

Grammar

1 Verb patterns (1)

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs from the box. Add an object pronoun where necessary.

be	try out	visit	walk	use	live
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Don't you mind *being* on your own so much?

- 1 As Sarah had never been to Madrid, I persuaded _____ me there last year.
- 2 I'm really looking forward _____ the new Mexican restaurant.
- 3 Tom really fancies _____ abroad for a while.
- 4 Whenever Stephen misbehaves, I forbid _____ the computer.
- 5 I wouldn't recommend _____ around in the city centre late at night.

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2 Comparatives (review)

Underline the correct alternative in *italics*.

The Danube isn't *much/bit* longer than the Rhine, is it?

- 1 Paris is *nowhere/nothing* near as expensive as London.
- 2 I don't think that Krakow is quite as touristy *than/as* Prague.
- 3 I'm *miles/slightly* more adventurous than Mark, but not much.
- 4 The south coast is *considerably/more* warmer than the east coast in winter.
- 5 The hotel was *far/quite* worse than we'd expected.

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3 Comparatives (review)

There is one word missing in each sentence. Rewrite the sentences correctly.

I think pollution here is a tiny worse than it used to be.

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1 The local restaurants are nothing as expensive as the international ones.

2 The nightlife in London is considerably vibrant nowadays. It used to be quite dull.

3 Madrid is as big as Mexico City – in fact, it's much smaller.

4 Small towns are nowhere as interesting as cosmopolitan cities.

5 The museum was little bit more crowded than I was hoping it would be.

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4 Introductory *it*

Match the sentence beginnings (1-5) with the sentence endings (a-e).

0 I'd love it *f*

1 I hate it _____

2 It seems like _____

3 It appears as if _____

4 It amazes me _____

5 It strikes me _____

a the high prices are putting people off.

b a waste of time to me, so why don't we just do something else?

c to hear that you don't like travelling, especially as you're so often away.

d that Stephen hasn't been himself recently.

e when people are rude about my country.

f if you'd come on holiday with me.

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Vocabulary

5 Communities

Complete the words. The first letter has been given.

The healthcare system here is excellent. You can usually see your doctor within a day.

- 1 The riots were caused in part by the growing racial **t** _ _ _ _ _ between local communities.
- 2 Is there a direct correlation between the rising **c** _ _ _ _ rate and unemployment?
- 3 I know I need to be careful in crowded places, but are there any no-go **a** _ _ _ _ in the city?
- 4 I like living here because of the **m** _ _ _ _ climate. I can't stand extremes of heat or cold.
- 5 Few pensioners enjoy a decent **s** _ _ _ _ _ of living unless they have substantial savings or other investments.

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6 Recommending places

Complete the sentences using words from the box. Some words are not needed.

must-see	cracked	watch	sure	overpriced
value	wary	overrated	touristy	miss

When you're in Toronto, Niagara Falls is a must-see.

- 1 The hotel was definitely _____ considering the facilities it offered. €150 per person was far too much.
- 2 When you're in the metro, _____ out for pickpockets.
- 3 Those 2 for 1 tickets are really good _____ for money.
- 4 Make _____ you go to the London Eye if you want good views of London.
- 5 The market wasn't all it's _____ up to be. In fact I was really disappointed.

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7 Adjectives to describe places

Rewrite the underlined words correctly.

I enjoy holidays on inquart beaches away from any tourists. tranquil

1 The ruined castle is well and truly off the entabe kract. _____

2 You get nuntsqin views from the top of the hill. _____

3 The port is an exciting place to visit with its instlbug market and shops. _____

4 We found a archqnim little pizzeria in the village. _____

5 The coast is largely stopinul due to rigorous planning laws. _____

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8 Phrasal verbs

Complete each sentence with one word.

I can't believe how quickly social networking sites have caught on. It seems as though everyone has their own page now.

1 Dan is carrying _____ some much needed work on our roof at the moment.

2 Hardly anyone turned _____ to Martin's party. He was really disappointed.

3 How did you come up _____ such a brilliant idea?

4 When I'm stressed, I like to get _____ from the city for a few days.

5 Quite by chance we came _____ a café belonging to friends of ours while we were travelling through France.

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How to...

9 recognise features of informal language

Which feature of informal language is used in each sentence? Write (H) for humour, (V) for informal vocabulary, (S) for style (spoken English) or (E) for ellipsis (omitting words).

Lily's pretty savvy for her age. V

1 Putting obscene comments on Wikipedia is as worthwhile as a graffiti artist using invisible ink. _____

2 Want to know the currency of Mongolia? _____

3 Come along to our party – the more the merrier. _____

4 Luke's a really good guy. _____

5 Happy to meet up later? _____

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Reading

10 Read this article. Put the sentences (B-F) into the correct place in the text.

Living in paradise

Who hasn't dreamed of living in a perfect community where there is no crime or unemployment, no pollution or traffic congestion, no racial tension or no-go areas?

(0)A.....

Billed as a bold experiment for the new millennium, *Castaway* was a one-year reality documentary series commissioned by the BBC. (1)
2000 also saw the first series of another big reality television show, *Big Brother*, but while *Big Brother* was a competition with unpopular contestants asked to leave every week and prize money to the winner, *Castaway* was purely a sociological experiment with no winners or losers nor any prize money.

(2) They were, after all, going to be living on an inhospitable, uninhabited island so would need to have the appropriate mental and physical attributes as they would have to be able to create a sustainable and self-sufficient community.

The castaways had to construct their own living space or 'eco pods', build a school and erect polytunnels for growing vegetables. They kept cattle, sheep, pigs and chickens and had to kill them for meat. (3)

Inevitably though, as time moved on, cracks started to appear and by the end of the year's filming, seven people had left due to arguments and accusations of bullying. So, what was the point of this experiment? Was it to prove that we as humans just aren't able to live in harmony?

(4) The film-makers refurbished the derelict buildings, allowing the owners of the island to turn the properties into holiday lets after the series ended and Taransay has recently been sold for £2 million to brothers living on the neighbouring island of Harris.

The BBC produced another series of *Castaway* in 2007 but this time on an exotic island. (5) It seems that the popularity of these reality shows is destined to continue for many years to come.

- A *Could such a society exist or is it only the crazy idealist who believes in utopia?*
- B Representing a cross-section of British society, 36 people (28 adults and eight children) were selected and trained by a survival expert.
- C The format, however, differed in that one of the participants was voted off each week and the experiment was for three months rather than a year.
- D And what of the island that had previously been uninhabited for years?
- E Set on the remote island of Taransay in the Scottish Outer Hebrides, it captured the imagination of the British viewing public and made a television star out of one of the participants, Ben Fogle.
- F Apart from the daily chores and the challenge of living in close proximity to strangers, they also had to cope with extreme weather conditions and various health scares.

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