

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

Example: How many CDs do you have (have) in you collection?

- 1 Betty isn't very good at DIY, so last year she _____ her house _____ (decorate) by a painter.
- 2 I'm upset because Agatha isn't here yet and I _____ (wait) for two hours.
- 3 Karl _____ (be) given a new job in marketing.
- 4 _____ he _____ (have to) start work at 7:00?
- 5 I was watching TV when I _____ (hear) a strange noise outside in the yard.
- 6 You _____ (not have) time to go to the movies tonight – you need to study.
- 7 James _____ (work) for the company for 20 years when he finally received a pay raise.
- 8 It _____ (say) that getting enough sleep is a very important part of staying healthy.
- 10 There are thought _____ (be) tribes living in the Amazon that no one has ever contacted.
- 11 While my brother _____ (ride) his bike to school, he had a minor accident.
- 15 The weather _____ (expect) to be mild and rainy this summer.

2 Underline the correct word(s).

Example: I lost my wallet, so / **because** I had to call the bank and cancel my credit card.

- 1 He's stopped working **due to** / **since** he turned 70 last year.
- 2 Warren is **understood to** / **understood** have driven to Mexico on a motorcycle with a suitcase full of money.
- 3 **It's seem** / **It seems** that we no longer need to worry about Adam. He got a job and he's going to marry Louisa.
- 4 He was late for the interview and **owing** / **consequently**, he didn't get the job.
- 5 We had to work quietly **so that** / **so as not to** wake the children.
- 6 We worked hard to prepare the yard for the party. **As a result** / **Nevertheless**, it looked beautiful and everyone enjoyed being outdoors.
- 7 Brian's **sure** / **bound to** come back home when he realizes he's left his cell phone here.

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- 8 Brad **can't** / **should** be in Florida now. It's a four-hour flight, and he left about four hours ago.
- 9 Marsela **unlikely** / **won't** be here until after lunch.
- 10 We **used** / **would** go skiing in the Alps every winter.
- 11 **Apparently** / **According** Frederick is going to buy a house in Chicago.
- 12 We'll **probably** / **probably be** go on vacation to California next August.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct word(s).

Example: *They* say you should get eight hours of sleep every night, but I usually get about six.

They They're Their

- 1 Could you get Mario _____ and see me this afternoon, please?
coming come to come
- 4 It's _____ late and I need to go home.
get getting gets
- 5 Rarely _____ so happy. The interview went perfectly and they offered me the job!
have been I have been have I been
- 6 _____ can use your computer for video conferencing, and it's free.
One Each other You
- 7 _____ all have problems remembering things sometimes.
One We Ourselves
- 8 **A** Did you ever _____ to living away from the seaside?
B Not really. Actually, I really miss walking on the beach every day.
get use get used to get use
- 9 _____ we gotten to the shopping center than all the stores closed.
As soon Sooner as No sooner had
- 10 I'm afraid my little sister _____ taking some candy from the store.
got someone caught got caught was got caught
- 11 Never _____ such a terrible, shocking story.
I have heard have I heard I heard
- 12 Not until someone tells me _____ who wrote the letter.
will I know do I know I know

VOCABULARY

4 Underline the odd word out.

Example: mumble slam scream giggle

- 1 idiom collocation metaphor transcribe
- 2 wages bonus salary skills
- 3 rejected praised dumped broke up with
- 4 monotonous tedious colloquial repetitive
- 5 employer career profession job
- 6 thought-provoking competitive gripping intriguing
- 7 yell splash slurp drip
- 8 affluent well-off penniless loaded
- 9 creak sigh groan stammer
- 10 bang crash crunch whistle

5 Complete the sentences with one word.

Example: Don't put off going to college. If you wait, it may be too late.

- 1 I _____ my teeth every time my boss says, "Will you come into my office, sweetheart?"
- 2 It's best to meet your problems _____ on and solve them before they get worse.
- 3 If you spend too much money, you're living beyond your _____.
- 4 My kids don't go to school yet, so we have to pay for _____ while we are at work.
- 5 A _____-fisted person is not generous with money.
- 6 A _____ is a frequent combination of words. Often they are the only possible combination to express a concept, like light snow.
- 7 It's a big _____-off when someone is late for a date.
- 8 Allen loves living in Philadelphia. He's having the time of his _____.
- 9 If you keep trying, it's only a matter of _____ before you find a job.
- 10 When you _____ money, you put it into your bank account.

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6 Underline the correct word(s).

Example: The book made me laugh. The writing was really witty / moving.

- 1 If you get some **qualifications** / **benefits**, then you'll probably get a better job.
- 2 What's gotten **on** / **into** Pat? She seems very upset.
- 3 I'm going to get a new car next month, but for the time **being** / **now** I'm taking the bus.
- 4 You have to teach kids that they can't always get their **own way** / **together**.
Sometimes you have to do what someone else wants you to do.
- 5 I have a new **schedule** / **hours** at school. I now start at 7:00 in the morning and finish at 2:00 in the afternoon.
- 6 I'm lucky to have the **prospects** / **opportunity** to travel for my work. I've visited China six times.
- 7 I missed a few days of work and was behind schedule, but now I've **filled** / **caught** up.
- 8 Lucy and Robert are getting on/along really well. They're really happy together.
- 9 I need to get **around** / **back** home by midnight. I have an early start tomorrow.
- 10 It took George a long time to get **over** / **anywhere** losing his job, but now that he's working again, he's happy.

7 **Complete** the words in the sentences.

Example: A story that makes you feel sad is depressing.

- 1 The children were s_____ for making so much noise. They were quiet after that.
- 2 My sister and I don't have the same o_____ about a lot of things, but we do have the same taste in music and clothes.
- 3 He told a really d_____ story about losing his job, his girlfriend leaving, and then getting really sick.
- 4 His translation was very f_____ to the original version. I read it in Spanish and in English, and they both had the same feeling.
- 5 When Larry saw Brian's new car, he was s_____ with envy. He's always wanted to own a Porsche.
- 6 Musical ability r_____ in my family. My grandmother and my brother both played the piano, and I play the guitar.
- 7 I've entered a c_____ to win a vacation in Greece. If I win, I'll take my whole family with me.

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- 8 When I was 12, I failed an exam. I felt very **a**_____ and so I never failed an exam again.
- 9 My gut **f**_____ is that everything's going to be all right.
- 10 My work day is a **b**_____ of emails, phone calls and meetings. Sometimes I don't even have time for lunch.