



GRAMMAR

I. Read the following sentences, then decided if they are right or wrong. If you think they are right write "CORRECT" on the line. If you think they are wrong, rewrite them correctly.

1. I hadn't got time to watch a movie yesterday. I was just too tired.

2. We had our kitchen decorated by a professional. That's why it's nicely done.

3. Haven't you got a pencil I can borrow? I only have my pen.

4. At my last job we didn't have to wear a uniform. Casual clothes were just fine.

5. I was having a shower when my mother called, so I couldn't pick up.

6. We were having a big house ten years ago.

7. Have Mario to work late again tonight?

II. Complete the following sentences writing only ONE word. Use "linkers".

1. I read the whole book, I can't remember anything _____.
2. Tanya had to give up skiing _____ to a knee injury.
3. We had to break the news gently so _____ my mother wouldn't be upset.
4. The kids didn't do their homework _____ a result they were not allowed to go out.
5. Carlos always tries to arrive early at work, _____ of the long commute hours.

III. Choose between A, B, or C to complete the sentences correctly.

1. Tony arrived really late to the station _____, he couldn't catch his train.
a) Yet b) Therefore c) Due to
2. I stopped buying in that coffee shop _____ the rudeness of the staff.
a) Owing to b) Since c) As
3. I have read the entire book. I don't remember anything about it, _____.
a) Yet b) However c) Though
4. Check the report carefully _____ there is a mistake.
a) As a result b) In spite of c) In case
5. We managed to get to work quite early _____ the traffic jam.
a) So b) Seeing that c) Despite
6. I didn't make any noise _____, my mother wouldn't wake up.
a) To b) So that c) Consequently
7. Maria didn't buy milk from the supermarket. _____, she couldn't bake a cake.
a) As a result b) In order not to c) Even though

IV. Complete the fable with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use narrative tenses.

Last year, my wife and I (1) *BOUGHT / WERE BUYING* our first house. We (2) *HAD ALREADY BEEN LIVING / WERE ALREADY LIVING* together for five years before we bought our house, so we (3) *KNEW / WERE KNOWING* how to live together. I'll never forget the first house we (4) *USED TO LOOK / LOOKED* It was a small house in the suburbs with small windows. While we (5) *WERE WALKING / WALKED* around the house, I (6) *HAD BEEN NOTICING / NOTICED* how dark and depressing it was. I (7) *WOULD LIVE / USED TO LIVE* in a house with a lot of light and big windows, so I instantly (8) *HATED / WAS HATING* it. We (9) *SAW / HAD SEEN* a few more houses after that which were all quite nice. We ended up buying the second house that we (10) *VISITED / WERE VISITING*. We (11) *HAD BEEN SEEING / HAD SEEN* it twice before we (12) *WERE BUYING / BOUGHT* it, just to be sure. I (13) *HAD BEEN DREAMING / WAS DREAMING* of this day for a long time. Now, we have moved in. I'm really happy.

V. Read the sentences below and complete them with ONE word using a suitable pronoun.

- Two of my good friends aren't talking to _____ other because they had a big argument.
- Ask Mary or John if _____ can pick you up from the airport.
- I think it is obvious that _____ doesn't have to be happy all the time.
- My sister and I cooked dinner by _____ today. It was delicious!
- We surely will arrive on time, _____ is only 10 miles away.
- The person who forgot _____ cellphone can find it in the lost and found bin.
- Tina cut _____, now she needs to go to hospital.
- I can never find parking in the city center, _____ are always loads of cars.

VI. Complete the sentences with the correct form of a word from the list. Number 0 is an example.

USE	PAY	TIDY
CHECK	DO	BREAK

- She was in the middle of getting her hair done, so I said I'd call her back.
- Quite a few of our things got _____ when we were moving into our new house.
- I got the children _____ their rooms whilst I put away the shopping.
- It took my brother a long time to get _____ to living in a different country.
- Top bosses often get _____ substantial bonuses at the end of the year.
- I was wondering if you could get Elena _____ the figures for me.

VII. Complete the sentences with the correct words

- Please be on time for the bus. _____ you'll make everyone late for the show.
 - Other
 - Otherwise
 - Other words

2. _____, the wounded will need food, shelter, and medical support.
 - a. Obvious to me
 - b. Obviously
 - c. Obvious
3. Jack's coming to visit. _____, he's leaving the army, and he wants your advice about careers.
 - a. Incident
 - b. By incident
 - c. Incidentally
4. I think you should take a day off tomorrow. _____, your sister doesn't visit very often.
 - a. It's after
 - b. After
 - c. After all
5. Jason isn't very friendly, but _____ his work is concerned, he's doing a great job in the office.
 - a. as regards
 - b. as a matter of
 - c. as far as
6. It's going to snow later, or _____ that's what the weather forecast said.
 - a. leastly
 - b. at least
 - c. least
7. As far as meals _____, all of the actors and film crew will be catered for.
 - a. concerned
 - b. concern
 - c. are concerned

VIII. Rewrite the sentences to make them more emphatic. Number 0 is an example.

0. We only received our drinks when we reminded the waiter for the third time.
Only when we reminded the waiter for the third time did we receive our drinks.
1. I've rarely had the opportunity to eat at such a high-class restaurant.
Rarely _____ at such a high-class restaurant.
2. The novel has an implausible storyline and the characters are really dull as well.
Not only _____ really dull.
3. I'll never read another book by that author again.
Never again _____ by that author.
4. The film had scarcely started when I was moved to tears.
Scarcely _____ moved to tears.
5. Until you've watched the film two or three times, you can't fully understand the plot.
Not until _____ the plot.
6. The bed was so comfortable! I fell asleep as soon as my head hit the pillow.
The bed was so comfortable! No sooner _____ fell asleep.

VOCABULARY

IX. Match the sentence with the most suitable personality adjective, phrase, or idiom. There is an extra letter that you do not need.

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| 1 He looks really mean but _____ | a) Spontaneous |
| 2 Eliza is so _____. You never know what she's going to do next. | b) Sensible |
| 3 I'm pretty sure you can get mum to give us a ride, she's usually a _____ | c) Deep down |
| 4 Last year the company _____ to compromise their quality for the cost. | d) Refused |
| 5 I think tom will go far, he's so _____; nothing will stop him from doing what he wants. | e) Independant |
| 6 She's totally _____. She never asks for anyone's help. | f) Down to earth |
| 7 It is always a good thing to be _____ because you can think before you act. | g) Soft touch |
| 8 Despite being really famous, the singer was _____ | h) Determined |
| | i) Straight-forward |

X. Complete the text with ONE word in each gap. Use "work vocabulary".

Since graduating from university in September, my cousin, Fabian, has been job-(1) _____ and has (2) _____ for several positions. As well as having excellent academic (3) _____, he has great (4) _____ such as speaking two languages, and he's really good at solving IT problems. The only drawback for Fabian is that he hasn't got any work (5) _____ because he has only just finished his studies. Unfortunately, his father was made (6) _____ last month so both father and son are currently (7) _____ of work. I'm lucky to have a permanent (8) _____ so my job is fairly secure but I'm also off work at the moment. It's for a good reason though – I've been on paternity (9) _____ since the birth of my son last week!

XI. Read the sentences. Replace the bold words or phrases with the correct form of a phrase with get. Write your answers in the column on the right.

- Both of my parents are **growing older**, but they still lead very active lives.
- What's the best way to **move from one place to another** in this city?
- Could you please **throw away** all the old clothes you don't wear anymore?
- My parents always let my little sister **do whatever she wants** – that's why she's so spoilt
- Not having enough time for myself really **depresses me**.
- Come on! We'll be late if you don't **hurry up**.

XII. Complete the sentences with the correct word or phrase, use “conflict and warfare” vocabulary. The first letter of the word is already given

1. A peace t _____ was signed between the United States and Britain.
2. A s _____ is a soldier who usually works alone and specializes in shooting from very long distances.
3. The great Fire of London b _____ in a bakery on 2nd September 1666.
4. The total number of s _____ (people killed or injured) caused directly by the First World War was around 40 million.
5. In Sweden, compulsory service in the armed f _____ – army, navy, or air force – was abolished in 2010

READING

Read the text then answer the questions. Circle the best answer



A threat to bananas In the 1950s, Central American commercial banana growers were facing the death of their most lucrative product, the Gros Michel banana, known as Big Mike. And now it's happening again to Big Mike's successor – the Cavendish. With its easily transported, thick-skinned and sweet-tasting fruit, the Gros Michel banana plant dominated the plantations of Central America. United Fruit, the main grower and exporter in South America at the time, mass-produced its bananas in the most efficient way possible: it cloned shoots from the stems of plants instead of growing plants from seeds, and cultivated them in densely packed fields.

Unfortunately, these conditions are also perfect for the spread of the fungus *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. cubense, which attacks the plant's roots and prevents it from transporting water to the stem and leaves. The TR-1 strain of the fungus was resistant to crop sprays and travelled around on boots or the tyres of trucks, slowly infecting plantations across the region. In an attempt to escape the fungus, farmers abandoned infected fields, flooded them and then replanted crops somewhere else, often cutting down rainforest to do so.

Their efforts failed. So, instead, they searched for a variety of banana that the fungus didn't affect. They found the Cavendish, as it was called, in the greenhouse of a British duke. It wasn't as well suited to shipping as the Gros Michel, but its bananas tasted good enough to keep consumers happy. Most importantly, TR-1 didn't seem to affect it. In a few years, United Fruit had saved itself from bankruptcy by filling its plantations with thousands of the new plants, copying the same monoculture growing conditions Gros Michel had thrived in. While the operation was a huge success for the Latin American industry, the Cavendish banana itself is far from safe. In 2014, South East Asia, another major banana producer, exported four million tons of Cavendish bananas. But, in 2015, its exports had dropped by 46 per cent thanks to a combination of another strain of the fungus, TR-4, and bad weather.

Growing practices in South East Asia haven't helped matters. Growers can't always afford the expensive lab-based methods to clone plants from shoots without spreading the disease. Also, they often aren't strict enough about cleaning farm equipment and quarantining infected fields. As a result, the fungus has spread to Australia, the Middle East and Mozambique – and Latin America, heavily dependent on its monoculture Cavendish crops, could easily be next.

Racing against the inevitable, scientists are working on solving the problem by genetically modifying the Cavendish with genes from TR-4-resistant banana species. Researchers at the Queensland

University of Technology have successfully grown two kinds of modified plant which have remained resistant for three years so far. But some experts think this is just a sophisticated version of the same temporary solution the original Cavendish provided. If the new bananas are planted in the same monocultures as the Cavendish and the Gros Michel before it, the risk is that another strain of the disease may rise up to threaten the modified plants too.

1. Mass-produced bananas are ...

- a. grown from seeds because its efficient.
- b. cloned because it's a fast and cheap way to grow them.
- c. sweeter than other bananas.
- d. exported to Central America.

2. The spread of the TR-1 strain was ...

- a. caused by lack of water.
- b. speeded up by the flooding of banana fields.
- c. slowed down by crop spraying.
- d. helped by the movement of people and vehicles.

3. Which sentence is NOT true?

- a. The Cavendish replaced the Gros Michel.
- b. The Cavendish bananas were easier to transport than the Gros Michel.
- c. The Cavendish was resistant.
- d. The Cavendish stopped United Fruit from losing more money.

4. South East Asia's Cavendish exports fell in 2015 because ...

- a. a new strain of the fungus had developed.
- b. farmers can't afford new farming technology.
- c. they had to quarantine their fruit.
- d. they depended too much on other countries.

5. Genetically modifying bananas may ...

- a. mean farmers can grow the Gros Michel again.
- b. cause farmers to repeat the mistakes of the past.
- c. encourage farmers to try new growing methods
- d. only be a short-term solution.

6. How would you describe the writer's opinion about the future of the Cavendish?

- a. Optimistic
- b. Pessimistic
- c. Cautious
- d. Uninterested

LISTENING

Listen to an interview with an AI expert about jobs and personality types. Circle the correct answer.

1 Martin says that asking job-seekers to fill out surveys _____.

- a. provides the most accurate assessment of their personality traits
- b. could transform their employment opportunities
- c. does not provide specific enough results for the changing jobs market

- 2 According to Martin, when people conduct any activity online, they _____.
a. risk their personal security
b. reveal clues about their personality
c. practise skills that will be useful in future jobs
- 3 Martin's study showed that people who practise sports _____.
a. dislike repetitious tasks
b. tend to have good organizational skills
c. are more capable of thinking in abstract terms
- 4 According to Martin, the Vocation Map _____.
a. became popular surprisingly quickly
b. turned out completely different from what they had predicted
c. revealed some results they couldn't have predicted
- 5 Regarding the Vocation Compass, Martin admits that _____.
a. it isn't completely accurate
b. the technology is not yet sophisticated enough
c. he hasn't dared to try it for himself yet