

6th year plus (Upper-intermediate)

USE OF ENGLISH

1. MIXED TENSES. Read the following funny story. Choose option a - b - c to complete it.

The Washroom Story



When I have to speak about the most embarrassing anecdote, this is probably the best one...

When I _____ (1) Montreal, I decided to stop at one of those rest areas on the side of the road.

I _____ (2) into the washroom. The first stall is taken, so I got into the second stall. I _____ (3) when I _____ (4) a voice from the other stall...

- Hi there, how _____ (5)?

I _____ (6) to myself, what the hell? Okay, I am not the type to strike up conversations with strangers in the loos on the side of the road. I _____ (7) what to say, so finally I said:

-Not bad...

Then the voice _____ (8):

- So, what _____ (9)?

I _____ (10) to find this a bit weird and very uncomfortable, but I finally replied with:

- Well, I _____ (11) east...

Then I heard the person, all flustered, say:

- Look, I _____ (12) honey--every time I ask you a question this idiot in the next stall _____ (13) answering me!

...A harsh silence fell through the washroom. I gotta tell you I was relieved. But never before _____ (14) so stupid! Damn you cell phones... You win this round.

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| 1. a. didn't leave | b. was leaving | c. had left |
| 2. a. goes | b. go | c. went |
| 3. a. had just sat down | b. just had sat down | c. just sat down |
| 4. a. listened | b. heard | c. had heard |
| 5. a. is it going? | b. it is going? | c. does it do? |
| 6. a. thought | b. will think | c. 'm thinking |
| 7. a. wasn't knowing | b. didn't knew | c. didn't know |
| 8. a. says | b. said | c. sayed |
| 9. a. you are doing | b. you doing | c. are you doing |
| 10. a. started | b. had started | c. 'm starting |
| 11. a. 'm going back | b. was going back | c. had been going back |
| 12. a. 'll call you back | b. called you back | c. had called you back |
| 13. a. keep | b. keeps | c. is keeping |
| 14. a. had I felt | b. didn't feel | c. feel |

2. **CONDITIONALS.** Read the sentences choose the correct option a -b - c - d.

1. I'd start now if I _____ you

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| a. had been | b. am | c. were | d. will be |
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2. What will you do if she _____?

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| a. doesn't come | b. wouldn't come | c. won't come | d. didn't come |
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3. _____ you help me if I needed it?

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| a. Will | b. Do | c. Does | d. Would |
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4. I would have phoned her, if I _____ her number.

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| a. know | b. had known | c. knew | d. known |
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5. I _____ so happy If I hadn't met you 10 years ago.

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| a. weren't | b. wouldn't be | c. don't be | d. doesn't be |
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6. I wouldn't have passed the exam, if I _____ an effort and _____ so much.

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| a. didn't make / study | b. wouldn't make / study | c. couldn't make / study | d. hadn't made / studied |
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3. **REPORTED SPEECH.** Rewrite these sentences using the indicated reporting verb in the corresponding tense.

1. "I think you should find a new job." (ADVISE/ME)

He _____ a new job.

2. "Don't forget to give Mary this book." (REMIND/HER)

He _____ this book.

3. "I'll give you the book tomorrow." (PROMISE/ME)

He _____ the book the next day.

4. "Don't bother" I'll take the dog for a walk." (INSIST)

He _____ the dog for a walk.

5. It is said that these herbs are good for you. (SAID)

These herbs _____ good for you.

6. "Try the oven-baked salmon, said the waitress." (SUGGEST)

The waitress _____ the oven baked salmon.

4. **RELATIVE CLAUSES.** Make one sentence from each pair of sentences using a relative clause.

1. This is the station. Paul lost his suitcase here.

This is the station _____ suitcase.

2. I don't know the woman. Her son is waving at me.

I don't know the woman _____ at me.

3. 12th December is a very special date for us. We got married that day.

12th December _____ that's why it is a very special date.

4. These dresses are made by hand. That's why they're so expensive.

The reason _____ is that they are made by hand.

5. There are four chairs. One of them is red. It is broken. It cannot be used.

The red chair, _____, cannot be used.

6. Alyson is a good friend of mine. Her mother is my maths teacher.

Alyson, _____, is a good friend of mine.

5. **PASSIVE VOICE.** Read about a turning point in history: the invention of the printing machine. Complete the paragraph with a verb in its passive form. Mind using the correct tense.

PRINTING

buy | invent | make | not teach | print | write

The earliest books (1.) _____ by hand. This took a long time, so very few copies (2.) _____. They (3.) _____ only by rich and important people. Ordinary people (4.) _____ to read. The printing press (5.) _____ in 1450 by Johann Gutenberg. He printed copies of the Bible. In the modern world, millions of books, magazines and newspapers (6.) _____ every day.

