

Grammar Practice Unit 1-6

1 Underline the correct form.

Example: We usually get up / get up usually early every morning.

- 1 Jake is taking / takes vitamins every day.
- 2 Clare buys a lot of takeaways, but I prefer / I'm preferring home-made food.
- 3 Do you watch / Are you watching the football match tomorrow night?
- 4 I don't usually have / I'm not usually having dessert, but I'll have one tonight.
- 5 Helen doesn't work / isn't working tomorrow, so we're meeting for lunch.
- 6 In the summer, we often cycle / we're often cycling to work.

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2 Complete the sentences with *shall* / *going to* / *will* or the present continuous.

Example: I'm sure that Jess will help (help) you with your work.

- 1 A I _____ (go) into town this afternoon. _____ (I / go) to the supermarket on my way back?
B Yes, we need bread, milk and some fruit.
A OK. I _____ (get) all that, and some eggs, too.
- 2 A I heard on the radio that the weather _____ (be) excellent this weekend.
B That's good, because my parents _____ (come) to stay with me.
- 3 A I went to see *Cloud Atlas* yesterday at the cinema. It's excellent.
B Oh good. I _____ (see) it tomorrow.
A I think you _____ (love) it.

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3 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Example: We 're meeting (meet) Bob outside the cinema at 7.30.

- 1 Paolo _____ (buy) a new car next week.
- 2 I _____ (need) a lot of sleep at the moment so I can concentrate on my exams.
- 3 We hardly ever _____ (eat) together as a family.
- 4 Hi, Beth. Sorry, I can't talk right now. I _____ (drive).
- 5 You look very serious! What _____ (think) about?
- 6 I know that Carlos _____ (hate) me! He never says anything nice to me.
- 7 I _____ (have) dinner with my younger brother at 8.00 tonight.

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4. Complete the dialogues. Use the verbs in brackets in the present perfect simple or the past simple.

Example: I've been to Beijing, but I 've never been (not / go) to Shanghai.

Petra 1 _____ (you / remember) to pay that cheque into the bank?

Alan Yes, it went in this morning.

Tom 2 _____ (you / ever / borrow) anyone's car?

Dave Yes, I borrowed my brother's and I crashed it!

Anna Hi, can I speak to Sally, please?

Beth I'm sorry, she ³ _____ (just / go) out.

Doctor What seems to be the problem?

John I ⁴ _____ (fall) over playing volleyball. I think I ⁵ _____ (break) my finger.

Peter How long ⁶ _____ (you / know) Mike?

Liz Well, we ⁷ _____ (meet) in 2008 and we've been good friends ever since.

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5. Underline the correct word or phrase.

Example: You've been working / *worked* hard for months – you need a holiday.

- 1 How long *have you been saving up* / *do you save up* for a motorbike?
- 2 He's *learning* / *been learning* Chinese for three years now.
- 3 I've *been planning* / *planned* my visit to the Amazon for years.
- 4 She's *known* / *been knowing* him for years.
- 5 Don't worry. I haven't *been crying* / *cried* – I've got a cold.
- 6 He's *disliked* / *been disliking* bananas since he was a child.
- 7 I've *had* / *been having* the same bank account since I was a student.

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6. Complete the time expressions with *for* or *since*.

Example: for many years

- 1 _____ 2003
- 2 _____ we met in college
- 3 _____ a very long time
- 4 _____ the lesson began
- 5 _____ a couple of months
- 6 _____ Tuesday

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7. Write the comparative or superlative form.

Example: The people in Ireland are some of the friendliest (friendly) in the world.

- 1 The subway in Athens is _____ (modern) one I've ever been on.
- 2 What's _____ (quick) way to get around London?
- 3 Are trains here _____ (expensive) as in Britain?
- 4 I think my old car was _____ (economical) than my new one.
- 5 You look much _____ (good) with short hair!
- 6 Unfortunately my new office is just _____ (tiny) as my last one.
- 7 That was probably _____ (bad) coffee I've ever drunk!
- 8 Mary speaks _____ (slowly) than Anna, so she's easier to understand.

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8. Complete the email with *a, an, the*, or – (no article).

Dear Paula,

We're having a wonderful time here in Rome. We arrived yesterday afternoon so we had time to find ¹ _____ nice little hotel and relax after ² _____ journey. ³ _____ hotel is in ⁴ _____ city centre, but it's not too noisy.

We woke up early this morning because ⁵ _____ sun was shining in through the window. We had ⁶ _____ quick breakfast (great coffee!) and then went out to explore ⁷ _____ city.

Later, we're meeting Kathy's friend Pietro, who's ⁸ _____ economics student at university here. He's going to take us to ⁹ _____ best pizzeria in Rome (at least he says it is!). I think ¹⁰ _____ Italian cities are all wonderful, but I can't believe what ¹¹ _____ fabulous city Rome is!

We'll be back home ¹² _____ next Friday. See you soon!

Love,
Julie

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9 Complete the sentences with *have to, don't have to, must, mustn't, should, or shouldn't*.

Example: We'll have to leave early tomorrow morning.

- 1 I always _____ stand up on the train because there are no seats.
- 2 You really _____ eat in class, but I'll let you do it this time.
- 3 Where do you think we _____ stay in London? In a hotel or a B&B?
- 4 There's a lot of rubbish in that lake. You _____ swim in it!
- 5 You _____ pay to get into that museum – it's free.
- 6 We _____ leave early in the morning if we want to get home before dark.
- 7 It's a great film. You really _____ go and see it.
- 8 Great! It's a holiday tomorrow – we _____ go to work.
- 9 You _____ drive on the right in Europe (except in the UK).
- 10 Do we _____ get up early tomorrow?

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10 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Example: He was watching (watch) a film on TV when I arrived.

- 1 Jim and I _____ (study) at Bath University when we _____ (meet).
- 2 You're lucky I'm still at home. I _____ (get) ready to go out when you phoned.
- 3 Usain Bolt _____ (win) the 100m in record time.
- 4 I _____ (already / finish) cooking when Gill offered to help.
- 5 As soon as I arrived, we _____ (order) our food.
- 6 Chelsea _____ (win) 2–0 at half time, but they lost the match 3–2.
- 7 They were tired when they arrived. They _____ (not sleep) for 24 hours.
- 8 He _____ (just / score) before the referee blew the final whistle.
- 9 I _____ (think) about her at 9.00 and then she _____ (ring) me!
- 10 Last week my boss _____ (say) he would give me a pay rise.

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11 Complete the sentences with *used to* / *didn't use to* / *Did ... use to*, or the present simple + *usually*.

Example: I used to behave (behave) badly at school, but now I study hard.

- 1 You never _____ (watch) sport. Why do you do it now?
- 2 I _____ (be) an architect, but then I trained to be a graphic designer.
- 3 She _____ (go) shopping on Wednesdays because it's market day.
- 4 _____ (you / work) in the Oxford Street office before you came here?
- 5 When we were young, we often _____ (play) football in the park.
- 6 I _____ (not / like) Jane much, but now we get on really well.
- 7 Tommaso _____ (eat) here on Fridays, so we might see him.
- 8 She _____ (not / be) so quiet. She must be tired today.

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12 Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verb in brackets.

Example: Look at the date – this food has to be eaten (eat) today.

- 1 Most films _____ (release) on DVD a few months after the cinema release.
- 2 When I looked for his comment on the blog, it _____ (already / delete).
- 3 Nobody likes _____ (judge) on their appearance only.
- 4 Please wait in the hotel reception while your room _____ (clean).
- 5 She _____ (tell) tomorrow whether her job is in danger or not.
- 6 Too much money _____ (spend) last year on personal expenses.
- 7 I'm really enjoying this film. It _____ (base) on a true story, isn't it?
- 8 You'll have to go another route – the motorway _____ (close) since this morning.
- 9 America _____ (still / see) as the land of opportunity today.
- 10 *Frankenweenie* _____ (direct) by Tim Burton.
- 11 I'm hoping _____ (meet) by my parents at the airport.
- 12 Congratulations! You _____ (choose) to take part in our £1,000 prize draw!

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13 Complete the dialogues with *must*, *can't*, or *might*.

Example: They must be out. Nobody is answering the phone.

- 1 A 'I think he _____ be French with a name like Luc.'
- B 'Yes, he sounds French too.'
- 2 A 'You're getting engaged to Elena? You _____ be serious!'
- B 'No, really, I am!'
- 3 A 'I thought you _____ like to borrow my *Avengers Assemble* DVD.'
- B 'Oh great, thanks. I didn't get to see it at the cinema.'
- 4 A 'I think Jill and Alan are away in Italy this week.'
- B 'They _____ be. I've just seen Jill in town.'
- 5 A 'Is Steven in his office?'
- B 'I don't know. He _____ be in a meeting. I'll just go and check.'
- 6 A 'I finally passed my driving test!'
- B 'Congratulations! You _____ be very pleased.'
- 7 A 'I've just run 20 km. I'm training for a marathon.'
- B 'Really? You _____ be exhausted.'
- 8 A 'Look, Diana's left her bag here.'
- B 'It _____ be Diana's – her bag is brown.'

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