

# ENGLISH 9 – UNIT 3

## Grammar Exercises

**Read the diary below. Complete the following sentences with the correct prepositions.**

Today is a sad day of my school life. As usual, I had an online class with my classmates and today, we studied Maths, English and Biology. I prepared for the class very carefully and got my computer set up 5 minutes before the starting time. The first lesson was Math, my favorite subject. I participated actively in all discussion activities because I was very confident with my mathematical skills. I totally concentrated on what the teacher said and asked us to do. I even got a bonus from my teachers.

During the second class, English, I was not so engaged but I was still very focused. I tried my best to answer my teacher's questions and behave well in the online session. I didn't do anything beyond the boundaries of what is accepted in an online classroom.

However, everything went wrong when we started the Biology lesson. My computer started to have some problems. I tried all ways to cope with these technical issues. I don't know why but my microphone kept turning on and off. Inevitably, the teacher heard some background noises of my house. My classmates even heard what my mom said and everyone laughed a lot. My teacher thought I was trying to make fun of her class, but everything was out of my control. It was because of my computer! She took away one of my bonuses and I am very upset now. Why doesn't she empathize with me?

1. He felt that they were making fun \_\_\_\_\_ him, though he could not understand why.
2. He wasn't able to cope \_\_\_\_\_ the stresses and strains of the job.
3. We have to improve and increase mass participation \_\_\_\_\_ sports.
4. This goes beyond the boundaries \_\_\_\_\_ what is accepted.
5. My parents never put any pressure \_\_\_\_\_ me to get a job.
6. You can dial 114 in case of fire \_\_\_\_\_ dealing area codes.
7. She gave up German in order to concentrate \_\_\_\_\_ her French.
8. Parents need to continue to empathize \_\_\_\_\_ the child.

**Complete the following indirect speeches. Write NO MORE THAN FIVE WORDS in each gap.**

1. "My dad ran a marathon at the age of 65."

→ She told me that her dad \_\_\_\_\_ a marathon at the age of 65.

2. "I've written three pages of the report."

→ He said that he \_\_\_\_\_ three pages of the report.

3. "I wasn't paying attention at the time."

→ He said that he had \_\_\_\_\_ attention at the time.

4. "I live in the centre."

→ She told me that \_\_\_\_\_ in the centre, but I think she's moved.

5. "We're meeting Toni at 8 o'clock."

→ She said that \_\_\_\_\_ meeting Toni at 8 o'clock. I hope they're having a nice time!

6. "She had worked for this school for 40 years when she retired."

→ He told me that she \_\_\_\_\_ school for 40 years when she retired.

7. "We're having a great time here on holiday!"

→ I got a postcard from my parents – they said they were \_\_\_\_\_ on holiday.

8. "Coralie's arriving today."

→ She told me that Coralie \_\_\_\_\_, but I found out the next day that her visit was cancelled.