

Tenses: Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the words in brackets.

1. By the time I _____ (finish) taking a shower, my mom _____ (cook) us dinner.
2. When he _____ (retire) last week, he _____ (work) in this company for 30 years.
3. Because she _____ (study) hard in the previous semester, she _____ (pass) the test with flying colors.
4. When I _____ (do) the household chores, my dad _____ (come) home.
5. While my sister _____ (listen) to music, my brother _____ (watch) TV.

Gerund: Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the words in brackets.

1. Remember _____ (bring) a raincoat along in case it rains.
2. It keeps _____ (rain) every day in October.
3. I would rather _____ (go) home than sit here and waste my time.
4. There is no point in _____ (ask) him for advice.
5. I suggest _____ (go) on a picnic next Sunday.

Relative clause: Rewrite these sentences without changing their meanings.

1. My mom sometimes tells me off. She is, in fact, caring and warm-hearted.
2. My school years were full of fun. I used to have a lot of friends at that time.
3. This house must be worth a lot of money. Everybody is talking about it.
4. My sister won the first prize in the English speaking contest. This makes my parents really proud.
5. I usually practice speaking English with my friends. This helps me improve my competence.

Word form: Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the words in brackets.

1. Dogs can hear much better than _____. (human)
2. A bus _____ around the corner. (appear)
3. Sometimes informal _____ does wonder to my staff's performance. (train)
4. They have eight full-time and two part-time _____. (employ)
5. His friends were deeply shocked and saddened by the _____ news of his death. (tragic)