More practice – Upper Intermediate

Would rather or had better

1. I go shopping today than tomorrow.
2. You behave or you will be punished.
3. I have decided that I cut down on sugar for my health.
4. We leave now or we will be late.
5. No coffee, thank you! I have some tea.
6. For the sake of your health, you stop smoking!
7. My children have a cat than a dog.
8. Mark play rugby than tennis.
9. I have a holiday by the sea than in the mountains.
10. You tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth!
11. I don't like parties, so I not stay too late.
12. You don't look well. You go to the doctor.

Used to, use to, get used to, usually

1. I like warm weather, but now I prefer it when it is cool.
2. She comes from Africa, but now she will have to living in Siberia!
3. Did you wear mini-skirts when you were young?
4. Sting be a teacher before he became famous.
5. When I start my new job, I will have to getting up earlier in the mornings.
6. I am not living in such a cold country.
7. I don't eat breakfast before I go to work.
8. I don't know if I will ever driving in such heavy traffic.
9. Working till midnight doesn't bother me. I am working late.
10. I didn't go to bed early. Now I am asleep by 8 o'clock.
11. What time do you get up in the mornings?
12. I didn't like olives. Now I love them!

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Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first

1. She said that she would prefer to stay at home tonight.

   She said that she _____ stay at home tonight.

2. Although I have lived in Cape Town for many years, I still have a problem with the wind.

   Although I have lived in Cape Town for many years, I can't _____ the wind.

3. John said that he hadn't stolen anything from the shop.

   John _____ anything from the shop.

4. "I won't do anything illegal," said Bob.

   Bob _____ to do anything illegal.

5. "I am sorry that I hurt you," said the boy. "I didn't mean to!"

   The boy _____ for hurting me. He said that he had not done it

6. "Tidy your room, or there will be trouble," said the mother to her child.

   The mother said that her child _____ tidy the room or there would be trouble.

7. You must say sorry to your teacher for misbehaving in class!

   He was told to _____ to his teacher for misbehaving in class.

8. He burnt me with his cigarette, but he did it accidentally.

   He burnt me with his cigarette, but he didn't do it on

9 I asked him to pay for the damages to my car, and he said that he would.

   I asked him to pay for the damages to my car and he

10. She said that she was sorry that she was late.

    She _____ for being late.

11. She gave us her word that she would be on time. Now she is late again!

    She _____ us that she would be on time. Now she is late again!

12. Remember to bring your library books back tomorrow.

    Don't _____ to bring your library books back tomorrow.

13. You are not allowed to go into that room. It is for staff only.

    It is _____ for anyone, other than staff to go into that room.

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Modal Verbs

1. You seen him at school! He stayed at home today.
2. I am not repeating what I said. You listened the first time!
3. You left your glasses at work. They are not here.
4. Look how wet that poor dog is! It raining hard.
5. You drive when you have been drinking. It is against the law.
6. He at work today. His car is parked outside.
7. You forget to pick your niece up from school today.
8. She was sick yesterday, so she not be at work today.
9. It freezing outside. Everyone is warmly dressed.
10. You forgotten! I reminded you three times!

Use 'wish' in the second sentence to make it mean the same as the first.

1. Please stop doing that! It is really irritating.
   I wish It is really irritating!
2. My biggest regret in life is that I didn't travel before I got married.
   I wish
3. I can't go with you to London because I have lost my passport.
   I wish so that I could go to London with you.
4. She really needs to cut her hair. It looks terrible at the moment.
   I wish . It looks terrible at the moment.
5. It is so annoying that he keeps on borrowing my car!
   I wish
6. The neighbours should keep their dog quiet. It has been barking all day.
   I wish . It has been barking all day.
7. I regret that I sold my car. The one I have now is so unreliable.
   I wish . The one I have now is so unreliable.
8. They should get a new chef. The food at the hotel is terrible.
   I wish . The food at the hotel is terrible.
9. I have so much work! I don't know how I am going to finish it!
   I wish ! I don't know how I am going to finish it!

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Defining and non-defining clauses

1. The dog owner died, has been adopted by another family.
2. That is the girl won the prize.
3. My grandmother, is over 80, has had to go to hospital.
4. The book, I lost last week, has now been found.
5. The house was burgled last week, is now up for sale.
6. Pietermaritzburg is the city I was born.
7. The Sound of Music is a film I have seen five times.
8. Prince William, lives in Kensington Palace, will be king one day.
9. There are 20 girls, some of are my friends, in my class.
10. The person to I spoke, is not at work today.

Fill in the missing word.

1. I did not attend the meeting last night because I had a terrible (pain in my head) (h)
2. You cannot believe what you read in the newspaper because the mainstream media is so (b) these days. (subjective)
3. Mother Theresa spent her life fighting against (p) (the state of being poor)
4. Ringo Starr was the (d) in The Beatles. (played the drums)
5. There is no evidence to suggest that her death was anything other than an (u) accident. (unlucky)
6. A word used to describe the action of killing oneself intentionally. (s)
7. The jury took ten days to reach their (v)
8. South Africa is a country which suffers from (d) (not enough rain).
9. The USA is prone to having (h) (very strong winds) and (t) (violent, rotating windstorms or a twister)
10. New Zealand is a country which sometimes has (e)
11. When I get hot, I perspire or (s) dreadfully.
12. We didn't like the song because the singer had a very (m) voice. (flat or boring)

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