



Understanding grammar words

1 Match the examples (a-n) with the grammar words (1-14).

- a) *a/an, the*¹².....
- b) *at, to, for*
- c) *do, have*
- d) *can, must*
- e) *If you do that, I'll*
- f) *she, someone, myself*
- g) *all, some, both, either*
- h) *past simple, present perfect*
- i) *What's your name? Where do you live?*
- j) *happy, important, good*
- k) *slowly, carefully, well*
- l) *get up in the morning, look up a word*
- m) *The letter that arrived this morning is for you.*
- n) *It is made of wood. The book was written in 2001.*

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| 1 verb tenses | 8 conditional sentence |
| 2 auxiliary verbs | 9 passive voice |
| 3 modal auxiliaries | 10 pronouns |
| 4 prepositions | 11 phrasal verbs |
| 5 questions | 12 articles |
| 6 adjectives | 13 determiners |
| 7 adverbs | 14 relative clause |

2 Match the tenses in *italics* (a-h) with their names (1-8).

- a) Helen *is leaving* first thing in the morning.².....
- b) *I've been studying* English for two years.
- c) If I *had* a helicopter, I'd get to school more easily!
- d) I *get up* at 7.30 every day.
- e) Next year I'll *be taking* my final exams at university.
- f) By the time we got to the station, the *train had left*.
- g) I've *lived* in Athens all my life.
- h) While I *was walking* along the street a dog ran in front of a car.

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| 1 present simple | 5 past simple |
| 2 present continuous | 6 past continuous |
| 3 present perfect | 7 past perfect |
| 4 present perfect continuous | 8 future continuous |

Practice

1 Underline the correct phrase in each sentence.

- What time *go you*/do you go to bed on Saturdays?
- Why *are you waiting*/do you waiting outside the door?
- Don't ask Tim. He *doesn't know*/not knows the answer.
- I having*/I'm having my lunch at the moment.
- When *you leave*/do you leave the house in the morning?
- I don't understand. What *is happening*/is happen?
- Excuse me, *does you know*/do you know the time?
- This is a great party. *I'm having*/Am I having a lovely time.

2 Read the answers and then complete the questions.

- Where does Sue live?
Sue? She lives at the end of Axwell Road.
- Do
Jim? No, I don't know him.
- What
At the moment? I'm doing my homework.
- Are
Here? No, I'm sitting over there.
- Do
Here? No, we change trains at the next station.
- Why
I'm wearing two pullovers because I feel cold!

3 Rewrite each sentence so that the verb in *italics* is a negative contraction.

- Naomi and Bill *are watching* television.
Naomi and Bill aren't watching television.
- Peter *likes* chocolate cake.
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- I'm using* this pencil at the moment.
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- The children *are having* lunch in the kitchen.
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- I *get up* early on Saturday.
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- Elena *is writing* a novel.
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LANGUAGE PRACTICE

4 Complete each sentence with a present simple or present continuous form, using the words in **bold**.

- a) *Do you like* cheese sandwiches?
you like
- b) What time ?
the sun rise
- c) What at the moment?
you read
- d) Sorry, I can't talk. a bath.
I have
- e) We at school.
not watch videos
- f) Look out of the window!
it snow
- g) This is an examination! Why ?
you talk
- h) Ann to school by bus every day.
go
- i) a uniform at your school?
you wear
- j) Pat has got an interesting hobby. a boat.
she build

5 Choose the correct spelling from each pair of words.

- a) writing/writting
- b) diging/digging
- c) takeing/taking
- d) deciding/decideing
- e) swiming/swimming
- f) having/haveing
- g) lying/lieing
- h) readding/reading
- i) using/useing
- j) waiting/waitting
- k) washeing/washing
- l) riding/rideing
- m) flyeing/flying
- n) studing/studying
- o) going/goeing

Practice

1 Underline the correct sentence for each situation.

- a) You want to invite a friend to your party on Friday. You say:
 1 I have a party on Friday. Do you want to come?
 2 I'm having a party on Friday. Do you want to come?
- b) You find a wallet on your desk and ask the people nearby:
 1 Who does this wallet belong to?
 2 Who is this wallet belonging to?
- c) A friend invites you to a snack bar at lunch time. You say:
 1 Thanks, but I always go home.
 2 Thanks, but I'm always going home.
- d) A friend opens the door and says: What are you doing? You reply:
 1 I work as a secretary.
 2 I'm repairing the computer.
- e) You haven't decided yet about buying a new bike. You say:
 1 I think about it.
 2 I'm thinking about it.
- f) A friend asks: Do you like lemon tea? You reply:
 1 I prefer tea with milk.
 2 I'm preferring tea with milk.
- g) A friend asks you if you have finished the book she lent you. You say:
 1 Sorry, I still read it.
 2 Sorry, I'm still reading it.
- h) It's a hot day, but a friend has a heavy coat on. You ask:
 1 Why do you wear a heavy coat?
 2 Why are you wearing a heavy coat?

2 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- a) That can't be right! I don't believe/I'm not believing it!
- b) Caroline can't swim today. She has/is having a cold.
- c) See you in the morning. I leave/I'm leaving now.
- d) What do you do/are you doing? If you drop it, it will explode!
- e) Stop doing that, Bill! You're/You're being very silly.
- f) I drive/I'm driving! You can sit in the back with Martin.
- g) What do we eat/are we eating this evening? I'm really hungry!
- h) You're a great cook! This cake tastes/is tasting wonderful.
- i) Where do you go/are you going? I haven't finished speaking to you!
- j) Chemistry is hard. I don't understand/I'm not understanding it.