

C Grammar exercises

1 Tick (✓) the correct underlined verbs, and correct the verbs that are wrong.

I would like to be considered for your degree course in Zoology, starting in October next year. I feel I am a good candidate for this course as I
 1 have always been interested in natural history and even as a child I
 2 have enjoyed studying animals and insects in my garden. Your science faculty has a good reputation and I would very much like to be part of it.

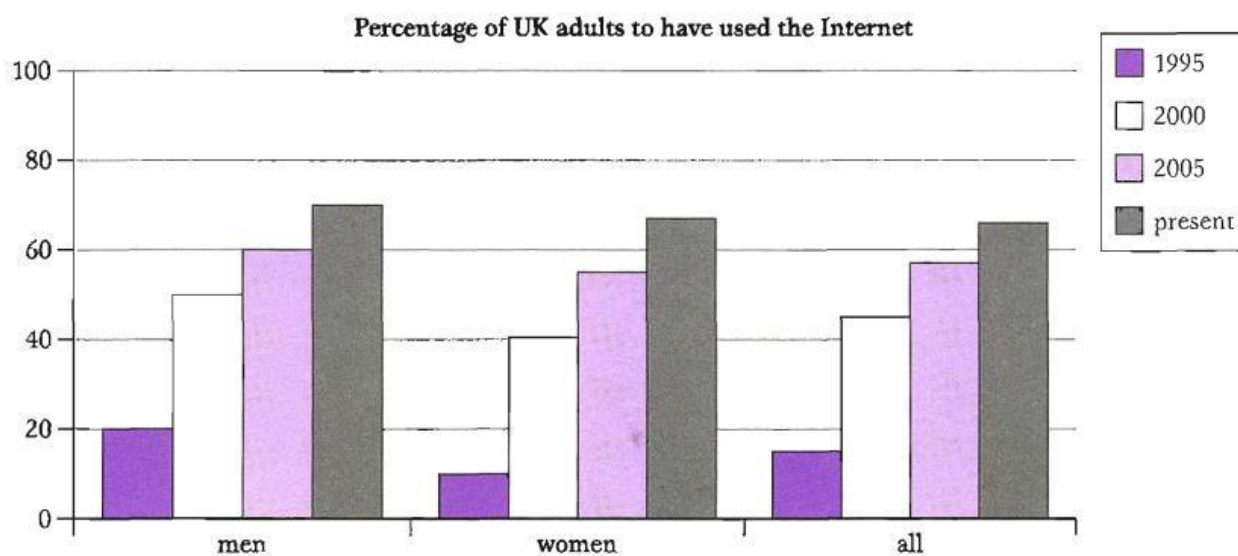
As you 3 already saw in Section A of this application, I have a good academic record and I 4 just received the results of my recent exams, all of which 5 have been excellent.

In addition, your university attracts me because I enjoy sports and I
 6 have read in your prospectus about the large number of sports on offer. Last year I 7 have represented my school at badminton and I 8 played in football teams since I was eleven. I 9 have recently joined a basketball team which competes at a national level.

I 10 did not travel abroad much yet, although as a young child I 11 have been to Singapore and Hong Kong with my family. I realize that I 12 have not spent much time away from home up to now, but am keen to become more independent.

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2 Look at the chart and fill in the gaps with the past simple or present perfect simple of the verbs in brackets to make true sentences.



- 1 The chart shows the percentage of British adults who have used (use) the Internet since 1995.
- 2 The number of women who have ever used the Internet (increase) by more than 60% since 1995.
- 3 The percentage of men who have accessed the Internet (rise) to 60% in 2005.
- 4 The number of women to have accessed the Internet (rise) each year.
- 5 The percentage of men who used the Internet (be) greater than the percentage of women from 1995 to 2005.
- 6 However, British women (overtake) British men in Internet usage since 2005.
- 7 The total number of people accessing the Internet (grow) each year although the most significant rise (occur) between 1995 and 2000.

3 Underline the correct form of the verbs.

To: Paul Johnson

From: Sunita Soh

Subject: Seminar presentation on Friday

Dear Paul

1 I've just received / I've just been receiving your message to us all about the seminar on Friday. 2 I've worked / I've been working on my presentation for the last week, and 3 have now finished / now finished it, so I am happy to be one of the first to present it. However, 4 I've made / I made an appointment to see the university careers advisor immediately after the seminar, so I will need to leave on time.

I'd like some advice about my presentation. At last week's lecture 5 you've said / you said that we should use visual aids as much as possible. 6 I haven't found / I didn't find anything to use. Is it essential? 7 I've done / I did lots of presentations before, and I feel OK about this one. In my last presentation 8 I used / I have been using the overhead projector, and I want to do this again – does this count as a visual aid?

One last question: 9 I've been / I went to Professor Russell's lecture yesterday, and 10 have been learning / learnt quite a lot that is relevant to this course. Is it okay to refer to another course in my presentation? 11 I've been wondering / I wondered about this – maybe it is better to stick to the materials and references 12 you've given / you've been giving us. I hope you can let me know.

Thanks for your help.

Sunita