Grammar Exercises for upper intermediate or FCE students



Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form



1. I'd rather .....(GO) fishing this afternoon.
2. I'd rather you.....(NOT/WEAR) my red dress to the dance tonight.
3. I'd rather you .....(SAY) that you didn't want to come!
4. We prefer .....(WATCH) films to .....(WATCH) political programmes.
5. You'd better.....(NOT/WAKE) her up because she hasn't slept for two days.
6. I would prefer .....(PAY) in cash rather than by credit card.
7. We would rather .....(RECYCLE) our rubbish than .....(USE) non-recycle goods.
8. 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**

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





Reported Commands/ Requests/Suggestions



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



Drop correct particles in the correct place:

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

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



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



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