

Grammar

1 Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 I walk / 'm walking to work every day in the summer.
- 2 She has / 's having a shower. Can she call you back?
- 3 He thinks / 's thinking he's cleverer than me.
- 4 More and more young people leave / are leaving rural areas these days.
- 5 I learn / 'm learning Greek at evening classes.
- 6 At the end of August some birds fly / are flying back to Africa for the winter.
- 7 Lots of shops in the city centre close / are closing because they don't have enough customers.
- 8 The dog makes / 's making a lot of noise. Is she hungry?
- 9 My aunt knows / 's knowing Berlin really well.
- 10 In many countries around the world, older people live / are living longer.
- 11 I call / 'm calling my mother every Sunday to find out how she is.

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2 Complete the sentences with a word or phrase from the box.

from time to time habit never often
rarely tend usually

- 1 He rarely goes out with us on school nights because he has a lot of homework.
- 2 I _____ eat chocolate because I get a bad headache.
- 3 At the moment Jack's in our New York office, but _____ we work together.
- 4 We _____ to work late when we're busy at the office.
- 5 How _____ do you come to this sports centre?
- 6 She has the _____ of giving in her homework late, which annoys her teachers.

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3 Choose the correct alternatives.

When I was a child, I ¹ would love / used to love climbing trees. There ² was / would be a wonderful tree in our garden, and although my parents thought it ³ used to be / was dangerous, I used to climb it when they ⁴ were / would be out. As soon as my parents left the house, I ⁵ climbed / would climb right up to the top of the tree and stay there for hours, reading a book. Luckily, my parents ⁶ didn't find out / didn't use to find out.

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Vocabulary

4 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box. There is one extra word or phrase.

challenge downloaded expert go over
have a go improve interested progress
technique train try out useless

- 1 I'm not very interested in cars, to be honest.
- 2 My brother is _____ at art. He can't draw anything!
- 3 My sister has decided to _____ to be a teacher.
- 4 I used to find it a _____ to get up at six every morning, but I'm used to it now.
- 5 The best way to learn is to _____ your notes after every lecture.
- 6 She's not a natural dancer, but her _____ is excellent.
- 7 I _____ the instructions, but I couldn't understand them.
- 8 You should ask my friend for advice – he's a computer _____.
- 9 We need to _____ a lot if we want to win the competition.
- 10 He's been learning Italian for five years, but he hasn't made much _____.
- 11 I'm sure you'd love ice skating. Why don't you _____?

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

A

building fire flexible night strict
time

B

drill hours off policy shifts site

- 1 I work on a building site so there are lots of health and safety rules to learn.
- 2 Nobody said there was going to be a _____, so I was surprised when I heard the alarm.
- 3 We're lucky because our company has _____ working _____.
- 4 My company has a _____ on what we wear to work. We can't even wear casual clothes on Fridays.
- 5 The union members are having a meeting because they're angry about the number of _____ they have to work.
- 6 My boss let me take _____ when my mother was ill, so I could be with her.

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6 Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 I had to *entertain* / *control* myself when I was young because I was an only child.
- 2 My parents never *forced* / *let* me have a pet when I was a child.
- 3 That little boy's got such bad *experience* / *manners* – he never says thank you.
- 4 My brother is a teacher now, but he was always in *trouble* / *authority* when he was at school.
- 5 We're meeting on Friday evening to *make arrangements for* / *watch over* Tom's surprise birthday party.
- 6 We don't *force* / *control* our children to go to bed at a certain time.

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Function

7 Complete the words related to bringing a conversation to an end. The first letter of each word is given.

Tom: ¹L *isten* _____, work's going really well at the moment, Charlotte. I've been promoted, and now I've got my new flat, too.

Charlotte: Sorry to ²i _____, Tom. That's great news, but I've ³g _____ to go.

Tom: Really? That's a shame. I wanted to tell you about my new flatmate.

Charlotte: I'd love to hear all about him, but I'm actually in a ⁴r _____.

Tom: Oh. Why are you in such a hurry?

Charlotte: I ⁵h _____ a doctor's appointment and I need to get ⁶g _____. I'm already late.

Tom: Oh, I see. Well, I won't stop you. Your health is so important, after all.

Charlotte: Thanks, Tom. It's just a check-up, but I'm ⁷a _____ I can't chat or I'll miss my appointment.

Tom: Oh, right. I thought you were ill. ⁸A _____, it was great seeing you again, Charlotte. Take care.

Charlotte: It's been great to ⁹c _____ up with you too, Tom. Sorry to rush ¹⁰o _____ like this.

Tom: Don't worry. Good luck at the doctor's.

Charlotte: Thanks. ¹¹E _____ the rest of the afternoon.

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