

Grammar Readiness

SELF-CHECK

The Grammar Readiness Self-Check is optional. Complete the exercises to confirm that you know this grammar previously taught in Top Notch.

QUANTIFIERS FOR INDEFINITE QUANTITIES AND AMOUNTS

A PRACTICE Circle the correct quantifiers.

- 1 There isn't (much / many / some) milk in the fridge.
- 2 There are (much / many / any) beautiful figures in the Gold Museum.
- 3 We need to go shopping. We don't have (much / many / some) shampoo for the trip.
- 4 She doesn't use (many / a lot of / some) toothpaste when she brushes her teeth.
- 5 I'm on a diet. I just want to have (much / any / some) soup for lunch.
- 6 There aren't (much / many / some) calories in a salad.

B USE THE GRAMMAR Complete each statement with real information. Use an affirmative or negative form of there is / there are and the quantifiers some, any, a lot of, many, or much.

- 1 In my bathroom, right now, but
- 2 In my fridge, right now, but

THE REAL CONDITIONAL

A PRACTICE Complete the statements and questions with the simple present tense or the future with will.

- 1 If me tomorrow morning, you the information you need.
you / call *I / give*
- 2 open if after 6:00 p.m.?
the hotel gift shop / be *I / arrive*
- 3 If , open.
you / not / hurry *the fitness center / not / be*
- 4 the express train if at the station after 4:00?
we / miss *we / arrive*
- 5 If on the scroll bar, up and down.
you / click *the screen / move*

B USE THE GRAMMAR Complete each statement, using the real conditional.

- 1 If I go on a trip to New York, I
- 2 I if it rains tomorrow.

THE UNREAL CONDITIONAL

A PRACTICE Choose the correct way to complete each unreal conditional sentence.

- 1 If you something in a store, would you pay for it?
a would break b broke c break
- 2 What if your computer crashed?
a would you do b were you doing c did you do

- 3 If I found someone's wallet in a restaurant, I the server.
a would tell b will tell c told
- 4 I would go to Sam's Electronics if I to get a great deal on a new tablet.
a would want b want c wanted
- 5 How if your husband got cosmetic surgery?
a do you feel b would you feel c will you feel
- 6 If I to New York, I would go to the top of the Empire State Building.
a go b went c would go

B USE THE GRAMMAR Complete these unreal conditional statements in your own words.

- 1 If I had a lot of money,
- 2 I would stop studying English if

COMPARISON WITH AS ... AS

A PRACTICE Combine each pair of statements, using comparisons with as ... as and the adverb in parentheses.

- 1 London is exciting. Rome is exciting too.
(just)
- 2 The ceramic vase is beautiful. The glass vase is much more beautiful.
(not / nearly)
- 3 I'm very rebellious. My sister is much more rebellious.
(not / quite)
- 4 The Green Hotel is expensive. The Chelton Hotel is a little more expensive.
(almost)
- 5 The movie *Kill Bill* was violent. *War of the Worlds* was violent too.
(just)

B USE THE GRAMMAR Write statements with comparisons with as ... as.

- 1 Compare two people in your family.
.....
- 2 Compare two products, such as cars or electronics.
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GERUNDS AND INFINITIVES

A PRACTICE Complete the advice by choosing a gerund or infinitive form of each verb.

Are you an introvert? Are you afraid of (1 *speaking / to speak*) in front of a group of people? Are you tired of (2 *worrying / to worry*) about what other people think? Let me give you some tips for (3 *changing / to change*) how you feel. First of all, enjoy (4 *being / to be*) who you are. There's nothing wrong with (5 *getting / to get*) nervous in social situations. If you want (6 *feeling / to feel*) comfortable in those situations, you can learn how. Finally, learn (7 *accepting / to accept*) that you have unique strengths.

B USE THE GRAMMAR Complete each personal statement with a gerund or infinitive phrase.

- 1 After I finish my English studies, I hope
- 2 I dislike, but I really don't mind

THE PASSIVE VOICE

A PRACTICE Change each sentence from active voice to passive voice. Use a by-phrase if it is important to mention who performs the action.

- 1 Gabriel García Márquez wrote *One Hundred Years of Solitude* in 1967.
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- 2 People eat fried cheese balls for lunch or snacks.
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- 3 The Spanish artist Diego Velázquez painted *Las Meninas* in 1656.
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- 4 People turn down the beds every night at the Cates Hotel.
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- 5 They grow mangos in many countries around the world.
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B USE THE GRAMMAR Write two facts about your city or country, using the passive voice. For example: *In my country, fish is usually served with rice.*

- 1
- 2

THE PAST CONTINUOUS

A PRACTICE Complete the paragraph with the past continuous or the simple past tense.

I a problem yesterday. While I some information on the Internet,
I a great website with some cool applications. So I to download one of

them. While I^{5 do} that, my computer^{6 crash}. I^{7 try} restarting, but nothing happened. While I^{8 try} to solve the problem, the phone^{9 ring}. It was my friend Mark. He^{10 say} that the website I found had a virus.

B USE THE GRAMMAR Complete the statements, using the past continuous or the simple past tense.

- 1 While I was leaving home for class today,
- 2 Someone called me while

USE TO / USED TO

A PRACTICE Complete each sentence with the correct affirmative or negative form of use to or used to.

- 1 I (like) to eat seafood, but now I do.
- 2 My school (be) near the mall, but it moved to another location.
- 3 you (go) to the beach a lot when you were a kid?
- 4 My brother (have) a tattoo on his arm, but he went to a doctor and she removed it.
- 5 I (be) kind of an introvert, but now I like being with lots of people.
- 6 There (be) so many hotels on Bliss Street, but now there are lots of them.

B USE THE GRAMMAR Complete the statements with real information.

- 1 There didn't use to be in our city.
- 2 I used to when I was a kid.
- 3 I didn't use to like, but now I do.

THE PRESENT PERFECT

A PRACTICE Choose the present perfect or simple past tense verb phrase to complete each conversation.

- 1 A: I'm worried we're going to be late. Has Tom taken a shower yet?
B: No. Actually, he (hasn't gotten up / didn't get up) yet!
- 2 A: Did you get Mr. Bland's message this morning?
B: Yes, I did. But I (didn't have / haven't had) time to respond yet.
- 3 A: Have you seen DiCaprio's new movie?
B: Actually, I (saw / have seen) it last night. It wasn't great.
- 4 A: Have you stayed at the Greenvale Hotel before?
B: Not at the Greenvale. But I (stayed / 've stayed) at the Huntington next door twice.

B USE THE GRAMMAR Complete the statements about yourself.

- 1 I haven't yet, but I'd like to.
- 2 I've more than three times.
- 3 I've since
- 4 I haven't for