

1 He fed the dog **and** (he) went to work.  
She came to the meeting, **but** (she) **didn't say** anything.  
We should phone him **or** (we should) **send** him an email.  
We usually have dinner at 10.00 and **then** (we) **watch** TV.

2 They locked the doors and windows **before** they **left**.  
We'll have a look at the photos **after** we **finish** dinner.  
He's stressed **because** he **has** too much work.  
She was horrified **when** she **saw** the mess he had left.  
I met Sean **while** he **was working** in Italy.

1 Laura has never been to the States, but her sister **has**.  
Gary thinks he's right, but he **isn't**.  
They **said** I would love the film, but I don't think I **would**.  
I didn't like the play, but Marcus **did**.

2 I thought I **would be able to** come tonight, but in fact I **can't**.  
I know you've never **learnt** to drive, but I think you **should have**.  
A You **must** read his latest book! B I already **have**.

3 I've never **ridden** a motorbike, but I'd **love to**.  
The students cheated in the exam, even though I **told** them **not to**.

1 I'll have finished the work by Friday, or at least I **hope so**.  
A Will you be working on Saturday?  
B I **suppose so**, unless we get everything done tomorrow.  
A You do know it wasn't my fault, don't you?  
B If you **say so**.

2 A Do you think it'll rain tonight? B I **hope not**.  
A She's not very likely to pass, is she? B I'm **afraid not**.  
The children may be back, but I **don't think so**.

**a** Cross-out the words / phrases which could be left out.

They look happy, but they aren't really happy.

- 1 Everyone else liked the hotel, but I didn't like it.
- 2 Nobody expects us to win, but we might win.
- 3 I didn't take the job in the end, but now I think I should have taken it.
- 4 I went to the gym every week and I played basketball when I was living in the USA.
- 5 **A** Would you like to come for dinner tomorrow?  
**B** I'd love to come to dinner, but I can't come.
- 6 We don't go to the theatre very often, but we used to go before we had children.
- 7 I won't be able to go to the concert, but my wife will be able to go.
- 8 We didn't enjoy the film because we arrived late and we missed the beginning.

**b** Complete the sentences with the correct modal or auxiliary form.

I'd like to help you this week, but I can't.

- 1 I'm not vegetarian, but my wife \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 I would love to fly a plane, but I know that I never \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Nobody believes me when I say that I'm going to resign, but I \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 We thought that Karen would get the job, but she \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 In the end they didn't come, even though they had promised that they \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 If you haven't seen the film yet, you \_\_\_\_\_. It's absolutely fantastic!
- 7 If I could help you I would, but I'm afraid I \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 I don't speak French, but my friend \_\_\_\_\_.

**c** Respond to the first sentence using the correct form of the verb in brackets and **either** a reduced infinitive **or** **so / not**.

**A** Would you like to come round for a coffee later?

**B** I *’d love to*. (love)

- 1 **A** The weather forecast said it would rain tomorrow.  
**B** I \_\_\_\_\_. I want to do some gardening. (hope)
- 2 **A** Do you go to the gym?  
**B** I \_\_\_\_\_, but I stopped going last month. (use)
- 3 **A** If you think she's coming down with flu, you shouldn't send her to school.  
**B** I \_\_\_\_\_. She might give it to the other children. (suppose)
- 4 **A** Have you spoken to Martin yet?  
**B** No, but I \_\_\_\_\_ after the meeting. (try)
- 5 **A** Do you think we should leave early to miss the traffic?  
**B** I \_\_\_\_\_, though I'm really enjoying myself. (guess)
- 6 **A** Why are you going to do a parachute jump?  
**B** I don't know. I \_\_\_\_\_. (always / want)
- 7 **A** Has James gone out again?  
**B** Yes he has, even though I \_\_\_\_\_. (ask / not)
- 8 **A** The bank's closed on public holidays, isn't it?  
**B** Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_. (imagine)