

Grammar

1 Modals (and verbs with similar meanings)

Underline the correct alternative in *italics*.

You *must/can't* be exhausted after your long journey as you were only sitting on the train!

- 1 *Ought/Should* you really believe everything you read in the papers?
- 2 Tom *can/may* be incredibly irritating sometimes.
- 3 We *must/might* as well leave now. It doesn't look as though Sarah's coming.
- 4 I don't think the government *might/will* win the next election.
- 5 Harry was *supposed/bound* to come over. I wonder why he didn't.

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2 Modals (and verbs with similar meanings)

Rewrite the each sentence using the words in brackets so that the meaning stays the same.

It's not a good idea to go to bed so late. (shouldn't)
You shouldn't go to bed so late.

- 1 I'm sure Ken will pass his driving test. (bound)

- 2 Peter refuses to listen to anything I say. (won't)

- 3 It's not necessary for you to call me later. (have)

- 4 It's forbidden to take reference books from the library. (mustn't)

- 5 Alex will probably start looking for a new job soon. (likely)

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3 Modals of deduction (past and present)

Complete the sentences with a suitable modal and a verb in the correct form from the box.

leave	hear	want	see	hit	be
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I'm sure Nick will have left the office already.

- 1 You _____ Clare yesterday because she's abroad at the moment.
- 2 You _____ of the Beatles! Everyone knows them.
- 3 That _____ John on the phone as he always calls at this time.
- 4 Look out! You _____ that cyclist.
- 5 Mark _____ to have a snack when he gets in. He's often hungry after going to the gym.

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4 Uses of would

Match the sentences (1-5) with their meaning (a-e).

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| 0 Would you come over here for a moment please? | f |
| 1 My parents wouldn't listen to me. | _____ |
| 2 As a child, I'd spend hours reading every day. | _____ |
| 3 I'd have studied German if I'd been good at languages. | _____ |
| 4 I wish you wouldn't criticise me all the time. | _____ |
| 5 I cut up my credit cards so that I wouldn't spend so much money. | _____ |

- a strong desire for something annoying to change
- b imagined situation in the past
- c past purpose/reason
- d recurring situation in the past; past habit
- e refusal
- ~~f polite request~~

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Vocabulary**5 Feelings/emotions**

Complete each sentence with one word.

Maria's at her wits end and doesn't know what to do for the best.

- 1 I always feel down _____ the dumps before the full moon.
- 2 I'm _____ two minds as to whether to tell Luke or not.
- 3 Dan was _____ the moon when he heard the news.
- 4 Why do you always get so wound _____ when you see George?
- 5 Grace is looking very pleased _____ herself these days.

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6 Outlook/attitude

Complete the sentences with the correct words (a, b or c).

Pete's always had a _____ to worry.

a tendency b tend c tending

- 1 I like to look on the _____ side even when things seem tough.
a sunny b light c bright
- 2 There's no point _____ on things as you can't change what's happened.
a welling b swelling c dwelling
- 3 I always listen to my _____ feelings.
a gut b head c heart
- 4 I'd say your chances of success seem _____ to me.
a thin b slim c low
- 5 Everything will work out well in the long _____.
a hike b run c jog

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7 Strong feelings

Match the adjectives (1-5) with their synonyms (a-e).

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| 0 miserable | f | a uninterested |
| 1 ecstatic | ___ | b flabbergasted |
| 2 furious | ___ | c delighted |
| 3 indifferent | ___ | d livid |
| 4 terrified | ___ | e petrified |
| 5 taken aback | ___ | f upset |

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8 Phrasal verbs and particles

Complete each sentence with one word.

I've been under quite a lot of pressure recently.

- 1 Slow _____.! You're driving much too fast.
- 2 Why have you stopped? Carry _____, I'm listening.
- 3 Stephen spends all day just lounging _____. He's so lazy.
- 4 Don't forget to lock _____ before you leave the office.
- 5 Mike was so exhausted, he crashed _____ on the sofa and slept for hours.

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How to...

9 talk about memories/experiences

Complete each sentence with one word.

The smell of the sea reminds me of my summer holidays in Cornwall.

- 1 One memory that sticks _____ my mind is that of my second birthday.
- 2 I was scared _____ death of the dark when I was little.
- 3 Looking _____, I can honestly say that my childhood was a happy one.
- 4 _____ one occasion my uncle paid us a surprise visit.
- 5 I have a vivid recollection _____ my grandmother's kitchen.

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Reading

10 ‘What does the past mean to you?’ Read this competition entry and answer the questions.

Looking back

by Jill Hansley

They say there’s no point looking back as there’s nothing you can do to change the past if there are things you regret, and there’s nothing you can do to bring the past back to life, but I would disagree in some ways as I enjoy reminding myself of how life used to be when I was younger. Don’t get me wrong. I’m not one of those people who love to go on ad nauseam about ‘the good old days’ but there are moments when the past springs into the present.

It’s often a smell that will remind me of a particular place or person. I’m sure everyone will agree that the olfactory sense is the most sensitive. A perfume, the scent of a flower, baking bread, bonfires ... they all conjure up an instant picture. For me it would have to be the smell of a freshly painted room. We moved so many times when I was younger and each time the first thing my parents would do is decorate our bedrooms. The windows would be flung open to get rid of the smell of the paint but it would always linger on for days. Even today it fills me with a sense of new beginnings.

As for music, whenever I hear a familiar piece of music I can remember exactly where I was and with whom and I can often remember a lot of the lyrics as well. Perhaps we used to pay more attention in those days or perhaps I just used to spend more time listening to music than I do today. Listening to Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell or Queen, and I’m immediately in my old bedroom doing my homework, wishing I could be a rock star.

Those memories are fleeting. They come and go so quickly but when I visit the seaside resort where we used to spend many of our family holidays, I can replay entire days in my head. I’ll walk along the beach and I can vividly remember the weather, the salty smell of the sea, our dogs playing in the water, an ice cream if we were lucky and that feeling of exhaustion after a day in the fresh air. The summer holidays seemed to go on for ever.

Although I have lots of photos of those days, I rarely look at them as I prefer to allow my memory to create the pictures. It’s very different today as we are so snap-happy; we can so easily capture the present with our phones and cameras, upload the images and within minutes we can share that moment with all our friends on Facebook. For me that somehow takes away the unique connection.

- 0 The writer's attitude to the past is best described as ____.
- a *nostalgic*
 - b regretful
 - c uninterested
- 1 The writer believes we are all particularly influenced by ____.
- a our eyes
 - b our sense of smell
 - c our sense of taste
- 2 A freshly painted room represents ____.
- a a new home
 - b another move
 - c a fresh start
- 3 For the writer, music evokes ____.
- a lyrics
 - b favourite bands
 - c unfulfilled dreams
- 4 The writer's most vivid memories are of ____.
- a physical sensations
 - b food
 - c animals
- 5 The writer believes that photos ____.
- a should be shared
 - b have their place
 - c should be put on Facebook

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