

GRAMMAR TEST – REVISION UNITS 7-8

EXERCISE 1: GERUNDS AND INFINITIVES: choose the right option.

1. *I would love _____ better at tennis because I really like the sport.*
 - a. get
 - b. that I get
 - c. getting
 - d. to get

2. *I wish I _____ sport when I left school.*
 - a. didn't give up
 - b. wouldn't give up
 - c. hadn't given up
 - d. haven't given up

3. _____ at that point in the match, the result might have been different.
 - a. If he scored
 - b. Even if he had scored
 - c. Had he scored
 - d. On condition that he scored

4. *The captain is said _____ at the end of the season, so this might be his last season.*
 - a. that he will retire
 - b. to retire
 - c. to be retiring
 - d. that he is retiring

5. *She seemed _____ enough to win the race but at the last moment she lost it.*
 - a. having done
 - b. she had done
 - c. as if doing
 - d. to have done

6. *It's no good _____ at the referee, he won't change his decision.*
 - a. you shout
 - b. to shout
 - c. you to shout
 - d. shouting

EXERCISE 2: MODAL VERBS: Right (✓) or wrong (X)? Correct the mistakes in the bold phrases. (correction at the end of the test)

1. These jeans are too tight. I should have tried them on before buying them.
2. Emma's still very upset about her divorce, so you hadn't better ask her about it.
3. The invitation said we didn't need to wear formal clothes, so we wore jeans.
4. Employees don't have to download any software as it's against company rules.
5. We're supposed to finish early on Fridays, but we always end up staying late.
6. If you want to be sure of passing your exam, you really ought study more.
7. The boss is in a bad mood today so you'd better watch out.
8. You don't need to show your passport for domestic travel within the UK.
9. We ought to think of that solution earlier. It's too late now.

EXERCISE 3: DISTANCING.

A. Rewrite the sentences with It + clause.

1. Men seem to be more at risk from this disease than women.
2. She appears to have changed her mind since I last spoke to her.
3. You seem to be unable to deal with this problem effectively.
4. The weather seems to be about to improve.

5. The robbers appear to have been wearing face masks.

B. Rewrite the sentences beginning with the bold phrases.

1. It is thought that **the finance minister** is about to resign from his post.
2. It is expected that **a spokesman** will make an announcement later today.
3. It is believed that **more than half of the population** suffers from headaches.
4. It is thought that **at least 70 people** have been injured as a result of the explosion.
5. It is expected that **the economy** will grow over the next six months.

EXERCISE 4: FUTURE PERFECT AND FUTURE CONTINUOUS. Choose the right option

Dear Rosa,

Greetings from Osaka! Hope this finds you all well. I suppose by now school (1) **will close / will have closed** for Christmas and you (2) **will be enjoying / will have been enjoying** a rest. It's hard to believe that Tim's already 18 and that it's only a few months until he (3) **will be leaving / will have been leaving** school for college.

My main news is that my brother, Joe, and his family (4) **will have been arriving / will be arriving** next Friday as part of their big trip around the world. By the time they get here they (5) **will be going / will have been to**

California and New Zealand. No doubt Joe's children (6) **will have been planning / will plan** it all out for months! They (7) **won't be spending / won't have spent** all their time with me. Joe has to go to Tokyo on business, so I (8) **will have kept/ will be keeping** the rest of the family entertained while he's away. Then they (9) **will all be going / will all have been going** to Kyoto...

EXERCISE 5: CLEFT-SENTENCES. Rewrite the sentences to focus attention on the underlined information. Start with *it + be*.

1. EXAMPLE: She bought the car from Tom.
It was from Tom that he bought the car./ It was Tom that he bought the car from.
2. My secretary sent the bill to Mr. Harding yesterday.
3. He already plays for national side; he only turned professional last year.
4. The film was made in Bristol.
5. We are coming to stay with Jane this weekend.
6. Columbus sailed to America in 1492.
7. The president makes the important decisions.

Correction exercise 2:

2. Emma's still very upset about her divorce, so you **had better not** ask her about it.
4. Employees **mustn't** download any software as it's against company rules.
6. If you want to be sure of passing your exam, you really ought **to** study more.
9. We ought **to have thought** of that solution earlier. It's too late now.

Activities taken from:
OUP English File Advanced
Advanced Grammar in Use by Martin Hewings. Cambridge.