

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with **must** or **can't** and the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- It must have been (be) difficult bringing up two children on your own, but you did incredibly well.
- The kids _____ (love) living in the countryside. There's so much for them to do.
- The driver _____ (be) paying attention. He was talking on his phone when the accident happened.
- A:** It _____ (be) lovely having two weeks off work.
B: Yes, it was. I got up late every day!
- Louise _____ (buy) any bread at the market this morning. There's none in the kitchen.
- That was such a long journey. You _____ (drive) for hours to get here. How are you feeling?
- There _____ (be) somewhere we can get something to eat. I'm really hungry.

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2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- If we hadn't checked the website, we wouldn't have known (know) that the plane was delayed.
- If you _____ (work) so many hours at the moment, you wouldn't be tired all the time.
- If I _____ (see) that advertisement in last week's paper, I might still be looking for a job.
- She _____ (go) home if she'd known you were coming. She was desperate to see you.
- If you'd been more careful, the accident _____ (might / not / happen).
- If I'd missed my train, I _____ (sit) here now, talking to you.
- If there _____ (be / not) so many people in the pool, I'd probably go for a swim.
- They _____ (probably / lend) you the money you need if you hadn't been so rude to them.

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3 Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences.

- He's a great guy. Even so / *Considering that*, he really annoys me sometimes.
- You could argue that happiness is more important than money, *bearing that in mind* / *but then again*, you might say money is more important.
- The weather was awful when we were on holiday. *Despite that* / *Given that*, we had a nice time.
- You've worked very hard this year. *Bearing that in mind* / *But all the same*, I'm going to promote you.
- The government has known for a long time about the lack of specialists, *considering that* / *and yet* they have done nothing to deal with the problem.
- You have been charged with many offences in the past. *Taking that into account* / *But in spite of that*, I'll be recommending a prison sentence.
- Georgina can be very sweet sometimes. *Taking that into account* / *Having said that*, she's not in a good mood at the moment.
- The weather was terrible. *Given that* / *In spite of that*, we decided to end our holiday early.

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Vocabulary

4 Complete the text with the words and phrases in the box.

come to terms with doctorate falling-out
golden anniversary make a go of it
relocate tie the knot trial separation

My wife and I met as students at university in London. I was in the final year of my degree and my wife was completing her
1 doctorate in education. We fell in love straight away and we decided to
2 _____ almost immediately. So, we were married by the age of 25! London was a very expensive place to live, so we decided to
3 _____ to Brighton on the south coast. However, after a couple of years we realised we weren't happy together. At first, we tried to
4 _____. We went to a counsellor to discuss our problems, but things didn't improve. Eventually we had a big
5 _____ where we blamed each other for everything that was wrong. After that, my wife suggested that we have a
6 _____ and live apart for a while. At first, I found it hard to
7 _____ us not living together. I'd always imagined us celebrating our
8 _____ together in many years' time but it soon became clear that we were happier apart than together. We're still friends, so I think it all worked out in the end.

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5 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 The company's decision has been widely f
 - 2 The president has threatened to impose ____
 - 3 The Royal Wedding will enjoy massive ____
 - 4 Scientists have announced a major ____
 - 5 My son made an offensive ____
 - 6 The brave journalist exposed ____
 - 7 The mobile phone ban has caused ____
 - 8 The government's decision to withdraw ____
- a coverage by the world's media.
 b comment, which I told him off for.
 c outrage among the students.
 d from the treaty has disappointed many people.
 e tariffs on all electrical goods.
 f welcomed by the staff.
 g a cover-up by several big banks.
 h breakthrough in cancer research.

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6 Complete the sentences with the correct word or phrase. The first letters are given.

- 1 She's the first person from this state to be n o m i n a t e d as a Presidential candidate.
- 2 None of the parties had a majority, so there will probably be a c _____ with two or more parties in government.
- 3 In many countries, young people still have n _____ s _____ in elections as they can't vote.
- 4 Recent elections saw a huge v _____ t _____, with over 80 percent of people voting.
- 5 The election results were very close so one of the parties demanded a r _____ of the votes.
- 6 When I went to vote, there were huge queues at the p _____ s _____.
- 7 The government would like the people to decide on this issue so they have called a r _____.

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Function

7 Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences.

- 1 The pie chart / photo here shows how we have invested your money.
- 2 I think it causes / illustrates my point very well.
- 3 As / What you can see, we have invested a lot of it in green energy.
- 4 You will also advise / notice that we have invested heavily in developing countries.
- 5 In fact, these two areas account for / are down to more than 50 percent of investments.
- 6 The amount we have invested is the consequence / equivalent of \$2 million a day.
- 7 Just as a similarity / comparison, that's twice as much as our competitor.
- 8 This leads / means that your money is literally making the world a better place to live in.
- 9 The point / question now is, what should be done with the other half of our investments?
- 10 Let's give / turn to look at that now.
- 11 So let's notice / look at some possibilities.

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