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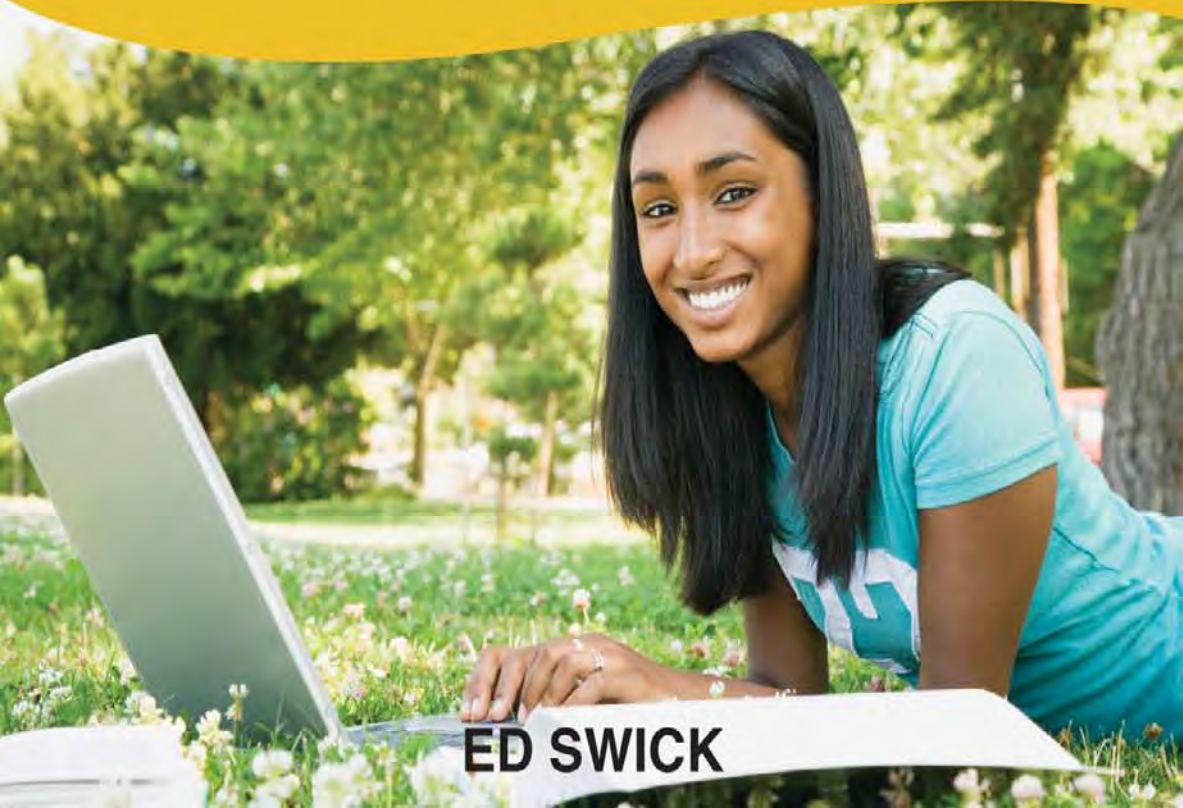
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# Introduction

Writing in any language is a difficult skill to acquire. Therefore, as an ESL student you should approach writing in English carefully. In order to write well, you want to first have an understanding of grammatical structures, vocabulary, and tense usage. You practice those concepts until you can use them with relative ease. Then you are ready to practice writing original material.

This book does two things:

1. It gives you an abundant review of basic structures.
2. It provides various forms of writing practice within a controlled program that focuses on improving the skills needed to write accurately.

In Chapter 1 you will have the opportunity to learn or review grammar basics. By checking the Answer Key at the end of this book, you can find the correct or example answers to the exercises. If you have an English-speaking friend, you might ask him or her to check your work.

If you wish, you can follow your progress by using a very simple method. After each exercise, count every word that you have written—even little words like *the*, *a*, *and*, or *but*. Then count every error you have made in spelling, tense, word order, missing words, or any other potential mistake.

Divide the number of words you have written (W) by the number of errors (E) you have made. The result is a number (N) that you can compare after every exercise you write:

$$W \div E = N$$

If you wrote sixty words and made twelve errors, you would come up with:

$$60 \div 12 = 5$$

If the number is getting larger, you are making progress.

After completing the review exercises, you will be ready to begin Chapter 2. In this chapter you will complete sentences with your original phrases, and you will use your own ideas as you write. You will see a sentence similar to this:

John borrowed \_\_\_\_\_ to get to work.

You might write something like this:

John borrowed his father's new car to get to work.

For each exercise in Chapter 3 you will compose ten short, original sentences while using a phrase as the specific element in each sentence. For example:

**Sample phrase:** The new car

**Used as the subject:** The new car is in the garage.

**Used as the direct object:** Mary loved the new car.

**Used after the preposition to:** A man came up to the new car.

You may, of course, use dictionaries and grammar books as aids in order to write as correctly as possible. You could give yourself a time limit (fifteen minutes or thirty minutes) for writing the exercise, but use the same number of minutes each time you write.

In Chapter 4 you will fill in the missing phrases or sentences in a story. They can be any phrases or sentences that you wish, but they must conform to the plot of the story. For example:

### The Diamond Ring

The robber crept into the hallway of the dark house and turned on the light. On the desk he saw a beautiful silver box holding a diamond ring, which he put in his pocket. Then he opened the window, jumped to the ground, and fled down the street.

Chapter 5 deals with letter writing. Each letter can be written within the same framework of time (fifteen minutes, thirty minutes, or longer). There is a difference between “friendly” letters and “business” letters. This part of the writing program will help you to write both types of letters.

In Chapter 6 you will write original stories. The stories are to be based on the assigned topic, and they should include the grammar structures indicated. For example:

**Sample title:** Lost in the Desert

**Include these structures:**

the relative pronoun *which*

*to want to* in the past perfect tense

the conjunction *if*

You would then write a story about someone lost and roaming the desert. You would probably write of heat and thirst and of the difficulties of finding a way to safety. And somewhere in your story you would have three sentences similar to these (which include the required sample structures):

She believed she saw a lake, **which**, unfortunately, was only a mirage.

She **had** often **wanted to** climb a sand dune.

**If** she found water, she knew she would survive.

If you feel you have not done well enough in any chapter of this book, do not go on to the next chapter. Instead, repeat the chapter that needs improvement. Set a standard of quality for yourself and conform to it. Use the Answer Key not only to check your work but also to find suggestions for how to write appropriate sentences for any of the exercises.

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## 1

# Preparing to Write

In order to write well in English, you should understand the basics of the language. Probably the most difficult area for students learning English is verbs. Although English verbs are used in complicated ways, they do not have complicated conjugations with a different ending for each pronoun like other languages might.

**GERMAN**

ich fahre  
du fährst  
er fährt  
wir fahren  
ihr fahrt  
sie fahren

**SPANISH**

yo hablo  
tu hablas  
el habla  
nosotros hablamos  
vosotros habláis  
ellos hablan

**RUSSIAN**

я играю  
ты играешь  
он играет  
мы играем  
вы играете  
они играют

With most English verbs there is only one ending (-s or -es) in the third person singular of the present tense. The only exception to that rule is the verb *to be*:

**TO SPEAK**

I speak  
you speak  
he speaks  
we speak  
you speak  
they speak

**TO BE**

I am  
you are  
he is  
we are  
you are  
they are

But English has other complexities. For example, there are three ways to express the present tense:

- The simple conjugation of the verb means that the *action of the verb is a habit or is repeated*. For example: “We speak.”

- When the verb is conjugated with a form of *to be* (am, is, are, was, were), the verb will have an *-ing* ending. It means that the action is *continuing or not yet completed*. For example: “We are speaking.”
- The third present tense form uses a conjugation of *to do* (do, does) with the verb and has three uses: (1) It is used to ask a question with most verbs except *to be* or certain auxiliaries (can, must, should, and so on). (2) It is used as an emphatic response. (3) It is used to negate the verb with *not*. Let’s look at some examples with the verb *to speak*:

I speak English. (This is my habit. I speak English all the time.)

I am speaking English. (I usually speak Spanish. At the moment I am speaking English.)

Do you speak English? (A question with the verb *to speak*.)

I do speak English. (This is your emphatic response to someone who has just said, “You don’t speak English.”)

I do not speak English. (Negation of the verb *to speak* with *not*.)

Conjugating English verbs is not difficult. But choosing the correct tense form from the three just described requires practice. The exercises that follow will help you to use English verb forms and tenses with accuracy.

## Verb Tenses

Study the following examples, which show how verbs change in the various tenses. Some tenses require a form of *to be* and a present participle. Present participles have an *-ing* ending: *is going, were singing*. Other tenses require a past participle. Regular verbs form the past tense and past participle in the same way—just add *-ed*: *worked, have worked*. Use Appendix A of irregular verbs in the past tense and past participle to see how they are formed.

The perfect tenses of both regular and irregular verbs are a combination of a form of *to have* plus a past participle: *I have worked. She has seen. You had broken. Tom will have discovered*.

In the exercises that follow you will be making similar tense changes.

### TO SPEAK—a habit or repeated action

**Present** She speaks well.

**Past** She spoke well.

<b>Present Perfect</b>	She has spoken well.
<b>Past Perfect</b>	She had spoken well.
<b>Future</b>	She will speak well.
<b>Future Perfect</b>	She will have spoken well.

### TO BE SPEAKING—a continuous action

<b>Present</b>	Who is speaking?
<b>Past</b>	Who was speaking?
<b>Present Perfect</b>	Who has been speaking?
<b>Past Perfect</b>	Who had been speaking?
<b>Future</b>	Who will be speaking?
<b>Future Perfect</b>	Who will have been speaking?

### DO YOU SPEAK?—a question with a form of *to do*

<b>Present</b>	Do you speak Spanish?
<b>Past</b>	Did you speak Spanish?
<b>Present Perfect</b>	Have you spoken Spanish?
<b>Past Perfect</b>	Had you spoken Spanish?
<b>Future</b>	Will you speak Spanish?
<b>Future Perfect</b>	Will you have spoken Spanish?

(Because the perfect and future tenses in the preceding example have an auxiliary verb [have, had, will] in the question, a form of *to do* is not necessary.)

### SHE DOESN'T SPEAK—negation of the verb with a form of *to do*

<b>Present</b>	She doesn't speak French.
<b>Past</b>	She didn't speak French.
<b>Present Perfect</b>	She hasn't spoken French.
<b>Past Perfect</b>	She hadn't spoken French.
<b>Future</b>	She won't speak French.
<b>Future Perfect</b>	She won't have spoken French.

(Because the perfect and future tenses in the preceding example have an auxiliary verb [hasn't, hadn't, won't] in the sentence, a form of *to do* is not necessary.)

**Exercise 1.1** Rewrite the following sentences in the tenses given. Use the examples given previously to help you maintain accuracy.

1. Present Her brother looks for us.  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_
2. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Were you looking for your wallet?  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_
3. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Will she help Tom?
4. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect I haven't filled out the application.  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_
5. Present Do they play soccer?  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_
6. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future He will be making a good salary.



7. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect Juan had visited his aunt and uncle.  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_
8. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past she carried the child to her bed.  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_
9. Present My sister often dates Michael.  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_
10. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect They have hired him.  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_
11. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past How did they do that?  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_
12. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future The boys will never eat broccoli.

- 13. Present I am studying for an exam.  
 Past \_\_\_\_\_  
 Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Future \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 14. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
 Past \_\_\_\_\_  
 Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Past Perfect The manager had fired the entire staff.  
 Future \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 15. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
 Past She taught herself to play the guitar.  
 Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Future \_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 1.2** Rewrite the following sentences in the tenses given. Use the examples to help you maintain accuracy.

- 1. Present Her brother is very rich.  
 Past \_\_\_\_\_  
 Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Future \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 2. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
 Past Were the children good?  
 Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Future \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 3. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
 Past \_\_\_\_\_  
 Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Future Will she be ill?

4. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect *I have not been angry at all.* \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_
5. Present *Do you go there often?* \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_
6. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future *What will you do?* \_\_\_\_\_
7. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect *The girls had had a bad day.* \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_
8. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past *Maria had ten dollars.* \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_
9. Present *My brother does nothing all day.* \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_

10. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect *They haven't gone to the movies.*  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_

11. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past *We got a letter from a distant relative.*  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_

12. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect *Hadn't you expected that?*  
Future \_\_\_\_\_

13. Present *Mr. Phillips is writing a novel.*  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_

14. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future *Carmen won't believe you.*

15. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect *Have you stopped for gas there?*  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 1.3** Rewrite the following sentences in the tenses given. Use the examples to help you maintain accuracy. Notice that you will be dealing with a wider variety of verbs here.

1. Present Mark likes the new girl.  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Present Her boss is trying to understand.  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past The letter carriers went into the office.  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Were you talking to Richard?  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect His son has broken a window.  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect The secretary has been writing letters.  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Future Won't you sing, too?

8. Present \_\_\_\_\_

Past \_\_\_\_\_

Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Future They won't be going shopping.

9. Present \_\_\_\_\_

Past \_\_\_\_\_

Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Future \_\_\_\_\_

Future Perfect Carlos will have gotten up before dawn.

10. Present \_\_\_\_\_

Past \_\_\_\_\_

Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Future \_\_\_\_\_

Future Perfect By seven-thirty he will have left for home.

11. Present Ms. Jones arrives by noon.

Past \_\_\_\_\_

Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Future \_\_\_\_\_

Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

12. Present \_\_\_\_\_

Past \_\_\_\_\_

Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Past Perfect He had done nothing.

Future \_\_\_\_\_

Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

13. Present \_\_\_\_\_

Past \_\_\_\_\_

Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Future *She will exercise before breakfast.* \_\_\_\_\_

Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

14. Present \_\_\_\_\_

Past *The chef roasted a turkey.* \_\_\_\_\_

Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Future \_\_\_\_\_

Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

15. Present \_\_\_\_\_

Past \_\_\_\_\_

Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Future \_\_\_\_\_

Future Perfect *Little Tommy will probably have broken it.* \_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 1.4** Rewrite the following sentences in the tenses given, but change the subject of each sentence to a different pronoun (I, you, he, she, it, we, they, or who).

**Present** He sees you.

**Past** I saw you.

**Present Perfect** She has seen you.

**Past Perfect** They had seen you.

**Future** We will see you.

1. Present *Are you on time?* \_\_\_\_\_

Past \_\_\_\_\_

Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Future \_\_\_\_\_

2. Present \_\_\_\_\_

Past *Didn't she like the book?* \_\_\_\_\_

Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Future \_\_\_\_\_

3. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect I have been driving very slowly.  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_

4. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect We had found him just in time.  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

5. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future They will arrange a party for her.  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

6. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect He will have brought it home by noon.

7. Present You eat too much.  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_

8. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past I put the tools back before lunch.  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_



9. Present She cuts out the dress before bedtime.  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_
10. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect He will have stolen the money by midnight.
11. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future We will gain nothing by doing this.  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_
12. Present They get up by seven A.M.  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_
13. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect Who has won the contest?  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_
14. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past You didn't understand a thing he said.  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

- 15. Present \_\_\_\_\_
- Past \_\_\_\_\_
- Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_
- Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_
- Future I will depart before dawn.
- Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

You have been forming the future tense by using *will* with a verb (I will go, she will sing, they will be taking). The auxiliary *shall* is often used in the first person singular and plural (I and we). But in casual English *will* is used nearly all the time.

**FORMAL**

I shall visit my uncle.  
 We shall borrow some money.

**CASUAL**

I will visit my uncle.  
 We will borrow some money.

The future tense meaning is also expressed with the phrase *to be going to* (I am going to, you are going to, he is going to). It means the same thing as *will* and can replace it.

**WILL**

They will buy a new car.  
 Will you help me?

**TO BE GOING TO**

They are going to buy a new car.  
 Are you going to help me?

The phrase *to be going to* can be conjugated in the past tense. Then it means that this *was* something that someone *planned* to do in the future.

They were going to buy a new car.  
 Were you going to help me?

**Exercise 1.5** Rewrite the following future tense sentences by changing *will* to *to be going to*.

- 1. Will they bring some dessert along?

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- 2. I'll be home at midnight.

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3. The janitor will sweep the offices after closing time.

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4. He won't return the money he borrowed.

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5. This movie will be very exciting.

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6. The party will be held at Maria's house.

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7. Will Martin apply for a new job?

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8. She will probably spend the night at Mary's apartment.

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9. Will you order a hamburger or a hot dog?

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10. The boys will clean the kitchen for you.

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11. Someone will get a wonderful surprise today.

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12. Professor Martin will travel to Egypt.

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13. Will James and Tina attend the concert?

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14. Michael and I will prepare lunch for you.

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15. Will you be at home tonight?

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## Auxiliaries

It's very common to use *to have* or *to be* as auxiliaries or helping verbs. For example:

- Have you seen that film? (a form of *to have* plus a past participle)
- I haven't had a chance to go to the store today. (a form of *to have* plus a past participle)
- Are you learning a lot of new words? (a form of *to be* plus a present participle)
- She isn't studying for her exams. (a form of *to be* plus a present participle)

But there are other auxiliary verbs that are used with infinitives (to go, to run, to help, to find, and so on).

Note that many of these special verbs *cannot be used in all tenses*. And in some cases, you have to change to a *different* verb to form a specific tense. The examples that follow will be conjugated with the third person pronoun *he*.

	<b>TO BE ABLE TO</b>	<b>TO BE SUPPOSED TO</b>
<b>Present</b>	is able to	is supposed to
<b>Past</b>	was able to	was supposed to
<b>Present Perfect</b>	has been able to	has been supposed to
<b>Past Perfect</b>	had been able to	had been supposed to
<b>Future</b>	will be able to	will be supposed to
<b>Future Perfect</b>	will have been able to	will have been supposed to

	<b>CAN</b>	<b>TO HAVE TO</b>
<b>Present</b>	can	has to
<b>Past</b>	could or was able to	had to
<b>Present Perfect</b>	has been able to	has had to
<b>Past Perfect</b>	had been able to	had had to
<b>Future</b>	will be able to	will have to
<b>Future Perfect</b>	will have been able to	will have had to

	<b>MAY</b>	<b>MUST</b>
<b>Present</b>	may	must
<b>Past</b>	might	had to
<b>Present Perfect</b>	—	has had to
<b>Past Perfect</b>	—	had had to
<b>Future</b>	—	will have to
<b>Future Perfect</b>	—	will have had to

	<b>OUGHT TO</b>	<b>SHOULD</b>
<b>Present</b>	ought to	should
<b>Past</b>	—	—
<b>Present Perfect</b>	—	—
<b>Past Perfect</b>	—	—
<b>Future</b>	—	—
<b>Future Perfect</b>	—	—

	<b>TO WANT</b>	<b>TO NEED TO</b>
<b>Present</b>	wants	needs to
<b>Past</b>	wanted	needed to
<b>Present Perfect</b>	has wanted	has needed to
<b>Past Perfect</b>	had wanted	had needed to
<b>Future</b>	will want	will need to
<b>Future Perfect</b>	will have wanted	will have needed to

**Exercise 1.6** Rewrite the following sentences in the tenses given. Use the preceding examples to help you maintain accuracy. Notice that these sentences contain auxiliaries, and remember that not all the tenses can be formed with some of these verbs.

- Present Can you hear me well enough?  
 Past \_\_\_\_\_  
 Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_

2. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past *Martin wanted to buy a car.* \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_

3. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past *I was supposed to go home by eight o'clock.* \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

4. Present *May I try on your new coat?* \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_

5. Present *She is not able to visit you today.* \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_

6. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect *Have you had to study before the test?* \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

7. Present *The youngest children shouldn't stay out late.* \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_

8. Present *You ought to sell that old bike.* \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

9. Present *Juan must work all day.*  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

10. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect *She hadn't needed to get there on time.*  
Future \_\_\_\_\_

11. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past *They couldn't unlock the door.*  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_

12. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect *I had never wanted to become a lawyer.*  
Future \_\_\_\_\_

13. Present *Jack needs to find work again.*  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_

14. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future *Will you be able to stand up?*

15. Present *susan has to get to work on time.*  
 Past \_\_\_\_\_  
 Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Future \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliaries are followed by a verb in its infinitive form minus the particle word *to*. Look at these examples with the infinitive *to work*.

able to work	ought to work	can work
have to work	supposed to work	must work
need to work		may work
want to work		should work

When you use one of the auxiliaries with a verb, you tell *to what degree of obligation* someone has to carry out the action of the verb. Look at the following sentences. The first one shows the *least degree of obligation*. This is something someone doesn't have to do. The last sentence shows the *greatest degree of obligation*. This is something that someone absolutely must do.

We may return the books. (Least obligation. It's our choice.)

We can return the books. (Little obligation. It's our choice.)

We are able to return the books. (Little obligation. We have the ability to do this.)

We need to return the books. (Slight obligation.)

We ought to return the books. (Little obligation. But this would be a good idea.)

We should return the books. (Little obligation. But this would be a good idea.)

We are supposed to return the books. (Some obligation. Someone has suggested we do this.)

We must return the books. (Greatest obligation. It is our duty to do this.)

We have to return the books. (Greatest obligation. It is our duty to do this.)

When you add an auxiliary to a sentence, you should use the same tense as the original verb. For example: "John found [past tense] a good book." When you add *have to* to that sentence, you say, "John had to [past tense] find a good book."



**Exercise 1.7** Rewrite the following sentences with the auxiliaries given. Be sure to retain the same tense as in the original sentence.

1. James borrows a book from Maria. (*to want to*)

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2. I found some extra money. (*to need to*)

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3. Mr. Sanchez leaves his luggage at the door. (*must*)

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4. Did you already speak English as a child? (*can*)

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5. We haven't written the whole assignment. (*to be able to*)

---

6. You helped me. (*to be supposed to*)

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7. The children are careful. (*ought to*)

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8. Why do they live in that little apartment? (*should*)

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9. I have often traveled to Europe. (*to want to*)

---

10. Nick reads all the books on the top shelf. (*may*)

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11. We will take the train as far as Chicago. (*to have to*)

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12. They spoke with very little accent. (*to be able to*)

---

13. Do you help the child tie his shoes? (*can*)

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14. The designers turn their work in on time. (*to be supposed to*)

---

15. Will Victor work overtime tomorrow? (*to have to*)

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**Exercise 1.8** Remove the auxiliaries from the following sentences and rewrite them appropriately. Maintain the same tense as in the original sentence.

1. We don't want to go to the movies.

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2. He shouldn't eat so fast.

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3. After supper we needed to take a little nap.

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4. Tomorrow I'll have to go shopping for a new hat.

---

5. Why must you always lie to me?

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6. Theresa hasn't been able to help her grandmother this week.

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7. The guests may leave their coats at the door.

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8. Vera was supposed to get everyone a little gift.

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9. If you need to contact me after nine o'clock, call this number.

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10. At what time should we go for lunch?

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11. The tourists wanted to go to the museum early.

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12. Juanita has to go out on a date with Richard.

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13. This ought to be enough.

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14. I have wanted to see the Grand Canyon.

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15. My nephew hadn't been able to repair his car yet.

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16. Can't you understand?

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17. I was supposed to wash the car today.

---

18. They will certainly want to visit the Grand Canyon.

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19. The twins had to spend the afternoon in their room.

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20. No one ought to work so hard.

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**Exercise 1.9** Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with any appropriate auxiliary of your choosing.

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ go to the opera.
2. Roberto \_\_\_\_\_ play soccer with a neighborhood team.
3. Why \_\_\_\_\_ it rain every Saturday?
4. During the summer her family always \_\_\_\_\_ go swimming.

5. The new employees \_\_\_\_\_ fill out some applications.
6. You \_\_\_\_\_ be quiet in a library.
7. My aunt \_\_\_\_\_ not spend so much money.
8. The boy never \_\_\_\_\_ deliver the newspaper on time.
9. The old man \_\_\_\_\_ walk very carefully.
10. These men and women \_\_\_\_\_ learn several languages.
11. His apartment \_\_\_\_\_ be on the third floor.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ I help you?
13. When \_\_\_\_\_ we finally see the new baby?
14. There \_\_\_\_\_ be a better way to do this.
15. Joe always \_\_\_\_\_ learn to play the guitar.
16. You really \_\_\_\_\_ not complain so much.
17. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ play the piano now?
18. Ms. Brown \_\_\_\_\_ speak and understand Russian.
19. Tomorrow I will \_\_\_\_\_ borrow your car.
20. Do I \_\_\_\_\_ go to visit Aunt Jane again?

**Exercise 1.10** Complete each sentence that follows with any appropriate phrase.

1. Do you always have to \_\_\_\_\_?
2. When can she \_\_\_\_\_?
3. Her mother hasn't been able \_\_\_\_\_.

- 4. Tomorrow I need to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. Should Raquel \_\_\_\_\_?
- 6. After work we were supposed \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7. Her boyfriend ought \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8. My parents have always wanted to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9. Next week I'll need to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10. May I \_\_\_\_\_?
- 11. Tom shouldn't \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12. Yesterday I wasn't able to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13. I've often needed to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 14. The new foreman just couldn't \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15. Why must you \_\_\_\_\_?

### The Passive Voice

This verb structure is formed by the conjugation of the verb *to be* followed by the past participle of a transitive verb (a verb that can take a direct object). The following examples will be given in the third person singular.

	<b>TO BE FOUND</b>	<b>TO BE COOKED</b>
<b>Present</b>	is found	is cooked
<b>Past</b>	was found	was cooked
<b>Present Perfect</b>	has been found	has been cooked
<b>Past Perfect</b>	had been found	had been cooked
<b>Future</b>	will be found	will be cooked
<b>Future Perfect</b>	will have been found	will have been cooked

The passive is often used when you do not know who the person was that carried out a certain action. In the active voice, the subject (or the person who carries out a certain action) is obvious: “A *strange man* stole her purse.” In the passive sentence, the direct object (her purse) becomes the new subject, and the verb (stole) is changed to the past participle (stolen). You can say in the passive voice, “Her purse was stolen by a strange man.” If you don’t know who the thief is, you can say, “Her purse was stolen.”

**Exercise 1.11** Rewrite the following sentences in the tenses shown. Notice that these sentences contain the passive voice structure (*to be* plus past participles).

1. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past *Was the window repaired?* \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past *The dog was struck by a car.* \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect *The package has been shipped by rail.* \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect *Everything has been arranged.* \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

5. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect *The fort had been attacked at dawn.*  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

6. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect *Her driver's license had been taken away.*  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

7. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future *A new song will be written for the rock concert.*  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

8. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future *Will the injured man be rescued in time?*  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

9. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect *Won't the damage have been noticed by then?*

10. Present *The king is whisked away to safety.*  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_



Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

11. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future *Our candidate will be elected before noon.*  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

12. Present *A protester is being removed from the meeting.*  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

13. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect *He has been sentenced to a week in jail.*  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

14. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past *Was the dessert prepared in time?*  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

15. Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Past \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Perfect *She had been warned against saying that.*  
Future \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 1.12** Some part of the passive structure is missing in each sentence. Fill in the blank with the appropriate form of the verb given in parentheses ( ). For example: “He has been given a prize.” (*to have*)

1. The cadets are \_\_\_\_\_ marched toward the barracks. (*to be*)
2. Our country had never been \_\_\_\_\_ before. (*to attack*)
3. Yesterday he \_\_\_\_\_ sent to New York on business. (*to be*)
4. Had the house \_\_\_\_\_ destroyed, too? (*to be*)
5. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ bothered with such nonsense. (*to be*)
6. The baby was \_\_\_\_\_ by his young mother. (*to change*)
7. Not a word had been \_\_\_\_\_ in the dying man's room.  
(*to speak*)
8. His story \_\_\_\_\_ believed, and he was sent to prison. (*not to be*)
9. The old barn was \_\_\_\_\_ down by the storm. (*to blow*)
10. What has \_\_\_\_\_ done to improve the situation? (*to be*)
11. The old woman \_\_\_\_\_ been seen for days. (*to have not*)
12. War was \_\_\_\_\_ in December of 1941. (*to declare*)
13. Your case will \_\_\_\_\_ taken under consideration tomorrow.  
(*to be*)
14. The team was \_\_\_\_\_ coached by a newcomer. (*to be*)
15. The pup \_\_\_\_\_ being trained to stay in the kitchen. (*to be*)
16. Last night the soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ marched out into the woods.  
(*to be*)

17. Someone \_\_\_\_\_ to be punished for this mess. (*to go*)
18. The old clock was needlessly \_\_\_\_\_. (*to break*)
19. Will my car \_\_\_\_\_ repaired by tomorrow? (*to be*)
20. Nothing has \_\_\_\_\_ done to solve the problem. (*to be*)

## The Subjunctive Mode

The subjunctive mode has a limited use in English. But to write well, you should have an understanding of it.

The present subjunctive is used when you give a *recommendation*, *suggestion*, or *command*. Let's look at some examples:

Tom suggested the boys *be* on time tomorrow. (not *are*)

The king commanded that the army *go* to the front immediately. (not *goes*)

We suggest Maria *have* a good night's sleep. (not *has*)

I recommend she *visit* the doctor as soon as possible. (not *visits*)

Present subjunctive conjugations are quite simple. The present subjunctive is formed from the infinitive and has no endings. Compare the present subjunctive of *to be*, *to have*, and *to go* with the present indicative (the form of the verb you already know).

INDICATIVE	SUBJUNCTIVE	INDICATIVE	SUBJUNCTIVE	INDICATIVE	SUBJUNCTIVE
I am	be	have	have	go	go
you are	be	have	have	go	go
he is	be	has	have	goes	go
we are	be	have	have	go	go
they are	be	have	have	go	go

Use the past subjunctive conjugation when you want to express a *wish*. The phrase often begins with *if*:

If only Juan *were* here.

If I just *had* another twenty dollars.

The past subjunctive is also used to set up a present condition (*If this were the case, that would happen*). The phrase beginning with *if* sets the condition.

If it *stopped* raining, I *would be* very happy.

If you *understood* my problem, you *would offer* me better advice.

I *wouldn't do* that if I *were* you.

Notice that *would* and a verb are used in the phrase that does not contain *if*.

The past subjunctive is formed from the simple past tense and, except for the verb *to be*, looks just like the past tense. Look at some examples with the verbs *to be*, *to have*, and *to look*.

INDICATIVE	SUBJUNCTIVE	INDICATIVE	SUBJUNCTIVE	INDICATIVE	SUBJUNCTIVE
I was	were	had	had	looked	looked
you were	were	had	had	looked	looked
he was	were	had	had	looked	looked
we were	were	had	had	looked	looked
they were	were	had	had	looked	looked

In certain cases, the verb can be preceded by *would*. This use will be explained later. The preceding three verbs become *would be*, *would have*, and *would look*.

When you use a verb with an auxiliary (is going, has spoken, is able to write), the same pattern occurs as shown previously. In the phrase that begins with *if*, use the auxiliary and participle. In the other phrase, use *would* followed by the auxiliary and participle. The phrase that begins with *if* sets the *past condition*. Let's look at some examples:

If he *had earned* enough money, he *would have been going* to college next fall.

Tom *would have spoken* with you if he *had seen* you.

If you *had studied* harder, you *would have been able to write* better.

**Exercise 1.13** Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb shown.

- I have to recommend you \_\_\_\_\_ (*to speak*) with her soon.
- The sultan commanded she \_\_\_\_\_ (*to sing*) for him.
- Maria suggested he \_\_\_\_\_ (*to find*) someone else to dance with.

4. The boss recommended they \_\_\_\_\_ (*to be*) on time from now on.
5. If only he \_\_\_\_\_ (*to have*) not drunk so much.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (*to be*) so happy if she came for a visit.
7. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (*to play*) harder, we \_\_\_\_\_ (*to win*) the game.
8. Juan \_\_\_\_\_ (*have bought*) the car if it \_\_\_\_\_ (*have been*) cheaper.
9. If only mother \_\_\_\_\_ (*to be*) well again.
10. The lawyer suggested the man \_\_\_\_\_ (*to hire*) someone else.
11. If the girl \_\_\_\_\_ (*have seen*) the accident, she \_\_\_\_\_ (*have reported*) it immediately.
12. Long \_\_\_\_\_ (*to live*) the king!
13. Tom \_\_\_\_\_ (*to speak*) with her if she \_\_\_\_\_ (*to smile*) at him.
14. I \_\_\_\_\_ (*have helped*) you if I \_\_\_\_\_ (*have known*) how ill you are.
15. She suggested the man \_\_\_\_\_ (*to be*) prepared for a blood test.
16. This would have been easier if you \_\_\_\_\_ (*have helped*) me.
17. If you had just \_\_\_\_\_ (*to come*) to me for help.
18. If Mr. Thomas were feeling better, he \_\_\_\_\_ (*to come*) downstairs to greet you.
19. I can only suggest your wife \_\_\_\_\_ (*to learn*) a little English.

20. If she \_\_\_\_\_ (to be) alive today, she \_\_\_\_\_  
(to approve) of your marriage.

**Exercise 1.14** Change the verbs in the following sentences from a *present condition* to a *past condition* by adding the auxiliary *have* and changing the verb to a past participle. For example: “If he came along, I would be glad.” When you add *have* it changes to: “If he had come along, I would have been glad.”

1. If Jorge were at home, he would answer the telephone.

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2. If you earned enough money, you would be able to buy the car.

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3. If Alicia sent him a picture, he would be the happiest man alive.

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4. I wouldn't say such a thing if I were the boss.

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5. My brother would sell the old radio if it were his.

---

6. Would you really kiss me if I asked you to?

---

7. If Mr. Johnson got a ticket, his wife would be very angry with him.

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8. If it snowed, they would have to go skiing.

---

9. If Robert overslept again, he would lose his job.

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10. If only my sister were here.

---

11. Would you trust me again if I gave you my word of honor?

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12. I wouldn't like it at all if Barbara went out with Bill.

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13. If the carpenter had time, he would build you a nice cabinet.

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14. If he knew the truth, he wouldn't write such a nasty letter.

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15. If Enrique worked harder, he wouldn't need to work overtime.

---

16. If she saw the movie, she would understand why I like it.

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17. It would help a little if you loaned us a few dollars.

---

18. Would you really marry Jim if he proposed to you?

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19. If you were a rich man, you could help feed the poor.

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20. If that were the case, I would immediately agree with you.

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**Exercise 1.15** Now change the following sentences from a *past condition* to a *present condition*. For example: “If he had come along, I would have been glad.” When you remove the auxiliary, it changes to: “If he came along, I would be glad.”

1. If only he had seen the truck in time.

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2. I wouldn't have given her the money if I had known why she wanted it.

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3. Would you have cared if I had gone out on a date with Carmen?

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4. Maria would have had to stay overnight if she had missed the last train.

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5. If I hadn't had a flat tire, I wouldn't have missed the sale.

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6. If only you had been able to forgive me.

---

7. The boss would have fired her if he had seen her sleeping on the job.

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8. If he had needed to borrow some money, he would have come to me.

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9. The thief would have been caught if the police had arrived sooner.

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10. If the computer had been repaired, the data files would have been finished on time.

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11. Mary would have slapped his face if he had tried to kiss her.

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12. If they had arrived by noon, we would have been able to have lunch together.

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13. If only you had been a better student.

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14. Bill would have become an artist if he had had some money to live on.

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15. There would finally have been peace if the diplomats had signed the treaty.

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**Exercise 1.16** Complete the following sentences with any appropriate phrase.

1. If Juanita had seen me at the store, \_\_\_\_\_.

2. If you were my friend, \_\_\_\_\_.

3. If only the money \_\_\_\_\_ today.
4. I would be so grateful if \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Tom wouldn't have left you there if \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Would you help the old woman if \_\_\_\_\_?
7. If \_\_\_\_\_, the kitchen would be painted by now.
8. If \_\_\_\_\_, we would have arranged a party for her.
9. If you had earned a few dollars more, \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Wouldn't it be a wonderful surprise if \_\_\_\_\_?

## Conjunctions

In this part you will be dealing with conjunctions. They are used to combine two sentences into one—a compound sentence. Some conjunctions have an adverbial usage, but here you will encounter them as they are used in everyday language: as words that combine two phrases or sentences into one.

If the combined sentences each have a subject and a verb, separate the sentences with a comma:

John is a doctor, and Mary is a lawyer.  
John is a doctor and works in Chicago.

If the combined sentences begin with a conjunction, separate them with a comma:

If you work hard, you can have a good life.

When using *however* or *therefore*, you should separate the combined sentences with a semicolon:

His hands were tied; however, he continued to struggle to get free.  
There's a storm coming; therefore we have to stay alert.

The use of the comma is optional when the two parts of the sentence are related or are linked by meaning:

Alicia is smart, but she hates to study.

Alicia is smart but she hates to study.

Following are some commonly used conjunctions:

and

because

but

for

however

if

since

therefore

Look at the following examples:

There was nothing the doctor could do; *therefore* he left.

Anna is a smart girl, *but* she just doesn't like studying.

*Because* she became ill, Maria couldn't go to the party.

Interrogative pronouns, which ask a question, can also be used as conjunctions. They are not true conjunctions, but they can still be used to combine two sentences into one. These are interrogative pronouns:

how

what

when

where

why

Look at these examples:

I don't know *why* you have to go so early.

Can you tell me *how* I can find Green Street?

*When* John came into the room, she began to blush.

**Exercise 1.17** Choose the appropriate conjunction from the two given, and rewrite the two sentences as one.

1. We went to bed early. (*if, because*) It was such a tiring day.

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2. Can you tell me? (*and, where*) John is working.

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3. Monday is the first day of classes. (*and, why*) I still have to buy some books.

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4. Juan is my only brother. (*therefore, but*) I haven't seen him in a year.

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5. The weather is terrible today. (*however, when*) The parade went on as planned.

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6. She started crying. (*if, when*) I told her I love her.

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7. I don't understand. (*since, how*) You can live in the city.

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8. The soldiers let out a cheer. (*for, where*) The war had finally ended.

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9. Tom will help you. (*if, since*) You pay him a few dollars.

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10. We didn't know. (*therefore, where*) She was hiding.

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11. Let me know. (*however, when*) You will be home.

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12. It's been a long time. (*since, if*) I last saw you.

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13. Do your very best. (*if, but*) Be careful.

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14. She suddenly understood. (*where, but*) Father got the money.

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15. It's difficult to understand. (*why, what*) We should help you.

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16. I cannot read your writing. (*but, therefore*) I have to give you a failing grade.

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17. Does anyone have an idea? (*who, when*) The train will arrive.

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18. (*Because, Where*) You are so stubborn. I won't argue with you any longer.

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19. Marie comes from France. (*and, since*) Juanita comes from Mexico.

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20. This vacation was a very good idea. (*and, since*) I'm glad I came along.

\_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 1.18** Complete the following sentences with any appropriate phrase.

1. The children remained in the garden and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In summer it's terribly hot, but \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Juan hates mathematics because \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Helena decided to stay home, for \_\_\_\_\_.
5. They all stayed inside their tents because \_\_\_\_\_.
6. We have no more money; therefore \_\_\_\_\_.
7. I'm very disappointed; however, \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Martin will lend us some money if \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Do you know why \_\_\_\_\_?
10. I think I can tell you what \_\_\_\_\_.
11. I wonder how \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The policeman asked me when \_\_\_\_\_.
13. When \_\_\_\_\_, I suddenly felt afraid.
14. The ancient map showed where \_\_\_\_\_.
15. If \_\_\_\_\_, Professor Smith will cancel the exam.
16. I know you're telling the truth, but \_\_\_\_\_.
17. The storm is over, and \_\_\_\_\_.

18. I knew we were in trouble when \_\_\_\_\_.
19. You'll get a big raise in pay if \_\_\_\_\_.
20. I just want to know when \_\_\_\_\_.

**Exercise 1.19** Complete the following sentences with any appropriate phrase.

1. \_\_\_\_\_, and I quickly ran away.
2. \_\_\_\_\_, but the bird died anyway.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ because he lost his key.
4. \_\_\_\_\_, for it was raining cats and dogs.
5. \_\_\_\_\_, because Isabel had bought the tickets.
6. \_\_\_\_\_; therefore they just stayed at work.
7. \_\_\_\_\_; however, I prefer classical music.
8. If the carpenters earn enough money, \_\_\_\_\_.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ why Charles should go along.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ what made you lie to me.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ how a computer works.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ who robbed the bank.
13. When I drove up to the grocery store, \_\_\_\_\_.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ when Mother saw the package on the table.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ where you bought the ring.
16. \_\_\_\_\_, I would have gladly joined you.

17. \_\_\_\_\_, because his father is very ill right now.
18. This is the old house where \_\_\_\_\_.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ why no one told him that Laura had returned.
20. \_\_\_\_\_, but I quickly got up and closed the windows.

## Pronouns

A pronoun is a word that can replace a noun in a sentence. English has four basic pronouns that can replace a noun. A noun referring to males (man, boy, gentleman) is replaced by *he*. A noun referring to females (girl, mother, lady) is replaced by *she*. A noun referring to an inanimate object (house, rock, window) is replaced by *it*. And all plural nouns (boys, children, rocks) are replaced by *they*. The pronoun *we* is the replacement for *a noun plus I*: Tom and I = we, the girls and I = we.

But the pronouns just given (he, she, it, they, we) are used only as the subject of a sentence. Pronouns have other forms, which are used as objects or possessives.

SUBJECT	OBJECT	POSSESSIVE	INDEPENDENT POSSESSIVE
he	him	his	his
she	her	her	hers
it	it	its	its
they	them	their	theirs
we	us	our	ours

An independent possessive pronoun is one that replaces a possessive pronoun and a noun. It is independent. It can stand alone.

This one is *his book*. = This one is *his*.

*Her dress* is rather dirty. = *Hers* is rather dirty.

*Its right fender* has a dent. = *Its* has a dent.

Where is *their tent*? = Where is *theirs*?

*Our brother* works in Chicago. = *Ours* works in Chicago.



Although the pronouns *I* and *you* do not replace nouns, they follow the same pattern as the pronouns already shown.

SUBJECT	OBJECT	POSSESSIVE	INDEPENDENT POSSESSIVE
I	me	my	mine
you	you	your	yours

**Exercise 1.20** Replace the italicized noun or noun phrase in the following sentences with the appropriate pronoun. Be careful: not all of the italicized nouns are subjects.

1. *The lawyer* stood up slowly and looked at the jury.

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2. When I saw *the girls* on the corner, I gave a little wave.

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3. I knew that *the tall woman* was our new boss.

---

4. Dr. Brown often wrote about *that operation* in her diary.

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5. *Their problems* were really much worse than mine.

---

6. I truly liked *Mr. Johnson's* daughter a lot.

---

7. *Robert and I* hoped to buy a car together.

---

8. I'd help if *Alicia's* brother would help.

---

9. I think that the last two chairs at the table are *our chairs*.

---

10. You ought to have a few words with *that rude man*.

---

11. *Jane and I* had been hoping to see Aunt Susan again.

---

12. *The condition of this old car* is terrible.

---

13. No one told *the other children* that there is no school today.

---

14. I'd really like to dance with *both Daniel and Mark*.

---

15. John gave *Laura and me* tickets to the baseball game.

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**Exercise 1.21** Change the italicized possessive noun or noun phrase to the appropriate pronoun.

1. *The children's* bedroom needs to be painted.

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2. Have you met *Tom's* relatives?

---

3. It looks like *the car's* trunk is scratched.

---

4. Why is *the magazine's* cover torn off?

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5. Her aunt is a physician in one of *the city's* clinics.

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6. *Her uncle's* neighbor used to work as a gardener.

---

7. *The actress'* voice began to crack.

---

8. Was *your sister's* husband a carpenter, too?

---

9. *Their new apartment* is really too small for their family.

---

10. I'd like to see *your friends'* new house sometime.

---

11. Are *your brothers'* wives going to be at the party?

---

12. I still hope to visit *Aunt Vera's* family in Spain.

---

13. Where are *the mechanics'* tools?

---

14. *The animals'* cages need to be cleaned out.

---

15. No one was aware of *Professor Phillips'* financial problems.

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### *Reflexive Pronouns*

A reflexive pronoun is easily identified by the ending *-self* for a singular (myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself) and *-selves* for a plural (ourselves, yourselves, themselves). It is the object acted upon by a pronoun subject of the same form. Look at the following table:

<b>SUBJECT PRONOUN</b>	<b>OBJECT PRONOUN</b>	<b>REFLEXIVE PRONOUN</b>
I	me	myself
you (singular)	you	yourself
he	him	himself
she	her	herself
it	it	itself
we	us	ourselves
you (plural)	you	yourselves
they	them	themselves

If the subject acts upon an object that is a different pronoun, use an object pronoun. If the subject and object are the same pronoun, use a reflexive pronoun. Look at these examples:

I protect you. I protect him. I protect them. I protect *myself*.  
 He helps me. He helps her. He helps us. He helps *himself*.

We ask you. We ask him. We ask them. We ask *ourselves*.

They talk to me. They talk to you. They talk to her. They talk to *themselves*.

**Exercise 1.22** Fill in the blank with the appropriate form of the pronoun shown in parentheses ( ).

1. We usually bathe \_\_\_\_\_ in the river. (*we*)
2. I can't understand \_\_\_\_\_. (*he*)
3. I've always told \_\_\_\_\_ to be careful. (*I*)
4. My girlfriend wants to buy \_\_\_\_\_ a new skirt. (*she*)
5. Did you get these magazines from \_\_\_\_\_? (*they*)
6. The new boss prides \_\_\_\_\_ on being fair. (*he*)
7. You both seemed to enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ at the party. (*you*)
8. The magician's rope rose up from the ground by \_\_\_\_\_. (*it*)
9. The animals try to protect \_\_\_\_\_ from the wind. (*they*)
10. The guard couldn't protect \_\_\_\_\_ from an attack. (*they*)
11. I sent \_\_\_\_\_ several postcards from Mexico. (*she*)
12. Carlos raised the camera and took a picture of \_\_\_\_\_. (*he*)
13. I'm not afraid of \_\_\_\_\_ at all. (*it*)
14. Tom, you should be ashamed of \_\_\_\_\_. (*you*)
15. Raquel and I are proud of \_\_\_\_\_ for what we did. (*we*)
16. I don't know why Bill can't seem to control \_\_\_\_\_. (*he*)
17. Mr. Garcia found \_\_\_\_\_ hiding under the bed. (*she*)

18. Some of the older boys were making fun of \_\_\_\_\_ . (*I*)

19. The kittens were looking at \_\_\_\_\_ in the mirror. (*they*)

20. The damaged floor didn't just happen by \_\_\_\_\_ ! (*it*)

**Exercise 1.23** Use the pronouns listed in the following and write three short sentences: (a) use the pronoun as a subject, (b) use the pronoun as a direct object or the object of a preposition, and (c) use the pronoun as a possessive.

**Example: He**

- a. He is my friend. (subject)
- b. I visit him often. (direct object) This is for him. (object of preposition)
- c. His father is a butcher. (possessive)

1. I

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

2. You (singular)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

3. She

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

4. We

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

5. They

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

6. It

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

7. He

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

8. You (plural)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

### *Relative Pronouns*

A relative pronoun is a word that does two things: (1) It replaces a noun or pronoun in the sentence. (2) It combines the sentence with a second sentence. Look at the two sentences that follow. The phrase *the officer* is in both sentences:

*The officer* saw him speeding. *The officer* gave him a ticket.

These two sentences can be combined by changing one of the phrases *the officer* to a relative pronoun. The English relative pronouns are *who* or *that* for people and *which* or *that* for things. See how the preceding sentences are changed:

The officer, who saw him speeding, gave him a ticket.

**or**

The officer, who gave him a ticket, saw him speeding.

It is generally a good rule to use a comma before *who* or *which* in a relative clause. This is especially true when that clause simply provides additional information about the antecedent. If the clause specifies “which person” or “which thing,” the comma should be omitted. The relative pronoun *that* can also be used.

The officer that saw him speeding gave him a ticket.

**or**

The officer that gave him a ticket saw him speeding.

Notice that commas are not used with *that*. Look at a few more examples:

I like *the girl*. *The girl* lives down that street.

I like the girl who lives down that street.

**or**

I like the girl that lives down that street.

He said *a word*. I don't understand *a word*.

He said a word, which I don't understand.

**or**

He said a word that I don't understand.

Where's *the car*? You bought *the car*.

Where's the car that you bought?

**or**

Where's the car you bought?

Let's take a closer look at relative pronouns and the clauses they form. English forms relative clauses in four ways:

1. With the relative pronoun *who* or *whom*, when referring to people. *Who* is used as the subject of a sentence. *Whom* is used in all other cases. *Whose* replaces a possessive adjective (my, his, our, et cetera).
2. With the relative pronoun *that* when referring to people or things.
3. With the relative pronoun *which* when referring to things.



4. By omitting the relative pronoun when it is a *direct object* or the *object of a preposition*. This is called an *elliptical* relative pronoun. (You encountered this in one of the earlier examples: “Where’s the car you bought?”)

Study the following examples:

1. That’s the man *who* stole my briefcase. (subject of the clause)  
 That’s the man *whom* we met in Boston. (direct object)  
 That’s the man *whose* son is a professional soccer player. (possessive:  
*his son*)
2. Who’s the student *that* wrote this paper? (person)  
 I found the ball *that* was kicked over the fence. (thing)
3. I found the ball, *which* was kicked over the fence. (thing)
4. That’s the man we met in Boston. (elliptical: *whom* is omitted)  
 This is the boy I bought the toy for. (elliptical: *whom* is omitted and the preposition *for* is placed at the end of the sentence)

Note: in casual language *whom* is nearly always replaced by *who*.

You need to be careful when using prepositions with relative pronouns. Their position in a sentence can vary. Look at the following examples, and study how the preposition can be placed.

They bought the house. An old man died in the house.  
 They bought the house in which an old man died.  
 They bought the house which an old man died in.  
 They bought the house that an old man died in.  
 They bought the house an old man died in.

I visited the man. I got a gift from the man.  
 I visited the man, from whom I got a gift.  
 I visited the man who(m) I got a gift from.  
 I visited the man that I got a gift from.  
 I visited the man I got a gift from.

**Exercise 1.24** Combine the following pairs of sentences by using a relative pronoun.

1. We decided to buy the newspaper. The newspaper was printed in London.

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2. Helena caught a fish. The fish was nearly two feet long.

---

3. Are you going to rent the apartment? William lived in the apartment.

---

4. I have often chatted with the policeman. My father knows the policeman.

---

5. There was a horrible storm. The storm destroyed many trees.

---

6. We're going to the beach. My grandparents live near the beach.

---

7. May I have the bike? The bike is in need of repair.

---

8. They all like the new boss. The new boss got them pay raises.

---

9. David's mother is in the hospital. The hospital is located on Main Street.

---

10. Do you have the money? I put the money on this table.

---

11. The children were lost in the forest. An ugly witch lived in the forest.

---

12. I don't understand the problem. You wrote about the problem in your letter.

---

13. Several men found the bear. The bear's cubs had died.

---

14. She shouldn't wear the dress. The dress has a stain on it.

---

15. They captured the officer. The officer's troops attacked the fort.

---

16. That's the factory. My brothers work in the factory.

---

17. Martin sold the three bicycles. He found the three bicycles abandoned in the alley.

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18. Maria received the money from her aunt. She sent a thank-you note to her aunt.

---

19. I have a taste for something. Something is cool and refreshing.

---

20. Let's try on the skirt. The skirt has fewer pleats.

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**Exercise 1.25** Restate each relative clause that follows as an *elliptical* relative clause.

This is the coat that I found. = *This is the coat I found.*

1. She agreed to buy the car that I saw in the city.

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2. Do you have the money that I lent you?

---

3. Where's the lamp that I put on this table?

---

4. That's the fellow that I got the tickets from.

---

5. Tom got a job in the factory in which my father works.

---

6. Where did you find the books which I lost?

---

7. Juan wrote the poem that Maria is reading right now.

---

8. Help me find the kitten that the dog chased into the garden.

---

9. There's the airline pilot whom we visited last week.

---

10. The thief stole the camera, which I had placed on this bench a moment ago.

---

11. This is the heroic boy that the reporter wrote about.

---

12. I was the one who bought the bottle of beer that Robert drank.

---

13. Our boss fired the woman with whom he had argued.

---

14. Carmen lived in the same town that I lived in years ago.

---

15. Why did you break the window, which Dad just repaired?

---

16. Do you want the old clock that I found in the attic?

\_\_\_\_\_

17. We met the man from whom I received a scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_

18. I approached the man that they accused of stealing my wallet.

\_\_\_\_\_

19. No one can identify the fossils that you told me about.

\_\_\_\_\_

20. Have you seen the statue that the artist sculpted last week?

\_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 1.26** Complete the following sentences with any appropriate relative clause. You should use the relative pronoun given. Omit the relative pronoun where indicated.

1. We spent several days in the valley, which \_\_\_\_\_.

2. I like the story, from which \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Do you know the fellow who \_\_\_\_\_?

4. Father met a rich man whom \_\_\_\_\_.

5. I like the novels (*omit*) \_\_\_\_\_.

6. The trucks head up the mountain that \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Have you seen the movie (*omit*) \_\_\_\_\_?

8. I still need to buy a computer that \_\_\_\_\_.

9. We all enjoy the hilarious comedian whose \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Ask the cashier from whom \_\_\_\_\_.
11. We're going to the new restaurant (*omit*) \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Charles bought a CD player that \_\_\_\_\_.
13. We're driving to the mountains (*omit*) \_\_\_\_\_.
14. They have a serious problem, which \_\_\_\_\_.
15. She'll never forget the present (*omit*) \_\_\_\_\_.

### Possessive Relative Pronouns

There are two forms of possessive for relative pronouns. One refers to people or other living things: *whose*. The other is a prepositional phrase using *of*.

When you combine two sentences with a relative pronoun, and the noun you change to a relative pronoun is possessive (the boy's, a writer's), use *whose* as the relative pronoun. Look at these examples:

I saw the man. *The man's* house had burned down.  
 I saw the man *whose* house had burned down.

I like the girl. *The girl's* new car is a red convertible.  
 I like the girl *whose* new car is a red convertible.

But when the possessive noun is an inanimate object, use a prepositional phrase with *of*. Look at these examples:

I found a book. *The book's* cover was torn and dirty.  
 I found a book, the cover *of which* was torn and dirty.

You'll recognize their house. The color *of their house* is bright yellow.  
 You'll recognize their house, the color *of which* is bright yellow.

I have some lumber. The length *of the lumber* is perfect for this project.  
 I have some lumber, the length *of which* is perfect for this project.

No matter how the inanimate object forms its possessive (the book's or of the book), the relative pronoun is formed as a prepositional phrase (of which).

**Exercise 1.27** Combine the following sentences. Use the appropriate possessive form of the relative pronoun.

1. I helped the young student. The young student's grades were terrible.

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2. Where's the fellow? The fellow's car won't start.

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3. I bought an old car. The interior of the old car was in bad condition.

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4. Where's the woman? The woman's husband still lives in Mexico.

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5. I need a carton. The carton's size has to be two feet by three feet by three feet.

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6. Juan discovered a cave. The cave's ceiling was more than thirty feet high.

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7. The doctor examined the child. The child's temperature was over one hundred degrees.

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8. The teacher punished the boys. The boys' behavior was awful.

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9. He reread the words. The meaning of the words was beyond his understanding.

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10. Juanita tasted the cake. The cake's flavor was wonderful.

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11. He bought a bouquet of roses. The color of the roses is deep red.

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12. She gently petted the puppy. Its coat was soft and silky.

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13. Laura met Mr. Cane. Mr. Cane's relatives still live in England.

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14. I covered the boiling pot. The smell of the boiling pot made me ill.

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15. Jeff danced with the girls. The girls' father was his boss.

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16. In the mountains they encountered a hiker. The hiker's face was unshaven and sweaty.

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17. Do you know our brother's friend? The mother of our brother's friend owns the bank.

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18. She loved the music. The sound of the music filled the air.

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19. I saw Mr. Johnson while shopping at the mall. Mr. Johnson's son is still ill.

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20. He kicked the box into the other room. The contents of the box was our china.

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## Possessives and Plurals

English possessives of nouns are usually formed in two ways: (1) by placing *of* before a noun or (2) by adding *-s* to the noun. The preposition *of* tends to be used with inanimate objects, and *-s* tends to be used with people or living things. But often either one can be used. Look at these examples:

the color of the car, the car's color  
 the depth of the river, the river's depth  
 the face of a man, a man's face  
 the roar of the lion, the lion's roar

The ending *-s* is used for most singular nouns. But if a singular noun already ends in *-s*, just add an apostrophe to make it possessive (Mr. Jones' car, Chris' house). However, an apostrophe with an *-s* can also be used (Mr. Jones's car, Chris's house). Some examples of words that can take either form of the possessive follow.

SINGULAR NOUN	POSSESSIVE -'	POSSESSIVE -'S
boss	boss'	boss's
class	class'	class's
gas	gas'	gas's
miss	miss'	miss's

Most plural nouns already end in *-s*. In that case, just add an apostrophe (two boys' bikes, those girls' books). But some plural nouns are irregular. These form their possessive by adding *-s*, but the meaning is still plural.

one goose	two geese	two geese's eggs
one man	two men	two men's suits
one woman	five women	five women's shoes
one mouse	ten mice	ten mice's babies

Plurals are formed very simply in English: add *-s* or *-es* to most words. If a word ends in *-s*, *-z*, *-sh*, *-x*, or *-ch*, add *-es* for the plural. When a word ends in *-y*, it tends to form the plural by changing *-y* to *-i* and adding *-es* (candy, candies; lady, ladies; penny, pennies). There are some exceptions to that rule, for example, when *-y* follows a vowel (buy, buys; key, keys; joy, joys). In all other cases, form the plural with *-s*. Some examples:

bus, buses  
 buzz, buzzes  
 wash, washes  
 box, boxes  
 perch, perches  
 baby, babies  
 laundry, laundries  
 country, countries  
 try, tries  
 job, jobs  
 kid, kids  
 song, songs  
 ladder, ladders  
 shipment, shipments

The list of irregular plurals is quite short: child, children; foot, feet; goose, geese; man, men; mouse, mice; ox, oxen; person, people; tooth, teeth; woman, women.

Here's a simple rule for knowing whether a word is used as a plural or a possessive: plurals end in *-s*. Possessives end in *-'s* or *-s'*.

Look what happens to definite (the) and indefinite (a, an) articles when a noun changes from singular to plural:

the boy, the boys  
 the clock, the clocks  
 a river, rivers  
 an apple, apples

The indefinite article in the plural is dropped, and the plural word stands alone. The difference between the definite and indefinite article usage is the same for both the singular and plural. The definite article is specific—a certain person or thing that you are thinking about (the man, the car, the problems). The

indefinite article defines a word as unspecific—it is *any* person or thing (a man, a car, problems).

**Exercise 1.28** In the following, change the italicized words to the correct form of possessive.

1. *The young man* \_\_\_\_\_ friend was very sick.
2. The dark brown \_\_\_\_\_ *her eyes* was beautiful.
3. I hope *the jury* \_\_\_\_\_ verdict is fair.
4. They couldn't hear *the captain* \_\_\_\_\_ commands.
5. *The women* \_\_\_\_\_ calls for help went unheard.
6. She didn't understand the meaning \_\_\_\_\_ *his words*.
7. *Our teams* \_\_\_\_\_ records were really poor.
8. This year *our team* \_\_\_\_\_ playing was much improved.
9. The economy \_\_\_\_\_ *these countries* is growing.
10. *Thomas* \_\_\_\_\_ father is a carpenter.
11. The meter \_\_\_\_\_ *the poem* sounded strange to me.
12. *The men* \_\_\_\_\_ tennis club meets every Saturday.
13. Stay away from *the lions* \_\_\_\_\_ den!
14. The languages \_\_\_\_\_ *Switzerland* are Italian, French, and German.
15. You should give \_\_\_\_\_ *your children* teacher a gift.
16. At the end \_\_\_\_\_ *the concert*, my husband finally woke up.

17. *The geese* \_\_\_\_\_ feeding ground was near the lake.
18. Which \_\_\_\_\_ *these countries* is not in Asia?
19. *Our students* \_\_\_\_\_ grades average above a B.
20. *The little puppy* \_\_\_\_\_ moans saddened us greatly.

**Exercise 1.29** Rewrite the sentences and change all italicized nouns to the plural. Don't forget to change verbs and other words wherever necessary.

1. The *goose* had laid a golden *egg*.

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2. My *uncle* bought the *house* at the edge of town.

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3. The *church* was damaged by the *storm*.

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4. A *soldier* carried the helpless *infant* to safety.

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5. Did the *woman* find her *child*?

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6. A strange *man* came up to the *window* and looked in.

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7. Their *boss* is going to fire the new *employee*.

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8. A large *board* fell on Juan and broke his *foot*.

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9. The *city* is too far from the *factory*.

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10. The *nurse* covered the *patient* with a heavy *blanket*.

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11. *Our neighbor* needs *the tool* right now.

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12. *Whose child* gave you *that magazine*?

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13. We saw *the stranger* in *the back room*.

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14. *The dentist* has to pull *the infected tooth*.

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15. Don't break *the dish*!

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**Exercise 1.30** Look at the phrases in parentheses ( ). Decide which phrase best completes each sentence.

1. (*The boys, The boy's, The boys'*) The girls have tents on the other side of the lake. \_\_\_\_\_ tents are here.

2. (*the animals, the animal's*) I looked at \_\_\_\_\_ in such small cages and felt sad.

3. (*your parents, your parents'*) Is this \_\_\_\_\_ new house?
4. (*the man, the men, the men's*) Can you tell me where \_\_\_\_\_ room is?
5. (*Mr. Roberts, Mr. Roberts'*) \_\_\_\_\_ daughter now lives in Seattle.
6. (*of names, of names'*) I found the list \_\_\_\_\_ in the desk drawer.
7. (*the airports, the airport's*) Why are \_\_\_\_\_ located so far from town?
8. (*a grown woman, grown women, the grown women's*) It's true that \_\_\_\_\_ has a lot of responsibilities.
9. (*soups, of soup, the soup's*) A large bowl \_\_\_\_\_ costs two dollars.
10. (*eggs, the egg's, the eggs'*) The cook needs a dozen \_\_\_\_\_.
11. (*the bosses, the boss'*) Someone parked in \_\_\_\_\_ parking space.
12. (*The tourist, The tourists, The tourist's*) \_\_\_\_\_ visa seemed to be in order.
13. (*my sisters, my brother's, of my cousins*) That's \_\_\_\_\_ new car on the corner.
14. (*his stories, his story's, his stories'*) I always enjoyed \_\_\_\_\_ as a child.
15. (*Tom's foot, Tom's feet, Tom's feet's*) \_\_\_\_\_ are swollen and red.

## The Comparative and Superlative

The ordinary form of an adjective or adverb is called the *positive*. Some examples: tall, rich, interesting, quickly, slowly, magically.

But you will want to use the *comparative* of an adjective or adverb to show a contrast between two people or things. The word *than* separates the two contrasting ideas.

The comparative is formed by adding *-er* to most adjectives or adverbs. If the adjective ends in *-y*, change the *-y* to *-i*. Then add *-er*. Let's look at a few examples:

tall = John is *taller than* Juanita.

brave = The captain acted *braver than* any other soldier.

funny = I thought this book was *funnier than* that one.

For longer words, comparatives are usually formed by adding the word *more* before the adjective or adverb, as in the following:

intelligent = Mike is really *more intelligent than* Tom.

interesting = Your last article was *more interesting than* the one you wrote in June.

fluently = Juan speaks *more fluently than* his father.

The *superlative* form describes the greatest or least quality of a person or thing. It is usually formed by adding *-est* to an adjective or adverb and usually by placing *the* in front of it. If the adjective ends in *-y*, change *-y* to *-i*. Then add *-est*. Let's look at some examples:

tall = My father's *the tallest* man in the family.

brave = The wounded man fought *the bravest* of them all.

funny = He knows *the funniest* stories.

For longer words, superlatives are usually formed by adding the words *the most* before the adjective or adverb, as in the following:

intelligent = I think my grandfather is *the most intelligent*.

interesting = *The most interesting* thing about the movie was the music.

fluently = She speaks *the most fluently* of anyone I know.



English has a few irregular forms in the comparative and superlative that just have to be memorized:

POSITIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
good	better	(the) best
well	better	(the) best
bad	worse	(the) worst
much (singular)	more	(the) most
many (plural)	more	(the) most
little (amount)	less	(the) least

**Exercise 1.31** Change the italicized adjective or adverb to the comparative. Use the word in parentheses ( ) to make the contrast. For example, you will see: “Michael is *tall*. (*Bill*)” You should write: “Michael is taller than Bill.”

1. My sister is *pretty*. (*my cousin*)

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2. Our team played *poorly*. (*your team*)

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3. Uncle William was *rich*. (*Uncle James*)

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4. Raquel can run *fast*. (*her brother*)

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5. The roses are *delicate*. (*the daisies*)

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6. Thomas really works *well*. (*anyone else*)

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7. Finding a job is *important*. (*watching TV*)

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8. He wrote his signature *rapidly*. (*the address*)

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9. Ms. Johnson is *friendly*. (*Mr. Johnson*)

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10. Can you speak *loudly*? (*James*)

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11. Tom is *responsible*. (*his sister*)

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12. A fox is *sly*. (*a rabbit*)

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13. My nephew knows *many* funny stories. (*my niece*)

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14. The bees are *busy*. (*the ants*)

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15. He knows *little* about math. (*history*)

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16. Johnny has *few* pennies. (*his sister*)

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17. Our team played *badly*. (*the other team*)

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18. I don't have *much* time. (*you*)

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19. This article is *interesting*. (*that article*)

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20. I think the frog is *ugly*. (*the lizard*)

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**Exercise 1.32** Change the italicized adjective or adverb to the superlative. For example, you will see: "Michael is *tall*." You should write: "Michael is the tallest."

1. My sister is *pretty*.

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2. The *good* recipes are in this book.

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3. Your nephew does *little* work around the house.

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4. The *important* idea in the book is learning to be patient.

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5. Maria swam *fast* and won a blue ribbon.

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6. I have *many* problems.

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7. I feel that Juan is the *intelligent* one.

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8. Bill arrived *early* and left *late*.

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9. The *old* car costs *little* money.

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10. Your pronunciation is *bad*.

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11. I think yours is a *good* idea.

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12. An SUV is a *logical* choice for a family car.

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13. My aunt has *much* money.

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14. Alicia spoke *brilliantly* about the Civil War.

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15. This brown puppy is *small*.

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16. The *new* equipment runs *well*.

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17. The *poor* people are often *lonely*.

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18. John Jones is not *smart*.

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19. The surgeon worked *carefully*.

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20. Is this medicine *beneficial* for my illness?

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If you have completed all the exercises in this chapter with a high degree of accuracy, you are ready to go on to the next stage of the writing program. If you feel you need more review, repeat the exercises that gave you trouble.

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## 2

# Beginning to Write

## Sentence Completion

In Chapter 1 you manipulated the sentences provided for you by changing the tense of the verb, changing the subject or object of the sentence, or adding words, such as auxiliaries and modifiers. And you dealt with these things separately in categories: verbs, pronouns, adjectives, passive voice, and so on. Upon completing that kind of practice, you are ready to write more creatively.

But before you begin to write original sentences, you should practice completing different kinds of sentences to test your skill with the things you practiced in Chapter 1. In this chapter's exercises you need to decide what word or phrase makes the most sense for completing each sentence. In each case you want to be sure that the *grammar* and the *meaning of the words* are appropriate.

A variety of elements is missing from the sentences in these exercises. Some require a subject, others a direct object or the object of a preposition. And still others are missing a verb or a modifier. Look at each sentence carefully, and decide what kind of element is missing and what meaning is required to make a good sentence.

**Exercise 2.1** Write in the phrase that best completes each sentence.

1. It \_\_\_\_\_ to understand the problem.
  - a. can't
  - b. can't be able
  - c. isn't difficult
  - d. won't happen
  
2. I finally met the inventor, \_\_\_\_\_ changed how our company works.
  - a. when he invented
  - b. whose machine
  - c. the idea of
  - d. that concept

3. It was clever of \_\_\_\_\_ to disguise his voice.
  - a. him
  - b. thieves and robbers
  - c. singing so quietly
  - d. the moment
  
4. You mustn't \_\_\_\_\_ in an argument with her.
  - a. back down
  - b. to become angry
  - c. forget
  - d. have forgotten
  
5. Jack discovered \_\_\_\_\_ living under the porch.
  - a. alive and well
  - b. they had
  - c. several tiny kittens
  - d. never been
  
6. I would have left immediately \_\_\_\_\_ the storm hadn't been so bad.
  - a. whether
  - b. whether or not
  - c. while
  - d. if
  
7. \_\_\_\_\_ the summer months we like to stay in the north.
  - a. During
  - b. In spite
  - c. As a result of
  - d. Concerning
  
8. For some reason, the winner \_\_\_\_\_ than the loser.
  - a. relied on him
  - b. was more embarrassed
  - c. received the most prizes
  - d. lost



9. It's \_\_\_\_\_ that you'll ever find a job around here.
- rather doubtful
  - surely
  - up to you
  - being a difficult situation
10. There are \_\_\_\_\_ I need to take up with you.
- several issues
  - needless to say
  - nevertheless
  - apart from other problems
11. I suggest that Ms. Johnson \_\_\_\_\_ employment elsewhere.
- find
  - seeks
  - fills out an application
  - wrote out an application
12. I don't see how this situation \_\_\_\_\_.
- will have to do
  - can't be like that
  - relates to me
  - is concerning
13. I simply \_\_\_\_\_ for language like that.
- really care
  - understand completely
  - despise
  - won't stand
14. I have no idea who \_\_\_\_\_ in the world is.
- came
  - the richest man
  - wanted to come
  - a smart woman

15. Do you have any idea \_\_\_\_\_ this makes me feel?
- when
  - in such a way
  - of which
  - how
16. Send me a memo \_\_\_\_\_ the new sales figures.
- regarding
  - about it
  - off
  - when they are ready
17. The coat, \_\_\_\_\_ was terrible, was too short for her.
- she so often wears
  - it
  - of what
  - the color of which
18. If you hadn't \_\_\_\_\_ there, things would have become much worse.
- been
  - came
  - had been
  - have come
19. The reports aren't ready; \_\_\_\_\_ this meeting is concluded.
- or
  - therefore
  - in such a case
  - resulting in
20. The soldiers couldn't find a way to protect \_\_\_\_\_.
- village
  - from the villagers
  - during the battle
  - themselves

21. You really \_\_\_\_\_ find a new job.
- should be
  - ought to
  - are able
  - are supposed
22. I want to show you the old book I was telling you \_\_\_\_\_.
- which
  - of which
  - about
  - that
23. Have these customers \_\_\_\_\_ yet?
- been waited on
  - paying their bill
  - to order
  - to place an order
24. The tourists have no idea \_\_\_\_\_ the bus stop is located.
- nearby
  - because
  - because of
  - where
25. \_\_\_\_\_ meet tomorrow morning at eight A.M.
- Perhaps
  - Well,
  - Of course,
  - Let's
26. I'd like to introduce Mr. James, \_\_\_\_\_ son is the soloist today.
- whose
  - of whom
  - that
  - that's

27. Ms. Johnson \_\_\_\_\_ to leave work early today.
- wasn't able
  - can
  - must
  - shouldn't
28. My uncle \_\_\_\_\_ to send me his stamp collection.
- will soon
  - is going
  - will go
  - isn't
29. \_\_\_\_\_, the last of the soldiers finally came home.
- After the war
  - Because of
  - In that way
  - I will promise you
30. Most of the guests \_\_\_\_\_ left by midnight.
- will be
  - are being
  - are not able to
  - will have

**Exercise 2.2** You will see a variety of incomplete sentences, which you may complete in any appropriate way. Some are missing only one word. Others can be completed by adding a phrase. Study the examples that follow. Use them as your model as you go through the exercises.

Mark has been my friend since kindergarten.

She cried when she fell on the ice.

I met a man whose son is also in college.

- I \_\_\_\_\_ not help you today.
- When \_\_\_\_\_, we decided to drive out into the country.
- We'll be happy to join you at the party if \_\_\_\_\_.

4. My grandmother has \_\_\_\_\_ ill for two weeks.
5. Whenever I get too tired, I need \_\_\_\_\_ take a nap.
6. Next year the tourists \_\_\_\_\_ travel to Mexico.
7. I've been \_\_\_\_\_ about this problem all day.
8. Maria bought a dress, \_\_\_\_\_ only cost twenty dollars.
9. In weather like this you \_\_\_\_\_ wear a raincoat.
10. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ to leave the park at ten o'clock.
11. Martin has to stay in bed \_\_\_\_\_ he broke his leg at the game last week.
12. The children have been \_\_\_\_\_ in the park for hours.
13. Mother \_\_\_\_\_ have finished the blouse by noon tomorrow.
14. You \_\_\_\_\_ come in, if you wish.
15. Mr. Brown \_\_\_\_\_ riding a beautiful white horse.
16. I need \_\_\_\_\_ borrow a few dollars from you.
17. He wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ to get the job done yesterday.
18. I found a wallet \_\_\_\_\_ probably belongs to you.
19. This is the woman \_\_\_\_\_ I work with.
20. I won't be going to work today, because \_\_\_\_\_.
21. Someone \_\_\_\_\_ try to rescue the stranded dog.
22. \_\_\_\_\_ me carry this box up the stairs, please.

- 23. No one is supposed \_\_\_\_\_.
- 24. Although \_\_\_\_\_, we can't stay for very long.
- 25. Oh, no! What \_\_\_\_\_?

**Exercise 2.3** You will see a variety of incomplete sentences, which you may complete in any appropriate way. Some are missing only one word. Others can be completed by adding a phrase.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ I'll have finished the repairs on your car.
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ do they expect to land at the airport?
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ is working in the laboratory now.
- 4. The valuable vase \_\_\_\_\_ broken sometime during the night.
- 5. The prisoners will be \_\_\_\_\_ to a different prison.
- 6. It is impossible to know \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7. I'm busy tomorrow; however, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8. William suggested he \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9. I'm really not supposed \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10. Maria \_\_\_\_\_ be able to watch the children tonight.
- 11. The students \_\_\_\_\_ had time to prepare for the test.
- 12. My uncle \_\_\_\_\_, but my aunt \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13. They will have \_\_\_\_\_ to the factory on their own.
- 14. I never \_\_\_\_\_ because you never \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15. If I understood \_\_\_\_\_, I would \_\_\_\_\_.

16. When I saw \_\_\_\_\_, I knew you \_\_\_\_\_.
17. He didn't \_\_\_\_\_, because she didn't \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ where the post office \_\_\_\_\_?
19. I'm really sorry that \_\_\_\_\_.
20. He finally met the beautiful actress that \_\_\_\_\_.
21. My uncle sat next to \_\_\_\_\_ I had been talking with.
22. If only my grandmother could \_\_\_\_\_.
23. Do you know why \_\_\_\_\_?
24. If I were you, I'd \_\_\_\_\_.
25. I didn't \_\_\_\_\_, because I knew \_\_\_\_\_.
26. Marie didn't want to \_\_\_\_\_ although she knew \_\_\_\_\_.
27. No one told \_\_\_\_\_ why \_\_\_\_\_.
28. In \_\_\_\_\_ I like to \_\_\_\_\_.
29. During \_\_\_\_\_, my aunt and uncle were still \_\_\_\_\_.
30. Jim isn't the \_\_\_\_\_ in class, but he's the tallest.

**Exercise 2.4** You will see a variety of incomplete sentences, which you may complete in any appropriate way. Some are missing only one word. Others can be completed by adding a phrase.

1. \_\_\_\_\_, because it was such a tiring day.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ where John is working?

3. \_\_\_\_\_, and I still have to find a job.
4. William is my only brother, but \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_, but be very careful.
6. Maria loves rock concerts, because \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The twins decided to stay home, although \_\_\_\_\_.
8. They've been working at the mall since \_\_\_\_\_.
9. I don't have any money; therefore \_\_\_\_\_.
10. She suddenly understood to whom \_\_\_\_\_.
11. It's difficult to understand why \_\_\_\_\_.
12. I know you're telling the truth, but \_\_\_\_\_.
13. The storm is over, and \_\_\_\_\_.
14. I knew we were in trouble when \_\_\_\_\_.
15. The storm is over, but \_\_\_\_\_.
16. You'll get a big raise in pay if \_\_\_\_\_.
17. I just want to find out why \_\_\_\_\_.
18. If you really were a good friend, \_\_\_\_\_.
19. I wouldn't have said a word if \_\_\_\_\_.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ if you hadn't borrowed so much money.
21. I really like the blouse, whose \_\_\_\_\_.
22. If only you \_\_\_\_\_.



23. Someone has to explain to us how \_\_\_\_\_.
24. Since you arrived last week, \_\_\_\_\_.
25. All the students like the professor \_\_\_\_\_.

**Exercise 2.5** You will see a variety of incomplete sentences, which you may complete in any appropriate way. Some are missing only one word. Others can be completed by adding a phrase.

1. \_\_\_\_\_, and I was knocked unconscious.
2. \_\_\_\_\_, but the doctor couldn't save his life.
3. \_\_\_\_\_, because we had a flat tire.
4. \_\_\_\_\_, after the garage had been destroyed.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ when I suddenly noticed her standing there.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ who put that package there?
7. When they were stopped by the police, \_\_\_\_\_.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ if you spend any more money.
9. Would Juan have bought that old car if \_\_\_\_\_?
10. We would have sold it to him if \_\_\_\_\_.
11. I suggest she \_\_\_\_\_.
12. During \_\_\_\_\_ I spent a lot of time in Italy.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ when the flu epidemic spread.
14. We found the wounded pilot, whose \_\_\_\_\_.

15. Either you be on time, or \_\_\_\_\_.
16. I wouldn't want to \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_ has any idea about it.
18. May I speak with \_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_?
19. Maria is the only woman I \_\_\_\_\_.
20. It's hard to believe that \_\_\_\_\_.
21. Jack and I often \_\_\_\_\_.
22. While my family lived in Italy, \_\_\_\_\_.
23. I plan to go to college in the fall or \_\_\_\_\_.
24. \_\_\_\_\_, and the children will clean the basement.
25. \_\_\_\_\_ because of the heat wave.

If you have completed all the exercises in this chapter with a high degree of accuracy, you are ready to go on to the next stage of the writing program. If you feel you need more review, repeat the exercises that gave you trouble. Look at the Answer Key for suggestions for completing the sentences.

3

## Writing Original Sentences

### Understanding the Format

In Chapter 1 you worked with specific grammatical elements as a review of basic structures. In Chapter 2 you completed sentences with phrases that you created yourself. If you completed those two chapters successfully, you are ready to write original sentences of your own.

In this part of the writing program you will write short sentences using a given phrase. Each sentence you write should be in the form described. In the example sentences below, the indicated part of speech is in italics; note that it is not always the example phrase. Review the examples, but do not use the example sentences in your writing. If you are not sure how to proceed, look in the Answer Key for suggested ways of writing each sentence.

### Example phrase: *the young barber*

#### HOW TO USE THAT PHRASE

- A. subject of the sentence
- B. direct object
- C. indirect object
- D. object of a preposition
- E. in a clause beginning with *because*
- F. possessive *-s*
- G. with an irregular past tense verb
- H. with an irregular present perfect tense verb
- I. with a verb in the past tense after the phrase *When he arrived*

#### EXAMPLE SENTENCES

- The young barber* fell down.
- Mary likes *the young barber*.
- She gave *the young barber* a big tip.
- I got the bill from *the young barber*.
- We were quiet *because the young barber was asleep*.
- The young barber's* car needs to be repaired.
- The young barber *found* a kitten.
- The young barber *has lost* his job.
- When he arrived, the young barber *went* right to work.

- J. with a verb in the present perfect tense with a present participle
  - K. with a verb in the future perfect tense
  - L. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *and*
  - M. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *because*
  - N. antecedent of the relative pronoun *whose*
  - O. antecedent of the relative pronoun *that, who, or which*
  - P. antecedent of an elliptical relative pronoun
  - Q. subject of a passive present perfect tense verb
  - R. subject of a passive past tense verb
  - S. after a conditional phrase, such as *If he could hear me*
- The young barber *has been sweeping up*.
  - The young barber *will have earned* fifty dollars by noon.
  - The little girl picked out some candy, *and the young barber placed it in a bag*.
  - The boss was angry *because the young barber was late again*.
  - I met *the young barber*, whose girlfriend is an actress.
  - Here is a photo of *the young barber* that used to work downtown.
  - The woman thanked *the young barber* she liked so much.
  - The young barber *has been fired* today.
  - The young barber *was shocked* by the horrible news.
  - If he could hear me*, the young barber would wave.

## Writing According to the Format

**Exercise 3.1** Write ten sentences similar to the examples in A–S. Next to the part of speech for each sentence you will see which example sentence is similar to your new sentence. Use the phrase *the new waiter*.

1. subject of the sentence (Compare to sample sentence A.)

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2. direct object (Compare to sample sentence B.)

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3. indirect object (Compare to sample sentence C.)

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4. object of the preposition *for* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

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5. object of the preposition *of* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

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6. with an irregular present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence H.)

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7. with a verb in the future perfect tense (Compare to sample sentence K.)

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8. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *and* (Compare to sample sentence L.)

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9. antecedent of the relative pronoun *that* or *which* (Compare to sample sentence O.)

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10. antecedent of an elliptical relative pronoun (Compare to sample sentence P.)

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**Exercise 3.2** Write ten sentences similar to the examples in A–S. Next to the part of speech for each sentence you will see which example sentence is similar to your new sentence. Use the phrase *some old friends*.

1. subject of the sentence (Compare to sample sentence A.)

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2. direct object (Compare to sample sentence B.)

---

3. object of the preposition *to* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

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4. object of the preposition *by* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

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5. possessive (Compare to sample sentence F.)

---

6. with an irregular past tense verb (Compare to sample sentence G.)

---

7. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *because* (Compare to sample sentence M.)

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8. antecedent of the relative pronoun *who* (Compare to sample sentence O.)

---

9. subject of a passive past tense verb (Compare to sample sentence R.)

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10. after the conditional phrase *If she had loved me* (Compare to sample sentence S.)

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**Exercise 3.3** Write ten sentences similar to the examples in A–S. Next to the part of speech for each sentence you will see which example sentence is similar to your new sentence. Use the phrase *the new boss*.

1. subject of the sentence (Compare to sample sentence A.)

---

2. indirect object (Compare to sample sentence C.)

---

3. in a clause beginning with *because* (Compare to sample sentence E.)

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4. object of the preposition *for* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

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5. object of the preposition *from* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

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6. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *and* (Compare to sample sentence L.)

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7. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *because* (Compare to sample sentence M.)

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8. subject of a passive present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence Q.)

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9. subject of a passive past tense verb (Compare to sample sentence R.)

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10. after the conditional phrase *If you had helped us* (Compare to sample sentence S.)

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**Exercise 3.4** Write ten sentences similar to the examples in A–S. Next to the part of speech for each sentence you will see which example sentence is similar to your new sentence. Use the phrase *two dangerous criminals*.

1. subject of the sentence (Compare to sample sentence A.)

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2. object of the preposition *into* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

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3. object of the preposition *because of* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

4. possessive (Compare to sample sentence F.)

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5. with a verb in the past tense after the phrase *When I saw him* (Compare to sample sentence I.)

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6. with a verb in the present perfect tense with a present participle  
(Compare to sample sentence J.)

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7. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *because* (Compare to sample sentence M.)

---

8. antecedent of the relative pronoun *who* (Compare to sample sentence O.)

---

9. subject of a passive present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence Q.)

---

10. after the conditional phrase *If we had the money* (Compare to sample sentence S.)

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**Exercise 3.5** Write ten sentences similar to the examples in A–S. Next to the part of speech for each sentence you will see which example sentence is similar to your new sentence. Use the phrase *our Mexican guests*.

1. subject of the sentence (Compare to sample sentence A.)

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2. direct object (Compare to sample sentence B.)

---

3. indirect object (Compare to sample sentence C.)

---

4. object of the preposition *to* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

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5. object of the preposition *by* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

6. object of the preposition *instead of* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

7. with an irregular present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence H.)

---

8. with a verb in the future perfect tense (Compare to sample sentence K.)

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9. antecedent of the relative pronoun *that*, *who*, or *which* (Compare to sample sentence O.)

---

10. antecedent of an elliptical relative pronoun (Compare to sample sentence P.)

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**Exercise 3.6** Write ten sentences similar to the examples in A–S. Next to the part of speech for each sentence you will see which example sentence is similar to your new sentence. Use the phrase *the bravest woman*.

1. subject of the sentence (Compare to sample sentence A.)

---

2. object of the preposition *toward* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

3. object of the preposition *by* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

4. with an irregular present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence H.)

---

5. antecedent of the relative pronoun *who* (Compare to sample sentence O.)

---

6. antecedent of the relative pronoun *that* or *which* (Compare to sample sentence O.)

---

7. antecedent of an elliptical relative pronoun (Compare to sample sentence P.)

---

8. subject of a passive present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence Q.)

---

9. subject of a passive past tense verb (Compare to sample sentence R.)

---

10. after the conditional phrase *If he had lived longer* (Compare to sample sentence S.)

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**Exercise 3.7** Write ten sentences similar to the examples in A–S. Next to the part of speech for each sentence you will see which example sentence is similar to your new sentence. Use the phrase *a registered letter*.

1. direct object (Compare to sample sentence B.)

---

2. object of the preposition *without* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

3. object of the preposition *in spite of* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

4. object of the preposition *of* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

5. with a verb in the present perfect tense with a present participle  
(Compare to sample sentence J.)

---

6. with a verb in the future perfect tense (Compare to sample sentence K.)

---

7. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *and* (Compare to sample sentence L.)

---

8. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *because* (Compare to sample sentence M.)

---

9. antecedent of the relative pronoun *which* (Compare to sample sentence O.)

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10. antecedent of the relative pronoun *that* (Compare to sample sentence O.)

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**Exercise 3.8** Write ten sentences similar to the examples in A–S. Next to the part of speech for each sentence you will see which example sentence is similar to your new sentence. Use the phrase *the proud parents*.

1. indirect object (Compare to sample sentence C.)

---

2. object of the preposition *because of* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

3. in a clause beginning with *because* (Compare to sample sentence E.)

---

4. with a verb in the present perfect tense with a present participle (Compare to sample sentence J.)

---

5. with a verb in the future perfect tense (Compare to sample sentence K.)

---

6. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *and* (Compare to sample sentence L.)

---

7. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *because* (Compare to sample sentence M.)

---

8. subject of a passive present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence Q.)

---

9. subject of a passive past tense verb (Compare to sample sentence R.)

---

10. after the conditional phrase *If it had snowed* (Compare to sample sentence S.)

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**Exercise 3.9** Write ten sentences similar to the examples in A–S. Next to the part of speech for each sentence you will see which example sentence is similar to your new sentence. Use the phrase *his youngest daughter*.

1. subject of the sentence (Compare to sample sentence A.)

---

2. indirect object (Compare to sample sentence C.)

---

3. object of the preposition *down* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

4. with an irregular past tense verb (Compare to sample sentence G.)

---

5. with a verb in the past tense after the phrase *When I saw him* (Compare to sample sentence I.)

---

6. with a verb in the future perfect tense (Compare to sample sentence K.)

---

7. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *because* (Compare to sample sentence M.)

---

8. antecedent of the relative pronoun *who* (Compare to sample sentence O.)

---

9. subject of a passive present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence Q.)

---

10. after the conditional phrase *If I had been wrong* (Compare to sample sentence S.)

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**Exercise 3.10** Write ten sentences similar to the examples in A–S. Next to the part of speech for each sentence you will see which example sentence is similar to your new sentence. Use the phrase *an angry mob*.

1. object of the preposition *to* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

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2. object of the preposition *because of* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

3. object of the preposition *from* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

4. possessive (Compare to sample sentence F.)

---

5. with an irregular present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence H.)

---

6. with a verb in the present perfect tense with a present participle (Compare to sample sentence J.)

---

7. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *and* (Compare to sample sentence L.)

---

8. object of the preposition *about* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

9. antecedent of an elliptical relative pronoun (Compare to sample sentence P.)

---

10. subject of a passive past tense verb (Compare to sample sentence R.)

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**Exercise 3.11** Write ten sentences similar to the examples in A–S. Next to the part of speech for each sentence you will see which example sentence is similar to your new sentence. Use the phrase *several pretty girls*.



1. subject of the sentence (Compare to sample sentence A.)

---

2. indirect object (Compare to sample sentence C.)

---

3. in a clause beginning with *because* (Compare to sample sentence E.)

---

4. object of the preposition *toward* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

5. with an irregular past tense verb (Compare to sample sentence G.)

---

6. with an irregular present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence H.)

---

7. with a verb in the past tense after the phrase *When I met him* (Compare to sample sentence I.)

---

8. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *because* (Compare to sample sentence M.)

---

9. antecedent of an elliptical relative pronoun (Compare to sample sentence P.)

---

10. after the conditional phrase *If he had seen her* (Compare to sample sentence S.)

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**Exercise 3.12** Write ten sentences similar to the examples in A–S. Next to the part of speech for each sentence you will see which example sentence is similar to your new sentence. Use the phrase *the drunken soldier*.

1. indirect object (Compare to sample sentence C.)

---

2. object of the preposition *besides* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

3. in a clause beginning with *because* (Compare to sample sentence E.)

---

4. object of the preposition *around* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

5. with an irregular past tense verb (Compare to sample sentence G.)

---

6. with an irregular present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence H.)

---

7. with a verb in the present perfect tense with a present participle (Compare to sample sentence J.)

---

8. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *because* (Compare to sample sentence M.)

---

9. subject of a passive present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence Q.)

---

10. after the conditional phrase *If it had rained* (Compare to sample sentence S.)

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**Exercise 3.13** Write ten sentences similar to the examples in A–S. Next to the part of speech for each sentence you will see which example sentence is similar to your new sentence. Use the phrase *his driver's license*.

1. object of the preposition *on* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

2. in a clause beginning with *because* (Compare to sample sentence E.)

---

3. object of the preposition *from* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

4. with an irregular present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence H.)

---

5. with a verb in the present perfect tense with a present participle (Compare to sample sentence J.)

---

6. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *and* (Compare to sample sentence L.)

---

7. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *because* (Compare to sample sentence M.)

---

8. antecedent of the relative pronoun *that* or *which* (Compare to sample sentence O.)

---

9. subject of a passive present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence Q.)

---

10. after the conditional phrase *If she had seen us* (Compare to sample sentence S.)

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**Exercise 3.14** Write ten sentences similar to the examples in A–S. Next to the part of speech for each sentence you will see which example sentence is similar to your new sentence. Use the phrase *the best candidates*.

1. subject of the sentence (Compare to sample sentence A.)

---

2. direct object (Compare to sample sentence B.)

---

3. indirect object (Compare to sample sentence C.)

---

4. object of the preposition *in spite of* (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

5. possessive (Compare to sample sentence F.)

---

6. with an irregular past tense verb (Compare to sample sentence G.)

---

7. with an irregular present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence H.)

---

8. with a verb in the past tense after the phrase *When I found them* (Compare to sample sentence I.)

---

9. with a verb in the present perfect tense with a present participle (Compare to sample sentence J.)

---

10. with a verb in the future perfect tense (Compare to sample sentence K.)

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**Exercise 3.15** Write ten sentences similar to the examples in A–S. Next to the part of speech for each sentence you will see which example sentence is similar to your new sentence. Use the phrase *the bride and groom*.

1. direct object (Compare to sample sentence B.)

---

2. possessive (Compare to sample sentence F.)

---

3. with an irregular past tense verb (Compare to sample sentence G.)

---

4. with an irregular present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence H.)

---

5. with a verb in the past tense after the phrase *When he hit me* (Compare to sample sentence I.)

---

6. antecedent of the relative pronoun *whose* (Compare to sample sentence N.)

---

7. antecedent of the relative pronoun *that* or *which* (Compare to sample sentence O.)

---

8. antecedent of an elliptical relative pronoun (Compare to sample sentence P.)

---

9. subject of a passive present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence Q.)

---

10. after the conditional phrase *If you had lied to me* (Compare to sample sentence S.)

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**Exercise 3.16** Write ten sentences similar to the examples in A–S. Next to the part of speech for each sentence you will see which example sentence is similar to your new sentence. Use the phrase *a foreign diplomat*.

1. indirect object (Compare to sample sentence C.)

---

2. in a clause beginning with *because* (Compare to sample sentence E.)

---

3. with an irregular present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence H.)

---

4. with a verb in the past tense after the phrase *While she was living in Europe* (Compare to sample sentence I.)

---

5. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *or* (Compare to sample sentence L.)

---

6. antecedent of the relative pronoun phrase *about whom* (Compare to sample sentence N.)

---

7. antecedent of the relative pronoun *that, who, or which* (Compare to sample sentence O.)

---

8. subject of a passive present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence Q.)

---

9. subject of a passive past tense verb (Compare to sample sentence R.)

---

10. after a conditional phrase such as *If he could hear me* (Compare to sample sentence S.)

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**Exercise 3.17** Write ten sentences similar to the examples in A–S. Next to the part of speech for each sentence you will see which example sentence is similar to your new sentence. Use the phrase *her former partner*.

1. direct object (Compare to sample sentence B.)

---

2. object of a preposition (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

3. possessive -'s (Compare to sample sentence F.)

---

4. with an irregular past tense verb (Compare to sample sentence G.)

---

5. with a verb in the past tense after the phrase *As soon as he left the room* (Compare to sample sentence I.)

---

6. with a verb in the present perfect tense with a present participle (Compare to sample sentence J.)

---

7. with a verb in the future perfect tense (Compare to sample sentence K.)

---



8. antecedent of an elliptical relative pronoun (Compare to sample sentence P.)

---

9. subject of a passive past tense verb (Compare to sample sentence R.)

---

10. after a conditional phrase, such as *If he could hear me* (Compare to sample sentence S.)

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**Exercise 3.18** Write ten sentences similar to the examples in A–S. Next to the part of speech for each sentence you will see which example sentence is similar to your new sentence. Use the phrase *several of the guests*.

1. subject of the sentence (Compare to sample sentence A.)

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2. object of a preposition (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

3. in a clause beginning with *because* (Compare to sample sentence E.)

---

4. possessive -'s (Compare to sample sentence F.)

---

5. with an irregular past tense verb (Compare to sample sentence G.)

---

6. with a verb in the future perfect tense (Compare to sample sentence K.)

---

7. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *and* (Compare to sample sentence L.)

---

8. antecedent of the relative pronoun *whose* (Compare to sample sentence N.)

---

9. subject of a passive present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence Q.)

---

10. subject of a passive past tense verb (Compare to sample sentence R.)

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**Exercise 3.19** Write ten sentences similar to the examples in A–S. Next to the part of speech for each sentence you will see which example sentence is similar to your new sentence. Use the phrase *Canadian stamps*.

1. subject of the sentence (Compare to sample sentence A.)

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2. direct object (Compare to sample sentence B.)

---

3. object of a preposition (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

4. in a clause beginning with *because* (Compare to sample sentence E.)

---

5. with an irregular present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence H.)

---

6. with a verb in the past tense after the phrase *When he arrived* (Compare to sample sentence I.)

---

7. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *and* (Compare to sample sentence L.)

---

8. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *because* (Compare to sample sentence M.)

---

9. antecedent of an elliptical relative pronoun (Compare to sample sentence P.)

---

10. subject of a passive past tense verb (Compare to sample sentence R.)

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**Exercise 3.20** Write ten sentences similar to the examples in A–S. Next to the part of speech for each sentence you will see which example sentence is similar to your new sentence. Use the phrase *my nearest relatives*.

1. indirect object (Compare to sample sentence C.)

---

2. in a clause beginning with *because* (Compare to sample sentence E.)

---

3. with an irregular present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence H.)

---

4. with a verb in the past tense after the phrase *While I was visiting Korea* (Compare to sample sentence I.)

---

5. in a compound sentence with the conjunction *or* (Compare to sample sentence L.)

---

6. antecedent of the relative pronoun phrase *about whom* (Compare to sample sentence N.)

---

7. antecedent of the relative pronoun *that, who, or which* (Compare to sample sentence O.)

---

8. subject of a passive present perfect tense verb (Compare to sample sentence Q.)

---

9. subject of a passive past tense verb (Compare to sample sentence R.)

---

10. after a conditional phrase such as *If she abandoned me* (Compare to sample sentence S.)

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**Exercise 3.21** Write ten sentences similar to the examples in A–S. Next to the part of speech for each sentence you will see which example sentence is similar to your new sentence. Use the phrase *the soaring eagles*.

1. direct object (Compare to sample sentence B.)

---

2. object of a preposition (Compare to sample sentence D.)

---

3. possessive -'s (Compare to sample sentence F.)

---

4. with an irregular past tense verb (Compare to sample sentence G.)

---

5. with a verb in the past tense after the phrase *As soon as the rabbit left its hole* (Compare to sample sentence I.)

---

6. with a verb in the present perfect tense with a present participle (Compare to sample sentence J.)

---

7. with a verb in the future perfect tense (Compare to sample sentence K.)

---

8. antecedent of an elliptical relative pronoun (Compare to sample sentence P.)

---

9. subject of a passive past tense verb (Compare to sample sentence R.)

---

10. after a conditional phrase, such as *If the nest were attacked* (Compare to sample sentence S.)

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## 4

# Story Completion

## Understanding the Format

In this section of the writing program you will write a variety of stories. But you do not have to make up the entire story. Parts of it are provided. You fill in the missing phrases that make sense in the sentence and that follow the story line. Although the story conforms to a certain idea, you can be creative and give the details that put your personal touch on the story.

This kind of exercise will give you the practice you need for the time when you eventually write a complete story on your own.

Study the story in each exercise, and take note of the missing phrases. Certain words will give you a signal as to what kind of word or phrase you should write. A conjunction, for example, tells you to add a word, phrase, or sentence. Quotation marks tell you that someone is making a direct statement. Prepositions require an object after them.

You should fill in appropriate phrases that conform to the plot of the story and the grammar of the sentence. Be careful of tenses and spelling. Follow the same directions for each story in this chapter. If you are not satisfied with your version of the story, check the suggested completions in the Answer Key.

## Completing Stories with Original Phrases

**Exercise 4.1** *Travel Plans.* The story line: John and Mary can't agree on where they should take their vacation. They share their personal preferences and try to persuade each other. They worry that they can't afford a vacation, but John has a surprise. He has saved some extra money.

John and Mary wanted to take a vacation. They had worked hard all year and \_\_\_\_\_ . But where

should they go? To \_\_\_\_\_ or to \_\_\_\_\_?

“I want to go to Mexico,” Mary said. “I heard it’s \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”

“I think I’d like to go to India,” John replied. “I want to see \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”

“India is so far away,” Mary said to him. “I think \_\_\_\_\_ . Or we could travel to \_\_\_\_\_ .”

“Or how about \_\_\_\_\_ ?”

John said.

But no matter how much they talked, they couldn’t \_\_\_\_\_ . John believed \_\_\_\_\_ , but Mary wanted \_\_\_\_\_ . How could they decide what would be best for both of them?

John opened the newspaper and saw \_\_\_\_\_ . He showed Mary the article, and she \_\_\_\_\_ .

“That sounds like fun,” Mary said. “I’d love \_\_\_\_\_ .”



“We could swim during the day, and at night \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.”

John said. “And we could go shopping \_\_\_\_\_.”

Mary was happy with the idea, because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

John wouldn't mind spending time at the beach, because he knew  
\_\_\_\_\_. But there still was a problem.

“\_\_\_\_\_?” Mary suddenly  
asked. “Do we have enough in the bank?”

John thought a moment, and then he \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. He opened the desk drawer and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. He showed Mary \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, but she \_\_\_\_\_.

John smiled at her and said, “Don't worry. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. And if it's not enough, we can  
\_\_\_\_\_.”

“Oh, John,” Mary said happily. “Now \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. This vacation \_\_\_\_\_.”

Then he kissed her cheek, because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Exercise 4.2** *The Ant and the Grasshopper.* The story line: An ant is busy working to prepare for winter. A grasshopper is lazy and just enjoying himself. The ant warns the grasshopper that the sunny days will come to an end. When winter comes, the grasshopper learns just how right the ant was.

It was a beautiful summer day. The sky \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, and the field was filled with \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. A happy, green grasshopper with long legs  
and \_\_\_\_\_ jumped from a  
bouncy leaf to \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_. He was enjoying the  
wonderful weather. He sang to himself, as he \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Then he saw a small black ant near \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. She was pulling a crust of bread through  
\_\_\_\_\_. She tugged and pulled,  
but \_\_\_\_\_. Then the ant stopped  
for a moment to rest and \_\_\_\_\_.  
“Why are you doing that?” the grasshopper asked. “\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?” he inquired with a laugh.

“I’m bringing food to our colony,” the little ant replied. “When winter comes, \_\_\_\_\_.”

“Winter is a long way off,” the grasshopper said. “I’d rather \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.”

“You might be sorry when \_\_\_\_\_,”  
the ant warned. “You should plan for \_\_\_\_\_.”

But the grasshopper just laughed and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. He jumped over \_\_\_\_\_  
and hopped across \_\_\_\_\_, play-  
ing, singing, and \_\_\_\_\_.

The little ant shook her head and went back to work. She \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and finally \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

The grasshopper saw the ant working nearly every day. And every  
day he just \_\_\_\_\_. Soon it began  
to grow cold. The wind \_\_\_\_\_.  
The snow \_\_\_\_\_. And the grass-  
hopper understood \_\_\_\_\_. He  
made his way to the ant colony and called out, “\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.” But the ants could not hear him. They  
\_\_\_\_\_, and the poor  
grasshopper \_\_\_\_\_.

**Exercise 4.3** *I'm No Cook!* The story line: A man is taking care of his children and his house by himself. He wants to make a nice supper for his children. Although he prepares the foods carefully, he makes some mistakes, and the family has to go to a restaurant for dinner.

My wife was called away to New York on business. I took some vacation time and \_\_\_\_\_. Our two kids were in school during the day, and \_\_\_\_\_. They were old enough to take care of themselves, but I had to \_\_\_\_\_. John was eleven and spent his time \_\_\_\_\_. Anne was ten and enjoyed sports like \_\_\_\_\_.

Everything started out smoothly the first day. I cleaned the kitchen and \_\_\_\_\_. I ironed \_\_\_\_\_ and took the dog \_\_\_\_\_. And for lunch I made myself \_\_\_\_\_. The kids ate lunch \_\_\_\_\_, because \_\_\_\_\_.

At four o'clock I realized that the kids \_\_\_\_\_, so I decided to \_\_\_\_\_. I got a recipe book from the shelf and found \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. It seemed easy enough, although \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. I got the ingredients I needed out of the  
cupboard: \_\_\_\_\_.

I started with the salad. I rinsed a head of lettuce and then \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. I sliced \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and scattered them over the lettuce. But I forgot  
to \_\_\_\_\_. I peeled a cucumber  
and an onion and \_\_\_\_\_. I sprinkled  
\_\_\_\_\_ over the salad and went to place it  
in the refrigerator. But when I placed the bowl on the shelf in the refriger-  
erator, the shelf broke and \_\_\_\_\_.

I couldn't believe my eyes. There were \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on the floor and \_\_\_\_\_  
on my shoes. I grabbed a broom and \_\_\_\_\_.  
Then I got a bucket and scrub brush in order to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. When I was done, I sat down and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

The roast looked easier to prepare. I placed it in a large pan and  
covered it \_\_\_\_\_. I sprinkled salt

and pepper \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_. I peeled three potatoes and  
six \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
Before I put the roast in the oven, I checked the shelf. I didn't want  
\_\_\_\_\_. Then I carefully put the  
roast in the oven and \_\_\_\_\_.

For dessert I made vanilla ice cream with \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. That was Anne's favorite, and John \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. I put the three bowls of dessert on the  
counter. About four-thirty \_\_\_\_\_.  
They went to their rooms to \_\_\_\_\_.

I set the table and then called \_\_\_\_\_.  
They hurried into the kitchen and took their seats. John was hungry,  
and Anne \_\_\_\_\_. But something had gone  
wrong. I hadn't put the dessert in the refrigerator, and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.! And I had forgotten to turn on the  
oven, so the roast \_\_\_\_\_!

The kids looked sad and \_\_\_\_\_.  
So we got in the car, and I took them \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. We all love tacos and fajitas.

**Exercise 4.4** *The Circle of Stones*. The story line: Two women claim to be the mother of a lost child. A judge has to decide which woman is the real mother. By using a test he discovers which woman treats the child the most kindly and awards her the child.

This was the strangest case the judge had ever had. A child had been lost for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_. The poor child did not know its real mother, because \_\_\_\_\_. Two women claimed to be the real mother and demanded \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_. The judge needed more information first and \_\_\_\_\_.

The first woman told of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 when \_\_\_\_\_. The judge understood but asked, “\_\_\_\_\_?” The first woman just shook her head and \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Now the second woman gave her story, which \_\_\_\_\_. She explained that \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, and the judge believed her. But who is the real mother? the judge thought. He looked at the child and asked, “\_\_\_\_\_?” But the sobbing child could only reply, “\_\_\_\_\_.”

“Then we shall have a test,” the judge said \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. He placed the child in a ring of stones and told  
the two women \_\_\_\_\_. Each  
took the child by one hand, and \_\_\_\_\_.  
They pulled to the right and then \_\_\_\_\_,  
and the child began \_\_\_\_\_.

The women pulled again, but \_\_\_\_\_.  
Finally the first woman saw her chance and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. The child fell forward and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. The first woman laughed and proclaimed,  
“\_\_\_\_\_.” The second woman  
began to sob, because \_\_\_\_\_.  
And the child sat on the ground, shaking and \_\_\_\_\_.

The judge stood up and said, “\_\_\_\_\_,  
because the second woman would not harm the child. Therefore I am  
certain that \_\_\_\_\_.”

He gave the child to the second woman and sent the first woman  
\_\_\_\_\_. The child had been reunited  
with its rightful mother, who \_\_\_\_\_.



**Exercise 4.5** *The Joke.* The story line: A boy takes a girl sledding. As they zoom down a hill, he whispers affectionately in her ear. But she is not certain what she hears. Later she marries and moves away. When she is old, she returns to her hometown and plays the same trick on her friend from the past.

It was a cold day in \_\_\_\_\_.

Victor and Lara were school friends and decided \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. The snow was fresh and the hill was inviting,

so they pulled their sled \_\_\_\_\_.

When \_\_\_\_\_, he sat behind Lara

and \_\_\_\_\_. They went slowly at

first, but \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. They built up speed, and by now

\_\_\_\_\_. Lara screamed with

delight, and Victor \_\_\_\_\_. He

liked Lara a lot but was afraid \_\_\_\_\_.

He wasn't shy, but \_\_\_\_\_. So, as

they whizzed down the hill, he thought of a joke that \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. As the air rushed past their ears, Victor leaned

forward and whispered, "\_\_\_\_\_."

Lara didn't seem to hear him, so \_\_\_\_\_.

And he said in a rush, "I love you, Lara." She began to blush. She wasn't

sure \_\_\_\_\_ . Was it the wind?

Was \_\_\_\_\_ ? Was it Victor?

At the bottom of the hill, Victor looked at Lara, who \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. But he only smiled and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. He could not say how he felt and  
only \_\_\_\_\_ .

They grew up, and Lara went \_\_\_\_\_ .  
While living there, she \_\_\_\_\_ .  
When she returned to her hometown many years later, she learned that  
Victor \_\_\_\_\_ . They were both  
old now and \_\_\_\_\_ . Lara decided  
it was time for \_\_\_\_\_ .

She saw Victor sitting \_\_\_\_\_  
near a fence. She came up behind him on the other side of the fence  
and \_\_\_\_\_ . She peeked at him  
\_\_\_\_\_. And through a wide  
crack in one of the boards, Lara \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
“I \_\_\_\_\_ .” The wind was blow-  
ing hard and \_\_\_\_\_ . The leaves  
were rustling above \_\_\_\_\_ . Victor

wasn't sure he had heard correctly. "\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_?" he asked, looking around. But there was no answer. Lara stood silently \_\_\_\_\_. Then she \_\_\_\_\_ and said in a whisper, "I love you, too, Victor."

The joke was on \_\_\_\_\_.

**Exercise 4.6** *The Worst Day of My Life*. The story line: A man is driving to visit some friends in another city. But he has many problems. His car stalls. It starts to rain. He gets splattered with mud. And he loses his money. Worst of all, his friends are not at home.

Everyone has a bad day now and then. But I had the worst. It happened while I was visiting \_\_\_\_\_. They were old friends of mine and had just moved to \_\_\_\_\_ . I loved spending time in a big city and was looking forward to \_\_\_\_\_ .

I left my hometown around \_\_\_\_\_ and arrived \_\_\_\_\_ around dusk. Before I found my friends' new house, my car \_\_\_\_\_ . I thought I was out of gas, but \_\_\_\_\_ . I wasn't sure what to do. I finally decided

to \_\_\_\_\_ . I thought I had seen a gas station there, but \_\_\_\_\_ . I thought I had better call my friends. I found a telephone booth and \_\_\_\_\_ , but no one \_\_\_\_\_ .

Just as I began to walk back to my car, it \_\_\_\_\_ . I was soaked to the skin by \_\_\_\_\_ . I tried starting my car again, but \_\_\_\_\_ . When it finally stopped raining, I got out of the car to \_\_\_\_\_ . As I stepped in front of the car, a truck zoomed by and \_\_\_\_\_ . My clothes were drenched again, and my face \_\_\_\_\_ . I sputtered and cursed the truck, just as a car \_\_\_\_\_ .

By now I was shivering from being so wet and from \_\_\_\_\_ . Late fall can be \_\_\_\_\_ . I began to walk along the road in the direction of some bright lights. But I stepped in a puddle of mud and lost \_\_\_\_\_ . I searched for \_\_\_\_\_ , but it was buried in mud. So I

limped on, wearing \_\_\_\_\_. Then the heel fell off of it, and now I was limping \_\_\_\_\_.

Finally I had some good luck. A taxi came by, and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Once I got inside the taxi, I began to warm up. I told the driver \_\_\_\_\_. I didn't realize how far it still was to their house. When I arrived at their house, \_\_\_\_\_. When I reached into my pocket, I discovered \_\_\_\_\_. I had no money! I was soaking wet! And I was tired!

I ran to my friends' door and rang the bell, but \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Then I found a note for me taped to the door. It read, "\_\_\_\_\_. We'll see you when we get back."

I sat on the wet porch and cried. It was the worst day of my life.

**Exercise 4.7** *The Desert*. The story line: A family moves out West. The brother loves riding his pony. The sister loves playing in the desert. One day the sister gets lost, and the brother rides out to find her. When he discovers her, he sees something dangerous crawling in her direction. The boy saves his sister.

Jimmy was only eight when his parents \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. They moved to a large ranch near

\_\_\_\_\_ . It was a wonderful place to live, but \_\_\_\_\_ . Jimmy liked \_\_\_\_\_ and thought the West was just \_\_\_\_\_ .

His little sister, Laura, was five and loved \_\_\_\_\_ . She often played in the desert and \_\_\_\_\_ . Jimmy warned her not to \_\_\_\_\_ , but Laura \_\_\_\_\_ .

One day Laura \_\_\_\_\_ , which was very far from their house. When she didn't come home for lunch, everyone \_\_\_\_\_ . Jimmy was very worried. He got on his pony and \_\_\_\_\_ . He rode as far as \_\_\_\_\_ . Then he \_\_\_\_\_ . By three o'clock he had ridden \_\_\_\_\_ , but he couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ . He was ready to cry or even \_\_\_\_\_ .

Then he saw it! It was a large \_\_\_\_\_ , where Laura often \_\_\_\_\_ . He rode up to \_\_\_\_\_ . And there was

Laura asleep next to \_\_\_\_\_ . She didn't see \_\_\_\_\_ , which was crawling in her direction. Jimmy jumped from his pony and \_\_\_\_\_ . He took his lasso, swirled it overhead, and then \_\_\_\_\_ . He missed! He had to try again, so he \_\_\_\_\_ , and this time he \_\_\_\_\_ and saved his sister.

**Exercise 4.8** *The Hero*. The story line: A girl lives with her grandfather in a cozy house. One cold day they build a fire in the fireplace. It's very warm in the room and they fall asleep. The girl wakes up to see that the fire has spread into the room. She puts out the fire and saves her grandfather.

In winter it gets very cold in \_\_\_\_\_ , because it's located near \_\_\_\_\_ . A lot of snow falls to the ground, and a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ .

Little Anna's house stays warm and \_\_\_\_\_ , because \_\_\_\_\_ . There is a large fireplace in the dining room, where her grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ . Anna loves \_\_\_\_\_ , while her grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ .

One chilly December day, when \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Grandfather noticed the fire \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. He went out to the barn and returned with  
\_\_\_\_\_. Anna liked helping and  
\_\_\_\_\_. Soon the fire  
\_\_\_\_\_. The dining room glowed  
with \_\_\_\_\_. The shadows on the  
walls \_\_\_\_\_, and everything in the house  
was \_\_\_\_\_. Grandfather sat in his  
big, old armchair and soon \_\_\_\_\_. He  
put his feet on \_\_\_\_\_. Anna curled  
up on the floor under \_\_\_\_\_.  
Everything was quiet and \_\_\_\_\_.

Anna suddenly opened her eyes. Something was wrong! She smelled  
\_\_\_\_\_.! She saw \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!  
She jumped up and \_\_\_\_\_. The  
fire was no longer just in the fireplace. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.! Anna shook her grandfather, but  
\_\_\_\_\_. She ran to the sink



and \_\_\_\_\_ . She began throwing water \_\_\_\_\_ . Finally the fire was out, and \_\_\_\_\_ . When Grandfather awoke, he said, “ \_\_\_\_\_ .”

Anna just shook her head and smiled.

**Exercise 4.9** *The Pickpocket.* The story line: A thief is watching the crowds of people on the street. When he sees an easy victim, he sneaks up and steals the victim’s wallet or purse. Finally a policewoman sees what he is doing and arrests him. The policewoman finds what the thief has stolen, and the man is sent to jail.

It was a hot day, and \_\_\_\_\_ . People enjoyed holiday time like this and \_\_\_\_\_ . It was a happy time for Mike because \_\_\_\_\_ . Mike knew there would be a lot of pockets that \_\_\_\_\_ . The crowds were enormous, and everyone \_\_\_\_\_ . Mike couldn’t have been happier if \_\_\_\_\_ . When \_\_\_\_\_ , he walked slowly down the street and \_\_\_\_\_ . Finally he saw \_\_\_\_\_ , who \_\_\_\_\_ . He came up behind

her and carefully \_\_\_\_\_ . The poor woman was aware of nothing and \_\_\_\_\_ . Her husband turned suddenly, but Mike \_\_\_\_\_ . On the corner Mike saw \_\_\_\_\_ , who \_\_\_\_\_ . Mike stood next to \_\_\_\_\_ and then \_\_\_\_\_ . He pulled out \_\_\_\_\_ . Mike smiled; he was very happy with himself and \_\_\_\_\_ .

When he \_\_\_\_\_ , Mike decided \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ . He got away that time and knew \_\_\_\_\_ . But the policewoman \_\_\_\_\_ . Mike couldn't see \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ . When he slid his fingers into \_\_\_\_\_ , he was surprised \_\_\_\_\_ . The policewoman had been watching him and \_\_\_\_\_ . Mike dropped

\_\_\_\_\_ and tried \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. But the policewoman had \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_; Mike was caught. He knew he couldn't get away now  
and said, "\_\_\_\_\_." The policewoman  
just laughed and replied, "\_\_\_\_\_."

When they got to \_\_\_\_\_, the  
officers there found \_\_\_\_\_. Trying  
to explain, Mike said, "\_\_\_\_\_."  
But no one believed him. For the next few months Mike \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Exercise 4.10** *Laddy to the Rescue*. The story line: When a little girl goes for a walk, she soon finds that she is lost. She becomes frightened by a noise in an empty house and runs off to hide. Her dog senses that something has happened to her and hurries out to look for her. Finally he finds her and leads her home, where he receives a reward.

During \_\_\_\_\_, a seven-year-  
old girl decided to go for a walk. She went \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and soon realized that she was lost. She looked  
around her, but \_\_\_\_\_.

She began crying, and \_\_\_\_\_.  
But \_\_\_\_\_. The little girl walked

along the wide path bordered with \_\_\_\_\_.

Soon \_\_\_\_\_, and the little girl walked faster. There in the distance she could see \_\_\_\_\_.

She opened the door and \_\_\_\_\_.

There was a sudden, horrible noise, and \_\_\_\_\_.

She ran and ran and found herself alone in \_\_\_\_\_.

She was terribly lonely and afraid, so \_\_\_\_\_.

Cold and tired, she fell asleep near \_\_\_\_\_.

The little girl had a large, shaggy dog named Laddy. He was loyal to her and sensed that \_\_\_\_\_.

There was no way out of the house, so Laddy \_\_\_\_\_.

He ran to \_\_\_\_\_;

he looked in \_\_\_\_\_, but Laddy couldn't \_\_\_\_\_.

Suddenly there was a familiar scent on the ground. Laddy lowered his head and \_\_\_\_\_.

He looked right and left. He barked \_\_\_\_\_.

Then Laddy \_\_\_\_\_ until he found

\_\_\_\_\_ . But the strange little house was empty. Laddy looked around and \_\_\_\_\_ . Something caught his eye; Laddy suddenly saw \_\_\_\_\_ . He jumped over some bushes and \_\_\_\_\_ . A few moments later he saw \_\_\_\_\_ , where the little girl \_\_\_\_\_ . When she saw her dog standing over her, she said, “ \_\_\_\_\_ ,” and \_\_\_\_\_ .

Laddy led his little mistress \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ . Mother and Father were so relieved. And that night Laddy \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Exercise 4.11** *The Day I Got Fired.* The story line: A man has a job in a factory. His foreman doesn't like him and treats him poorly. When the man arrives late for work one day, the foreman threatens to fire him. And when the man ruins an important job, he does get fired. Fortunately, he has a better job now.

I finally found a good job in \_\_\_\_\_ . The company made electronics for \_\_\_\_\_ . I was put on a line where \_\_\_\_\_ , and I had to \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ . The job was rather simple, and I believed I was doing well. Then they hired a new foreman, who \_\_\_\_\_ . For some reason he didn't like me and often said, " \_\_\_\_\_ ."

I was afraid of him because he could \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ . And I needed my job. Without a job I \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ .

I knew I had to be careful around the foreman and \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ . Then one day my car \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ , and I arrived \_\_\_\_\_ .

The foreman was \_\_\_\_\_ and began shouting at me. When I explained that \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ , he just laughed and \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ . I went to my job and began \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ . I worked hard and tried to \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ .

When lunchtime finally arrived, I sat at a table with \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ . She was a really nice woman and told me \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ . But it wouldn't be easy to get along with him, because he \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ .

After lunch I started soldering some new circuit boards. They had to be shipped to \_\_\_\_\_. I was hurrying because \_\_\_\_\_. But I worked too fast and ruined \_\_\_\_\_. The foreman was furious with me. He said, “\_\_\_\_\_!” Then he pointed at the door and shouted, “\_\_\_\_\_!”

I never went back there again. And now I have a better job, and my boss is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Exercise 4.12** *The Blind Date.* The story line: A young man decides that it’s time to date again after ending a long relationship. His friend sets him up with a blind date. The young man and woman discover they have a lot in common and begin dating regularly. Finally they decide to marry and start a family.

I had been going out with Barbara for more than \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ . But we had some problems and decided \_\_\_\_\_. We’re still friends, and we often get together to \_\_\_\_\_.

Several months went by after we broke up, and I \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ . It was getting boring sitting at home and \_\_\_\_\_. Then my friend Bill suggested I \_\_\_\_\_.

go out on a blind date. I had never \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and wasn't sure that a blind date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. But I agreed, and Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

He arranged for me to meet \_\_\_\_\_.  
She was a friend of his from work. He said she \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

I like women who \_\_\_\_\_, so I  
was interested to meet her. At eight P.M. on Saturday, I left home and  
\_\_\_\_\_. I went in and took a seat  
near \_\_\_\_\_. About ten minutes later a  
woman who \_\_\_\_\_ came in and began  
to look around. I knew \_\_\_\_\_.

She took a seat across from me and said, “\_\_\_\_\_”  
\_\_\_\_\_.” I was flattered because she \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. We chatted a while and then ordered some  
dinner. She had quite an appetite and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. I had never seen a woman eat so much. “I like to cook,”  
she finally said, “and I \_\_\_\_\_.”



The evening went by quickly because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. I didn't think I could fall in love so fast, but  
\_\_\_\_\_. We went out several  
times during the next \_\_\_\_\_,  
and when spring came we were inseparable. I finally bought \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, and on June first I \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. To my amazement she immediately  
said, "\_\_\_\_\_."

After a yearlong engagement, we \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Now we have a house and \_\_\_\_\_  
and a third on the way. I have never been happier and believe that  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Who could have known that a blind date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Exercise 4.13** *No More Used Cars!* The story line: A woman wants to buy a used car because she cannot afford a new car. She finally finds one that looks good, but it doesn't run well. It breaks down regularly. Finally the woman pays for a tune-up, and the car runs better. But she hopes she doesn't have to buy another used car.

Buying a new car is expensive. That's why I \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. I would love to own a new car, but for now

\_\_\_\_\_ . Last winter my old car finally died. I tried to start it, but \_\_\_\_\_ . I sold it for junk and went to buy \_\_\_\_\_ .

I had seen the Johnson's Pre-Owned Vehicles lot \_\_\_\_\_ and decided to stop there to \_\_\_\_\_ . Some of the cars were just too old, and others \_\_\_\_\_ . I had to make a compromise between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ . I finally found a \_\_\_\_\_ with a little rust on it, but it seemed to run \_\_\_\_\_ .

I paid Mr. Johnson with a check, signed \_\_\_\_\_ , and drove home \_\_\_\_\_ . I was rather proud of my new vehicle. It looked \_\_\_\_\_ and sounded \_\_\_\_\_ . My brother was impressed with my purchase and said, " \_\_\_\_\_ ."

But my father was skeptical. He laughed and said to me, "Used cars \_\_\_\_\_ ."

My “new” car ran well for a long time. Then on a very cold morning in January, I went to the garage and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. But the car \_\_\_\_\_.  
It was frustrating. It just wouldn’t start. My brother came out to the garage and \_\_\_\_\_. Finally the motor was running, and I \_\_\_\_\_.  
I arrived at work late and explained that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

When five o’clock came and I was ready \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, I went out to the parking lot to start my car. And again \_\_\_\_\_. Now I was mad. Really mad! I looked at that car and shouted, “\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_!” Naturally, the car couldn’t understand what I said and just \_\_\_\_\_. One of my co-workers was watching me and \_\_\_\_\_.  
It was pretty embarrassing.

It took half an hour to start that car, but it \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. I wish it had never started. Two blocks from work the engine \_\_\_\_\_, and I

was stuck in the middle of the street. I got it started again, and two blocks later the radiator \_\_\_\_\_.

That old car stalled five times on the way home.

When I finally arrived there, my family was \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. They knew something was wrong with my car because \_\_\_\_\_. My father laughed again and said, “Don’t buy a used car unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.” I knew he was right and got a tune-up the next day.

My car wasn’t perfect after that, but it \_\_\_\_\_. And I learned a lesson: if you’re going to buy a used car, you had better \_\_\_\_\_. As for me, I hope to get rich and never \_\_\_\_\_.

**Exercise 4.14** *Computers Can Be Dumb.* The story line: A man has to use a computer in his new job. But the computer acts like the man’s enemy. It makes mistakes and provides wrong information. The man is eventually fired. But a few days later he is rehired because the management discovered that the computer was faulty.

I was always afraid of computers. They \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and made me feel \_\_\_\_\_.

Of course, they are just machines and can’t \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. But I always felt that they were trying to make me look foolish.

When I got a job in a warehouse, I had to learn \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ . It's not what I wanted to do, but it was part of the job. So I reluctantly \_\_\_\_\_. In time, I thought I had mastered \_\_\_\_\_, but the truth was that the computer \_\_\_\_\_. As I gained more experience, the computer seemed to make more mistakes. I'd type in one number, and the computer \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ . I complained to my boss that the computer I was using \_\_\_\_\_. He laughed and told me to \_\_\_\_\_.

Then for a few weeks everything went fine. I \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, and the computer \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ . But then it began. I'd come to work and turn on the computer, and \_\_\_\_\_. I couldn't believe my eyes. How could \_\_\_\_\_ happen? Where did \_\_\_\_\_ come from? I didn't type in those things. I knew it was the computer trying \_\_\_\_\_.

Finally my boss came to me with some complaints from management. He asked, “\_\_\_\_\_?” I said it wasn’t my fault, and once again he laughed and said, “\_\_\_\_\_.” No one believed me. Why would anyone believe that \_\_\_\_\_? It was too incredible.

Then I got the news. The manager sent word to my boss that \_\_\_\_\_. The next day I got my final paycheck. My boss said my work had too many mistakes and \_\_\_\_\_. He told me to \_\_\_\_\_. I went home and felt \_\_\_\_\_.

Two days later I got a telephone call. It was the manager. He said that \_\_\_\_\_ and that I could have my job back. It turned out that the computer \_\_\_\_\_; it had a defective motherboard. I was so happy that I \_\_\_\_\_.

I returned to work the next day and sat down to a new computer. This one was friendly, and we \_\_\_\_\_.

**Exercise 4.15** *How I Became a Millionaire.* The story line: A woman receives the news that she has won a large sum of money. She and her friend go on a buying spree and live like royalty. Her friend suggests she put some of her money in the bank. After enjoying her riches for only a short time, the woman wakes up. It was all a dream.

Many people dream about becoming rich and living \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_. They hope they'll win \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ or inherit \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_. But it doesn't work out that way for most.

One morning I got out of bed and ran down the stairs to get the mail. I had a feeling that \_\_\_\_\_.  
 And I was right. Among the letters I found was \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_. It stated that I \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_. I couldn't believe my eyes. I had won \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_! I was a millionaire!

I called my best friend, Anna, who \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_. She was as excited as I was and \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_. She asked, "\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_?" And she asked, "\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_?" I didn't know the answer. Where do you begin  
 to spend money when \_\_\_\_\_?

I was new at this, but I \_\_\_\_\_.

You learn some things fast.

Anna and I went downtown, but not on the bus. We \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, and on the way home I rented  
\_\_\_\_\_. I felt like a queen. I could  
afford anything I wanted, and I wanted \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. But Anna was wiser than me. She suggested \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. I realized that was smart and decided I would put some  
money \_\_\_\_\_. But I would spend  
the rest on \_\_\_\_\_. Why not? I  
was a millionaire!

I bought several new dresses for myself, and for Anna \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. She was elated and said, “ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.” We both loved shoes, so  
\_\_\_\_\_. And I stocked up on  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
I was on a buying spree, and \_\_\_\_\_.

But something did stop me. It didn't seem possible. It \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. I was being tricked. Fate had



\_\_\_\_\_ . It wasn't fair, and I lowered my head \_\_\_\_\_. It wasn't fair!

I had been a millionaire for \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Just like so many others, I had only dreamed it. My wealth was just \_\_\_\_\_ .

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## 5

# Writing Letters

## The Friendly Letter

The friendly letter is exactly what you'd think it would be: a casual letter that is sent to a friend. The style is *informal*, and the content is *personal*. It reads very much like what you would be saying if you were chatting with a friend. The content can be intimate or informative or can even be a request. It is up to you, the writer, to put the thoughts on paper that you wish to send to a friend.

There are some simple rules to follow when writing a friendly letter:

- Put the date at the upper left or right of the page. You may add your address below the date, but it is optional.

June 30, 2009  
2990 West Main Street  
Johnstown, IL 60622

- Begin with a greeting. You can show affection or love in the greeting.

Dear Mary,  
Dearest Mom and Dad,  
My beloved Mary,

- Next, begin the body of your letter. The content is up to you.

I have missed you . . .

- Close the letter at the lower right or left. You can express affection or love in the closing as in the opening.

Sincerely yours,  
Affectionately,  
With all my love,

- End the letter by signing your name.

Bill

- You can add a postscript with a final thought at the very end.  
P.S.

Notice that the greeting and the closing are followed by a comma (for example, “Dear Mary,” and “Sincerely yours,”).

Look at the three possibilities for the greeting of a friendly letter. Greetings can be friendly, affectionate, or loving:

**FRIENDLY  
GREETINGS**

Dear Mary,  
My Dear Mary,  
Hello, Mary,  
Hi, Mary,

**AFFECTIONATE  
GREETINGS**

My Dearest Mary,  
Dearest Mary,  
My Dearest,  
Dearest,

**LOVING  
GREETINGS**

My Beloved Mary,  
My Darling Mary,  
My Sweet,  
My Darling,  
Darling,

There are similar possibilities for the closing of a friendly letter:

**FRIENDLY  
CLOSINGS**

Sincerely,  
Sincerely yours,  
Truly,  
Truly yours,  
Yours truly,  
Yours sincerely,

**AFFECTIONATE  
CLOSINGS**

Fondly,  
Affectionately,  
With fond regards,  
With sincere affection,

**LOVING  
CLOSINGS**

Love,  
Lovingly,  
With all my love,  
I love you,

Naturally, what’s considered a friendly, an affectionate, or a loving greeting and closing in a friendly letter may vary from person to person. But you can rely on the ones just listed to help you open and close a friendly letter with the degree of friendship, affection, or love you wish to express.

Now let’s look at a sample of a friendly letter. This sample will express simple friendship between a man and a woman.

June 30, 2009

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Dear Mary,

I'm sorry I haven't written sooner, but I've been away on the most wonderful trip. My friend Bill and I rented a van and traveled from Johnstown to Seattle, then from Seattle to Los Angeles, and returned home by way of the Grand Canyon.

It was the most spectacular trip. We saw mountain ranges, beautiful forestlands, deserts, and the magnificent Grand Canyon. I never expected the Grand Canyon to be so big or to be so breathtaking. Bill took several hundred pictures, and I, of course, had my video camera running all the time. I'm eager to show you what we saw.

The only bad moment came when Bill sprained his ankle hiking down a trail. I carried him piggyback all the way back to the van. We must have been quite a sight. We both laughed for a long time, even though Bill was in a lot of pain. Two days later his ankle was a lot better, and by the time we reached Johnstown, he was as right as rain.

I wish you could have been with us. But you'll have to experience our adventure through our pictures. Let's get together soon.

I hope you're well and that things are going smoothly at your new job. I look forward to seeing you.

Yours truly,  
Jim

P.S. If you want to call me, I have a new cell phone number: 555-1234.

**Exercise 5.1** Compose a friendly letter by filling in each of the following boxes with the suggested information. Put two or three sentences in each of the three boxes in the body of the letter.

Date  
Your address

Greeting

Write about something you recently bought

Write about a trip you would like to take

Write about something that happened to a family member

Closing

Sign your name

**Exercise 5.2** Compose a friendly letter by filling in each of the following boxes with the suggested information. Put two or three sentences in each of the three boxes in the body of the letter.

Date  
Your address

Greeting

Write about something bad that happened to you

Write about what has happened since then

Write about something good that happened to you

Closing

Sign your name

**Exercise 5.3** Compose a friendly letter by filling in each of the following boxes with the suggested information. Put two or three sentences in each of the three boxes in the body of the letter.

Date  
Your address

Greeting

Write about the house or apartment where you live

Write about the neighborhood or town where you live

Write about the kind of house you would like to own someday

Closing

Sign your name

**Exercise 5.4** Following the format shown in the first three exercises, write a friendly letter to a friend, a relative, or someone very close to you.



## The Business Letter

There are some important differences between a friendly letter and a business letter. And although this second kind of letter is called a *business letter*, its style is used for any kind of formal letter. It is not used exclusively for conducting business.

Most businesses have *letterhead* paper. This is paper that already has the company logo, name, and address preprinted on it. At the top of the paper you will see something like this:

JONES AND SONS  
Plumbing Done Right  
2990 West Main Street  
Johnstown, IL 60622  
(311) 555-1234

Most individuals do not use letterhead, so the examples of business letters given here will be for paper without a letterhead.

There are several possible parts to a business letter. Compare these to the parts of a friendly letter:

- Start with the date on the left. Then include your return address, about two lines below the date. Your phone number is often included immediately following your address.

June 30, 2009

2990 West Main Street  
Johnstown, IL 60622  
(311) 555-1234

- Skip a line and then type the name of the person to whom you are writing followed by the company name and address.

Ms. Mary Brown  
Jones Medical Center  
400 East Oak Street  
Johnstown, IL 60634

- If you don't know the name of the person to whom you should be writing, use an attention line to identify who should be looking at your letter (manager, accountant, etc.).

Attention: Billing Manager

- Give the subject of the letter on its own line.  
Subject: Billing Problem
- The greeting is next, followed by a colon ( : ).  
Dear Ms. Brown:
- Skip a line and then begin the body of the letter. Use as many lines or paragraphs as necessary to express why you have written to this person.  
I am a patient who . . .
- Include a polite final statement on its own line, if you wish.  
Thank you.
- Close the letter and follow it with a comma.  
Sincerely,
- Skip four lines to provide a place to sign the letter.  
[Your signature]
- Type your full name and title (Manager, Chairperson, etc.) after the space left for your signature.  
[Your typed name]  
[Your title]
- If someone else typed your letter, show your initials in capital letters (WS), followed by a slash, followed by the initials of the person who typed the letter in lower case (bk).  
WS/bk
- If you are enclosing a document with your letter, skip a line and indicate that at the end of the letter.  
Enclosure (1)

If a business letter is typewritten, it should always be single-spaced. Let's look at some sample letters.

**Sample 1** You know the name of the person to whom you are writing.

June 30, 2009

2990 West Main Street  
Johnstown, IL 60622  
(311) 555-1234

Ms. Mary Brown  
Jones Medical Center  
400 East Oak Street  
Johnstown, IL 60634

Subject: Billing Problem

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am a patient who underwent outpatient surgery on my left hand on May 3, 2009. My doctor was Dr. Wilma Jones, and I am insured by the Johnstown HMO. My insurance number is ABC2003.

On June 25, 2009, I received a bill from your office in the amount of \$2,500.00. It is my understanding that my insurer will cover \$2,400.00 of this amount.

Please contact Mr. Roger Smith at Johnstown HMO for confirmation of my insurance and to adjust my bill. Inform me of any other steps I must take to correct this error.

I have enclosed a copy of my insurance policy with this letter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

William Green  
WG/bk

Enclosure (1)

**Sample 2** You do not know the name of the person to whom you are writing.

June 30, 2009

2990 West Main Street  
Johnstown, IL 60622  
(311) 555-1234

Jones Medical Center  
400 East Oak Street  
Johnstown, IL 60634

Attention: Billing Manager

Subject: Billing Problem

I am a patient who underwent outpatient surgery on my left hand on May 3, 2009. My doctor was Dr. Wilma Jones, and I am insured by the Johnstown HMO. My insurance number is ABC2003.

On June 25, 2009, I received a bill from your office in the amount of \$2,500.00. It is my understanding that my insurer will cover \$2,400.00 of this amount.

Please contact Mr. Roger Smith at Johnstown HMO for confirmation of my insurance and to adjust my bill. Inform me of any other steps I must take to correct this error.

I have enclosed a copy of my insurance policy with this letter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

William Green  
WG/bk

Enclosure (1)

### The Body of a Business Letter

The body (content) of a business or formal letter is very different from the body of a friendly letter. A business letter isn't casual, it isn't newsy, and it doesn't contain personal details that have nothing to do with the purpose of the letter. A business letter is *brief* and *to the point*. Look at how the body of the preceding sample business letters fits into the descriptions that follow:

- The first paragraph of a business letter introduces *you* and *the subject of the letter*. (I am a patient. I had hand surgery.)
- The second paragraph describes the *details* of the reason for the letter. (I received a bill for the surgery, but I have insurance. There's a mistake.)
- If there is a third paragraph, it provides *additional information* needed to understand the reason for the letter.
- The final paragraph *summarizes what you want to happen* and can contain a word of thanks. (Contact my insurance company. Let me know what else I have to do.)
- Describe any *enclosures* in the letter. (My insurance policy.)

**Exercise 5.5** Compose a business letter by filling in each of the following boxes with the suggested information. Put two or three sentences in each of the three boxes in the body of the letter. You are complaining about a defective product.

Date

Your address

Name and address of the person you're writing to

Subject:

Greeting

Introduce yourself and the subject of the letter.

Give the details of the defective product.

Summarize what you want done.

A polite statement

Closing

Sign your name

Your name

Title (if any)

Enclosures (if any)

**Exercise 5.6** Compose a business letter by filling in each of the following boxes with the suggested information. Put two or three sentences in each of the three boxes in the body of the letter. Inquire about job opportunities in a large business.

Date

Your address

Name and address of the person you're writing to

Subject:

Greeting

Introduce yourself and the subject of the letter.

Give the details of the reason for writing the letter.

Summarize what you want to do.

A polite statement

Closing

Sign your name

Your name

Title (if any)

Enclosures (if any)

**Exercise 5.7** Compose a business letter by filling in each of the following boxes with the suggested information. Put two or three sentences in each of the three boxes in the body of the letter. Complain about a poorly heated apartment and what you want done. You do not know the name of the person to whom you are writing.

Date

Your address



Address you're writing to

Attention:

Subject:

Introduce yourself and state your complaint.

Give the details of the complaint in a polite fashion.

Summarize what you want done.

A final statement

Closing

Sign your name

Your name

Title (if any)

Enclosures (if any)

**Exercise 5.8** Write a business letter to a travel agency to get information about a trip you would like to take. You can get the address of a travel agency in the phone book.

**Exercise 5.9** Write a business letter to a professional sports team to get its schedule of games for the next season. You can get the address of a sports team in the phone book.

## 6

## Writing Original Themes

All the writing exercises you have done until now were the building blocks to get to this kind of writing: original themes. In this chapter you will create entire stories in your own words and using your own English skills. Don't be afraid to experiment or to try something unusual or fun. You should enjoy your writing.

With each exercise theme you will find suggestions for using certain grammatical structures or certain vocabulary. They are meant to guide you to writing a good theme. Naturally, you are the author of the themes and can add other kinds of structures and vocabulary and omit the suggested ones. You can decide what is most appropriate for your theme.

After you have written a theme, you can look at a sample theme of the same title in the Answer Key. That might give you some ideas for improving your theme.

**Directions:** Set a time limit for yourself of about thirty to fifty minutes. Try to use the same amount of time for each exercise. That will help you follow your progress more objectively. Look at the suggested structures and, if you wish, use them anywhere in your theme. You should write at least three paragraphs on each theme.

### Exercise 6.1 *The Car I've Always Wanted*

Include these structures:

two comparatives and three superlatives (such as *bigger*, *biggest*)

one irregular verb in the past tense (example: "I saw the accident.")

Some helpful ideas for the theme:

What are the make, model, and color of the car?

How much does it cost, and how do you get the money?

Why do you need a car?

What happened to your last car?

Some helpful vocabulary words: *brakes*, *tires*, *car dealership*, *car loan*, *tune-up*, *convertible*

**Exercise 6.2** *Death Came for a Visit*

Include these structures:

- two possessive adjectives (such as *my, your, his, her*)
- three relative pronouns (such as *that, who, which*)

Some helpful ideas for the theme:

- Who was dying?
- What happened to this person?
- What is your relationship to this person?
- How do you feel about death?

Some helpful vocabulary words: *illness, tragedy, sadness, comforting words, condolences*

**Exercise 6.3** *The Most Unforgettable Day*

Include these structures:

- two irregular verbs in the present perfect tense (example: “He has taken swimming lessons before.”)
- two reflexive pronouns (such as *myself, yourself, himself*)
- one use of the preposition *because of*

Some helpful ideas for the theme:

- Where were you on this day?
- What happened?
- Why was it so unforgettable?
- Whom were you with?

Some helpful vocabulary words: *excitement, surprise, good fortune, amazing, happiness*

**Exercise 6.4** *Peace or War*

Include these structures:

- two passive voice verbs in the past tense (example: “She was found alive.”)
- three irregular verbs

Some helpful ideas for the theme:

- What nations were in conflict?
- Why was there the possibility of war?
- Who wanted war and who wanted peace?
- Is war always bad?

Some helpful vocabulary words: *army, military, negotiations, tension, attack, diplomacy*

### Exercise 6.5 A Wedding

Include these structures:

two uses of the preposition *instead of*

two elliptical relative pronouns (example: “The man I spoke about is here.”)

one future perfect tense verb (example: “He will have been found.”)

Some helpful ideas for the theme:

Who was getting married?

Were the two families happy about the wedding?

Where did the wedding take place?

What was the celebration like?

Some helpful vocabulary words: *bride and groom, wedding ceremony, exchange of vows, in-laws, reception*

### Exercise 6.6 Credit Cards

Include these structures:

two subjunctives following *if* (example: “If he were here, I would be happy.”)

three compound sentences combined by *and*

Some helpful ideas for the theme:

Why does someone need a credit card?

How do you use a credit card?

Why are credit cards sometimes bad?

What happens if you can't pay your bills?

Some helpful vocabulary words: *ATM, shopping spree, emergencies, good (bad) credit, interest rate*

### Exercise 6.7 I Need a Vacation

Include these structures:

three possessive nouns formed with *-’s* (example: “Bill’s house”)

two future tense phrases formed from *going to* (example: “I am going to buy that.”)

Some helpful ideas for the theme:

- What are some popular vacation spots?
- Why does someone need a vacation?
- What does a vacation cost?
- What can you do on a vacation?
- Who goes along?

Some helpful vocabulary words: *travel agent, airline, beach, hotels and motels, sightseeing, dinner and dancing*

**Exercise 6.8** *The Person I Love Most*

Include these structures:

- two statements following the conjunction *that* (example: "I know that you have my money.")
- two relative clauses beginning with *that* (example: "Is she the girl that took the book?")
- one use of the adjective *that* (example: "That man is a thief.")

Some helpful ideas for the theme:

- Who is this loved person?
- Why do you love him or her?
- What is the difference between family love and romantic love?
- How does this person feel about you?

Some helpful vocabulary words: *adore, respect, personality, companionship, soul mate, engagement*

**Exercise 6.9** *If I Had a Million Dollars*

Include these structures:

- two passive voice verbs in the present perfect tense (example: "It has been destroyed.")
- three questions beginning with an interrogative word (such as *who, what, where*)

Some helpful ideas for the theme:

- How would it feel to be rich?
- What would you buy?
- Whom would you help?
- Are there problems with being rich?

Some helpful vocabulary words: *lottery, wealth, extravagance, mansion, limousine, charity*

**Exercise 6.10** *My First Job*

Include these structures:

one use of the auxiliary *ought to* (example: “You ought to get a haircut.”)

two uses of the auxiliary *have to* (example: “I have to go to work now.”)

one use of the auxiliary *be able to* (example: “She was able to walk again.”)

Some helpful ideas for the theme:

What kind of job were you looking for?

What kind of work did you do?

How much was the pay?

What was your boss like?

Why did that job end?

Some helpful vocabulary words: *manager, factory, clerk, paycheck, overtime, being fired, promotion*

**Exercise 6.11** *Your Autobiography*

Make this final exercise creative and challenging by writing the story of your own life. You will likely use all of the structures mentioned previously and you should use a wide variety of vocabulary words.

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## Appendix A

# Irregular Verbs in the Past Tense and Past Participle

### PRESENT TENSE

am, are, is

bear

beat

become

begin

bend

bet

bind

bleed

blow

break

bring

build

burn

buy

can

catch

choose

cost

creep

cut

dig

do

draw

drink

drive

eat

### PAST TENSE

was, were

bore

beat

became

began

bent

bet

bound

bled

blew

broke

brought

built

burned, burnt

bought

could

caught

chose

cost

crept

cut

dug

did

drew

drank

drove

ate

### PAST PARTICIPLE

been

born, borne

beat, beaten

become

begun

bent

bet

bound

bled

blown

broken

brought

built

burned, burnt

bought

—

caught

chosen

cost

crept

cut

dug

done

drawn

drunk

driven

eaten

**PRESENT TENSE**

fall  
feed  
feel  
fight  
find  
fly  
forget  
freeze  
get  
give  
go  
grow  
hang  
have, has  
hear  
hide  
hit  
hold  
hurt  
keep  
know  
lay  
lead  
leap  
leave  
let  
lie  
light  
lose  
make  
may  
mean  
pay  
put  
read  
ride  
ring  
rise

**PAST TENSE**

fell  
fed  
felt  
fought  
found  
flew  
forgot  
froze  
got  
gave  
went  
grew  
hung  
had  
heard  
hid  
hit  
held  
hurt  
kept  
knew  
laid  
led  
leaped, leapt  
left  
let  
lay  
lit, lighted  
lost  
made  
might  
meant  
paid  
put  
read  
rode  
rang  
rose

**PAST PARTICIPLE**

fallen  
fed  
felt  
fought  
found  
flown  
forgot, forgotten  
frozen  
got, gotten  
given  
gone  
grown  
hung  
had  
heard  
hidden  
hit  
held  
hurt  
kept  
known  
laid  
led  
leaped, leapt  
left  
let  
lain  
lit, lighted  
lost  
made  
—  
meant  
paid  
put  
read  
ridden  
rung  
risen

<b>PRESENT TENSE</b>	<b>PAST TENSE</b>	<b>PAST PARTICIPLE</b>
run	ran	run
say	said	said
see	saw	seen
sell	sold	sold
send	sent	sent
shake	shook	shaken
shoot	shot	shot
show	showed	shown
shut	shut	shut
sing	sang	sung
sink	sank	sunk
sit	sat	sat
sleep	slept	slept
speak	spoke	spoken
speed	sped	sped
spend	spent	spent
spring	sprang	sprung
stand	stood	stood
steal	stole	stolen
stink	stank, stunk	stunk
swear	swore	sworn
swim	swam	swum
take	took	taken
teach	taught	taught
tear	tore	torn
tell	told	told
think	thought	thought
throw	threw	thrown
understand	understood	understood
wear	wore	worn
wed	wedded	wedded, wed
will	would	—
win	won	won
work	worked, wrought	worked, wrought
write	wrote	written

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# Appendix B

## Verbs and Tenses

### 1 The Regular Present Tense

<b>PRONOUN</b>	<b>TO WORK</b>	<b>TO BORROW</b>
I	work	borrow
you	work	borrow
he/she/it	works	borrow
we	work	borrow
you (pl.)	work	borrow
they	work	borrow

### 2 The Regular Present Tense: Stem Ending with *s/sh*

<b>PRONOUN</b>	<b>TO KISS</b>	<b>TO WASH</b>
I	kiss	wash
you	kiss	wash
he/she/it	kisses	washes
we	kiss	wash
you (pl.)	kiss	wash
they	kiss	wash

### 3 The Regular Present Tense: Stem Ending in Consonant -y

<b>PRONOUN</b>	<b>TO TRY</b>	<b>TO FLY</b>
I	try	fly
you	try	fly
he/she/it	tries	flies

<b>PRONOUN</b>	<b>TO TRY</b>	<b>TO FLY</b>
we	try	fly
you (pl.)	try	fly
they	try	fly

#### 4 The Present Tense: Stem Ending in Vowel -y

<b>PRONOUN</b>	<b>TO SAY</b>	<b>TO BUY</b>
I	say	buy
you	say	buy
he/she/it	says	buys
we	say	buy
you (pl.)	say	buy
they	say	buy

#### 5 The Present Tense: Stem Ending in Vowel

<b>PRONOUN</b>	<b>TO GO</b>	<b>TO DO</b>
I	go	do
you	go	do
he/she/it	goes	does
we	go	do
you (pl.)	go	do
they	go	do

#### 6 The Present Tense: Modal Auxiliaries

<b>PRONOUN</b>	<b>MUST</b>	<b>SHOULD</b>	<b>TO BE ABLE TO</b>	<b>TO HAVE TO</b>
I	must	should	am able to	have to
you	must	should	are able to	have to
he/she/it	must	should	is able to	has to
we	must	should	are able to	have to
you (pl.)	must	should	are able to	have to
they	must	should	are able to	have to

## 7 The Present Tense: Progressive or Incomplete

<b>PRONOUN</b>	<b>TO BE</b>	<b>TO HURRY</b>	<b>TO FEEL</b>
I	am being	am hurrying	am feeling
you	are being	are hurrying	are feeling
he/she/it	is being	is hurrying	is feeling
we	are being	are hurrying	are feeling
you (pl.)	are being	are hurrying	are feeling
they	are being	are hurrying	are feeling

## 8 The Irregular Present Tense

<b>PRONOUN</b>	<b>TO BE</b>	<b>TO HAVE</b>
I	am	have
you	are	have
he/she/it	is	has
we	are	have
you (pl.)	are	have
they	are	have

## 9 The Regular Past Tense

<b>PRONOUN</b>	<b>TO PLAY</b>	<b>TO ASK</b>
I	played	asked
you	played	asked
he/she/it	played	asked
we	played	asked
you (pl.)	played	asked
they	played	asked

## 10 The Irregular Past Tense: Vowel Change

<b>PRONOUN</b>	<b>TO KNOW</b>	<b>TO SEE</b>
I	knew	saw
you	knew	saw
he/she/it	knew	saw
we	knew	saw
you (pl.)	knew	saw
they	knew	saw

## 11 The Irregular Past Tense: Consonant/ Consonant-Vowel Change

<b>PRONOUN</b>	<b>TO MAKE</b>	<b>TO DO</b>
I	made	did
you	made	did
he/she/it	made	did
we	made	did
you (pl.)	made	did
they	made	did

## 12 The Irregular Past Tense: Radical Change

<b>PRONOUN</b>	<b>TO GO</b>	<b>TO BE</b>
I	went	was
you	went	were
he/she/it	went	was
we	went	were
you (pl.)	went	were
they	went	were

## 13 The Irregular Past Tense: Full Stem Change

<b>PRONOUN</b>	<b>TO BUY</b>	<b>TO TEACH</b>
I	bought	taught
you	bought	taught
he/she/it	bought	taught
we	bought	taught
you (pl.)	bought	taught
they	bought	taught

## 14 The Past Tense: Modal Auxiliaries

<b>PRONOUN</b>	<b>MUST</b>	<b>SHOULD</b>	<b>TO BE ABLE TO</b>	<b>TO HAVE TO</b>
I	must have	should have	was able to	had to
you	must have	should have	were able to	had to
he/she/it	must have	should have	was able to	had to



PRONOUN	<b>MUST</b>	<b>SHOULD</b>	<b>TO BE ABLE TO</b>	<b>TO HAVE TO</b>
we	must have	should have	were able to	had to
you (pl.)	must have	should have	were able to	had to
they	must have	should have	were able to	had to

## 15 The Past Tense: Progressive or Incomplete

PRONOUN	<b>TO BE</b>	<b>TO HURRY</b>	<b>TO FEEL</b>
I	was being	was hurrying	was feeling
you	were being	were hurrying	were feeling
he/she/it	was being	was hurrying	was feeling
we	were being	were hurrying	were feeling
you (pl.)	were being	were hurrying	were feeling
they	were being	were hurrying	were feeling

## 16 The Present and Past Perfect Tense of Regular Verbs

PRONOUN	<b>TO LOOK</b>	<b>TO TRY</b>
I	have/had looked	have/had tried
you	have/had looked	have/had tried
he/she/it	has/had looked	has/had tried
we	have/had looked	have/had tried
you (pl.)	have/had looked	have/had tried
they	have/had looked	have/had tried

## 17 The Irregular Present and Past Perfect Tenses: Participles Ending in -t

PRONOUN	<b>TO KEEP</b>	<b>TO SLEEP</b>	<b>TO SEND</b>
I	have/had kept	have/had slept	have/had sent
you	have/had kept	have/had slept	have/had sent
he/she/it	has/had kept	has/had slept	has/had sent
we	have/had kept	have/had slept	have/had sent
you (pl.)	have/had kept	have/had slept	have/had sent
they	have/had kept	have/had slept	have/had sent

## 18 The Irregular Present and Past Perfect Tenses: Participles Ending in *-en*

PRONOUN	TO SPEAK	TO TAKE
I	have/had spoken	have/had taken
you	have/had spoken	have/had taken
he/she/it	has/had spoken	has/had taken
we	have/had spoken	have/had taken
you (pl.)	have/had spoken	have/had taken
they	have/had spoken	have/had taken

## 19 The Irregular Present and Past Perfect Tenses: Varied Participle Endings

PRONOUN	TO GO	TO FIND	TO CUT	TO SING
I	have/had gone	have/had found	have/had cut	have/had sung
you	have/had gone	have/had found	have/had cut	have/had sung
he/she/it	has/had gone	has/had found	has/had cut	has/had sung
we	have/had gone	have/had found	have/had cut	have/had sung
you (pl.)	have/had gone	have/had found	have/had cut	have/had sung
they	have/had gone	have/had found	have/had cut	have/had sung

## 20 The Present and Past Perfect Tenses: Progressive or Incomplete

PRONOUN	TO GO	TO SAY
I	have/had been going	have/had been saying
you	have/had been going	have/had been saying
he/she/it	has/had been going	has/had been saying
we	have/had been going	have/had been saying
you (pl.)	have/had been going	have/had been saying
they	have/had been going	have/had been saying

## 21 The Future Tense

<b>PRONOUN</b>	<b>TO HOPE</b>	<b>TO UNDERSTAND</b>
I*	will hope	will understand
you	will hope	will understand
he/she/it	will hope	will understand
we*	will hope	will understand
you (pl.)	will hope	will understand
they	will hope	will understand

\*In formal style, **shall** replaces **will**.

## 22 The Future Tense: Progressive or Incomplete

<b>PRONOUN</b>	<b>TO GO</b>	<b>TO SAY</b>
I*	will be going	will be saying
you	will be going	will be saying
he/she/it	will be going	will be saying
we*	will be going	will be saying
you (pl.)	will be going	will be saying
they	will be going	will be saying

\*In formal style, **shall** replaces **will**.

## 23 The Future Perfect Tense

<b>PRONOUN</b>	<b>TO LOOK</b>	<b>TO SPEAK</b>
I*	will have looked	will have spoken
you	will have looked	will have spoken
he/she/it	will have looked	will have spoken
we*	will have looked	will have spoken
you (pl.)	will have looked	will have spoken
they	will have looked	will have spoken

\*In formal style, **shall** replaces **will**.

## 24 The Future Perfect Tense: Progressive or Incomplete

### PRONOUN

I\*  
you  
he/she/it  
we\*  
you (pl.)  
they

### TO GO

will have been going  
will have been going  
will have been going  
will have been going  
will have been going  
will have been going

### TO SAY

will have been saying  
will have been saying  
will have been saying  
will have been saying  
will have been saying  
will have been saying

\*In formal style, **shall** replaces **will**.

## 25 The Present Subjunctive

### PRONOUN

I  
you  
he/she/it  
we  
you (pl.)  
they

### TO BE

be  
be  
be  
be  
be  
be

### TO HAVE

have  
have  
have  
have  
have  
have

### TO DO

do  
do  
do  
do  
do  
do

### TO LOOK

look  
look  
look  
look  
look  
look

## 26 The Past Subjunctive

### PRONOUN

I  
you  
he/she/it  
we  
you (pl.)  
they

### TO BE

were  
were  
were  
were  
were  
were

### TO HAVE

had  
had  
had  
had  
had  
had

### TO DO

did  
did  
did  
did  
did  
did

### TO LOOK

looked  
looked  
looked  
looked  
looked  
looked

## 27 The Past Subjunctive: *Would*

<b>PRONOUN</b>	<b><i>TO BE</i></b>	<b><i>TO SEE</i></b>
I	would be	would see
you	would be	would see
he/she/it	would be	would see
we	would be	would see
you (pl.)	would be	would see
they	would be	would see

## 28 The Passive Voice

<b>PRONOUN</b>	<b><i>TO BE HELPED</i></b>	<b><i>TO BE SEEN</i></b>	<b><i>TO BE LEFT</i></b>
I	am helped	am seen	am left
you	are helped	are seen	are left
he/she/it	is helped	is seen	is left
we	are helped	are seen	are left
you (pl.)	are helped	are seen	are left
they	are helped	are seen	are left

## 29 The Passive Voice: Progressive or Incomplete

<b>PRONOUN</b>	<b><i>TO BE HELPED</i></b>	<b><i>TO BE SEEN</i></b>	<b><i>TO BE LEFT</i></b>
I	am being helped	am being seen	am being left
you	are being helped	are being seen	are being left
he/she/it	is being helped	is being seen	is being left
we	are being helped	are being seen	are being left
you (pl.)	are being helped	are being seen	are being left
they	are being helped	are being seen	are being left

## 30 The Passive Voice: Various Tenses

Examples given in the third-person singular.

<b>TENSE</b>	<b>TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>	<b>TO BE TAKEN</b>
Present	it is announced	it is taken
Past	it was announced	it was taken
Present Perfect	it has been announced	it has been taken
Past Perfect	it had been announced	it had been taken
Future	it will be announced	it will be taken

## 31 The Imperative

<b>COMMAND TYPE</b>	<b>TO BE</b>	<b>TO GO</b>	<b>TO HAVE</b>
you	Be.	Run.	Have.
you (pl.)	Be.	Run.	Have.
Let's	Let's be.	Let's run.	Let's have.

# Answer Key

## Exercise 1.1

1. Her brother looked for us. Her brother had looked for us. Her brother will look for us.
2. Are you looking for your wallet? Have you been looking for your wallet? Had you been looking for your wallet? Will you be looking for your wallet?
3. Does she help Tom? Did she help Tom? Has she helped Tom? Had she helped Tom?
4. I don't fill out the application. I didn't fill out the application. I hadn't filled out the application. I won't fill out the application.
5. Did they play soccer? Have they played soccer? Had they played soccer? Will they play soccer?
6. He is making a good salary. He was making a good salary. He has been making a good salary. He had been making a good salary.
7. Juan visits his aunt and uncle. Juan visited his aunt and uncle. Juan has visited his aunt and uncle. Juan will visit his aunt and uncle. Juan will have visited his aunt and uncle.
8. She carries the child to her bed. She has carried the child to her bed. She had carried the child to her bed. She will carry the child to her bed.
9. My sister often dated Michael. My sister has often dated Michael. My sister had often dated Michael. My sister will often date Michael.
10. They hire him. They hired him. They had hired him. They will hire him.
11. How do they do that? How have they done that? How had they done that? How will they do that?
12. The boys never eat broccoli. The boys never ate broccoli. The boys have never eaten broccoli. The boys had never eaten broccoli.
13. I was studying for an exam. I have been studying for an exam. I had been studying for an exam. I will be studying for an exam.

14. The manager fires the entire staff. The manager fired the entire staff.  
The manager has fired the entire staff. The manager will fire the entire staff.
15. She teaches herself to play the guitar. She has taught herself to play the guitar. She had taught herself to play the guitar. She will teach herself to play the guitar.

### Exercise 1.2

1. Her brother was very rich. Her brother had been very rich. Her brother will be very rich.
2. Are the children good? Have the children been good? Had the children been good? Will the children be good?
3. Is she ill? Was she ill? Has she been ill? Had she been ill?
4. I am not angry at all. I was not angry at all. I had not been angry at all. I will not be angry at all.
5. Did you go there often? Have you gone there often? Had you gone there often? Will you go there often?
6. What do you do? What did you do? What have you done? What had you done?
7. The girls have a bad day. The girls had a bad day. The girls have had a bad day. The girls will have a bad day. The girls will have had a bad day.
8. Maria has ten dollars. Maria has had ten dollars. Maria had had ten dollars. Maria will have ten dollars.
9. My brother did nothing all day. My brother has done nothing all day. My brother had done nothing all day. My brother will do nothing all day.
10. They don't go to the movies. They didn't go to the movies. They hadn't gone to the movies. They won't go to the movies.
11. We get a letter from a distant relative. We have gotten a letter from a distant relative. We had gotten a letter from a distant relative. We will get a letter from a distant relative.
12. Don't you expect that? Didn't you expect that? Haven't you expected that? Won't you expect that?
13. Mr. Phillips was writing a novel. Mr. Phillips has been writing a novel. Mr. Phillips had been writing a novel. Mr. Phillips will be writing a novel.
14. Carmen doesn't believe you. Carmen didn't believe you. Carmen hasn't believed you. Carmen hadn't believed you.
15. Do you stop for gas there? Did you stop for gas there? Had you stopped for gas there? Will you stop for gas there?



**Exercise 1.3**

1. Mark liked the new girl. Mark had liked the new girl. Mark will like the new girl.
2. Her boss was trying to understand. Her boss has been trying to understand. Her boss will be trying to understand.
3. The letter carriers go into the office. The letter carriers have gone into the office. The letter carriers had gone into the office. The letter carriers will go into the office. The letter carriers will have gone into the office.
4. Are you talking to Richard? Have you been talking to Richard? Had you been talking to Richard? Will you be talking to Richard?
5. His son breaks a window. His son broke a window. His son had broken a window. His son will break a window.
6. The secretary is writing letters. The secretary was writing letters. The secretary had been writing letters. The secretary will be writing letters.
7. Don't you sing, too? Didn't you sing, too? Haven't you sung, too? Hadn't you sung, too?
8. They aren't going shopping. They weren't going shopping. They haven't been going shopping. They hadn't been going shopping.
9. Carlos gets up before dawn. Carlos got up before dawn. Carlos has gotten up before dawn. Carlos had gotten up before dawn. Carlos will get up before dawn.
10. By seven-thirty he leaves for home. By seven-thirty he left for home. By seven-thirty he has left for home. By seven-thirty he had left for home. By seven-thirty he will leave for home.
11. Ms. Jones arrived by noon. Ms. Jones has arrived by noon. Ms. Jones had arrived by noon. Ms. Jones will arrive by noon. Ms. Jones will have arrived by noon.
12. He does nothing. He did nothing. He has done nothing. He will do nothing. He will have done nothing.
13. She exercises before breakfast. She exercised before breakfast. She has exercised before breakfast. She had exercised before breakfast. She will have exercised before breakfast.
14. The chef roasts a turkey. The chef has roasted a turkey. The chef had roasted a turkey. The chef will roast a turkey. The chef will have roasted a turkey.
15. Little Tommy probably breaks it. Little Tommy probably broke it. Little Tommy has probably broken it. Little Tommy had probably broken it. Little Tommy will probably break it.

**Exercise 1.4** Note that these are example answers. Your pronouns may differ.

1. Was he on time? Have I been on time? Had she been on time? Will they be on time?
2. Doesn't he like the book? Hadn't you liked the book? Won't they like the book?
3. We are driving very slowly. You were driving very slowly. They had been driving very slowly. She will be driving very slowly.
4. I find him just in time. You found him just in time. She has found him just in time. They will find him just in time. He will have found him just in time.
5. I arrange a party for her. You arranged a party for her. He has arranged a party for her. She had arranged a party for her. We will have arranged a party for her.
6. She brings it home by noon. I brought it home by noon. You have brought it home by noon. They had brought it home by noon. We will bring it home by noon.
7. I ate too much. He has eaten too much. She had eaten too much. We will eat too much.
8. You put the tools back before lunch. He has put the tools back before lunch. She had put the tools back before lunch. We will put the tools back before lunch. They will have put the tools back before lunch.
9. I cut out the dress before bedtime. You have cut out the dress before bedtime. He had cut out the dress before bedtime. We will cut out the dress before bedtime. They will have cut out the dress before bedtime.
10. I steal the money by midnight. You stole the money by midnight. They had stolen the money by midnight. She will steal the money by midnight.
11. We gain nothing by doing this. We gained nothing by doing this. We have gained nothing by doing this. We had gained nothing by doing this. We will have gained nothing by doing this.
12. They got up by seven A.M. They have gotten up by seven A.M. They had gotten up by seven A.M. They will get up by seven A.M. They will have gotten up by seven A.M.
13. Who wins the contest? Who won the contest? Who had won the contest? Who will win the contest? Who will have won the contest?
14. You don't understand a thing he said. You haven't understood a thing he said. You hadn't understood a thing he said. You won't understand a thing he said. You won't have understood a thing he said.
15. I depart before dawn. I departed before dawn. I have departed before dawn. I had departed before dawn. I will have departed before dawn.

**Exercise 1.5**

1. Are they going to bring some dessert along?
2. I'm going to be home at midnight.
3. The janitor is going to sweep the offices after closing time.
4. He isn't going to return the money he borrowed.
5. This movie is going to be very exciting.
6. The party is going to be held at Maria's house.
7. Is Martin going to apply for a new job?
8. She is probably going to spend the night at Mary's apartment.
9. Are you going to order a hamburger or a hot dog?
10. The boys are going to clean the kitchen for you.
11. Someone is going to get a wonderful surprise today.
12. Professor Martin is going to travel to Egypt.
13. Are James and Tina going to attend the concert?
14. Michael and I are going to prepare lunch for you.
15. Are you going to be at home tonight?

**Exercise 1.6**

1. Could you hear me well enough? (Were you able to hear me well enough?) Have you been able to hear me well enough? Had you been able to hear me well enough? Will you be able to hear me well enough?
2. Martin wants to buy a car. Martin has wanted to buy a car. Martin had wanted to buy a car. Martin will want to buy a car.
3. I am supposed to go home by eight o'clock. I had been supposed to go home by eight o'clock.
4. Might I try on your new coat?
5. She was not able to visit you today. She has not been able to visit you today. She had not been able to visit you today. She will not be able to visit you today.
6. Do you have to study before the test? Did you have to study before the test? Had you had to study before the test? Will you have to study before the test? Will you have had to study before the test?
7. one tense = shouldn't
8. one tense = ought to
9. Juan had to work all day. Juan has had to work all day. Juan had had to work all day. Juan will have to work all day. Juan will have had to work all day.

10. She doesn't need to get there on time. She didn't need to get there on time. She hasn't needed to get there on time. She won't need to get there on time.
11. They can't unlock the door. They haven't been able to unlock the door. They hadn't been able to unlock the door. They won't be able to unlock the door.
12. I never want to become a lawyer. I never wanted to become a lawyer. I have never wanted to become a lawyer. I will never want to become a lawyer.
13. Jack needed to find work again. Jack has needed to find work again. Jack had needed to find work again. Jack will need to find work again.
14. Are you able to / Can you stand up? Were you able to / Could you stand up? Have you been able to stand up? Had you been able to stand up?
15. Susan had to get to work on time. Susan has had to get to work on time. Susan had had to get to work on time. Susan will have to get to work on time.

### Exercise 1.7

1. James wants to borrow a book from Maria.
2. I needed to find some extra money.
3. Mr. Sanchez must leave his luggage at the door.
4. Could you already speak English as a child?
5. We haven't been able to write the whole assignment.
6. You were supposed to help me.
7. The children ought to be careful.
8. Why should they live in that little apartment?
9. I have often wanted to travel to Europe.
10. Nick may read all the books on the top shelf.
11. We will have to take the train as far as Chicago.
12. They were able to speak with very little accent.
13. Can you help the child tie his shoes?
14. The designers are supposed to turn their work in on time.
15. Will Victor have to work overtime tomorrow?

### Exercise 1.8

1. We don't go to the movies.
2. He doesn't eat so fast.
3. After supper we took a little nap.

4. Tomorrow I'll go shopping for a new hat.
5. Why do you always lie to me?
6. Theresa hasn't helped her grandmother this week.
7. The guests leave their coats at the door.
8. Vera got everyone a little gift.
9. If you contact me after nine o'clock, call this number.
10. At what time do we go for lunch?
11. The tourists go to the museum early.
12. Juanita goes out on a date with Richard.
13. This is enough.
14. I see the Grand Canyon.
15. My nephew didn't repair his car yet.
16. Don't you understand?
17. I washed the car today.
18. They will certainly want to visit the Grand Canyon.
19. The twins spent the afternoon in their room.
20. No one works so hard.

**Exercise 1.9** Sample answers are provided.

1. must
2. can
3. must
4. wants to
5. need to
6. are supposed to
7. should
8. can
9. has to
10. want to
11. should
12. May
13. may
14. must
15. wanted to
16. must
17. have to
18. can
19. need to
20. have to

**Exercise 1.10** Sample phrases are provided.

1. eat so much
2. come home
3. to get out of bed
4. borrow your car
5. help out
6. to go right home
7. to buy her a gift
8. travel to Mexico
9. take some time off from work
10. have the next dance
11. swear so much
12. find time for you
13. relax more
14. fire her
15. drink so much

**Exercise 1.11**

1. Is the window repaired? Has the window been repaired? Had the window been repaired? Will the window be repaired? Will the window have been repaired?
2. The dog is struck by a car. The dog has been struck by a car. The dog had been struck by a car. The dog will be struck by a car. The dog will have been struck by a car.
3. The package is shipped by rail. The package was shipped by rail. The package had been shipped by rail. The package will be shipped by rail. The package will have been shipped by rail.
4. Everything is arranged. Everything was arranged. Everything had been arranged. Everything will be arranged. Everything will have been arranged.
5. The fort is attacked at dawn. The fort was attacked at dawn. The fort has been attacked at dawn. The fort will be attacked at dawn. The fort will have been attacked at dawn.
6. Her driver's license is taken away. Her driver's license was taken away. Her driver's license has been taken away. Her driver's license will be taken away. Her driver's license will have been taken away.

7. A new song is written for the rock concert. A new song was written for the rock concert. A new song has been written for the rock concert. A new song had been written for the rock concert. A new song will have been written for the rock concert.
8. Is the injured man rescued in time? Was the injured man rescued in time? Has the injured man been rescued in time? Had the injured man been rescued in time? Will the injured man have been rescued in time?
9. Isn't the damage noticed by then? Wasn't the damage noticed by then? Hasn't the damage been noticed by then? Hadn't the damage been noticed by then? Won't the damage be noticed by then?
10. The king was whisked away to safety. The king has been whisked away to safety. The king had been whisked away to safety. The king will be whisked away to safety. The king will have been whisked away to safety.
11. Our candidate is elected before noon. Our candidate was elected before noon. Our candidate has been elected before noon. Our candidate had been elected before noon. Our candidate will have been elected before noon.
12. A protester was being removed from the meeting. A protester has been removed from the meeting. A protester had been removed from the meeting. A protester will be removed from the meeting. A protester will have been removed from the meeting.
13. He is sentenced to a week in jail. He was sentenced to a week in jail. He had been sentenced to a week in jail. He will be sentenced to a week in jail. He will have been sentenced to a week in jail.
14. Is the dessert prepared in time? Has the dessert been prepared in time? Had the dessert been prepared in time? Will the dessert be prepared in time? Will the dessert have been prepared in time?
15. She is warned against saying that. She was warned against saying that. She has been warned against saying that. She will be warned against saying that. She will have been warned against saying that.

### Exercise 1.12

1. being
2. attacked
3. was
4. been
5. be

6. changed
7. spoken
8. wasn't
9. blown
10. been
11. has not
12. declared
13. be
14. being
15. is
16. were
17. is going
18. broken
19. be
20. to be

**Exercise 1.13**

1. speak
2. sing
3. find
4. be
5. had
6. would be
7. played . . . would win
8. would have bought . . . had been
9. were
10. hire
11. had seen . . . would have reported
12. live
13. would speak . . . smiled
14. would have helped . . . had known
15. be
16. had helped
17. come
18. would come
19. learn
20. were / would approve



**Exercise 1.14**

1. If Jorge had been at home, he would have answered the telephone.
2. If you had earned enough money, you would have been able to buy the car.
3. If Alicia had sent him a picture, he would have been the happiest man alive.
4. I wouldn't have said such a thing if I had been the boss.
5. My brother would have sold the old radio if it had been his.
6. Would you really have kissed me if I had asked you to?
7. If Mr. Johnson had gotten a ticket, his wife would have been very angry with him.
8. If it had snowed, they would have had to go skiing.
9. If Robert had overslept again, he would have lost his job.
10. If only my sister had been here.
11. Would you have trusted me again if I had given you my word of honor?
12. I wouldn't have liked it at all if Barbara had gone out with Bill.
13. If the carpenter had had time, he would have built you a nice cabinet.
14. If he had known the truth, he wouldn't have written such a nasty letter.
15. If Enrique had worked harder, he wouldn't have needed to work overtime.
16. If she had seen the movie, she would have understood why I like it.
17. It would have helped a little if you had loaned us a few dollars.
18. Would you really have married Jim if he had proposed to you?
19. If you had been a rich man, you could have helped / would have been able to help feed the poor.
20. If that had been the case, I would immediately have agreed with you.

**Exercise 1.15**

1. If only he saw the truck in time.
2. I wouldn't give her the money if I knew why she wanted it.
3. Would you care if I went out on a date with Carmen?
4. Maria would have to stay overnight if she missed the last train.
5. If I didn't have a flat tire, I wouldn't miss the sale.
6. If only you were able to (could) forgive me.
7. The boss would fire her if he saw her sleeping on the job.
8. If he needed to borrow some money, he would come to me.
9. The thief would be caught if the police arrived sooner.

10. If the computer were repaired, the data files would be finished on time.
11. Mary would slap his face if he tried to kiss her.
12. If they arrived by noon, we would be able to have lunch together.
13. If only you were a better student.
14. Bill would become an artist if he had some money to live on.
15. There would finally be peace if the diplomats signed the treaty.

**Exercise 1.16** Sample phrases are provided.

1. she would have said hello
2. you would lend me the money
3. were here
4. you showed me the way there
5. you had been nicer to him
6. you had more time
7. John weren't so lazy
8. Maria had been in town
9. you would have been able to buy the car
10. they won the lottery

**Exercise 1.17**

1. We went to bed early because it was such a tiring day.
2. Can you tell me where John is working?
3. Monday is the first day of classes, and I still have to buy some books.
4. Juan is my only brother, but I haven't seen him in a year.
5. The weather is terrible today; however, the parade went on as planned.
6. She started crying when I told her I love her.
7. I don't understand how you can live in the city.
8. The soldiers let out a cheer, for the war had finally ended.
9. Tom will help you if you pay him a few dollars.
10. We didn't know where she was hiding.
11. Let me know when you will be home.
12. It's been a long time since I last saw you.
13. Do your very best, but be careful.
14. She suddenly understood where Father got the money.
15. It's difficult to understand why we should help you.
16. I cannot read your writing, therefore I have to give you a failing grade.
17. Does anyone have an idea when the train will arrive?
18. Because you are so stubborn, I won't argue with you any longer.

19. Marie comes from France, and Juanita comes from Mexico.
20. This vacation was a very good idea, and I'm glad I came along.

**Exercise 1.18** Sample phrases are provided.

1. played till dusk
2. I still enjoy living here
3. he hates working with numbers
4. going to work today was out of the question
5. the storm appeared to be getting worse
6. I suggest we stop the project
7. I'll continue to try to raise the money
8. we promise to pay him back soon
9. the dinosaurs became extinct
10. the problem is
11. he ever became our mayor
12. the fight started
13. the lights went out
14. the treasure was buried
15. the blizzard continues
16. it's still hard to trust you
17. we all can go home
18. the man pulled a gun from his shirt
19. you get a promotion
20. I'll get paid

**Exercise 1.19** Sample phrases are provided.

1. The bear stopped and looked at me
2. I cared for it every day
3. Jim waited two hours at the door
4. She hid under an awning
5. He bought them dinner
6. There were no buses running
7. I often listen to jazz
8. they can begin their own business
9. No one understands
10. I don't think you know
11. I don't have any idea
12. The report suggested
13. there was a long line at the front door

14. I laughed out loud
15. Please tell me
16. If you had only invited me
17. John won't be coming to the party
18. a famous writer once lived.
19. Bill doesn't understand
20. A thunderstorm suddenly came up

**Exercise 1.20**

1. *He* stood up slowly and looked at the jury.
2. When I saw *them* on the corner, I gave a little wave.
3. I knew that *she* was our new boss.
4. Dr. Brown often wrote about *it* in her diary.
5. *They* were really much worse than mine.
6. I truly liked *his* daughter a lot.
7. *We* hoped to buy a car together.
8. I'd help if *her* brother would help.
9. I think that the last two chairs at the table are *ours*.
10. You ought to have a few words with *him*.
11. *We* had been hoping to see Aunt Susan again.
12. *It* is terrible.
13. No one told *them* that there is no school today.
14. I'd really like to dance with *them* (*both of them*).
15. John gave *us* tickets to the baseball game.

**Exercise 1.21**

1. *Their* bedroom needs to be painted.
2. Have you met *his* relatives?
3. It looks like *its* trunk is scratched.
4. Why is *its* cover torn off?
5. Her aunt is a physician in one of *its* clinics.
6. *His* neighbor used to work as a gardener.
7. *Her* voice began to crack.
8. Was *her* husband a carpenter, too?
9. *It* is really too small for their family.
10. I'd like to see *their* new house sometime.
11. Are *their* wives going to be at the party?

12. I still hope to visit *her* family in Spain.
13. Where are *their* tools?
14. *Their* cages need to be cleaned out.
15. No one was aware of *his* financial problems.

**Exercise 1.22**

1. ourselves
2. him
3. myself
4. her, herself
5. them
6. himself
7. yourselves
8. itself
9. themselves
10. them
11. her
12. him, himself
13. it
14. yourself
15. ourselves
16. himself
17. her
18. me
19. themselves
20. itself

**Exercise 1.23** Sample answers are provided.

1. a. I live in Boston. b. The girls like me. c. This is my new car.
2. a. You have a nice smile. b. She spoke with you. c. Is this your house?
3. a. She came from India. b. Where did you see her? c. Her family is large.
4. a. We need some cash. b. He did it for us. c. This is our new puppy.
5. a. They belong in a safe. b. Where did you buy them? c. Their nephew is a cadet.
6. a. It sat on the fence. b. Did you see it? c. Its eyes were blood red.
7. a. He lived in Mexico. b. Do you know him? c. This is his father.
8. a. You all belong to the same club. b. My father met you in California.  
c. Your cars are lined up on Main Street.

**Exercise 1.24**

1. We decided to buy the newspaper that was printed in London.
2. Helena caught a fish that was nearly two feet long.
3. Are you going to rent the apartment in which William lived?
4. I have often chatted with the policeman that my father knows.
5. There was a horrible storm, which destroyed many trees.
6. We're going to the beach that my grandparents live near.
7. May I have the bike that is in need of repair?
8. They all like the new boss, who got them pay raises.
9. David's mother is in the hospital, which is located on Main Street.
10. Do you have the money that I put on this table?
11. The children were lost in the forest in which an ugly witch lived.
12. I don't understand the problem that you wrote about in your letter.
13. Several men found the bear whose cubs had died.
14. She shouldn't wear the dress that has a stain on it.
15. They captured the officer whose troops attacked the fort.
16. That's the factory that my brothers work in.
17. Martin sold the three bicycles, which he found abandoned in the alley.
18. Maria received the money from her aunt, to whom she sent a thank-you note.
19. I have a taste for something that is cool and refreshing.
20. Let's try on the skirt that has fewer pleats.

**Exercise 1.25**

1. She agreed to buy the car I saw in the city.
2. Do you have the money I lent you?
3. Where's the lamp I put on this table?
4. That's the fellow I got the tickets from.
5. Tom got a job in the factory my father works in.
6. Where did you find the books I lost?
7. Juan wrote the poem Maria is reading right now.
8. Help me find the kitten the dog chased into the garden.
9. There's the airline pilot we visited last week.
10. The thief stole the camera I had placed on this bench a moment ago.
11. This is the heroic boy the reporter wrote about.
12. I was the one who bought the bottle of beer Robert drank.
13. Our boss fired the woman he had argued with.

14. Carmen lived in the same town I lived in years ago.
15. Why did you break the window Dad just repaired?
16. Do you want the old clock I found in the attic?
17. We met the man I received a scholarship from.
18. I approached the man they accused of stealing my wallet.
19. No one can identify the fossils you told me about.
20. Have you seen the statue the artist sculpted last week?

**Exercise 1.26** Sample phrases are provided.

1. was famous for its beauty
2. I learned so much about America
3. just jumped that fence
4. he admires very much
5. he wrote in his youth
6. blocks the road to California
7. they made in England
8. is easier to use
9. jokes are so funny
10. you got your change
11. Tom told us about
12. must have cost a fortune
13. she wrote about in her letters
14. cannot be resolved easily
15. he gave her on their anniversary

**Exercise 1.27**

1. I helped the young student, whose grades were terrible.
2. Where's the fellow whose car won't start?
3. I bought an old car, the interior of which was in bad condition.
4. Where's the woman whose husband still lives in Mexico?
5. I need a carton, the size of which has to be two feet by three feet by three feet.
6. Juan discovered a cave, the ceiling of which was more than thirty feet high.
7. The doctor examined the child whose temperature was over one hundred degrees.
8. The teacher punished the boys whose behavior was awful.

9. He reread the words, the meaning of which was beyond his understanding.
10. Juanita tasted the cake, the flavor of which was wonderful.
11. He bought a bouquet of roses, whose color / the color of which is deep red.
12. She gently petted the puppy, whose coat was soft and silky.
13. Laura met Mr. Cane, whose relatives still live in England.
14. I covered the boiling pot whose smell / the smell of which made me ill.
15. Jeff danced with the girls whose father was his boss.
16. In the mountains they encountered a hiker whose face was unshaven and sweaty.
17. Do you know our brother's friend, whose mother owns the bank.
18. She loved the music whose sound / the sound of which filled the air.
19. I saw Mr. Johnson, whose son is still ill, while shopping at the mall.
20. He kicked the box, whose contents / the contents of which was our china, into the other room.

**Exercise 1.28**

1. The young man's
2. of her eyes
3. the jury's
4. the captain's
5. The women's
6. of his words
7. Our teams'
8. our team's
9. of these countries
10. Thomas'
11. of the poem
12. The men's
13. the lions'
14. of Switzerland
15. your children's
16. of the concert
17. The geese's
18. of these countries
19. Our students'
20. The little puppy's



**Exercise 1.29**

1. *The geese* had laid *golden eggs*.
2. *My uncles* bought *the houses* at the edge of town.
3. *The churches* were damaged by *the storms*.
4. *Soldiers* carried *the helpless infants* to safety.
5. Did *the women* find *their children*?
6. *Strange men* came up to *the windows* and looked in.
7. *Their bosses* are going to fire *the new employees*.
8. *Large boards* fell on Juan and broke *his feet*.
9. *The cities* are too far from *the factories*.
10. *The nurses* covered *the patients* with *heavy blankets*.
11. *Our neighbors* need *the tools* right now.
12. *Whose children* gave you *those magazines*?
13. We saw *the strangers* in *the back rooms*.
14. The dentist has to pull *the infected teeth*.
15. Don't break *the dishes*!

**Exercise 1.30**

1. The boys'
2. the animals
3. your parents'
4. the men's
5. Mr. Roberts'
6. of names
7. the airports
8. a grown woman
9. of soup
10. eggs
11. the boss'
12. The tourist's
13. my brother's
14. his stories
15. Tom's feet

**Exercise 1.31**

1. My sister is prettier than my cousin.
2. Our team played poorer (or more poorly) than your team.

3. Uncle William was richer than Uncle James.
4. Raquel can run faster than her brother.
5. The roses are more delicate than the daisies.
6. Thomas really works better than anyone else.
7. Finding a job is more important than watching TV.
8. He wrote his signature more rapidly than the address.
9. Ms. Johnson is friendlier than Mr. Johnson.
10. Can you speak louder (or more loudly) than James?
11. Tom is more responsible than his sister.
12. A fox is slier than a rabbit.
13. My nephew knows more funny stories than my niece.
14. The bees are busier than the ants.
15. He knows less about math than about history.
16. Johnny has fewer pennies than his sister.
17. Our team played worse than the other team.
18. I don't have more time than you.
19. This article is more interesting than that article.
20. I think the frog is uglier than the lizard.

**Exercise 1.32**

1. My sister is the prettiest.
2. The best recipes are in this book.
3. Your nephew does the least work around the house.
4. The most important idea in the book is learning to be patient.
5. Maria swam fastest and won a blue ribbon.
6. I have the most problems.
7. I feel that Juan is the most intelligent one.
8. Bill arrived the earliest and left the latest.
9. The oldest car costs the least money.
10. Your pronunciation is the worst.
11. I think yours is the best idea.
12. An SUV is the most logical choice for a family car.
13. My aunt has the most money.
14. Alicia spoke the most brilliantly about the Civil War.
15. This brown pup is the smallest.
16. The newest equipment runs the best.
17. The poorest people are often the loneliest.
18. John Jones is not the smartest.

19. The surgeon worked the most carefully.
20. Is this medicine the most beneficial for my illness?

**Exercise 2.1**

1. isn't difficult
2. whose machine
3. him
4. back down
5. several tiny kittens
6. if
7. During
8. was more embarrassed
9. rather doubtful
10. several issues
11. find
12. relates to me
13. won't stand
14. the richest man
15. how
16. regarding
17. the color of which
18. been
19. therefore
20. themselves
21. ought to
22. about
23. been waited on
24. where
25. Let's
26. whose
27. wasn't able
28. is going
29. After the war
30. will have

**Exercise 2.2** Sample answers are provided.

1. will
2. the weather got better

3. we're still in town
4. been
5. to
6. will
7. worried
8. which
9. ought to
10. has
11. because
12. playing
13. will
14. may
15. was
16. to
17. able
18. that
19. that
20. I've come down with a cold
21. should
22. Help
23. to be in this room
24. we just arrived
25. happened now

**Exercise 2.3** Sample answers are provided.

1. By noon tomorrow
2. When
3. The technician
4. had been
5. transferred
6. how the climate changes
7. I'm free the following day
8. sign the contract
9. to be out so late
10. won't
11. hadn't
12. speaks English . . . only speaks Spanish
13. to get
14. phone you . . . phone me

15. you better . . . probably believe more of what you say
16. you in the window . . . were the girl for me
17. approach her . . . even look at him
18. tell me . . . is located
19. you had to hear the news from me
20. he had been dreaming about
21. the woman
22. understand how I feel
23. I'm leaving town
24. mind my own business
25. write you . . . you were still dating Juan
26. wash the dishes . . . it was her turn
27. me the reason . . . I should go to this meeting
28. the early days of fall . . . walk the paths in the woods
29. the last war . . . living in a refugee camp
30. smartest

**Exercise 2.4** Sample answers are provided.

1. I fell into bed exhausted
2. Do you have any idea
3. I've been here two months
4. we can't seem to get along
5. Go hiking in the mountains
6. she's a rock musician herself
7. a trip to the zoo sounded good
8. they lost their jobs in the city
9. you have to pay for dinner
10. she was speaking
11. this firm won't hire me
12. your story is unbelievable
13. we can finally continue the hike
14. the car stalled in the middle of the street
15. the streets are still flooded
16. you get a promotion
17. I got fired
18. you'd help me locate my parents
19. you hadn't brought up the subject
20. You wouldn't have been in debt
21. fabric is silk

22. had been home for the holidays
23. those documents could have been lost
24. we have had nothing but wonderful weather
25. who is so brilliant yet down-to-earth

**Exercise 2.5** Sample answers are provided.

1. The door flew open
2. He tried everything
3. We were late for the interview
4. We had to rebuild it
5. I was staring into the distance
6. Does anyone know
7. Maria and Juan began to get nervous
8. You'll go broke
9. he had known about the transmission
10. he had had the down payment
11. be a bit more polite
12. my vacation
13. Many old people got ill
14. plane had been shot down
15. you find a new place to work
16. be a bother to you
17. the bride . . . the groom
18. the doctor . . . his office hours begin
19. ever loved
20. I'm going to be forty soon
21. took the train to work
22. I spent a lot of time in the museums
23. or get a good job if my mother needs me at home
24. John and I will organize the garage
25. The air conditioner ran for days

**Exercise 3.1** Sample sentences are provided.

1. The new waiter works hard.
2. Have you seen the new waiter?
3. I sent the new waiter a note.
4. I have a message for the new waiter.
5. Friends of the new waiter are at the door.
6. The new waiter has broken every rule.

7. The new waiter soon will have earned enough for his vacation.
8. The new waiter quit, and the cook went wild.
9. Where's the new waiter that you hired?
10. This is the new waiter I spoke of.

**Exercise 3.2** Sample sentences are provided.

1. Some old friends came for a visit.
2. I found some old friends.
3. I gave the book to some old friends.
4. It was taken by some old friends.
5. He has met some old friends' relatives.
6. Some old friends came up to me.
7. I went out with her because some old friends introduced us.
8. Come meet some old friends who just got in from Chicago.
9. Some old friends were approached by a strange man.
10. If she had loved me, some old friends would have told me so.

**Exercise 3.3** Sample sentences are provided.

1. The new boss is nice.
2. Tom wrote the new boss a memo.
3. I quit because the new boss is so rude.
4. This is a package for the new boss.
5. I got this memo from the new boss.
6. The new boss has a large office, and I have a cubicle.
7. She was happy because the new boss gave her a raise.
8. The new boss has been shocked into reality by the job.
9. The new boss was being tested his first few days.
10. If you had helped us, the new boss wouldn't have gotten so mad.

**Exercise 3.4** Sample sentences are provided.

1. Two dangerous criminals escaped.
2. They began an investigation into two dangerous criminals.
3. They locked the doors because of two dangerous criminals.
4. He discovered two dangerous criminals' fingerprints.
5. When I saw him, two dangerous criminals were talking to him.
6. Two dangerous criminals have been sneaking around the park.
7. I'm afraid because two dangerous criminals threatened me.
8. They're looking for two dangerous criminals who escaped last week.

9. Two dangerous criminals have been transferred to this prison.
10. If we had the money, two dangerous criminals would soon come after us.

**Exercise 3.5** Sample sentences are provided.

1. Our Mexican guests are from Acapulco.
2. She liked our Mexican guests.
3. What should we send our Mexican guests?
4. Tom went up to our Mexican guests.
5. The gift was sent by our Mexican guests.
6. He invited them instead of our Mexican guests.
7. Our Mexican guests have driven from Juarez.
8. Our Mexican guests will have arrived here by dawn.
9. Say hello to our Mexican guests, who just arrived today.
10. Bill met our Mexican guests we had invited to visit us last year.

**Exercise 3.6** Sample sentences are provided.

1. The bravest woman received a medal.
2. He came toward the bravest woman with a sword in his hand.
3. We stood by the bravest woman.
4. The bravest woman has shown who is the strongest.
5. I met the bravest woman, who had led the village in the battle.
6. I saw the bravest woman that everyone admired so much.
7. Tom photographed the bravest woman he had ever met.
8. The bravest woman has been showered with gifts.
9. The bravest woman was congratulated for her deeds.
10. If he had lived longer, he would have thanked the bravest woman for her kindness.

**Exercise 3.7** Sample sentences are provided.

1. Do you have a registered letter?
2. Did the package come without a registered letter?
3. He made the decision in spite of a registered letter on his desk.
4. I don't want to know the contents of a registered letter.
5. A registered letter has been missing for some time.
6. A registered letter will have shown up for you before noon.
7. A telegram came for me, and a registered letter came for you.
8. I'm always nervous because a registered letter means someone has died.



- I found a registered letter, which is addressed to you.
- She was reading a registered letter that had come in the day before.

**Exercise 3.8** Sample sentences are provided.

- What did you buy the proud parents?
- Everyone was happy because of the proud parents.
- The children waited eagerly because the proud parents would be home soon.
- The proud parents have been hoping for a son.
- The proud parents will have left the hospital by ten A.M.
- She wanted to see the new baby, and the proud parents slowly raised the blanket.
- They all laughed because the proud parents couldn't smile anymore.
- The proud parents have been congratulated over and over.
- The proud parents were led into a separate room.
- If it had snowed, the proud parents would have celebrated at the hospital.

**Exercise 3.9** Sample sentences are provided.

- His youngest daughter is in law school.
- He bought his youngest daughter a car.
- They turned down his youngest daughter.
- His youngest daughter drove to New Orleans.
- When I saw him, his youngest daughter was chatting with him.
- His youngest daughter will have arrived by now.
- He was worried because his youngest daughter was in an accident.
- I met his youngest daughter, who shared an apartment with Anna.
- His youngest daughter has been sent overseas.
- If I had been wrong, his youngest daughter would have told me so.

**Exercise 3.10** Sample sentences are provided.

- There's no talking to an angry mob.
- He feared going out because of an angry mob.
- You'll get no justice from an angry mob.
- An angry mob's demands went unheard.
- An angry mob has held them at bay.
- An angry mob has been hunting down the strikebreakers.

7. An angry mob began to move, and the police became jittery.
8. I know nothing about an angry mob.
9. You can't stop an angry mob sent with the blessings of the dictator.
10. An angry mob was formed from several groups of jobless men.

**Exercise 3.11** Sample sentences are provided.

1. Several pretty girls entered the contest.
2. I sent several pretty girls flowers.
3. I stayed at the beach because several pretty girls were nearby.
4. The man moved toward several pretty girls.
5. Several pretty girls sold kisses for charity.
6. Several pretty girls have become doctors and lawyers.
7. When I met him, he was in the company of several pretty girls.
8. Tom was happy because several pretty girls had complimented him.
9. Several pretty girls he knew were now studying acting.
10. If he had seen her, he wouldn't have spent so much time with several pretty girls.

**Exercise 3.12** Sample sentences are provided.

1. The officer gave the drunken soldier a ticket.
2. There were lots of rowdy people there besides the drunken soldier.
3. She left the party because the drunken soldier was so rude.
4. No one wants to be around the drunken soldier.
5. The manners of the drunken soldier were terrible.
6. The drunken soldier has left the bar.
7. The drunken soldier has been drinking all night.
8. The drunken soldier finally went home because the café closed.
9. The drunken soldier has been taken into custody.
10. If it had rained, the drunken soldier wouldn't have noticed.

**Exercise 3.13** Sample sentences are provided.

1. There was some writing on his driver's license.
2. He got a ticket because his driver's license wasn't valid.
3. What information did you get from his driver's license?
4. His driver's license has fallen behind a chair.
5. His driver's license has been lying on the floor all this time.
6. His passport is in the drawer, and his driver's license is in his wallet.
7. He went to the courthouse because his driver's license has to be renewed.

8. He handed me his driver's license, which was covered in blood.
9. His driver's license is being restored.
10. If she had seen us, he would have hidden his driver's license.

**Exercise 3.14** Sample sentences are provided.

1. The best candidates have no money.
2. I trust the best candidates.
3. She lent the best candidates thousands of dollars.
4. In spite of the best candidates in the party, he supported Tom Jones.
5. The best candidates' platforms are based on honesty.
6. The best candidates understood our concerns.
7. The best candidates have flown from city to city during the campaign.
8. When I found them, the best candidates were huddled in a meeting.
9. The best candidates have been campaigning for weeks.
10. The best candidates will have met with thousands of people by then.

**Exercise 3.15** Sample sentences are provided.

1. Do you know the bride and groom?
2. The bride and groom's happiness was evident.
3. The bride and groom stood hand in hand.
4. The bride and groom have spoken their vows.
5. When he hit me, the bride and groom rushed to my side.
6. The bride and groom, whose hometown is St. Louis, recently graduated from college.
7. The bride and groom that you met are from a different wedding party.
8. Say hello to the bride and groom I told you about.
9. The bride and groom have been asked to dance the first waltz.
10. If you had lied to me, the bride and groom would have been victims, too.

**Exercise 3.16** Sample sentences are provided.

1. The agency sent a foreign diplomat a coded message.
2. The meeting ended, because a foreign diplomat had become ill.
3. A foreign diplomat has spoken on the subject.
4. While she was living in Europe, she met a foreign diplomat.
5. Will you translate the message or will a foreign diplomat have to do it?
6. This is an article about a foreign diplomat, about whom Ms. Jones wrote a report.
7. I know a foreign diplomat who speaks six languages.

8. A foreign diplomat has been assigned to the capital.
9. Was a foreign diplomat involved in the scandal?
10. If she received the message, a foreign diplomat would get a copy.

**Exercise 3.17** Sample sentences are provided.

1. Did you hire her former partner?
2. No one knew anything about her former partner.
3. Her former partner's home was invaded.
4. Her former partner drove all night to Reno.
5. As soon as he left the room, everyone talked about her former partner.
6. Her former partner has been living in the suburbs.
7. Her former partner will have been arrested by the end of the day.
8. I arrived with her former partner you met yesterday.
9. Her former partner was promoted at the new company.
10. If he had the money, her former partner would start a new firm.

**Exercise 3.18** Sample sentences are provided.

1. Several of the guests began to appear bored.
2. William chatted with several of the guests.
3. I served some snacks, because several of the guests said they were hungry.
4. Several of the guests' spouses could not attend.
5. Several of the guests spoke only German.
6. Several of the guests will have left before dinner starts.
7. Several of the guests remained in the kitchen and helped with the dishes.
8. I remember several of the guests, whose children used to play with mine.
9. Several of the guests have been provided with translators.
10. Several of the guests were employed by the same firm.

**Exercise 3.19** Sample sentences are provided.

1. Canadian stamps aren't very rare.
2. Where did you purchase Canadian stamps?
3. I like the artwork on Canadian stamps.
4. Because Canadian stamps aren't valid here, I had to go to the post office.
5. Canadian stamps have grown in popularity among collectors.
6. When he arrived, I saw him take Canadian stamps from my desk.
7. Canadian money is attractive, and Canadian stamps are perfect for collecting.

- I don't collect European stamps, because I prefer Canadian stamps.
- I found the Canadian stamps you told me about.
- Canadian stamps were displayed at the museum.

**Exercise 3.20** Sample sentences are provided.

- She gave my nearest relatives her warmest regards.
- Because my nearest relatives live in Asia, I now live with friends.
- My nearest relatives have not seen me in years.
- While I was visiting Korea, I learned where my nearest relatives live.
- Are my nearest relatives still in France or have they emigrated?
- I know little of my nearest relatives, about whom you inquire.
- These are photos of my nearest relatives who still reside in Spain.
- My nearest relatives have been given a tour of the city.
- My nearest relatives were informed of my existence.
- If she abandoned me, my nearest relatives would take me in.

**Exercise 3.21** Sample sentences are provided.

- I filmed the soaring eagles.
- She had no interest in the soaring eagles.
- The soaring eagles' nest is located on that cliff.
- The soaring eagles flew closer to the ground.
- As soon as the rabbit left its hole, the soaring eagles dove towards their prey.
- The soaring eagles have been searching for food for their young.
- The soaring eagles will have flown many miles by dusk.
- We finally saw the soaring eagles she mentioned to us.
- The soaring eagles were distracted by a flock of geese heading north.
- If the nest were attacked, the soaring eagles would end their hunt and return to their young.

**Exercise 4.1** Sample answers are provided.

### *Travel Plans*

John and Mary wanted to take a vacation. They had worked hard all year and **had saved every extra penny**. But where should they go? To **someplace warm** or to **a place with interesting sightseeing**?

"I want to go to Mexico," Mary said. "I heard it's **beautiful there and the food is so interesting**."

"I think I'd like to go to India," John replied. "I want to see **the great palaces and wild tigers and elephants**."

“India is so far away,” Mary said to him. “I think **we should stay in North America**. Or we could travel to **Europe if you want to go somewhere a little more exotic.**”

“Or how about **Hawaii?**” John said.

But no matter how much they talked, they couldn't **agree on a destination**. John believed **being in a large city was important**, but Mary wanted **to be in the countryside or at a beach**. How could they decide what would be best for both of them?

John opened the newspaper and saw **an ad for a resort outside of Miami**. He showed Mary the article, and she **thought the place looked inviting**.

“That sounds like fun,” Mary said. “I'd love **to spend time at that pool or on the beach.**”

“We could swim during the day, and at night **we could go dancing or dine in the city,**” John said. “And we could go shopping **if the weather got bad.**”

Mary was happy with the idea, because **the beach really appealed to her** and **she knew John would like visiting Miami**. John wouldn't mind spending time at the beach, because he knew **that it would make his wife so happy**. But there still was a problem.

“**Do we have enough money for such an expensive resort?**” Mary suddenly asked. “Do we have enough in the bank?”

John thought a moment, and then he **smiled slyly at Mary**. He opened the desk drawer and **pulled out a small book**. He showed Mary **a bank book with some extra money he had saved**, but she was **still concerned that a fancy resort was too expensive**. John smiled at her and said, “Don't worry. **This extra money should be enough**. And if it's not enough, we can **borrow a little more from the bank.**”

“Oh, John,” Mary said happily. “Now **we can have what we both want**. This vacation **will be the best one we ever had.**”

Then he kissed her cheek, because **seeing his wife happy was the best part of any vacation**.

**Exercise 4.2** Sample answers are provided.

### *The Ant and the Grasshopper*

It was a beautiful summer day. The sky was **blue and dotted with white clouds**, and the field was filled with **swaying grass and pretty flowers**. A happy, green grasshopper with long legs and **twitching antennae** jumped from a bouncy leaf to **a slanting twig** and **sang a song as he looked around**. He was enjoying the wonderful weather. He sang to himself, as he **took in his beautiful surroundings**.

Then he saw a small black ant near **a dead tree limb**. She was pulling a crust of bread through **the dried leaves**. She tugged and pulled, but **her efforts never seemed quite enough**. Then the ant stopped for a moment to rest and **laid the crust of bread on the ground next to her**. “Why are you doing that?” the grasshopper asked. “**Are you going to waste this wonderful day on such foolishness?**” he inquired with a laugh.

“I’m bringing food to our colony,” the little ant replied. “When winter comes, **this crust of bread will come in handy.**”

“Winter is a long way off,” the grasshopper said. “I’d rather **sing and relax in the sun.**”

“You might be sorry when **it turns cold and the sun is behind the clouds,**” the ant warned. “You should plan for **your future.**”

But the grasshopper just laughed and **stretched his long legs**. He jumped over **a tin can** and hopped across **the long grasses**, playing, singing, and **being as lazy as a grasshopper can be**.

The little ant shook her head and went back to work. She **put the crust of bread on her back** and finally **got past the dead leaves and scurried home**.

The grasshopper saw the ant working nearly every day. And every day he just **watched with amusement**. Soon it began to grow cold. The wind **changed to the north and brought more cold with it**. The snow **began to fall and soon covered the fields where the grasshopper played**. And the grasshopper understood **that the ant had been right all along**. He made his way to the ant colony and called out, “**I need some food and shelter.**” But the ants could not hear him. They **were busy feasting**, and the poor grasshopper **jumped from icy twig to icy leaf in search of food and some shelter from the cold**.

**Exercise 4.3** Sample answers are provided.

*I’m No Cook!*

My wife was called away to New York on business. I took some vacation time and **decided I would take care of the house and our kids**. Our two kids were in school during the day, and **in the evening they stayed home to do homework or watch TV**. They were old enough to take care of themselves, but I had to **make their meals and wash their clothes**. John was eleven and spent his time **on his computer**. Anne was ten and enjoyed sports like **baseball and soccer**.

Everything started out smoothly the first day. I cleaned the kitchen and **scoured the bathtub and sinks**. I ironed **a stack of clean laundry** and took the dog **to the vet for a shot**. And for lunch I made myself **a meatball sandwich with a tall glass of beer**. The kids ate lunch **in the school cafeteria**, because students weren’t allowed to come home for lunch.

At four o'clock I realized that the kids **would be on their way home**, so I decided to **get their supper ready**. I got a recipe book from the shelf and found **what looked like a simple plan for supper**. It seemed easy enough, although **there were three parts to the meal**. I got the ingredients I needed out of the cupboard: **flour, spices, oil, and vinegar**.

I started with the salad. I rinsed a head of lettuce and then **chopped it into large wedges**. I sliced **tomatoes and green peppers** and scattered them over the lettuce. But I forgot to **add the fresh cilantro**. I peeled a cucumber and an onion and **added them to the bowl of salad**. I sprinkled **some oil and vinegar** over the salad and went to place it in the refrigerator. But when I placed the bowl on the shelf in the refrigerator, the shelf broke and **the bowl fell and shattered, and salad went everywhere**.

I couldn't believe my eyes. There were **lettuce and tomatoes** on the floor and **green peppers and cucumbers** on my shoes. I grabbed a broom and **swept up most of it**. Then I got a bucket and scrub brush in order to **clean the floor and refrigerator**. When I was done, I sat down and **rested up from the ordeal**.

The roast looked easier to prepare. I placed it in a large pan and covered it **with flour and spices**. I sprinkled salt and pepper **over the whole roast** and **placed pieces of garlic across the top**. I peeled three potatoes and six **large carrots** and **placed them around the roast**. Before I put the roast in the oven, I checked the shelf. I didn't want **another accident to happen**. Then I carefully put the roast in the oven and **checked the shelf one more time**.

For dessert I made vanilla ice cream with **chocolate sauce and nuts**. That was Anne's favorite, and John **would eat anything that was sweet**. I put the three bowls of dessert on the counter. About four-thirty I **heard my son and daughter come in**. They went to their rooms to **start their homework**.

I set the table and then called **them down to supper**. They hurried into the kitchen and took their seats. John was hungry, and Anne **sniffed the air trying to figure out what was on the menu**. But something had gone wrong. I hadn't put the dessert in the refrigerator, and **the ice cream had melted!** And I had forgotten to turn on the oven, so the roast **was just a piece of raw flesh!**

The kids looked sad and **began to complain that they were hungry**. So we got in the car, and I took them **to a little Mexican café down the street**. We all love tacos and fajitas.

**Exercise 4.4** Sample answers are provided.

### *The Circle of Stones*

This was the strangest case the judge had ever had. A child had been lost for **six years** and **had been raised by peasants**. The poor child did not know



its real mother, because **it had been an infant when it was lost**. Two women claimed to be the real mother and demanded **the right to take the child home**. The judge needed more information first and **decided to interrogate the two women**.

The first woman told of **a terrible flood in her village**, when **people were running for their lives and children were separated from their parents**. The judge understood but asked, **“Why didn’t you return after the flood to look for the child?”** The first woman just shook her head and **said that she believed the child had died**. Now the second woman gave her story, which **told of bandits who stole her cart, in which her baby had been sleeping**. She explained that **she looked for the bandits and her child for weeks, but they had disappeared into the countryside**, and the judge believed her. But who is the real mother? the judge thought. He looked at the child and asked, **“Do you know which of these women is your mother?”** But the sobbing child could only reply, **“I don’t remember my mother.”**

“Then we shall have a test,” the judge said **with a clever look on his face**. He placed the child in a ring of stones and told the two women **to stand on either side of the child**. Each took the child by one hand, and **they were told to pull the child out of the ring of stones**. They pulled to the right and then **to the left**, and the child began **to move one way and then the other**.

The women pulled again, but **once more the child did not leave the ring of stones**. Finally the first woman saw her chance and **pulled as hard as she could**. The child fell forward and **rolled out of the ring of stones**. The first woman laughed and proclaimed, **“I have won, and the child is mine.”** The second woman began to sob, because **she couldn’t bear to hurt the child anymore**. And the child sat on the ground, shaking and **looking anxiously at the first woman**.

The judge stood up and said, **“No, the second woman is the winner**, because the second woman would not harm the child. Therefore I am certain that **she is the real mother.”**

He gave the child to the second woman and sent the first woman **back to her village with a sharp reprimand**. The child had been reunited with its rightful mother, who **embraced her and carried her off to their home**.

**Exercise 4.5** Sample answers are provided.

### *The Joke*

It was a cold day in **the northern regions**. Victor and Lara were school friends and decided **to enjoy the weather and the snow**. The snow was fresh and the hill was inviting, so they pulled their sled **up the steep slope**. When

Victor had placed the sled in the perfect position, he sat behind Lara and leaned close to her. They went slowly at first, but as the runners of the sled met an icy patch, they picked up speed and began a swift downward course. They built up speed, and by now the air was rushing around them. Lara screamed with delight, and Victor bellowed pretended words of fear. He liked Lara a lot but was afraid she had no real interest in him. He wasn't shy, but it was difficult to tell a girl how you felt. So, as they whizzed down the hill, he thought of a joke that would let him say what he had in his heart. As the air rushed past their ears, Victor leaned forward and whispered, "I love you, Lara." Lara didn't seem to hear him, so she leaned back against his face. And he said in a hush, "I love you, Lara." She began to blush. She wasn't sure what she had really heard. Was it the wind? Was it her own thoughts? Was it Victor?

At the bottom of the hill, Victor looked at Lara, who cast a questioning glance at him. But he only smiled and pulled the sled back to his home. He could not say how he felt and only spoke of the snow and the cold weather.

They grew up, and Lara went off to live in the capital. While living there, she married, raised a family, and in time buried her husband. When she returned to her hometown many years later, she learned that Victor had never married and still lived in the same old house. They were both old now and spending their final years with books and naps. Lara decided it was time for a little joke of her own.

She saw Victor sitting in a lawn chair near a fence. She came up behind him on the other side of the fence and listened to his restful breathing. She peeked at him over the fence and saw that he was old and frail. And through a wide crack in one of the boards, Lara whispered, "I love you, too, Victor." The wind was blowing hard and rushing past his old ears. The leaves were rustling above his gray head. Victor wasn't sure he had heard correctly. "Is someone there?" he asked, looking around. But there was no answer. Lara stood silently and felt tears welling in her eyes. Then she leaned against the fence once more and said in a whisper, "I love you, too, Victor."

The joke was on both of them.

**Exercise 4.6** Sample answers are provided.

### *The Worst Day of My Life*

Everyone has a bad day now and then. But I had the worst. It happened while I was visiting some people in the city of Boston. They were old friends of mine and had just moved to the city from our hometown. I loved spending time in a big city and was looking forward to having some adventures there.

I left my hometown around **sunup** and arrived **on the outskirts of Boston** around dusk. Before I found my friends' new house, my car **stalled on a road that led from the highway**. I thought I was out of gas, but **there was still plenty of fuel in the tank**. I wasn't sure what to do. I finally decided to **walk back toward the highway**. I thought I had seen a gas station there, but **when I arrived there, I only found a café and a saloon**. I thought I had better call my friends. I found a telephone booth and **dialed the new number they had given me**, but no one **answered and no answering machine picked up**.

Just as I began to walk back to my car, **it began to storm**. I was soaked to the skin by **the time I reached my car**. I tried starting my car again, but **the battery was apparently dead**. When it finally stopped raining, I got out of the car to **open the hood and check the engine**. As I stepped in front of the car, a truck zoomed by and **splashed me from head to toe**. My clothes were drenched again, and my face **was covered in thick mud**. I sputtered and cursed the truck, just as a car **plowed through a puddle and splashed me again**.

By now I was shivering from being so wet and from **the quickly falling temperature**. Late fall can be **extremely cold in Massachusetts**. I began to walk along the road in the direction of some bright lights. But I stepped in a puddle of mud and lost **my right shoe and sock**. I searched for **the shoe in the cold, black water**, but it was buried in mud. So I limped on, wearing **just one wet shoe**. Then the heel fell off of it, and now I was limping **both right and left**.

Finally I had some good luck. A taxi came by, and **I whistled in time to stop it**. Once I got inside the taxi, I began to warm up. I told the driver **to take me to my friends' address on Main Street**. I didn't realize how far it still was to their house. When I arrived at their house, **it was nearly midnight**. When I reached into my pocket, I discovered **I had lost my wallet out on the road somewhere**. I had no money! I was soaking wet! And I was tired!

I ran to my friends' door and rang the bell, but **there was no answer and there were no lights on**. Then I found a note for me taped to the door. It read, "**We were called away on an emergency. Check into a hotel. We'll see you when we get back.**"

I sat on the wet porch and cried. It was the worst day of my life.

**Exercise 4.7** Sample answers are provided.

### *The Desert*

Jimmy was only eight when his parents **decided to leave the city to live in the country**. They moved to a large ranch near **a desert surrounded by a mountain range**. It was a wonderful place to live, but **a bit lonely at times**.

Jimmy liked **the playground at his old school in the city** and thought the West was just **a lot of sand and too much open space**.

His little sister, Laura, was five and loved **the outdoors and the little wild animals**. She often played in the desert and **spent time looking at the strange plants and chasing the friendly creatures she found**. Jimmy warned her not to **go too far from the ranch**, but Laura **knew what she liked and did what she wanted**.

One day Laura **hiked toward an interesting-looking hill**, which was very far from their house. When she didn't come home for lunch, everyone **knew she was lost in the desert somewhere**. Jimmy was very worried. He got on his pony and **began galloping across the sand**. He rode as far as **the creek on the other side of the ranch**. Then he **rode through the field of gopher holes where his sister often played**. By three o'clock he had ridden **over acres of desert**, but he couldn't **find a trace of his sister**. He was ready to cry or even **just give up hope and go home**.

Then he saw it! It was a large **hill**, where Laura often **went to collect flowers**. He rode up to **the foot of the hill**. And there was Laura asleep next to a **patch of white daisies**. She didn't see **the rattlesnake**, which was crawling in her direction. Jimmy jumped from his pony and **moved silently toward his sister and the snake**. He took his lasso, swirled it overhead, and then **threw it above the snake**. He missed! He had to try again, so he **threw the rope carefully into the air, and it landed over the rattler's head**, and this time he **caught the snake and pulled it back into the brush** and saved his sister.

**Exercise 4.8** Sample answers are provided.

### *The Hero*

In winter it gets very cold in **northern Alaska**, because it's located near **the Arctic Circle**. A lot of snow falls to the ground, and a lot of **icicles hang from the rooflines of houses**.

Little Anna's house stays warm and **quite cozy**, because **it has thick log walls that protect everyone from the wind and cold**. There is a large fireplace in the dining room, where her grandfather **keeps a roaring fire day and night**. Anna loves **reading or playing near the fire**, while her grandfather **works his crossword puzzles or just dozes**.

One chilly December day, when **the temperature was falling quickly**, Grandfather noticed the fire **was getting low**. He went out to the barn and returned with **an enormous bundle of firewood**. Anna liked helping and **placed pieces of oak and maple in the fireplace**. Soon the fire **was large**

enough to heat the house properly again. The dining room glowed with **dancing red lights**. The shadows on the walls **moved from side to side**, and everything in the house was **warm and cheerful**. Grandfather sat in his big, old armchair and soon **relaxed in the warmth coming from the hearth**. He put his feet on a **footstool and wiggled his toes**. Anna curled up on the floor under a **small blanket**. Everything was quiet and **perfect for a little snooze**.

Anna suddenly opened her eyes. Something was wrong! She smelled **the strong scent of smoke!** She saw **embers on the floor and flames on the drapes!** She jumped up and **looked around at the entire room**. The fire was no longer just in the fireplace. **The rugs and drapes were on fire!** Anna shook her grandfather, but **he was in a deep sleep**. She ran to the sink and **filled a pot with water**. She began throwing water **on the growing flames**. Finally the fire was out, and **the smoke had gone up the chimney**. When Grandfather awoke, he said, **“It looks like we need more wood for our fire.”**

Anna just shook her head and smiled.

**Exercise 4.9** Sample answers are provided.

### *The Pickpocket*

It was a hot day, and **crowds of tourists wandered down Main Street**. People enjoyed holiday time like this and **looked in shop windows and enjoyed the warmth of a summer’s afternoon**. It was a happy time for Mike because **it was the perfect time to acquire some money**. Mike knew there would be a lot of pockets that **were bulging with cash**. The crowds were enormous, and everyone **was busy looking around or just chatting**. Mike couldn’t have been happier if **he had found the sidewalk littered with bills**. When **he thought the moment was right**, he walked slowly down the street and **waited for a tourist to come by**. Finally he saw **an elderly woman, who was very busy window-shopping**. He came up behind her and carefully **reached into her purse**. The poor woman was aware of nothing and **continued to look at the goods in the window**. Her husband turned suddenly, but Mike **ran off into the crowd before he could stop him**. On the corner Mike saw **another preoccupied woman, who had a heavy purse over her shoulder**. Mike stood next to her and then **pretended to stumble**. He pulled out **a wallet from the woman’s purse**. Mike smiled; he was very happy with himself and **walked briskly through the crowds of people**.

When he **saw a man with a bulging back pocket**, Mike decided **there was time for one more theft** and **soon was in possession of another wallet**. He got away that time and knew **he had been lucky**. But the policewoman **on the curb**

had been watching Mike. Mike couldn't see **the officer observing him** and **tried still another theft**. When he slid his fingers into **a man's jacket pocket**, he was surprised **to feel a strong hand on his arm**. The policewoman had been watching him and **had run up to Mike as he stole the wallet**. Mike dropped **the wallet** and tried **to make a run for it**. But the policewoman had **him firmly in her grip**; Mike was caught. He knew he couldn't get away now and said, **"I should have stopped with three."** The policewoman just laughed and replied, **"You never should have started at all."**

When they got to **the police station**, the officers there found **the other three wallets**. Trying to explain, Mike said, **"I found them."** But no one believed him. For the next few months Mike **would have time behind bars to think about his life as a pickpocket**.

**Exercise 4.10** Sample answers are provided.

#### *Laddy to the Rescue*

During **the afternoon of a sunny day**, a seven-year-old girl decided to go for a walk. She went **across a meadow and into the woods** and soon realized that she was lost. She looked around her, but **nothing looked familiar**.

She began crying, and **she sat on a rock and wondered what to do**. But **she felt some hope when she saw a narrow clearing between the trees**. The little girl walked along the wide path bordered with **tall trees and thick shrubs**. Soon **it was getting dark**, and the little girl walked faster. There in the distance she could see **a small, dark cottage**. She opened the door and **stepped in cautiously**. There was a sudden, horrible noise, and **the girl turned and ran out the door and back to the woods**. She ran and ran and found herself alone in **a clearing surrounded by tall bushes**. She was terribly lonely and afraid, so **she sat on the ground and closed her eyes**. Cold and tired, she fell asleep near **a quietly bubbling stream**.

The little girl had a large, shaggy dog named Laddy. He was loyal to her and sensed that **she was in danger**. There was no way out of the house, so Laddy **jumped through a window, breaking the glass**. He ran to **the barn**; he looked in **the fields**, but Laddy couldn't **find his little mistress anywhere**. Suddenly there was a familiar scent on the ground. Laddy lowered his head and **followed the scent across the meadow**. He looked right and left. He barked **loudly into the air**. Then Laddy **searched through the woods** until he found **the little cottage**. But the strange little house was empty. Laddy looked around and **headed**



**back to the woods.** Something caught his eye; Laddy suddenly saw **his mistress' blue shirt.** He jumped over some bushes and **headed straight for her.** A few moments later he saw **the little stream,** where the little girl was **sound asleep.** When she saw her dog standing over her, she said, "**You rescued me, Laddy,**" and **the little girl kissed him several times.**

Laddy led his little mistress **out of the woods** and **across the meadow to her home.** Mother and Father were so relieved. And that night Laddy **had a hero's supper: steak with gravy.**

**Exercise 4.11** Sample answers are provided.

### *The Day I Got Fired*

I finally found a good job in a **factory not far from where I lived.** The company made electronics for **television and radio sets.** I was put on a line where **circuit boards were assembled,** and I had to **solder three particular circuits into the board.** The job was rather simple, and I believed I was doing well. Then they hired a new foreman, who **everyone said was really tough.** For some reason he didn't like me and often said, "**You're never going to last here.**" I was afraid of him because he could **fire me at any time he wished.** And I needed my job. Without a job I **could lose my apartment or even my car.**

I knew I had to be careful around the foreman and **worked hard and long for him.** Then one day my car **broke down on the way to work,** and I arrived **nearly an hour late.** The foreman was **out of control** and began shouting at me. When I explained that **it wasn't entirely my fault,** he just laughed and **said it was my fault for buying an old car.** I went to my job and began **to put extra care into my work.** I worked hard and tried to **do everything perfectly.**

When lunchtime finally arrived, I sat at a table with **Mrs. Garcia, the accountant.** She was a really nice woman and told me **to treat the foreman with kid gloves.** But it wouldn't be easy to get along with him, because he was a **grumpy person and seemed to dislike me.**

After lunch I started soldering some new circuit boards. They had to be shipped to **Asia the next morning.** I was hurrying because **I wanted to get the work done on time.** But I worked too fast and ruined **seven of the ten sample boards.** The foreman was furious with me. He said, "**That was your last chance!**" Then he pointed at the door and shouted, "**Get out! You're fired!**"

I never went back there again. And now I have a better job, and my boss is a **very kind woman with a heart of gold.**

**Exercise 4.12** Sample answers are provided.

### *The Blind Date*

I had been going out with Barbara for more than a **year**. But we had some problems and decided **that our romance wasn't going anywhere**. We're still friends, and we often get together to **chat over a glass of wine**.

Several months went by after we broke up, and I **realized I was spending too much time at home**. It was getting boring sitting at home and **watching TV or washing clothes and doing chores**. Then my friend Bill suggested I go out on a blind date. I had never **dated anyone I didn't know well** and wasn't sure that a blind date **would be something I could tolerate**. But I agreed, and Bill **said he knew someone perfect for me**.

He arranged for me to meet **his friend Angela over dinner**. She was a friend of his from work. He said she **was very bright and outgoing** and **was the nicest woman he ever met**. I like women who **are personable**, so I was interested to meet her. At eight P.M. on Saturday, I left home and **drove to a little café on the edge of town**. I went in and took a seat near **a window so I could watch for her**. About ten minutes later a woman who **looked very attractive in her pink dress** came in and began to look around. I knew **it was Angela, my blind date**.

She took a seat across from me and said, "**Bill told me you were nice looking, and he was right**." I was flattered because she **was one of the most beautiful women I had ever seen**. We chatted a while and then ordered some dinner. She had quite an appetite and **ate everything on her plate**. I had never seen a woman eat so much. "I like to cook," she finally said, "and I **love to eat everything I cook**."

The evening went by quickly because **we had a lot to talk about and we were enjoying ourselves**. I didn't think I could fall in love so fast, but I **was falling for Angela very quickly**. We went out several times during the next **several months**, and when spring came we were inseparable. I finally bought an **engagement ring**, and on June first I **asked her to marry me**. To my amazement she immediately said, "**I've been waiting to hear that question a long time. Yes**."

After a yearlong engagement, we **were married in a big wedding held at Bill's house**. Now we have a house and **two little children** and a third on the way. I have never been happier and believe that **you never know when you'll find the one you love**.

Who could have known that a blind date **would bring me such happiness**.



**Exercise 4.13** Sample answers are provided.

*No More Used Cars!*

Buying a new car is expensive. That's why I **always had a used car**. I would love to own a new car, but for now **I am living on a budget and have to drive an older car**. Last winter my old car finally died. I tried to start it, but **it had no more life left in it**. I sold it for junk and went to buy **something a little newer and more reliable**.

I had seen the Johnson's Pre-Owned Vehicles lot **on my way to work** and decided to stop there to **check out the cars**. Some of the cars were just too old, and others **too expensive for my budget**. I had to make a compromise between **how new the car was** and **how much it cost**. I finally found a **compact two-door sedan** with a little rust on it, but it seemed to run **rather well**.

I paid Mr. Johnson with a check, signed **the necessary documents**, and drove home **in my "new" little car**. I was rather proud of my new vehicle. It looked **rather sporty** and sounded **like a finely tuned machine**. My brother was impressed with my purchase and said, "**This is the best car you've ever had.**" But my father was skeptical. He laughed and said to me, "Used cars **are a special breed of wild animal. Watch out.**"

My "new" car ran well for a long time. Then on a very cold morning in January, I went to the garage and **tried to start it**. But the car **was ice-cold, and the engine wouldn't turn over**. It was frustrating. It just wouldn't start. My brother came out to the garage and **jumped my battery from his car**. Finally the motor was running, and I **was on my way to my job**. I arrived at work late and explained that **my new car had had a problem**.

When five o'clock came and I was ready **to head for home**, I went out to the parking lot to start my car. And again **it wouldn't start**. Now I was mad. Really mad! I looked at that car and shouted, "**You're nothing but a piece of junk!**" Naturally, the car couldn't understand what I said and just **sat in the parking lot without moving**. One of my co-workers was watching me and **laughed at how silly I looked**. It was pretty embarrassing.

It took half an hour to start that car, but it **finally turned over, and I could leave work**. I wish it had never started. Two blocks from work the engine **froze up**, and I was stuck in the middle of the street. I got it started again, and two blocks later the radiator **began to overflow**. That old car stalled five times on the way home.

When I finally arrived there, my family was **waiting for me at the supper table**. They knew something was wrong with my car because **my clothes were**

**dirty and there was anger in my face.** My father laughed again and said, “Don’t buy a used car unless **you are a mechanic or own an automobile parts store.**” I knew he was right and got a tune-up the next day.

My car wasn’t perfect after that, but it **got me to work and home again.** And I learned a lesson: if you’re going to buy a used car, you had better **check it out carefully.** As for me, I hope to get rich and never **have to drive a piece of junk again.**

**Exercise 4.14** Sample answers are provided.

### *Computers Can Be Dumb*

I was always afraid of computers. They **were very mysterious to me** and made me feel **like I was just a dumb human.** Of course, they are just machines and can’t **think like a human.** But I always felt that they were trying to make me look foolish.

When I got a job in a warehouse, I had to learn **to enter data in a computer.** It’s not what I wanted to do, but it was part of the job. So I reluctantly **got the training and began working with the computer.** In time, I thought I had mastered **the skills for using the machine,** but the truth was that the computer **really had a mind of its own.** As I gained more experience, the computer seemed to make more mistakes. I’d type in one number, and the computer **would put in something completely different.** I complained to my boss that the computer I was using **was changing my inputs.** He laughed and told me to **remember that a computer is only as smart as the person running it.**

Then for a few weeks everything went fine. I **gave my inputs,** and the computer **recorded them properly in a file.** But then it began. I’d come to work and turn on the computer, and **the screen would be filled with crazy words and numbers.** I couldn’t believe my eyes. How could **something so incredible** happen? Where did **all the strange data** come from? I didn’t type in those things. I knew it was the computer trying **to make me look bad.**

Finally my boss came to me with some complaints from management. He asked, “**Why are you putting so many wrong numbers into the files?**” I said it wasn’t my fault, and once again he laughed and said, “**Don’t try to blame your mistakes on the computer.**” No one believed me. Why would anyone believe that **a machine was out to destroy me?** It was too incredible.

Then I got the news. The manager sent word to my boss that **my work was unacceptable.** The next day I got my final paycheck. My boss said my work had too many mistakes and **I had to be let go.** He told me to **pick up my last check and leave.** I went home and felt **like a complete fool.**

Two days later I got a telephone call. It was the manager. He said that **there had been a terrible mistake** and that I could have my job back. It turned out that the computer **was making the mistakes all along**; it had a defective motherboard. I was so happy that I **danced around the kitchen with the phone in my hand**.

I returned to work the next day and sat down to a new computer. This one was friendly, and we **became a real team immediately**.

**Exercise 4.15** Sample answers are provided.

#### *How I Became a Millionaire*

Many people dream about becoming rich and living **the life of a king or queen**. They hope they'll win **a lottery** or inherit **a fortune**. But it doesn't work out that way for most.

One morning I got out of bed and ran down the stairs to get the mail. I had a feeling that **this was going to be my lucky day**. And I was right. Among the letters I found was **one from the state lottery commission**. It stated that I was **the latest big winner**. I couldn't believe my eyes. I had won **two million dollars**! I was a millionaire!

I called my best friend, Anna, who **screamed when I told her the news**. She was as excited as I was and **ran over to my house in her robe**. She asked, "**What are you going to do now that you're rich?**" And she asked, "**What are you going to spend all that money on?**" I didn't know the answer. Where do you begin to spend money when **you never had a lot of money to spend before**? I was new at this, but I **knew I would catch on fast**. You learn some things fast.

Anna and I went downtown, but not on the bus. We **took a cab**, and on the way home I rented **a stretch limousine**. I felt like a queen. I could afford anything I wanted, and I wanted **to buy the best of everything**. But Anna was wiser than me. She suggested **I invest some of the money** and **set up a budget for the rest**. I realized that was smart and decided I would put some money **in a savings account**. But I would spend the rest on **luxuries of every kind**. Why not? I was a millionaire!

I bought several new dresses for myself, and for Anna **I bought a watch, two bracelets, and a dress for evening wear**. She was elated and said, "**I'm going to look like a queen in these.**" We both loved shoes, so **we spent three hours trying on shoes**. And I stocked up on **perfume and a variety of lingerie**. I was on a buying spree, and **nothing was going to stop me**.

But something did stop me. It didn't seem possible. It **didn't seem like the right way to end things**. I was being tricked. Fate had **cheated me**. It wasn't fair, and I lowered my head **and wept loudly**. It wasn't fair!

I had been a millionaire for **only a short time**. Just like so many others, I had only dreamed it. My wealth was just **a wish come true in my sleep**.

**Exercise 5.1** Sample completions are provided.

*August 1, 2009*

*3111 West Main Street  
Johnstown, IL 60622*

*Dear Bill,*

*I finally bought the new car I've been talking about. I was able to get a loan from my local bank, and together with what I've saved, I was able to get the car. It is bright red and looks fantastic.*

*When fall comes, I want to take a drive to New England. I've heard that the autumn foliage is spectacular. And it will be a good opportunity to try out my new car. Maybe you'll have the time to come with me.*

*I had hoped to ask my brother to join me on the trip, but he was in a skiing accident last winter, and his leg hasn't yet healed properly. Although he's still on crutches, he's able to go to work.*

*Yours truly,*

*Jim*

**Exercise 5.2** Sample completions are provided.

*October 5, 2009*

*1199 Oak Street  
Johnstown, IL 60622*

*My Dear Barbara,*

*You may have heard by now that I lost some money recently. What you probably don't know is that it was a whole month's salary. When I got my monthly paycheck, I cashed it at my bank. Then I put the money in my purse and headed for home, but somehow I left my purse on the bus. I know it was a careless and stupid thing to do.*

*Yesterday a little boy came to my door and asked if I had lost anything recently. I told him I had lost my purse and described it to him. He just looked at me for a moment.*

*Then he pulled my purse from behind his back and handed it to me. Everything was in it: my wallet, my credit cards, my driver's license, and all my money. I was so relieved that I gave the boy fifty dollars. It's good to know that there are nice people in the world.*

*Yours,  
Aunt Mary*

**Exercise 5.3** Sample completions are provided.

*November 10, 2009*

*111 James Lane  
Johnstown, IL 60622*

*Dear Mr. Brown,*

*It's been more than two months since I moved to my new apartment, so I wanted to contact you with the news that I'm finally settled. I have two bedrooms and one bath, and the kitchen is enormous. But as much as I like my new place, I still miss the cozy place I rented from you.*

*I'm still adjusting to living in such a small town. It seems that everyone knows everyone here. The clerk at the grocery store already calls me by my first name, and my next-door neighbor has had me over for lunch twice. It's very pleasant here, but I think I prefer a big city.*

*However, I really like my job. And if I get a raise and a promotion next year, I'd like to buy a house. If I had one more bedroom, my mother could move in with me, and I'd still have a bedroom to use as an office.*

*Sincerely Yours,  
Jane Smith*

**Exercise 5.5** Sample completions are provided.

August 7, 2009

3111 West Main Street  
Johnstown, IL 60622  
(311) 555-1234

James Jones, Manager  
Specialty Electronics  
5566 North Fuller Avenue  
Johnstown, IL 60633

Subject: Defective CD Player

Dear Mr. Jones:

I have been a customer of your store for more than three years. On August 1 I purchased a Crown CD player (model A-2003) from you for \$155.95.

From the first moment when I tried to use the CD player, it was clear that something was wrong with it. The power light did not come on. The buttons caused nothing to work. In short, the product is defective.

I have heard good things about this brand of CD player and would prefer to have a replacement for it. If that is not possible, please arrange for a refund of my money. A copy of my receipt is enclosed. I can be contacted at the above address or phone number.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jim Brown

Enclosure (1)

**Exercise 5.6** Sample completions are provided.

July 10, 2009

5590 West Oak Avenue  
Johnstown, IL 60644  
(311) 555-1234

Ms. Anne Smith  
Acme Manufacturing  
24 Workman Lane  
Johnstown, IL 60651

Subject: Job Opportunities

Dear Ms. Smith:

I am a twenty-five-year-old machinist with four years' experience in a variety of areas of tooling. I understand that you are hiring new people, and I should like to make application with your company.

I have references from my two previous employers and a complete résumé of my experience and salary history. I have enclosed them with this letter.

I am available to begin work at the earliest possible date. At your convenience, I shall be happy to come in for an interview.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Miller

Enclosures (3)



**Exercise 5.7** Sample completions are provided.

December 30, 2009

5590 West Oak Avenue  
Johnstown, IL 60644  
(311) 555-1234

Sloan Management Co.  
8033 Grove Avenue  
Johnstown, IL 60691

Attention: Properties Manager

Subject: Lack of Heat

I have been a tenant in your building at 5590 West Oak Avenue, Apartment 3A, for ten months. Since December 21 there has been little or no heat in my apartment. I have called your office four times, but I have only reached an answering machine.

At this cold time of year and in the flu season, the lack of heat is a health risk to my two small children and me. We must have adequate heat immediately. I have been told that the problem is that the radiators have to be bled to allow the heat to flow properly.

Please make the radiator repairs as soon as possible. If this is not done within four days, I shall contact the city's department of health and make a complaint.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jane Brown

**Exercise 6.1** *The Car I've Always Wanted*

My old car needed a paint job and had bad brakes. It was time to buy a newer car, something more modern and up-to-date. I went to the largest dealership on Main Street and received help from one of the salesmen. He showed me all the latest models. But everything was so expensive.

Finally I saw a dark blue convertible on the far end of the lot. It was a two-year-old Chevy, and it was in great condition. The price was right, so the salesman drew up the papers, I gladly signed, and a half hour later I drove off the lot in my “almost new” Chevy.

But getting this car hasn't been the best idea. My brother always wants to borrow it. My girlfriend always wants to drive it. And I only get to use it when I go to work and when the car needs gas.

**Exercise 6.2** *Death Came for a Visit*

My great-grandfather was ninety-two years old and suffering from a long illness. We knew he would pass away soon, but that's not easy even if someone is old. His last wish was to have the entire family with him at the end. So on a cold day that seemed designed for our impending loss, we gathered at his bedside.

Aunt Louise, who was Great-grandfather's youngest sister, sat next to him. She said quiet, comforting words to him, but I doubt he heard her. Then something that no one had expected happened. Great-grandfather opened his eyes and seemed to look around.

“It's time,” he said quietly. Then he shut his eyes and slipped into his eternal sleep.

Although I felt a certain sadness, I was relieved to know that he was finally released from his illness. Death isn't easy, but it's something we all must endure.

**Exercise 6.3** *The Most Unforgettable Day*

The most amazing thing happened one day when I was at the beach. I have often spent time at the seashore, but this time it was something special. I was enjoying myself, watching the waves and the surf, when I found a bottle in the sand. I have never gone looking for treasure, but the bottle was the vehicle that sent me on such a course.

The bottle itself was nothing special: it was small and made of brown glass. But inside was a note with just a few words: “Look beneath the cliffs.” Because of those four simple words, I began a quest that went on for two weeks.

I searched beneath every cliff along the shoreline. I hunted in caves and on rocky slopes. But I didn't find any treasure. Then one evening at sunset, I sat beneath a jagged cliff and peered out over the sea. That's when I found my treasure: the most beautiful sunset I had ever seen. It was unforgettable and gave me a happiness I remember to this day.

#### **Exercise 6.4** *Peace or War*

It must have been difficult for the Founding Fathers to choose in favor of revolution and war against England. Such a step was surely taken with great fear. Everything could be lost if the war ended in favor of England. And thousands of men, women, and children from all the colonies would suffer or even die.

But the fight for freedom was just, and that made the war inevitable. The American colonists had to take command of their own liberty or perish in the process. When negotiations and diplomacy failed, it was time to act.

No war is good. It means death and destruction for so many, but perhaps the good that is derived after the war is justification enough for it. At least that was so in the case of the American Revolution.

#### **Exercise 6.5** *A Wedding*

My cousin, Anne, and her fiancé were married several years ago. Instead of a June wedding, they got married in late October. The vows they spoke were simple but beautiful. Everyone cried, especially Anne's new mother-in-law.

The reception Anne's parents arranged was held in a large hall in the city. Guests enjoyed dancing and wonderful food. But instead of an open bar, each table was provided with several bottles of champagne. Everyone celebrated happily.

Around midnight the bride and groom slipped away. The following morning they left for their honeymoon in Jamaica.

Next October they will have been married for ten years.

#### **Exercise 6.6** *Credit Cards*

If I had known then what I know now about credit cards, I never would have signed up for one. I thought a credit card would give me freedom and allow me to enjoy the things that were out of my grasp financially. But that's not the way it turned out.

I found myself buying things I didn't need. If I saw a dress I liked, I would buy it, even if I thought it was too expensive. Little by little my debt grew, and with the high interest rate, I found that I couldn't pay my bills.

One day I went to an ATM to get some money, and I discovered that my credit card didn't work. I had spent too much, and I owed too much. But I had finally learned my lesson. I cut up the card and got a second job. It took two years, but I'm finally out of debt. And I don't want another credit card.

### **Exercise 6.7** *I Need a Vacation*

At summer's end last year, I was exhausted. I needed time away from work. So I went to a travel agent to arrange a trip someplace quiet and relaxing. The agent suggested Sanibel Island in Florida.

"Are you going to be traveling alone?" she asked me.

That was the first time I had thought about it. I didn't want to vacation alone. My brother's wife was visiting her mother for a while, so I invited him to join me. But he couldn't get away from work. So I asked my friend Bill. But Bill's job required him to travel later in the fall.

Then I realized that it wasn't important where I spent my vacation time. It was more important to be with the people I care about. I called the travel agent and told her that I wouldn't be taking a trip anywhere that year. I'm going to spend my free time with family and friends instead.

### **Exercise 6.8** *The Person I Love Most*

Maria became my wife just two years ago. I love her so much and know that she loves me, too. Our relationship is so strong and based on mutual affection and respect. We both admitted long ago that we had found in one another our soul mates.

It's so important to have someone that you love so much. Everyone needs someone that he can talk to and confide in. It's a form of comfort and security. And my Maria is all of that.

Our love is real and forever. And that kind of love is hard to find. But when you do find it, you have to nurture it and care for it like a delicate flower. If you do, it will go on and on.

**Exercise 6.9** *If I Had a Million Dollars*

Who would have believed it? I won a million dollars in the lottery. Lots of people have been taken in by the notion that they'll strike it rich someday. But it really happened to me. When it does, what do you do with all that money?

The answer isn't so easy. For years I have been plagued by the idea that having lots of money would solve all my problems. But money just adds to the problems. In addition to taxes, there are friends and relatives, all of whom need a loan. Everybody seems to want something from you. You begin to feel that people only like you for your wealth.

I foolishly went on a buying spree. I bought three cars, a new house, a boat, and a closet full of clothes for every season. How could I have been so stupid? The money was soon gone, and I was back at my old job. But I had learned an important and very old lesson: money doesn't always buy happiness.

**Exercise 6.10** *My First Job*

I sometimes have to laugh when I think about my first job. I was sixteen years old and believed that "a man" of that advanced age ought to earn his own keep. So I got a job sweeping up in a hardware store. I dusted shelves, swept floors, and cleaned toilets. It was so boring.

One day Mr. Jones, the owner of the store, said I had to help customers because he was shorthanded. I was glad to do it and to leave my broom in the back room.

But there was a problem. I wasn't able to help anybody. I didn't know a dead bolt from a coping saw. I didn't know that nails came in different sizes, and all I did was frustrate Mr. Jones' customers.

At the end of the week I got my paycheck and a little yellow slip that said I was fired. It was a relief.



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