



UNITS 10-12

A

Complete the dialogues with verb forms in the affirmative or negative.

1

A: If you 1 (can change) something about your hometown,
what 2 (it/be)?

B: I wish we ³ (have) more green areas. It
(feel) more relaxing, if ⁴ (there be) more public gardens,
more trees, and flowers. What about you?
What ⁵ (you/change)?

A: I wish _____⁷ (there be-neg) so much traffic. If we
(spend-neg) so much time stuck in traffic, we _____⁸ (be) less anxious.



2

A: You look upset. Is anything wrong?

A: _____^s (you/try) calling her?

A: I ⁷ (drop by) for a visit if I ⁸ (be) you.

B: I don't know. She _____⁹ (might think) I'm too nosy.

A: _____¹⁹ (you/try) talking to one of her teachers?

B: No, but that's not a bad idea. I'll do that. Thanks.



3

A: You don't eat meat, _____?

B: Well, I try² to eat less red meat lately.

A: Me too. I ³(think about) ⁴(take) cooking classes to learn new dishes.

B: ⁵ (learn) more vegetarian options
(might be) a good idea. You were thinking about veggie dishes,



If I ⁹ (learn) one-dish recipes, I ¹⁰ (make) such a mess in the kitchen.

4 A: I wish I ¹ (have to-neg) hand in the geography assignment tomorrow. If ² (have) a little more time, I ³ (be able to) do a much better job.

B: If I ⁴ (be) you, I ⁵ (get) so desperate. I ⁶ (talk) to Professor Lake. She ⁷ (might give) you a couple of extra days.

A: You think so?

B: I do. If you ⁸ (be-neg) so busy today, ⁹ (you/give) me a hand in the kitchen?

A: Yes, I ¹⁰. I really like ¹¹ (make) and ¹² (eat) brownies! I can have a break from writing to help you.



5 A: Many strange things happened to me today. First, an elderly lady ¹ (fall) asleep on my shoulder on the bus this morning.

B: She ² (might/be) too tired. Or her blood pressure ³ (could/drop).

A: When I ⁴ (get off) the bus, a guy ⁵ (give) me flowers!

B: He ⁶ (could/make) a mistake. Wrong person. Or it ⁷ (might/be) for an ad.



6 A: Hey, is something the matter? You can tell me.

B: What ¹ (you/do) if you ² (break) something in a friend's house, and nobody ³ (notice) it was you?

A: I ⁴ (apologize) and ⁵ (tell) the truth.

B: Don't you think you ⁶ (be) embarrassed?

A: Not at all. It happens to everyone.

B: What a relief! I ⁷ (break) your mother's Chinese vase that was in the bathroom.



B

Complete the conversations with comparatives or superlatives.



A: Buying the right meat cut for a pot roast is ¹ (not/easy) you think. Finding something that is tender and at the same time tasty is ² (complicated) than you can imagine.

B: I know what you mean. One of the ³ (hard) things is to choose a meat cut. I stick to salads. I've been trying to make a different salad every day, to have a ⁴ (healthy) diet, you know.

A: My dad's new recipe is one of ⁵ (tasty) salads I've ever had. And one of ⁶ (easy) to prepare too. All sorts of greens, nuts, asparagus, Parma ham, a bit of mozzarella cheese, and mustard, honey and yogurt dressing.

B: Wow!

C

Complete with **too** or **not enough** to say something is not good when compared to what it should be.

A: Time is ¹ short to write a persuasive essay on an ethical dilemma. What I have right now isn't good ².



B: You are perhaps ³ anxious to think clearly now. Believe me, it might not be good ⁴ for a book, but it is definitely reasonable ⁵ for a composition for school.

D

Complete with the passive voice.

A: On the topic of strange foods, I read tarantulas ¹ (first/eat) by Cambodians in the 70s. They became popular and now ² (serve) as a deep-fried crispy snack.



B: Yuck! Well, I read something worse than that. Ever heard of the century eggs in China? In the past they ³ (make) by preserving the egg in salt, lime, and ashes for months until they turned dark green and smelled of ammonia. Now they ⁴ (can/make) in one month. They ⁵ (eat) in China since the Ming Dynasty.

A: Gross! Let me see the pictures.