

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

- When I was at school, girls had to wear a uniform with a shirt and tie. (have)
- I _____ go to the party even though I promised I wouldn't be home late. (allow)
- They _____ make their beds every morning, but they never did. (suppose)
- Karen _____ meet us tomorrow because she has to babysit for her sister. (not able)
- Jim couldn't speak French, but he _____ communicate with sign language. (manage)
- Sally's boss refused _____ her take time off to go to the dentist. (let)

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2 Complete the sentences using one word from box A and one from box B in the correct form to match the meaning given in parentheses.

Box A

can have to must not
not have to should could

Box B

attend come go watch say stay

- When I missed the last train home, Alexia kindly said I could stay at her house. (permission)
- I _____ to the bank at lunchtime, but I couldn't face the long lines. (weak obligation)
- I'm sorry, but I _____ the game tomorrow. I have to look after my mom. (lack of ability)
- Eric's boss told him he _____ a course on health and safety. (strong obligation)
- You _____ anything to Rebecca about this. It's a surprise. (prohibition)
- If you don't feel like it, you _____ to come over to my house. (lack of obligation)

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3 Add one missing word to each sentence.

time

- In a year's _____, I hope I'll have found a good job.
- I'll be relaxing on the beach _____ tomorrow!
- We'll have finished our test _____ 4 p.m.
- In two weeks' _____, I'll move home.
- At 10 p.m. tonight, you be flying to France.
- By 2020, we'll have retired and we'll be playing golf every day!

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Vocabulary

4 Complete the sentences with words related to age.

- Joan's always looked very young for her age. She and her daughter often get mistaken for sisters!
- Eric's grandfather loves recounting all the adventures he had when he was in his _____ and traveling around Asia.
- The discussion focused on whether sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds should be able to vote or whether they are too _____ to do so.
- The thing a lot of people don't realize is that the people they refer to as _____ often do not feel that old themselves.
- When Adam became a father in his thirties, he was _____ enough to understand the responsibilities involved.
- Because people these days tend to grow older and retire later, the issue of a _____ in the workplace has become a serious concern.

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5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in CAPITALS.

- Lucy was told that her qualifications were irrelevant when it came to how she dealt with difficult customers.
RELEVANT
- Nick always thought his way was the only way to do things and was totally _____ to listen to anyone else's ideas on how to tackle the company's financial problems.
WILL
- Rosie's business proposal was completely _____ and showed a complete lack of any real understanding of the market.
LOGIC
- Jen's behavior was often erratic and, at times, it was so _____ that I had no idea what she was going to do next.
PREDICT
- I think you may have _____ what Alex meant when he said you could do better. He was trying to be encouraging rather than critical.
INTERPRET
- Although Leo was somewhat _____ for the position, his enthusiasm and personality more than made up for his lack of education.
QUALIFY

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6 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 We're really looking forward to/dreading/having our ups and downs about going on the Alaskan cruise because it's always been our dream to see the northern lights and we know it's going to be the experience of a lifetime.
- 2 Knowing that her Dad's condition would deteriorate filled Kat with complete and utter mixed feelings/despair/ups and downs.
- 3 Eve is always optimistic and usually sees the ups and downs/upbeat/bright side of any situation, however dire it may seem to the rest of us.
- 4 Irene was mixed feelings about/dreading/with despair the moment when she had to tell her parents that she'd failed to get the grades she needed to get into college.
- 5 On hearing she'd lost her job, Claire remained upbeat/on the bright side/with despair and decided that now was the time to go back to college.
- 6 Whatever happens in your life, it's best not to stay in a job that is going ups and downs/with despair/nowhere.

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7 Underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- 1 When Auntie Marjorie started c around on her new scooter, no one knew it was her.
a) pushing b) driving c) riding
- 2 Anton's dream is to run his own catering company and to cook for the stars.
a) keep b) run c) be in charge
- 3 During his college years, Alex helped support himself by doing a part time job.
a) doing b) making c) running
- 4 When Patsy wore make-up, she never got asked for identification to get into clubs.
a) dressed b) put c) wore
- 5 How often do you take care of your neighbors' twins?
a) take care b) babysit c) be in charge
- 6 I'm a real night owl, so, now that I no longer live with my parents, I tend to stay up late.
a) hang b) keep c) stay

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Function

8 Match the blanks in 1–11 in the conversation with a)–k) below.

- A: ¹ d there should be more apprenticeships available for high-school graduates these days?
- B: Well, not really. I mean, ² it's better if they go to college and get a degree? Isn't that what companies want these days?
- A: Yes, but anyone ³ who college isn't necessarily right for everyone. Some people ⁴ don't want or need a degree and are more practical minded.
- B: True, but ⁵ it's that a degree is the basic requirement for many professions?
- A: Mmm... It depends which ones you mean. I'm talking about jobs like electricians, engineers, and so on. ⁶ it's necessary, too?
- B: Well, I guess so, but ⁷ you get a degree first and then continue to do their professional training?
- A: I think you're missing the point. I think it's ⁸ they only focus on academic strengths. Some high-school graduates are just not interested in college. The biggest problem for high-school graduates today is the limited range of options available to them.
- B: So, ⁹ it's that there needs to be a wider range of options so if people don't want to go to college they can do some other form of training?
- A: Exactly! Just like it used to be when my parents were young. ¹⁰ for my parents is that having a practical skill or trade can offer an alternative route to more senior positions. It's just a different starting position for a career.
- B: Mmm... ¹¹ it's it makes sense to invest money in apprenticeships. Especially with the economy as it is...
- a) simply don't
b) One thing I learned from
c) shouldn't people
d) ~~Don't you agree that~~
e) isn't it obvious
f) surely it's
g) I'm still not convinced
h) a mistake to
i) Surely these are
j) what you're saying
k) can see that

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