoy her job any more. She's ..... because every day she does exactly the same thing.<br>A boring    B bored  | 98       |
| 13.2  | Lisa was carrying a ..... bag.<br>A black small plastic    B small and black plastic    C small black plastic<br>D plastic small black                                      | 99       |
| 13.3  | Maria's English is excellent. She speaks .....<br>A perfectly English    B English perfectly    C perfect English<br>D English perfect                                      | 100      |
| 13.4  | He ..... to find a job, but he had no luck.<br>A tried hard    B tried hardly    C hardly tried   | 101      |
| 13.5  | I haven't seen her for ..... , I've forgotten what she looks like.<br>A so long    B so long time    C a such long time    D such a long time                               | 102      |
| 13.6  | We don't have ..... on holiday right now.<br>A money enough to go    B enough money to go<br>C money enough for going    D enough money for go                              | 103      |
| 13.7  | Sarah is doing OK at the moment. She has .....<br>A a quite good job    B quite a good job    C a pretty good job   | 104      |
| 13.8  | The exam was quite easy – ..... I expected.<br>A more easy that    B more easy than    C easier than    D easier as   | 105      |
| 13.9  | The more electricity you use, .....<br>A your bill will be higher    B will be higher your bill<br>C the higher your bill will be    D higher your bill will be             | 106      |
| 13.10 | Patrick is a fast runner. I can't run as fast as .....<br>A he    B him    C he can   | 107      |
| 13.11 | The movie was really boring. It's ..... I've ever seen.<br>A most boring movie    B the more boring movie    C the movie more boring<br>D the most boring movie             | 108      |
| 13.12 | Ben likes walking. ....<br>A Every morning he walks to work.    B He walks to work every morning.<br>C He walks every morning to work.    D He every morning walks to work. | 109      |
| 13.13 | Joe never phones me. ....<br>A Always I have to phone him.    B I always have to phone him.<br>C I have always to phone him.    D I have to phone always him.               | 110      |
| 13.14 | Lucy ..... She left last month.<br>A still doesn't work here    B doesn't still work here<br>C no more works here    D doesn't work here any more                           | 111      |
| 13.15 | ..... she can't drive, she bought a car.<br>A Even    B Even when    C Even if    D Even though   | 112, 113 |



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## Conjunctions and prepositions

- 14.1 I couldn't sleep ..... very tired. 113  
**A** although I was    **B** despite I was    **C** despite of being    **D** in spite of being
- 14.2 You should insure your bike ..... stolen. 114  
**A** in case it will be    **B** if it will be    **C** in case it is    **D** if it is
- 14.3 The club is for members only. You ..... you're a member. 115  
**A** can't go in if    **B** can go in only if    **C** can't go in unless  
**D** can go in unless
- 14.4 We watched TV all evening ..... we didn't have anything better to do. 116  
**A** when    **B** as    **C** while    **D** since
- 14.5 'What's that noise?' 'It sounds ..... a baby crying.' 117, 118  
**A** as    **B** like    **C** as if    **D** as though
- 14.6 They are very kind to me. They treat me ..... their own son. 118  
**A** as I am    **B** as if I would be    **C** as if I am    **D** as if I were
- 14.7 I'll be in Singapore next week. I hope to see some friends of mine 119  
..... there.  
**A** while I'll be    **B** while I'm    **C** during my visit    **D** during I'm
- 14.8 Joe is away at the moment. I don't know exactly when he's coming back, but I'm 120  
sure he'll be back ..... Monday.  
**A** by    **B** until

## Prepositions

- 15.1 Bye! I'll see you ..... 121  
**A** at Friday morning    **B** on Friday morning    **C** in Friday morning  
**D** Friday morning
- 15.2 I'm going away ..... the end of January. 122  
**A** at    **B** on    **C** in
- 15.3 When we were in Italy, we spent a few days ..... Venice. 123, 125  
**A** at    **B** to    **C** in
- 15.4 Our apartment is ..... the second floor of the building. 124  
**A** at    **B** on    **C** in    **D** to
- 15.5 I saw Steve ..... a conference on Saturday. 125  
**A** at    **B** on    **C** in    **D** to
- 15.6 When did they ..... the hotel? 126  
**A** arrive to    **B** arrive at    **C** arrive in    **D** get to    **E** get in
- 15.7 I'm going ..... holiday next week. I'll be away for two weeks. 127  
**A** at    **B** on    **C** in    **D** for
- 15.8 We travelled ..... 6.45 train, which arrived at 8.30. 128  
**A** in the    **B** on the    **C** by the    **D** by
- 15.9 'Have you read anything ..... Ernest Hemingway?' 'No, what sort 128  
of books did he write?'  
**A** of    **B** from    **C** by



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- 15.10 The accident was my fault, so I had to pay for the damage ..... the other car.  
A of B for C to D on E at 129
- 15.11 I like them very much. They have always been very nice ..... me.  
A of B for C to D with 130
- 15.12 I'm not very good ..... repairing things.  
A at B for C in D about 131
- 15.13 I don't understand this sentence. Can you ..... ?  
A explain to me this word B explain me this word  
C explain this word to me 132
- 15.14 If you're worried about the problem, you should do something ..... it.  
A for B about C against D with 133
- 15.15 'Who is Tom Hart?' 'I have no idea. I've never heard ..... him.'  
A about B from C after D of 134
- 15.16 'What time will you be home?' 'I don't know. It depends ..... the traffic.'  
A of B for C from D on 135
- 15.17 I prefer tea ..... coffee.  
A to B than C against D from 136, 59

## Phrasal verbs

- 16.1 These shoes are uncomfortable. I'm going to .....  
A take off B take them off C take off them 137
- 16.2 They were playing cards, so I .....  
A joined in B came in C got in D broke in 138
- 16.3 Nobody believed Paul at first, but he ..... to be right.  
A worked out B came out C found out D turned out 139
- 16.4 We can't ..... making a decision. We have to decide now.  
A put away B put over C put off D put out 140
- 16.5 'Have you finished painting the kitchen?' 'Nearly. I'll ..... tomorrow.'  
A finish it out B finish it over C finish it off 141
- 16.6 You can always rely on Paul. He'll never .....  
A put you up B let you down C take you over D see you off 142
- 16.7 Children under 16 ..... half the population of the city.  
A make up B put up C take up D bring up 143
- 16.8 I'm surprised to hear that Sue and Paul have ..... They seemed very happy together.  
A broken up B ended up C finished up D split up 144
- 16.9 I parked in a no-parking zone, but I ..... it.  
A came up with B got away with C made off with D got on with 145