

### Grammar

#### 1 Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 I walk / 'm walking to work every day in the summer.
- 2 She has / 's having a shower. Can she call you back?
- 3 He thinks / 's thinking he's cleverer than me.
- 4 More and more young people leave / are leaving rural areas these days.
- 5 I learn / 'm learning Greek at evening classes.
- 6 At the end of August some birds fly / are flying back to Africa for the winter.
- 7 Lots of shops in the city centre close / are closing because they don't have enough customers.
- 8 The dog makes / 's making a lot of noise. Is she hungry?
- 9 My aunt knows / 's knowing Berlin really well.
- 10 In many countries around the world, older people live / are living longer.
- 11 I call / 'm calling my mother every Sunday to find out how she is.

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#### 2 Complete the sentences with a word or phrase from the box.

from time to time   habit   never   often  
rarely   tend   usually

- 1 He rarely goes out with us on school nights because he has a lot of homework.
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ eat chocolate because I get a bad headache.
- 3 At the moment Jack's in our New York office, but \_\_\_\_\_ we work together.
- 4 We \_\_\_\_\_ to work late when we're busy at the office.
- 5 How \_\_\_\_\_ do you come to this sports centre?
- 6 She has the \_\_\_\_\_ of giving in her homework late, which annoys her teachers.

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#### 3 Choose the correct alternatives.

When I was a child, I <sup>1</sup> would love / used to love climbing trees. There <sup>2</sup> was / would be a wonderful tree in our garden, and although my parents thought it <sup>3</sup> used to be / was dangerous, I used to climb it when they <sup>4</sup> were / would be out. As soon as my parents left the house, I <sup>5</sup> climbed / would climb right up to the top of the tree and stay there for hours, reading a book. Luckily, my parents <sup>6</sup> didn't find out / didn't use to find out.

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### Vocabulary

#### 4 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box. There is one extra word or phrase.

challenge   downloaded   expert   go over  
have a go   improve   interested   progress  
technique   train   try out   useless

- 1 I'm not very interested in cars, to be honest.
- 2 My brother is \_\_\_\_\_ at art. He can't draw anything!
- 3 My sister has decided to \_\_\_\_\_ to be a teacher.
- 4 I used to find it a \_\_\_\_\_ to get up at six every morning, but I'm used to it now.
- 5 The best way to learn is to \_\_\_\_\_ your notes after every lecture.
- 6 She's not a natural dancer, but her \_\_\_\_\_ is excellent.
- 7 I \_\_\_\_\_ the instructions, but I couldn't understand them.
- 8 You should ask my friend for advice – he's a computer \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 We need to \_\_\_\_\_ a lot if we want to win the competition.
- 10 He's been learning Italian for five years, but he hasn't made much \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11 I'm sure you'd love ice skating. Why don't you \_\_\_\_\_?

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#### 5 Complete the sentences using one word from Box A and one word from Box B.

##### A

building   fire   flexible   night   strict  
time

##### B

drill   hours   off   policy   shifts   site

- 1 I work on a building site so there are lots of health and safety rules to learn.
- 2 Nobody said there was going to be a \_\_\_\_\_, so I was surprised when I heard the alarm.
- 3 We're lucky because our company has \_\_\_\_\_ working \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 My company has a \_\_\_\_\_ on what we wear to work. We can't even wear casual clothes on Fridays.
- 5 The union members are having a meeting because they're angry about the number of \_\_\_\_\_ they have to work.
- 6 My boss let me take \_\_\_\_\_ when my mother was ill, so I could be with her.

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### 6 Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 I had to *entertain* / *control* myself when I was young because I was an only child.
- 2 My parents never *forced* / *let* me have a pet when I was a child.
- 3 That little boy's got such bad *experience* / *manners* – he never says thank you.
- 4 My brother is a teacher now, but he was always in *trouble* / *authority* when he was at school.
- 5 We're meeting on Friday evening to *make arrangements for* / *watch over* Tom's surprise birthday party.
- 6 We don't *force* / *control* our children to go to bed at a certain time.

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### Function

#### 7 Complete the words related to bringing a conversation to an end. The first letter of each word is given.

**Tom:** <sup>1</sup>L *isten* \_\_\_\_\_, work's going really well at the moment, Charlotte. I've been promoted, and now I've got my new flat, too.

**Charlotte:** Sorry to <sup>2</sup>i \_\_\_\_\_, Tom. That's great news, but I've <sup>3</sup>g \_\_\_\_\_ to go.

**Tom:** Really? That's a shame. I wanted to tell you about my new flatmate.

**Charlotte:** I'd love to hear all about him, but I'm actually in a <sup>4</sup>r \_\_\_\_\_.

**Tom:** Oh. Why are you in such a hurry?

**Charlotte:** I <sup>5</sup>h \_\_\_\_\_ a doctor's appointment and I need to get <sup>6</sup>g \_\_\_\_\_. I'm already late.

**Tom:** Oh, I see. Well, I won't stop you. Your health is so important, after all.

**Charlotte:** Thanks, Tom. It's just a check-up, but I'm <sup>7</sup>a \_\_\_\_\_ I can't chat or I'll miss my appointment.

**Tom:** Oh, right. I thought you were ill. <sup>8</sup>A \_\_\_\_\_, it was great seeing you again, Charlotte. Take care.

**Charlotte:** It's been great to <sup>9</sup>c \_\_\_\_\_ up with you too, Tom. Sorry to rush <sup>10</sup>o \_\_\_\_\_ like this.

**Tom:** Don't worry. Good luck at the doctor's.

**Charlotte:** Thanks. <sup>11</sup>E \_\_\_\_\_ the rest of the afternoon.

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