

**Grammar  
Worksheets  
Secondary  
School**

## 1. To be

*Complete the sentences using the most suitable form of **be**. Sometimes you must use the simple (am / is / are) and sometimes the continuous is more suitable (am / is / are being)*

1. I can't understand why **he's being** so selfish.  
He isn't usually like that.
2. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ very nice to me at the moment.  
I wonder why.
3. You'll like Elizabeth when you meet her.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ very nice.
4. Normally you are very sensible, so why \_\_\_\_\_  
so silly about this matter?
5. Why isn't Silvia at work today? \_\_\_\_\_ ill?

## 2. To have

*Complete these sentences. Use an expression from the list and put the verb into the correct form where necessary.*

<del>have lunch</del>	have a swim	have a nice time
have a chat	have a cigarette	have a rest
have a good flight	have a baby	
have a shower	have a party	have a look

1. I don't eat much during the day, I never **have lunch**.

2. Adam likes to keep fit, so he \_\_\_\_\_ every day.
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ last Sunday. It was great, we invited lots of people.
4. Excuse me, can I \_\_\_\_\_ at your newspaper, please?
5. 'Where's Aaron?' 'He \_\_\_\_\_ in his room. He's very tired.'
6. I met Abby in the pharmacy yesterday. We stopped and \_\_\_\_\_.
7. I haven't seen you since you came back from holiday. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Adriana \_\_\_\_\_ a few weeks ago. It's her second child.
9. I don't usually smoke but I was feeling very nervous, so I \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The phone rang but I couldn't answer it because I \_\_\_\_\_.
11. You meet Calvin at the airport. He has just arrived. You say:  
Hello, Tom. \_\_\_\_\_ ?

### 3. Simple present tense

*Ask Camila questions about herself and her family.*

1. You know that Camila plays tennis. You want to know how often. Ask her. How often **do you play tennis?**

2. Perhaps Camila's sister plays tennis too. You want to know.  
Ask Camila. \_\_\_\_\_ your sister \_\_\_\_\_

3. You know that Camila reads a newspaper every day. You want to know which one. Ask her.  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. You know that Camila's brother works. You want to know what he does. Ask Camila.  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. You know that Camila goes to the cinema a lot. You want to know how often. Ask her.  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. You don't know where Camila's mother lives. Ask Camila.  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. Simple past tense

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

1. It was warm, so I .. **took** .. off my coat. (take)
2. The film wasn't very good. I **didn't enjoy** it very much. (enjoy)
3. I knew Kate was very busy, so I \_\_\_\_\_ her. (disturb)
4. I was very tired, so I \_\_\_\_\_ to bed early. (go)
5. The bed was very uncomfortable.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ very well. (sleep)
6. Fabiola wasn't hungry, so she \_\_\_\_\_ anything. (eat)
7. We went to Laila's house but she \_\_\_\_\_ at home. (be)
8. It was a funny situation but nobody \_\_\_\_\_ . (laugh)
9. The window was open and a bird \_\_\_\_\_ into the room. (fly)
10. The hotel wasn't very expensive. It \_\_\_\_\_ very much. (cost)
11. I was in a hurry, so I \_\_\_\_\_ time to phone you. (have)

12. It was very hard work carrying the bags.  
They \_\_\_\_\_ very heavy. (be)

## 5. Simple future tense

1. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ in time for lunch?
2. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the same question again.
3. Rachel \_\_\_\_\_ a car when she's eighteen.
4. I don't think it \_\_\_\_\_ today.
5. Zac \_\_\_\_\_ any more ice-cream.
6. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ our house.  
They like it too much in London.
7. I'll \_\_\_\_\_ you next week.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ some cake for tea.
9. Dad \_\_\_\_\_ the car in the next street.
10. I hope Mr Vitale \_\_\_\_\_ the job.

## 6. Will / Be going to

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

1. A: Why are you turning on the television?  
B: **I'm going to watch** the news. (I / watch)
  
2. A: Oh, I've just realised. I haven't got any money.  
B: Haven't you? Well, don't worry.  
\_\_\_\_\_ you some. (I / lend)
  
3. A: I've got a headache.  
B: Have you?  
Wait there and \_\_\_\_\_ an aspirin for you.  
(I / get)
  
4. A: Why are you filling that bucket with water?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_ the car. (I / wash).
  
5. A: I've decided to repaint this room.  
B: Oh, have you?  
What colour \_\_\_\_\_ it? (you / paint)
  
6. A: Where are you going? Are you going shopping?  
B: Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ something for dinner.  
(I / buy)
  
7. A: I don't know how to use this camera.  
B: It's quite easy. \_\_\_\_\_ you.  
(I / show)

8. A: What would you like to eat?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_ a sandwich, please.  
(I / have)
9. A: Did you post that letter for me?  
B: Oh, I'm sorry. I completely forgot.  
\_\_\_\_\_ it now. (I / do)
- 10.A: The ceiling in this room doesn't look very safe, does it?  
B: No, it looks as if \_\_\_\_\_ down. (it / fall)
- 11.A: Has Jack decided what to do when he leaves school?  
B: Oh, yes. Everything is planned.  
\_\_\_\_\_ a holiday for a few weeks and then \_\_\_\_\_ a computer programming course. (he / have, he / do)

## 7. Present progressive / continuous tense

*Put the verb into the correct form. Sometimes you need the negative (**I'm not doing** etc.).*

1. I'm tired. I'm going (go) to bed now. Goodnight!
2. We can go out now. It isn't raining (rain) any more.
3. 'How is your new job?' 'Not so good at the moment.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) it very much.

4. Catherine 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. Angela has just started evening classes.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) German.
7. I think Paul and Ann have an argument.  
They \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) to each other.

## 8. Past progressive / continuous tense

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

1. Elena **was waiting** (wait) for me when I **arrived**. (arrive)
2. 'What \_\_\_\_\_ (you/do) this time yesterday?' 'I was asleep.'
3. '\_\_\_\_\_ (you/go) out last night?' 'No, I was too tired.'
4. 'Was Elizabeth at the party last night?'  
'Yes, she \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a really nice dress.'
5. How fast \_\_\_\_\_ (you/drive) when the accident \_\_\_\_\_ (happen)?

6. Damian \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a photograph of me while I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/look).
7. We were in a very difficult position.  
We \_\_\_\_\_ (not/know) what to do.
8. I haven't seen Peter for ages.  
When I last \_\_\_\_\_ (see) him, he \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to find a job in London.
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) along the street when suddenly I \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) footsteps behind me. Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ (follow) me. I was frightened and I \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to run.
10. When I was young, I \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to be a bus driver.

## 9. Future progressive / continuous tense

Fill in the verbs in the **Future Progressive / Continuous**.

**Example:** David \_\_\_\_\_ (*to play*) on the computer when his mother comes home.

**Answer:** David (*will be playing*) on the computer when his mother comes home.

1. Daisy \_\_\_\_\_ (*to come*) to the party on Saturday.

2. We \_\_\_\_\_ (*to meet*) him tomorrow.
3. This time next week he \_\_\_\_\_ (*to fly*) to South America.
4. At 6 o'clock on Sunday they \_\_\_\_\_ (*to sing*) the new song.
5. It \_\_\_\_\_ (*probably/to rain*) when I reach Sydney.
6. Tomorrow at nine I \_\_\_\_\_ (*to write*) a test.
7. Jain \_\_\_\_\_ (*to watch*) a video when I arrive tonight.
8. You \_\_\_\_\_ (*to eat*) pizza soon.
9. She \_\_\_\_\_ (*to sleep*) when you telephone her.
10. They \_\_\_\_\_ (*to arrive*) in Caracas just about now.

## 10. Present perfect tense

*Read the situations and write sentences as shown in the examples.*

1. Ike 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.

2. Jack is playing tennis. He's not very good and he doesn't know the rules.

You ask: Have \_\_\_\_\_

He says: No, this is the first \_\_\_\_\_

3. Jacinta is riding a horse. She doesn't look very confident or comfortable.

You ask: \_\_\_\_\_

She says: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Macey is in London. She has just arrived and it's very new for her.

You ask: \_\_\_\_\_

She says: \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Past perfect tense

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

1. You went to Nadia's house but she wasn't there.  
(she / go / out) **She has gone out.**

2. You went back to your home town after many years. It wasn't the same as before.  
(it / change / a lot) \_\_\_\_\_

3. I invited Odalis to the party but she couldn't come.  
(she / arrange / to do something else) \_\_\_\_\_

4. You went to the cinema last night. You arrived at the cinema late.  
(the film / already / begin) \_\_\_\_\_
5. I was very pleased to see Odalis again after such a long time.  
(I / not / see / him for five years)  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. I offered Pamela something to eat but she wasn't hungry.  
(she / just / have / breakfast) \_\_\_\_\_

## 12. Future perfect tense

Fill in the verbs in brackets in the **Future Perfect**.

**Example:** He \_\_\_\_\_ (*to pack*) the suitcase by tomorrow.

**Answer:** He **will have packed** the suitcase by tomorrow.

1. Rae \_\_\_\_\_ (*to repair*) her bike next week.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ (*to do*) the washing by 8 o'clock.
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ (*to visit*) Paris by the end of next year.

4. I \_\_\_\_\_ *(to finish)*  
this by 6 o'clock.
5. Sam \_\_\_\_\_ *(to leave)*  
by next week.
6. She \_\_\_\_\_ *(to discuss)*  
this with her mother tonight.
7. The police \_\_\_\_\_ *(to arrest)*  
the murderer in one month's time.
8. They \_\_\_\_\_ *(to write)*  
their essay by tomorrow.
9. Ralph \_\_\_\_\_ *(to manage)*  
the teams.
10. If we can do that - then we  
\_\_\_\_\_ *(to fulfil)* our mission.

### 13. Present perfect progressive / continuous tense

Write a question for each situation.

1. Pablo looks sunburnt. You ask: (you/sit in the sun?)  
**Have you been sitting in the sun?**
2. You have just arrived to meet a friend who is waiting for you. You ask: (you / wait / long?)
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3. You meet a friend in the street. His face and hands are very dirty. You ask: (what / you / do?)
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4. A friend of yours is now living in Moortown Avenue. You want to know ‘How long ...?’  
You ask:  
how long / you / live / in Moortown Avenue?)
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5. A friend tells you about his job – he sells computers. You want to know ‘How long ...?’  
You ask: (how long / you / sell / computers?)
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#### **14. Past perfect progressive / continuous tense**

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

1. I was very tired when I arrived home.  
(I / work / hard all day)  
**I had been working hard all day.**
2. The two boys came into the house. They had a football and they were both very tired.  
(they / play / football)
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3. There was nobody in the room but there was a smell of cigarettes.  
(somebody / smoke / in the room)

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4. Ann woke up in the middle of the night. She was frightened and didn't know where she was.  
(she / dream)

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5. When I got home, Randy was sitting in front of the TV. He had just turned it off.  
(he / watch / TV)

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### **15. Future perfect progressive / continuous tense**

1. Catherine Zeta-Jones (to act) \_\_\_\_\_ in America for 12 years by the year 2010.
2. By the time I retire, I (to write) \_\_\_\_\_ movie reviews for more than 30 years.
3. By the time the movie will stop, it (to rain) \_\_\_\_\_ outside for 4 hours at least .
4. By the time he turns 30, Elijah Woods (to work) \_\_\_\_\_ in the entertainment business for 32 years.

5. At the end of his career, Kevin Spacey (to entertain) \_\_\_\_\_ audiences for many many years.
6. Stephen Spielberg (to make) \_\_\_\_\_ great movies for a long time when he will decide to stop.
7. At the end of the show, I (to eat) \_\_\_\_\_ continuously.
8. By the time he stops, my friend (to act) \_\_\_\_\_ for most of his life.
9. My cousin (to exercise) \_\_\_\_\_ for 2 years next week in preparation for a role in a movie.
10. They (to think) \_\_\_\_\_ about whether to go see the new movie or not for half an hour by the time it begins tonight.

## 16. Imperative

Complete the sentences with the correct imperative.

**Example:** Answer the questions. (answer)

1. Please \_\_\_\_\_ in (come)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ out! (get)
3. Please \_\_\_\_\_ your bedroom. (clean)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ a little every day. (study)
5. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ on the grass. (walk)
6. Mummy, \_\_\_\_\_ me a candy! (give)
7. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ in the building. (run)
8. Let's \_\_\_\_\_ a game. (play)
9. I'm busy tonight, so don't \_\_\_\_\_ for me.  
(wait)
10. Let's \_\_\_\_\_ home! (go)

## 17. Modals (auxiliary verbs)

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

1. Sebastian has travelled a lot. He **can** speak four languages.
2. I haven't **been able to** sleep very well recently.
3. Sabrina \_\_\_\_\_ drive but she hasn't got a car.
4. I can't understand Martin. I've never \_\_\_\_\_ understand him.
5. I used to \_\_\_\_\_ stand on my head but I can't do it now.
6. I can't see you on Friday but I \_\_\_\_\_ meet you on Saturday morning.
7. Ask Valerie about your problem.  
She might \_\_\_\_\_ help you.

## 18. The passive voice

*Put the verb into the correct form, present simple or past simple, active or passive.*

1. It's a big factory. Five hundred people are employed (employ) there.
2. Water \_\_\_\_\_ (cover) most of the Earth's surface.
3. Most of the Earth's surface \_\_\_\_\_ (cover) by water.
4. The park gates \_\_\_\_\_ (lock) at 6.30 p.m. every evening.
5. The letter \_\_\_\_\_ (post) a week ago and it \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) yesterday.
6. The boat \_\_\_\_\_ (sink) quickly but fortunately everybody \_\_\_\_\_ (rescue).
7. Jacob's parents \_\_\_\_\_ (die) when he was very young.  
He and his sister \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) up by their grandparents.
8. I was born in London but I \_\_\_\_\_ (grow) up in the north of England.
9. While I was on holiday, my camera \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) from my hotel room.
10. While I was on holiday, my camera \_\_\_\_\_ (disappear) from my hotel room.

11. Why \_\_\_\_\_ (Emily / resign) from her job? Didn't she?
12. Why \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua / sack) from his job? What did he do wrong?
13. The company is not independent.  
It \_\_\_\_\_ (own) by a much larger company.
14. I saw an accident last night.  
Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ (call) an ambulance but nobody \_\_\_\_\_ (injure) so the ambulance \_\_\_\_\_ (not / need).
15. Where \_\_\_\_\_ (these) photographs / take)?  
In London? \_\_\_\_\_ (you / take) them?

## 19. Question words

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. (when / Sue / working / isn't / today)

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5. (what time / coming / your friends / are)

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6. (why / was / cancelled / the concert)

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7. (where / your mother / was / born)

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8. (why / you / to the party / didn't / come)

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9. (how / the accident / did / happen)

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10. (why / this machine / doesn't / work)

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## **20. Asking / Answering questions**

1. Are you from Ecuador?

**A.** Yes, I am.

**B.** Yes, he is.

**C.** Yes, I are.

2. Would you like to play Risk?

**A.** No, I don't.

**B.** No, I wouldn't.

**C.** No, you wouldn't.

3. Would you like to play Monopoly?  
A. Yes, I like.  
B. Yes, I would.  
C. No, you wouldn't.
4. Can you play the guitar?  
A. Yes, I do.  
B. Yes, I can.  
C. Yes, I plays.
5. Are you going to the meeting?  
A. No, I not.  
B. No, I not go.  
C. No, I'm not.
6. Billy: \_\_\_\_\_ like chocolate?  
Sally: Yes, I do. I love it.  
A. Do you  
B. Are you  
C. Does she
7. Sally : Is Andy going to bring his guitar to the party?  
Billy: Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. he are  
B. you are  
C. he is
8. Sally: Are you and Tommy coming?  
A. we are  
B. we ´re  
C. I am

9. Billy: Do you love Tommy?  
Sally: No, I don't but Betty \_\_\_\_\_  
**A.** is  
**B.** do  
**C.** does
10. Andy: Can you give me a hand?  
Billy: \_\_\_\_\_  
**A.** Of course I can.  
**B.** No I don't.  
**C.** Yes, I do.

## 21. Possessive ending

Write 'apostrophe s' into the gaps.

**Example:** I met \_\_\_\_\_ sister yesterday.  
*(Mandy)*

**Answer:** I met **Mandy's** sister yesterday.

1. This is \_\_\_\_\_ book. *(Peter)*
2. Let's go to the \_\_\_\_\_. *(Smiths)*
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ room is upstairs. *(children)*
4. \_\_\_\_\_ sister is twelve years old. *(John)*
5. \_\_\_\_\_ shoes are on the second floor. *(Men)*
6. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ bags have got blue stickers.  
*(Susan - Steve)*
7. My \_\_\_\_\_ car wasn't expensive. *(parents)*
8. \_\_\_\_\_ CD player is new. *(Charles)*

## 22. Plural form (nouns)

Fill in the correct plural forms of the given words into the gaps.

**singular**

**plural**

1. thief

\_\_\_\_\_

2. fish

\_\_\_\_\_

3. cat

\_\_\_\_\_

4. carpet

\_\_\_\_\_

5. turkey

\_\_\_\_\_

6. computer

\_\_\_\_\_

7. farmer

\_\_\_\_\_

8. half

\_\_\_\_\_

9. watermelon

\_\_\_\_\_

10. flower

\_\_\_\_\_

11. scarf

\_\_\_\_\_

12. box

\_\_\_\_\_

13. mountain

\_\_\_\_\_

14. kiss \_\_\_\_\_

15. smile \_\_\_\_\_

### 23. Adjectives and adverbs

*Put in the right word.*

1. The driver of the car was \_\_\_\_\_ **seriously** \_\_\_\_\_ injured. (serious / seriously)
2. The driver of the car had \_\_\_\_\_ **serious** \_\_\_\_\_ injuries. (serious / seriously)
3. I think you behaved very \_\_\_\_\_. (selfish / selfishly)
4. Hannah is \_\_\_\_\_ upset about losing her job. (terrible / terribly)
5. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ change in the weather. (sudden / suddenly)
6. Everybody at the party was \_\_\_\_\_ dressed. (colourful / colourfully)
7. Samantha likes wearing \_\_\_\_\_ clothes. (colourful / colourfully)
8. She fell and hurt herself quite \_\_\_\_\_. (bad / badly)

9. He says he didn't do well at school because he was \_\_\_\_\_ taught. (bad / badly).
10. Don't go up the ladder. It doesn't look \_\_\_\_\_. (safe / safely)
11. He looked at me \_\_\_\_\_ when I interrupted him. (angry / angrily)

## 24. Possessive adjective

Replace the personal pronouns by possessive adjectives.

1. Where are (you) \_\_ your \_\_ friends now?
2. Here is a postcard from (I) \_\_\_\_\_ friend Sophia.
3. She lives in Australia now with (she) \_\_\_\_\_family.
4. (She) \_\_\_\_\_husband works in Newcastle.
5. (He) \_\_\_\_\_ company builds ships.
6. (They) \_\_\_\_\_ children go to school in Newcastle.
7. (I) \_\_\_\_\_ husband and I want to go to Australia, too.

8. We want to see Sophia and (she) \_\_\_\_\_ family next winter.
9. It is (we) \_\_\_\_\_ winter!
10. Because it is (they) \_\_\_\_\_ summer.

## 25. There is - there are

1. \_\_\_\_\_ a living-room and three bedrooms in their flat.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of customers in the shop yesterday?
3. \_\_\_\_\_ a new post office in your street?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ a big lion and two tigers when we went in the zoo.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of noise in this theatre.

## 26. Personal pronouns

Fill in the correct personal pronoun into the gaps.  
The words in brackets tell you which you should use.

**Example:** \_\_\_\_ often reads books. (*Peter*)

**Answer:** **He** often reads books.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is reading a book. (*Willy*)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is green. (*The blackboard*)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ are on the wall (*The posters*)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is running. (*The dog*)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ are watching TV.  
(*My mother and I*)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ are in the garden.  
(*The flowers*)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ is riding his bike. (*Tom*)
8. \_\_\_\_\_ are dirty.  
(*Robin's shoes*)
9. \_\_\_\_\_ has got a brother. (*Diana*)
10. Have \_\_\_\_\_ got a computer, Mandy?

## 27. Reflexive pronouns

1. They met \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport.
2. He was looking at \_\_\_\_\_ in the mirror.
3. I cut \_\_\_\_\_ with the knife.
4. We don't see \_\_\_\_\_ very often.
5. She doesn't look after \_\_\_\_\_ very well.
6. Did you speak to \_\_\_\_\_ on the phone last night?
7. They saw \_\_\_\_\_ at the party.

## 28. Demonstrative pronouns

Select the correct pronoun for each sentence.

this, that, those, these

1. \_\_\_\_\_ pair of shoes is similar to mine.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ mannequins over there look real.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ shoes on my feet fit well.
4. There are problems with \_\_\_\_\_ research paper.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ paintings in that room are beautiful.

6. The characters in \_\_\_\_\_ haunted house were scary.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ comedians kept us laughing all night.
8. You must have been joking about \_\_\_\_\_ new idea of yours.

## 29. Relative pronouns

1. Where is the bottle of Coke **that** I bought this morning?
2. I talked to the girl \_\_\_\_\_ car had broken down in front of the shop.
3. Mr Hicks, \_\_\_\_\_ is a taxi driver, lives on the corner.
4. There is the car \_\_\_\_\_ I'd like to buy.
5. He cleaned the car \_\_\_\_\_ had an accident.
6. This is the girl \_\_\_\_\_ comes from Spain.
7. That's Andrew, the boy \_\_\_\_\_ has just arrived at the airport.

8. What did you do with the money \_\_\_\_\_  
your mother lent you?

**30. Much - many - few – little - a few, a little -  
some**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ people came to see the play.  
It was rather sad.
2. Come on! We've still got \_\_\_\_\_ time left  
to finish this.
3. Daniel gave very \_\_\_\_\_ reasons for  
closing down the bar.
4. With time and \_\_\_\_\_ patience, you'll  
forget her and be happy again.
5. He's not a good teacher. He's unimaginative  
and has very \_\_\_\_\_ patience with  
children.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ of that group's songs are  
excellent but I don't really like most of their  
music.
7. I've been to that Asturian restaurant  
\_\_\_\_\_ times. It's good.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ people never learn how to dance  
properly. It's such a shame.
9. Very \_\_\_\_\_ people went to see that  
film. I don't know why. It's excellent.

10. I have \_\_\_\_\_ time for people who talk about themselves all the time and never listen to anyone else.
11. I normally have \_\_\_\_\_ red wine with my lunch. It's good for you.
12. Dress the salad with salt, pepper and \_\_\_\_\_ olive oil.
13. I've got 20 Euros and \_\_\_\_\_ coins. That should be enough for tonight.
14. His computer needs cleaning. He takes very \_\_\_\_\_ care of it.

### **31. Prepositions**

1. We will be gone \_\_\_\_\_ two days. (for, since)
2. I have known him \_\_\_\_\_ three years. (for, since)
3. I will arrive \_\_\_\_\_ six o'clock. (at, in)
4. He has been gone \_\_\_\_\_ Friday. (for, since)
5. She is leaving \_\_\_\_\_ five minutes. (at, in)
6. I have known her \_\_\_\_\_ last year. (for, since)
7. We expect them \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday. (in, on)
8. We waited \_\_\_\_\_ fifteen minutes. (for, since)

9. Columbus crossed the Atlantic \_\_\_\_\_ 1492.  
(at, in)

10. She will call us \_\_\_\_\_ half an hour. (at, in)

### 32. Comparisons / superlative

1. Jeremy is 10 years old. Julie is 8 years old.  
Jeremy is (old) \_\_\_\_\_ Julie

2. The Alps are very high. They are (high)  
\_\_\_\_\_ mountains in Europe.

3. An ocean is (large) \_\_\_\_\_ a sea.

4. A Rolls Royce costs a lot of money. A Twingo  
costs less money.  
A Rolls Royce is (expensive) \_\_\_\_\_ a  
Twingo.

5. William's results were bad. Fred's results were  
very poor.  
Fred's results were (bad) \_\_\_\_\_ William's.

6. This exercise is not difficult.  
It's (easy) \_\_\_\_\_ I expected.

7. The weather is not good today - it's raining.  
I hope the weather will be (good) \_\_\_\_\_  
next week.

8. People are not friendly in big cities. They are usually (friendly) \_\_\_\_\_ in small towns.
9. In the government of a country, the President is (important) \_\_\_\_\_ person.
10. People say that Chinese is (difficult) \_\_\_\_\_ to learn than English.

### **33. Capitalisation**

*Place capital letters there were needed.*

*Story of the Sun - Written by Ned Jensen*

*Book taken from [www.readingA-Z.com](http://www.readingA-Z.com)*

long ago, a curious young boy lived in a far-off land.  
to the east there were mountains.

to the west there was a large sea.

as each day began, the curious young boy sat and  
looked to the east. he watched the sun rise over the  
mountains.

as each day ended, he looked west.

he watched the sun sink into the sea.

the curious boy's name was ichiro.

ichiro wondered where the sun came from.

and he wondered where it went each night.

the harder ichiro thought, the more confused he  
became.

he wondered how many suns there really are.

would there ever be a time when a new sun would not rise from the east?

ichiro was smart. he knew that the sun brought light.

he knew that without the sun, everything would be dark.

he also knew that the sun brought warmth.

he loved to feel the warm sun on his brown skin.

ichiro worried about a day when a new sun might not rise.

he worried about living in a land of darkness.

he worried about being cold.

ichiro learned about a wise old woman.

he was told she knew the answers to everything.

so he decided to visit her.

the wise woman lived in a village. the village was near the mountains. it was near where the sun rose each morning.

one morning ichiro awoke early.

he climbed on his giant pet emu and rode swiftly to the east. in a few hours, he entered the village.

the wise woman greeted ichiro warmly.

she took him into her hut.

and she began to answer his questions about the sun.

first she explained where the sun came from.

"do you see that large mountain? the one that is towering above all other mountains?" she asked, pointing east.

ichiro replied, "yes, i do. in fact i see the sun rise over the mountain each morning."

"well," said the wise woman, "that is where new suns come from. each night after the sun sinks into the sea, people from the village go to the mountaintop.

they carry large pieces of wood and coal with them."

"they drop the wood and coal into a large opening at the top of the mountain," she said.

"the mountain begins to rumble. it roars and smokes."

the wise old woman kept telling her story.

"by morning, the rumbling is very loud.

the suddenly the mountain spits out a giant ball of fire.

the ball is spit out with great force.

it shoots up high into the sky. the fireball lights the land below as its travels across the sky. it also heats the land."

"when the ball of fire reaches its highest point, it begins to drop," she continued.

"in a few hours it crashes into the sea.

the cool waters of the sea put out the ball of fire."

"it is very important that the villagers go to the mountain each night. they must feed it wood and coal," she said.

"as long as we feed the mountain, it will make a new sun each morning. but if ever we fail to do so, there will be no new sun. then the land will become dark and cold."

from that day on, ichiro worried no more.

he played happily in the trees. he knew there would

always be light and heat as long as the villagers took coal and wood to the mountain.

### 34. Gerunds / infinitives

1. They arrived late after \_\_\_\_\_ lunch.  
(*have*)
2. The children really enjoyed \_\_\_\_\_ in the park. (*play*)
3. She was driving so she stopped to \_\_\_\_\_ the telephone. (*answer*)
4. David stopped \_\_\_\_\_ last year.  
(*smoke*)
5. Instead of \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema we had dinner in a restaurant. (*go*)
6. I can't stand \_\_\_\_\_ TV. (*watch*)
7. They made him \_\_\_\_\_ his homework before \_\_\_\_\_ football. (*do, play*)
8. They want to \_\_\_\_\_ the art gallery tomorrow. (*visit*)
9. I heard her \_\_\_\_\_ about the food.  
(*complain*)
10. I'm going to the butcher's to \_\_\_\_\_ some meat. (*buy*)

### 35. Direct / indirect speech

*Somebody says something to you which is the opposite of what they said before. Write as suitable answer beginning **I thought you said** \_\_\_\_\_.*

1. A: That restaurant is expensive.  
B: Is it? **I thought you said it was cheap.**
  
2. A: Ann is coming to the party tonight.  
B: Is she? I thought you said she \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. A: Ann likes Paul.  
B: Does she? I thought \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. A: I know lots of people.  
B: Do you? I thought you said you \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. A: I'll be here next week.  
B: Will you? \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. A: I'm going out this evening.  
B: Are you? \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. A: I can speak a littler French.  
B: Can you? \_\_\_\_\_
  
8. A: I haven't been to the cinema for ages.  
B: Haven't you? \_\_\_\_\_

### 36. Connecting words

Complete the following sentences with appropriate link words. Options are given beneath the exercises.

1. My friend Ava has just bought herself some new shoes \_\_\_\_\_ she already has some 20 pairs.
2. We decided to walk from coast to coast \_\_\_\_\_ our lack of training.
3. Giving up was not an issue \_\_\_\_\_ the situation got more confusing by the day.
4. The children behaved like angels \_\_\_\_\_ the long drive and the hot weather.
5. The hotel wasn't really idyllic. \_\_\_\_\_, we had a great time there.
6. I love cycling \_\_\_\_\_ my wife prefers walking.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ the weather forecast spoke of wind and rain, we really enjoyed a warm and sunny afternoon.
8. I don't really believe everything he says. \_\_\_\_\_, I thoroughly enjoy being with him.

**although**  
**despite**

**Although**  
**However**

**although**  
**whereas**

**despite**  
**Yet**

### 37. Phrasal verbs (Idioms)

*Match each phrasal verb with its definition.*

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|-------------------------|--|
| 1. Phone somebody up    | a. connect somebody                                  |
| 2. Look something up    | b. call somebody on the phone                        |
| 3. Put somebody through | c. return a telephone call                           |
| 4. Hold on              | d. finish the conversation by replacing the receiver |
| 5. Cut somebody off     | e. replace the receiver                              |
| 6. Put the phone down   | f. wait  |
| 7. Hang up              | g. try to find                                       |
| 8. Ring somebody back   | h. stop somebody's conversation                      |