

Grammar Quiz: What Do You Already Know?

A Read the text. Choose the correct options.

Allie Mercer **1** can't / couldn't move her body like other babies when she was one year old. It was then that her parents learned she had a condition called cerebral palsy. This made it hard for Allie **2** move / to move her legs. Now Allie is 12, and she uses a wheelchair to move around. Assistance from her friends and family is useful when she has to have some things **3** to do / done for her, but Allie is a very independent person.

Doctors have suggested **4** to try / trying a treatment called hippotherapy. It has nothing to do with hippos. Instead, it is actually horses that help Allie strengthen her leg muscles. The smooth, gentle rhythm of a horse's gait is similar to a child's walk. This has helped Allie **5** get / getting better coordination, balance, and strength.

B Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

- 1 She won't believe that story until she _____ (check) its source.
- 2 I _____ (not call) you if I had known you were sick in bed.
- 3 Plants die unless they _____ (get) enough water.
- 4 We _____ (save) more money if we recycled more.
- 5 I hope you _____ (tell) us about your latest trip sometime.

C Rewrite the sentences and questions as reported speech.

- 1 "Mike has been working very hard."
She said that _____.
- 2 "We will be at her son's performance."
We promised that _____.
- 3 "When did you decide to be an actor?"
I asked him _____.
- 4 "Do they enjoy performing live?"
I asked them _____.
- 5 "Diana is stopping by later today."
He mentioned that _____.

D Read the text. Choose the correct options.

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Stevie Wonder **1** has been performing / was performed / was performing music for more than 60 years. He became blind shortly after he was born in 1950. He **2** was learned / has been learning / had learned to play piano, drums, and the harmonica by the time he was ten. He sang **3** good / well / better than people much older. Motown Records was **4** so / too / such impressed when they heard him sing that they offered him a contract immediately. He had his first hit at the age of 12. Motown knew they could **5** count him on / count on him / count Stevie on to deliver hit after hit. He has sold over 100 million records worldwide, making him one of the best-selling musical acts of all time.



E Match the statements (1-5) to the responses (a-e).

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| 1 This phone isn't working. _____ | a You shouldn't have said that. |
| 2 It took three flights and ten hours to get here. _____ | b It might not have any power. |
| 3 I told my sister her new hairstyle looked bad. _____ | c You can't possibly be hungry again. |
| 4 I just ate a huge meal. _____ | d You should have been more careful. |
| 5 I dropped my phone on the street. _____ | e You must be totally exhausted. |

F Find one error in each sentence. Write the correct sentence.

- 1 I am thinking the course is getting harder.

- 2 Do you remember the time where we lost our keys?

- 3 Birds make very good pets, aren't they?

- 4 Do you have any idea we have an exam today?

- 5 Where can I get an information on graduate schools?

G Read the text. Choose the correct options.

Ever heard the expression "There is no use crying over spilled milk"? It describes a situation that you have to accept even when you wish you 1 had done / did do things differently. Typically, the situation does not actually involve milk but it did for Brooklyn delivery driver, Steven Jackson! Made late by the New York traffic, Steven packed his milk truck quickly and got on the highway. If only he 2 spent / had spent more time checking he had locked the doors! As he was driving, he looked in the mirror and saw one of the back doors come open. Steven told police that he 3 had never felt / never feels so bad. "I should have 4 known / knew better!" said Steven. He said he 5 had / 'd had tears in his eyes as he saw thousands of bottles of milk fall from his truck. That would make anyone cry!



H Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

- 1 She was _____ (give) an interview for the job the day after she sent her résumé.
- 2 He had his suit _____ (clean) for his first day in the office.
- 3 They were _____ (show) how to use the equipment they needed for the job.
- 4 The advertisement was _____ (ban) from TV in some countries.
- 5 She has her lunch _____ (deliver) directly to her office.