



## Grammar Exercises for upper intermediate or FCE students

### Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form



- I'd rather .....(GO) fishing this afternoon.
- I'd rather you.....(NOT/WEAR) my red dress to the dance tonight.
- I'd rather you .....(SAY) that you didn't want to come!
- We prefer .....(WATCH) films to .....(WATCH) political programmes.
- You'd better.....(NOT/WAKE) her up because she hasn't slept for two days.
- I would prefer .....(PAY) in cash rather than by credit card.
- We would rather .....(RECYCLE) our rubbish than .....(USE) non-recycle goods.
- We'd prefer .....(CALL) our child David, rather than .....(CALL) him Steven.



### Reported questions – Indirect questions

Reported Questions are introduced with **ASK, WONDER, INQUIRE, WANT TO KNOW**, etc. We use affirmative way order and the question mark becomes a full stop. **ASK + Question word/ ASK + if/whether**

- "What time is it?"  
She asked him .....
- "Do you eat meat?"  
She wanted to know .....
- "Will you take the dog for a walk?"  
He wondered .....
- "Who did it?"  
I want to know .....
- "How long has he been working here?"  
Do you know .....



### Reported Commands/ Requests/Suggestions

- "Watch out," he said to me.  
He told me ..... (command)
- "Please, don't move," he said to me.  
He asked me .....(request)
- "Let's play chess," he said.  
He suggested ..... (suggestion)
- "You'd better see a doctor," he said.  
He suggested that .....(suggestion)



### Drop correct particles in the correct place:

- While I was walking down Oxford I **came** ..... a good record shop.
- You should try to **cut** .....the number of cigarettes you smoke a day.
- You are always **cutting** ..... our conversation!
- She **gives** .....all her old clothes to charity.
- She **gets** ..... All her colleagues; she is such a nice person.
- If we want to get this done by five o'clock, we'd better **set** .....
- He left his job to **set** ..... his own business.
- The dentist **took** ..... one of my teeth last month.
- Alan told her that after this, he would **settle**..... and marry her.
- The novel had been **turned** ..... a television series.

### The -ing form or to infinitive: Rephrase using the word in bold:

- I think it's difficult to raise children nowadays. **Raising**  
I think .....difficult nowadays.
- It is too dark to see anything in here. **Bright**  
It .....to see anything here.
- Could you post this letter for me please? **Mind**  
Would .....this letter for me, please?
- Using the office photocopier is not allowed. **Allow**  
We do not .....the office photocopier.
- The party was so boring that we didn't enjoy ourselves. **Too**

