

Grammar

1 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 You aren't/weren't meant to hear what I just said. I was having a private conversation.
- 2 We have been/were going to get tickets for the match on the 25th but then Christopher remembered that he had to work that day.
- 3 You were supposed calling/to call me after you finished work, so what happened?
- 4 Jack was/has been thinking about leaving the house when it started to rain.
- 5 It was having/to have been a surprise visit, but Shelley found out we were coming.
- 6 How was I to know that Oliver would end up walking/to walk out of the meeting?
- 7 I wasn't/was going to tell you about the job offer I had but perhaps I should.
- 8 I could tell from Gavin's expression that he was about exploding/to explode but I managed to calm him down.
- 9 I meant/'m meaning to remind you about Maureen's birthday. I'm really sorry I forgot.
- 10 We were to had/have spent ten days in France but when I got the call to say Mum was in hospital, we came home immediately.
- 11 We have been/were planning to visit friends in Norway but then that Icelandic volcano erupted and our flight was cancelled.

2 Cross out the unnecessary words in each sentence.

- 1 I don't know if Miguel's coming to my party but I hope he is coming.
- 2 A: Will you have to pay to retake the exam?
B: I think so much.
- 3 My brother loves eating cheesecake and so does the rest of our family love it.
- 4 Do you remember what you said to me when we first met?
- 5 Pat forgot to buy bread and she also forgot to buy cheese so we haven't got anything for lunch.
- 6 I'll help you later if you want me to help you later.
- 7 These shoes are too tight and those shoes are too big. What a shame!
- 8 So, have you ever been to Venezuela?
- 9 Hi, do you fancy a beer?
- 10 A: What do you like best? Sushi or curry?
B: Well, I like both but I prefer the first one of the two.
- 11 When he asked me if I had everything I needed, I replied, 'I think so I have everything I need, thanks'.

3. Choose the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- 1 I shopping when the phone rang.
a) was meant to go b) was about to go c) was to go shopping
- 2 We for directions when we saw the station ahead of us.
a) would ask b) were supposed to ask c) were on the point of asking
- 3 I the wedding cake but they decided to buy one.
a) was to have made b) wasn't to make c) was making
- 4 The party outside but it rained.
a) is to be b) meant to be c) was to have been
- 5 My sister and I taking our parents on holiday but we didn't.
a) thought to b) were thinking of c) would
- 6 He went to China in 2005, where he teach for ten years.
a) will b) would be c) would

4 Choose the correct answer, a), b), c) or d).

1 Everyone was excited as the company's new webpage wasc..... to go live.

a) back b) over c) about d) on

2years to come, people will excavate ditches and find a deluge of discarded electronic devices.

a) On b) In c) By d) From

3 Artefacts found at Sutton Hoo in the east of England have been found to date back Anglo-Saxon times.

a) from b) by c) in d) to

4 Car owners should check their tyres and brakes regular intervals to ensure they are in good working order.

a) for b) at c) in d) by

5 When our boss told us that no paid overtime would be authorised the foreseeable future, everyone's mood darkened.

a) at b) on c) for d) by

6 the outset, my instinct told me to trust my new colleague. Time proved me right.

a) On b) By c) Over d) From

5 Complete the words in the sentences.

1 When Will got impatient at how long it was taking to fill out all his university applications, Joy reminded him thatRome..... wasn't builtin a day..... .

2 Anne's cautiousness results from a lifetime of having her parents constantly saying 'better s..... than s.....'.

3 Writing my diary, it was hard to express how I'd felt on my graduation day as it was so emotional. In the end, I decided just to stick in some photos because as the proverb says, a p..... is worth a t..... words.

4 Typically, I put the plane tickets somewhere safe and then forgot where I'd put them. It was a classic case of 'out of s..... , out of m..... '.

5 After he berated her for smoking, it was with a sense of irony that Dora told her doctor he should p..... what he p..... when she spotted him having a cigarette in the car park outside the surgery.

6 Don't get me wrong; we had a lovely time visiting our friends. It was just such a wonderful feeling to come home. After all, 'h..... is where the h..... is'.

6 Match 1-6 with a)-h). There are two options you do not need.

- 1 It might seem a bit of a funny one but actually one of my earliestC
- 2 The island where my husband and I went for our honeymoon holds fantastic
- 3 As all my grandparents died when I was a young child, I only have hazy
- 4 Although I lived in Guatemala some twenty years ago, I still vividly
- 5 Listening to my dad's old jazz records always brings
- 6 Every time I hear Jimi Hendrix's song, Purple Haze, the memories of seeing him
play live

- a) back a lot of wonderful childhood memories.
- b) recollections of the smells and colours of the city where I lived.
- c) memories of primary school is of the class where Mr Joyce showed us a video about falcons.
- d) memories that we will always cherish.
- e) remember them being very kind to me.
- f) remember a lot of what I experienced there.
- g) come flooding back to me.
- h) recollections of what they looked like.

6 Complete the sentences with one word.

- 1 Seriously, if there are things you really want to do in your life, don't wait until you retire – do them now. It's not the case that you really have all the time in the **world**, let's be honest.
- 2 Since taking on extra responsibilities at work, Louise always finds herselffor time.
- 3 I always wonder at those people you meet who say they get bored and have time on their
– how on earth do they find the time?
- 4 Although Kate was going to miss Doug dearly, she was looking forward to having some time to
..... while he was away.
- 5 I'm so glad you arrived when you did! You must've smelt Evelyn's cooking as you're just
time to join us for dinner. Hope you're hungry!
- 6 So, how do you usually the time when you're at home? Do you tend to read much or do
you just sit in front of the television relaxing and watching your favourite programmes?

7 Find and correct two mistakes in the phrases for discussing ideas in each conversation.

1 A: ...but on the other **way hand**, we could book one of the camping pods for the week. They look really cool – and comfortable too!

B: I'm **over with** you there. That's a really good idea.

2 A: It would be a good idea to get the tickets for the gig in advance. Having told that, I'm not sure we should buy them online. It might be a better idea to get them from the venue.

B: I agree. That makes perfect logic to me.

3 A: Well, looking for it another way, if we decrease the price, we should still be able to make more profit through selling a greater number of units.

B: That's interesting. I'd never made of that.

4 A: I know how you mean; I love trying the local food too. But on this occasion, perhaps we should see how much the all-inclusive hotel option costs. After all, it's going to be an expensive holiday!

B: That's very truth. I quite agree with you.

5 A: Has anyone achieved to come up with any other ideas on the best venue for the conference next year?

B: How about the Harbour Hotel? They have a good-sized meeting room and plenty of space for delegates. Alternatively, the Kings Rooms could work.

A: Mmm ... I'd never thought of that one. Though you, would they be able to cater for the size of the event we'll be holding, do you think?

6 A: Unfortunately, with the company struggling to keep afloat some drastic measures will need to be taken, like making some redundancies.

B: But I'm watching at ways we can keep our staff and tide ourselves over until things pick up again.

A: Can you say me more? What have you got in mind?

B: Well, I've been considering ways to reduce our stock and cut the warehouse running costs by 5%.

8. Read the article about our perception of time. Choose the best summary of the article.

- 1 Perception of time is complex but connected with our feelings.
- 2 Our time perception is linked with age and memory.
- 3 We each perceive time very differently, so it is impossible to analyse.

9. Read the article again and underline the correct alternative.

- 1 That multi-tasking does us good is an illusion because we actually *achieve less/feel more under pressure*.
- 2 The author feels that work and leisure time are *still/no longer* separate concepts in most people's brains.
- 3 Jetlag is an example of a sensation which we *don't understand at all/understand quite well*.
- 4 When we feel fear, we sense time as passing more *slowly/quickly*.
- 5 People with ADHD get *excited/bored* more easily.
- 6 The writer's conclusion is that perception of time is *highly confusing/deeply personal*.

HOW TIME FLIES

As we get older, our perception of time changes. However, our perception of time is probably most altered by our emotional state. If you are stressed at work or anxious for any reason, you'll probably feel that you have less time on your hands.

When faced by this pressure of time, we tend to multi-task – we try to do many things simultaneously. Due to our current state of permanent connectedness, we can in fact do almost everything from the comfort of our sofas – make an appointment at the doctor's, rush off a few work emails, do some online shopping. By doing this, we feel we are making better use of our time, but are we actually doing the opposite – simply exacerbating the feeling of time pressure? Surely the digital age has made all this worse by blurring the difference between work and play?

This common illusion is an example of how complex it is to perceive time accurately. Apart from sensations such as jetlag, when our inner body clock clearly has been severely disrupted, it is hard to pinpoint why we perceive time in different ways. People who take yoga or meditation classes claim that their sense of relaxation is due to a feeling of time slowing down. The same would appear to occur when we immerse ourselves in reading a novel or even when stroking a pet. We are relaxed and actions seem to take place lightly and effortlessly.

On the other hand, consider the last time you saw a fast-moving film full of action-packed distractions. You probably felt that time was moving very fast. This is particularly true with scary movies – fear can distort time to an incredible extent, speeding up time judgements as our pupils dilate, our pulse rate soars and our blood pressure increases.


Likewise, we all know that when we are not enjoying ourselves our perception of time goes the other way. Imagine you're stuck in a meeting that is dull and boring – time appears to slow to a snail's pace. In contrast, for football fans, Saturday's big match seems to fly by. And how many people on Sunday night have that feeling of 'Where did the weekend go?'

Brain disorders can, of course, also determine how we perceive time. People with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) have trouble distinguishing different lengths of time, which may explain why they cannot concentrate for long and need constant stimulation to remain engaged.

Studying time perception may be complex, but scientists seem to have discovered that we each live in our own personal time zone, which is dependent on the world each of us experiences. Perhaps this explains why some of us like to arrive at the gate ten minutes before our plane leaves and others two hours!

So, on the next occasion you're late for work, you could justifiably say to your boss that you actually arrived with time to spare, you were just stuck in your own time zone!



10.  **8.1** Listen to five people talking about how differently they perceive time. What context do they talk about? Does time go quickly, slowly or both for them? Complete the table.

	Context	Times goes
Lucy	<i>Taking a long time to get off a plane</i>	<i>slowly</i>
Christian		
Rachel		
Sandra		
Kathryn		

11. Listen again. Match the speakers 1–5 with the facts a)–j). There are two facts per person.

- 1 Lucy _____
- 2 Christian _____
- 3 Rachel _____
- 4 Sandra _____
- 5 Kathryn _____

- a) He/She believes that his/her example may be one that is felt by others.
- b) He/She thinks that his/her anecdote could be his/her own personal problem.
- c) He/She talks about an event which happens rarely.
- d) His/Her perception of time can vary a great deal when doing the same action.
- e) He/She refers to a sense of timelessness.
- f) How he/she feels may prompt a sense of losing track of time.
- g) He/She refers to something that could alleviate his/her problem.
- h) His/Her context is related to a stressful situation.
- i) His/Her anecdote is strongly associated with the effect of the weather.
- j) He/She refers to a particular moment when he/she judged the time wrong.