

**Tenses: Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the words in brackets.**

1. By the time I \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) taking a shower, my mom \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) us dinner.
2. When he \_\_\_\_\_ (retire) last week, he \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in this company for 30 years.
3. Because she \_\_\_\_\_ (study) hard in the previous semester, she \_\_\_\_\_ (pass) the test with flying colors.
4. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (do) the household chores, my dad \_\_\_\_\_ (come) home.
5. While my sister \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to music, my brother \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV.

**Gerund: Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the words in brackets.**

1. Remember \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) a raincoat along in case it rains.
2. It keeps \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) every day in October.
3. I would rather \_\_\_\_\_ (go) home than sit here and waste my time.
4. There is no point in \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) him for advice.
5. I suggest \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on a picnic next Sunday.

**Relative clause: Rewrite these sentences without changing their meanings.**

1. My mom sometimes tells me off. She is, in fact, caring and warm-hearted.
2. My school years were full of fun. I used to have a lot of friends at that time.
3. This house must be worth a lot of money. Everybody is talking about it.
4. My sister won the first prize in the English speaking contest. This makes my parents really proud.
5. I usually practice speaking English with my friends. This helps me improve my competence.

**Word form: Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the words in brackets.**

1. Dogs can hear much better than \_\_\_\_\_. (human)
2. A bus \_\_\_\_\_ around the corner. (appear)
3. Sometimes informal \_\_\_\_\_ does wonder to my staff's performance. (train)
4. They have eight full-time and two part-time \_\_\_\_\_. (employ)
5. His friends were deeply shocked and saddened by the \_\_\_\_\_ news of his death. (tragic)