

# Stop and check 3

## UNITS 7-9

### Tense review

Complete the text with verbs from the box in the correct tense, active or passive.

be (x3) believe borrow bury conduct make go on happen help  
join in last meet sing (x2) strengthen take place visit wake

### The Christmas truce

The war (1) had been going on for only a few months when on Christmas Eve 1914, an extraordinary event (2) \_\_\_\_\_ . At midnight the sleeping British (3) \_\_\_\_\_ by the sound of carols (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in the German trenches. They immediately (5) \_\_\_\_\_ with English carols and soon both sides (6) \_\_\_\_\_ together. The next morning they all (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in no-man's land and in a very short time many friendships (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Not only (9) \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ to bury each other's dead, but often German and British soldiers (10) \_\_\_\_\_ together in the same grave. Tools (11) \_\_\_\_\_ also \_\_\_\_\_ from each other and defences (12) \_\_\_\_\_. There was no fear or suspicion on either side. If there (13) \_\_\_\_\_ fear, such a truce (14) \_\_\_\_\_ never \_\_\_\_\_. Incredibly some friendships (15) \_\_\_\_\_ a lifetime. Harold Startin, who (16) \_\_\_\_\_ dead for many years now, (17) \_\_\_\_\_ regularly during his life by his friend Otto from Stuttgart. Nowadays it (18) \_\_\_\_\_ generally \_\_\_\_\_ that such a truce (19) \_\_\_\_\_ impossible. Most modern warfare (20) \_\_\_\_\_ from the air.

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### Verb patterns

Rewrite the sentences to report what was said.

- 'You really should see a specialist.'  
My doctor persuaded \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 'Why don't you look for another job?'  
My best friend suggested \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 'You look awful. Go back to bed.'  
My mother made \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 'I wasn't even in the shopping centre when the theft took place.'  
The defendant denied \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 'Life here in Acapulco just doesn't suit me.'  
Uncle Frank couldn't get used \_\_\_\_\_ .

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## Modals

Match a sentence in A with a sentence in B that illustrates the meaning of the modal verb.

### A

- 1  Gary must have worked very hard this term.
- 2  Gary would have worked very hard this term.
- 3  Gary can't have worked very hard this term.
- 4  Gary should have worked very hard this term.
- 5  Gary might have worked very hard this term.

### B

- a But he didn't. I'm very disappointed with him.
- b He failed all his exams, and had clearly learnt nothing.
- c His grades have improved considerably.
- d On the other hand, perhaps he did very little. It's hard to tell with him.
- e But he didn't get the chance because of personal problems.

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## Tense usage for non-fact

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 I wish it \_\_\_\_\_ (be) Friday. It's only Tuesday.
- 2 If I \_\_\_\_\_ (know) you were going to arrive so early, I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) half a day off work.
- 3 If only we \_\_\_\_\_ (book) earlier. The flight costs twice as much now.
- 4 I wish you \_\_\_\_\_ (not drink) so much when we go out. You get so aggressive.
- 5 It's time we \_\_\_\_\_ (get) back to the hotel. We're going to miss dinner.
- 6 If I \_\_\_\_\_ (not listen) to your advice then, where \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) now?
- 7 Stop acting as if you \_\_\_\_\_ (be) some sort of celebrity.
- 8 I'd rather you \_\_\_\_\_ (not tell) everybody about my problems. Now everyone is talking about me.

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## Metaphors and idioms

Complete the sentences.

- 1 Don't point the \_\_\_\_\_ at me! It's not my fault.
- 2 When they told me I had passed the test, I was over the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 I'm really sorry if I've put my \_\_\_\_\_ in it. I didn't know that was your boss when I said you were looking for another job.
- 4 My brother just turned up out of the \_\_\_\_\_. I hadn't seen him for years.
- 5 It gradually \_\_\_\_\_ on me that it was my friend she fancied, not me.

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## Softening the message

Express the following statements in a tactful, polite way. Use the words in brackets.

- 1 Lend me £100. (possibly)  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 You shouldn't tell him. (better)  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Don't wear that dress. (If I ... you)  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 It won't work. (surprised)  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Samantha is over forty years old. (thought)  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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## UNITS 10–12

### Linking devices

Complete the text with linking devices – conjunctions, adverbs, infinitives, participles, and relative pronouns.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ having a demanding full-time job, Terry Ambler is training hard (2) \_\_\_\_\_ compete in his second Olympics. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the weather, rain or shine, and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ most of us are still fast asleep, Terry is power-walking the streets of Bristol. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ he is selected again for the national team, he will be lining up in the 10,000-kilometre walk this summer. (6) \_\_\_\_\_ completed four years of rigorous training. Terry was disqualified in the preliminary heats of the last games (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a judges' ruling that he had been running rather than walking. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ I was a kid, I've always wanted to represent my country at sport, and it's this thought (9) \_\_\_\_\_ drives me on. (10) \_\_\_\_\_, I must say that (11) \_\_\_\_\_ these Olympics are over, I don't think I'll be in any hurry to start training again. It's (12) \_\_\_\_\_ an exhausting training programme (13) \_\_\_\_\_ I will need to take a long break before considering future plans. In truth, it doesn't really matter (14) \_\_\_\_\_ he wins or not. (15) \_\_\_\_\_ Terry will have lived his dream even if he manages to take part in the finals.

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### Intensifying adverbs

Complete the interview with Terry Ambler using intensifying adverbs from the box. Use each intensifying adverb once only.

very absolutely deeply strongly bitterly  
perfectly thoroughly entirely totally sincerely

**Interviewer** How is your Olympic training going, Terry?

**Terry** Well, so far training has been (1) \_\_\_\_\_ brilliant. I'm in great shape and I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ hope that my performance will live up to everyone's expectations. I've been (3) \_\_\_\_\_ dedicated to my training programme for the last eighteen months, and although it's been hard, I can also say that I've (4) \_\_\_\_\_ enjoyed myself during this period.

**Interviewer** What do you hope to achieve at the Games?

**Terry** Well, it's (5) \_\_\_\_\_ simple – I want to finish the race this time! I (6) \_\_\_\_\_ disagreed with the judges' decision to disqualify me in the last games, and I found all the media coverage (7) \_\_\_\_\_ embarrassing. It left me and all my fans feeling (8) \_\_\_\_\_ disappointed. So, this time, I'll just be (9) \_\_\_\_\_ pleased to finish. Of course, I would like to finish in the top three, too, but whether that happens depends (10) \_\_\_\_\_ on me.

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## Relative pronouns

Complete the sentences with relative pronouns. If no pronoun is necessary, put —. Add commas where necessary.

- 1 My father \_\_\_\_\_ died recently was the most amazing man \_\_\_\_\_ you could ever meet.
- 2 The time of year \_\_\_\_\_ I love the most is early Spring.
- 3 I was very concerned about \_\_\_\_\_ you said \_\_\_\_\_ you and your friends had been up to.
- 4 Jill lives in Brazil \_\_\_\_\_ the big carnival is held.
- 5 All the children \_\_\_\_\_ mums were there enjoyed the concert more.
- 6 Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ I asked was full of praise for him.
- 7 To \_\_\_\_\_ it may concern.
- 8 I'm not exactly sure \_\_\_\_\_ I'm asking you this.
- 9 I can't stand people \_\_\_\_\_ are always moaning about everything.
- 10 The clothes in \_\_\_\_\_ she was found were not the ones she was wearing when she left home.

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## Participles

Underline the correct participle in each sentence.

- 1 *Cycled / Cycling* home, I crashed straight into a lamp post.
- 2 I worked all morning in a market *selling / sold* shirts.
- 3 *Brought / Bringing* up on a tough housing estate, Gerry Hillman was to go on to great things.
- 4 I've had a terrible evening, first *losing / lost* my bag on the underground, then *missing / missed* the last train home.
- 5 Frankly, *had / having* seen it, I would give that film a miss.
- 6 *Breaking / Broken* up the journey by stopping for lunch would be a good plan.
- 7 *Given / Giving* that this was her first attempt, and *known / knowing* that she hadn't had any time to rehearse, I think that was a pretty decent performance.
- 8 I managed to ruin a perfectly good shirt *eating / eaten* spaghetti bolognese in a restaurant last night.

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## Vocabulary

Complete the sentences using one word from A and one word from B.

### A

cost foot mind safe takes

### B

bill boggles earth sorry sorts

- 1 I'm sure you'd like to invite all your friends to the wedding, but who's going to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_?
- 2 Can you imagine what it must be like having two sets of identical twins? The \_\_\_\_\_!
- 3 You could have the whole house redecorated, but it would \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 I know it seems a lot to pay for insurance, but better \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 He does seem to have some pretty strange habits, I admit, but remember, it \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_.

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