

Grammar Practice

A Circle the correct answers.

- As a teenager, I **used** / **would** to do things that my parents **weren't approving** / **didn't approve of**.
They **were always complaining** / **had always been complaining** about my actions. When they **lectured** / **had lectured** me, I **had covered** / **would cover** my ears and ignore them. Now, I'm experiencing the same thing with my own children!
- Today I **had had** / **had** an awful day. I **arrived** / **was arriving** at the office, **sat** / **was sitting** down at my desk and suddenly **had discovered** / **discovered** that I **had lost** / **lost** a document on my computer because of a virus. I **worked** / **had been working** on it for the past two days. As if that **wasn't** / **wasn't being** enough, a colleague **would get** / **was getting** on my nerves. While I **had been trying** / **was trying** to remain calm, he **had laughed** / **was laughing** at me.



B Rephrase the following sentences using the words in brackets.

- I put on ten kilos and then I decided to go on a diet. (**by the time**)

- First they washed the car and then they waxed it. (**after**)

- Lisa made a sandwich and then sat on the sofa to relax. (**before**)

- We packed our suitcases and then left for the airport. (**as soon as**)

- Judy was walking down the street when she saw an accident. (**as**)

C Choose the correct answers.

- When the children _____ home, it was obvious that they had been playing in mud.
a. were arriving b. arrived c. arrive
- Michael _____ in the queue to buy a ticket for the train when he heard a strange noise.
a. waited b. was waiting c. had waited
- In my youth, I _____ the world and often slept under the stars.
a. travelled b. was travelling c. travel
- The thieves _____ houses for two years before they were finally caught.
a. had been breaking into b. are breaking into c. break into
- I _____ my studies by 1990.
a. complete b. was completing c. had completed

D Using the words given and other words, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Do not change the word given. (Use 2-5 words in total.)

- When he was younger, he went to the gym four times a week.
used When he was younger, he _____ the gym four times a week.
- I hadn't tasted Chinese food before.
first It was the _____ Chinese food.
- While we were in London, it never stopped raining.
continuously It _____ while we were in London.
- I worked at a restaurant in those days.
was In those days, I _____ at a restaurant.
- After walking a mile, they realised that someone was missing.
had They _____ a mile when they realised that someone was missing.
- That was the only science-fiction book he had read.
never He _____ a science-fiction book before.
- When Mark was a student, he was in the habit of forgetting his books.
always Mark _____ his books when he was a student.
- Jake made a speech and then we left the ceremony.
until We didn't leave the ceremony _____ a speech.



Vocabulary Practice

A Complete using the prepositional phrases given.

at last:	finally
at least:	no less than; the minimum that could be done
at night:	late in the evening
at noon:	in the middle of the day
at peace/war:	in a state of harmony/conflict
at present:	now
at the same time:	simultaneously

1. The unemployment rate is high _____.
2. You could _____ clean up your room. You don't do anything to help me with the housework.
3. He started working on this report at 8:00 am and stopped _____ for lunch.
4. You shouldn't eat and talk _____.
5. _____ the bus arrived. We had been waiting for an hour.
6. The baby always woke up _____ and started crying. It was afraid of the dark.
7. In order to be happy, you should always be _____ with yourself.

B Complete using the correct form of the words in bold type.

GARLIC EVERY DAY KEEPS THE DOCTOR AWAY

You may know that Asian, Middle Eastern and Mediterranean cultures have (1) _____ used garlic in their dishes. What you may not know is that garlic was also thought of as a (2) _____ medicine by many ancient civilisations. Today, (3) _____ in the field of nutrition have come up with new (4) _____ which they did not expect to find and have said the results are quite (5) _____. Apparently, not only is garlic good for you but it also helps you overcome various (6) _____. The main (7) _____ of eating this potent vegetable is, of course, bad (8) _____. Cooking it reduces the strong smell, and eating parsley helps minimise the smell because it is a (9) _____ deodoriser. So, it's time we took the benefits of garlic (10) _____. Why not add it to some of your (11) _____ dishes?

TRADITION
VALUE
PROFESSION ✓
INFORM
SURPRISE
ILL
ADVANTAGE
BREATHE
NATURE
SERIOUS
FAVOUR

C Complete using the correct form of the words given.

job (n):	the work sb does in order to earn money; employment
work (n):	(1) particular tasks sb has to do in their job (2) the place where sb does their job
duty (n):	the work that sb is responsible for getting done
task (n):	activity sb has to do, usually as part of a larger project

see (v):	notice, observe, take a look at sb/sth
watch (v):	look at sb/sth for a period of time and observe what is happening
look (at) (v):	turn your eyes to a particular direction, see what is there or what sb/sth is like

1. Don't interrupt me now. I've got a lot of _____ to do.
2. Jim found a good _____ close to where he lives.
3. One of my _____ as a nurse is to be on time because lives depend on it.
4. Our teacher gave us a few _____ to do during the summer holidays.
5. I happened to _____ out of my window when my cousin was walking past.
6. Did you _____ Mike's new pair of jeans? They were really nice.
7. I _____ the football match before I went to bed.