

Grammar

A. Check the correct words to complete each sentence. Check the last option if both answers make a correct sentence.

1. Sometimes I forget to ____ before I go to bed.
a. turn off the TV b. turn the TV off c. both
2. I'm ____ moving into my new apartment.
a. looking forward to b. forward to looking c. both
3. Does your roommate ____ quickly?
a. get over the problems b. get the problems over c. both
4. What time did you ____ last night?
a. come home in b. come in c. both
5. Please ____ at 2:00 p.m.
a. wake up the baby b. wake the baby up c. both
6. My roommate borrowed my sweater, but she didn't ____ .
a. give back it b. give it back c. both

B. Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb in parentheses. Use infinitives (to + verb) or -ing forms (verb + ing).

I always have fun _____ (do) things with my brother. We see each other almost every weekend. We have fun _____ (spend) time together. We have no trouble _____ (find) things to do. We both like to hike, play computer games, and play basketball. My brother has always been someone _____ (depend) on. Everyone in my family counts on him. Sometimes, we have problems _____ (get) along, but it's not worth _____ (worry) about. We always get over it quickly. Besides, it's lonely _____ (be) without each other. He travels for work sometimes, and I don't have anyone _____ (play) computer games with when he's gone.

C. Rewrite the statements adding the ideas in parentheses. Use for when necessary. More than one answer can be possible.

1. Families sometimes argue about money. (It's not unusual)

2. I can't make decisions. (It's hard)

3. Some people feel scared when they have to face a new challenge. (It's reasonable)

4. I like to see how children interact with each other. (It's interesting)

Vocabulary

D. Complete the conversation. Choose the correct phrase. There is one phrase that you do not need to use.

put up with	let me down	running out of	give up	was short on
not looking forward to	drove away	comes up	got around to	

Viktor: Hi, Sylvia. What's the matter?

Sylvia: Oh, it's my friend Carla. She really _____.

Viktor: What happened?

Sylvia: Well, she said she would help me with my homework, but she never _____ it.

Viktor: That's too bad.

Sylvia: Yeah, she said she _____ time, but she went out with some friends a couple of times this week.

Viktor: You shouldn't _____ that. Are you going to say something?

Sylvia: If it _____, I'll say something. To be honest, I'm _____ talking to her at all. I'm _____ patience with her, and I'm not sure I want to be friends anymore.

Viktor: You really should talk to her. Don't _____ on your friendship. You and Carla were really good friends.

E. Select the correct word to complete the sentences.

1. I love my nephew, he's so funny. He always _____ the craziest ideas.

- a. put up with b. comes up with c. runs out of

2. What time are you arriving home? We need to _____ this week schedule .

- a. go over b. have over c. come across

3. She needs to _____ filling her application form before it's too late.

- a. clean up b. give back c. get around to

4. Dan always _____ late so we told him the movie was an hour earlier.

- a. comes up b. gives up c. shows up

5. You can _____ friends _____, just not every weekend.

- a. have, over b. put, up with c. get, through

Conversation strategy

F. Click on the correct phrases to complete the conversation.

Jen: I'm not getting along with my roommate very well.

Raul: Oh, no. Are you going to move out?

Jen: _____ it's that bad. _____, we're not getting along right now. I'm sure it will get better.

Raul: _____, it can be difficult living with other people.

Jen: You live at home, right?

Raul: Yes. _____, it's terrible sometimes.

Jen: I guess it can be hard to live with your parents when you're older.

Raul: _____ it's terrible living with my parents _____, they're easy to get along with. It's my little brothers that are a problem. I can never get any work done.

Listening

G. Listen to a woman telling a man about her job. Check true or false for each sentence.

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| 1. The woman is planning to go back to school. | True | False |
| 2. The woman is working 40 hours a week. | True | False |
| 3. The woman still has benefits with her job share. | True | False |
| 4. The woman and her coworker don't work in the office at the same time. | True | False |
| 5. The woman's coworker isn't friendly. | True | False |
| 6. The woman's coworker talks about herself a lot. | True | False |

Writing

H. Should parents put up with their kids if they want to continue living with them after they have graduated? Write an introduction essay to state your opinion. Include a thesis statement and a *What* clause.

Reading

I. Read the article. Then read the statements and check “True”, “False” or “Not given” if the information is not given.

Tips on getting along

Listen! One of the best ways to get along with others is to listen. Many arguments happen because of misunderstandings. When you listen carefully to what another person says, you can often avoid misunderstandings and conflicts.

Be polite. Politeness goes a long way. Most people react well to kindness, so use kind words even when you are upset. In other words, don't say mean things even if someone else does. Being polite is not only useful when you have disagreements with friends, it can also be useful if you have confrontations with strangers.

Walk away. Sometimes, you just need time to be alone and cool off. Understand when an argument is not going anywhere. Taking a break can often help you get along with others.

Agree to disagree. Sometimes, people reach an impasse – a point in an argument where it's impossible to agree. Instead of getting angry, try to understand when this happens. You can agree to disagree about a certain topic, but still find a way to get along.

Think first. It's helpful to think about the words you choose before you speak. You can make a point in a tactful way that does not hurt another person's feelings.

Imagine how the other person feels. There's an expression, “You don't know how someone feels until you've walked in their shoes.” This is a good expression to remember whenever you have a problem with someone. Imagine where that person's perspective.

True False Not given

1. Conflicts can be avoided by listening carefully to others.
2. Politeness is not only useful for strangers.
3. There is no point in agreeing to disagree.
4. It is helpful in an argument to ask the advice of a neutral person.
5. Avoid conflict by imagining yourself in another's situation.