

Grammar

1 Narrative tenses (review)

Underline the correct alternative in *italics*.

The sun was shining/shone and everything seemed normal.

Yesterday (1) I was *feeling*/felt under the weather so I (2) *had been deciding*/decided to go home early. As I (3) *had been putting*/was putting my key in the door, I (4) *heard*/had heard music coming from the living room. I couldn't believe my eyes! Our dog (5) *managed*/had managed to turn the radio on!

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2 Narrative tenses (review)

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs from the box.

listen	read	live	follow	rain	prepare
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You weren't listening to me just now, were you?

- 1 Dan _____ in his father's footsteps and became a writer.
- 2 I couldn't eat the food I _____ because I wasn't hungry.
- 3 Jane _____ in Scotland for long when she met her husband to be.
- 4 It _____ quite hard when we left the house.
- 5 _____ you _____ the book reviews in yesterday's paper?

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3 Participle clauses

Rewrite the sentences so that they have the same meaning. Use participle clauses with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Before he left, Max told everyone at the meeting how angry he was. (leave)
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1 John read the book and then recommended it to everyone. (read)

2 Because he was bored, Harry decided to play a trick on his sister. (be)

3 Louise received a frosty reception so she walked off the stage. (receive)

4 When you tell a joke, you have to pause at certain points to create a dramatic effect. (tell)

5 In spite of the fact that she couldn't understand the joke, Colleen still laughed. (understand)

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4 Participle clauses

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs from the box.

be	know	travel	reveal	find	watch
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Being career-orientated, Jackie had no time for friends or family.

1 _____ her children play together, Ann was reminded of her own childhood.

2 _____ the truth, Harry then started to feel guilty.

3 _____ anyone at the party, Karen decided to leave early.

4 _____ it hard to make a decision, Ruth left the choice up to Sarah.

5 Never _____ on his own before, Brian was really excited.

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Vocabulary

5 Tales

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the words in the box

fake	spread	make	punch	myth	tell
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Jeremy faked his own death so that his wife could claim the insurance.

- 1 Is it acceptable _____ a white lie from time to time?
- 2 Fred isn't any good at telling jokes because he can never remember the _____ line.
- 3 I wish you _____ rumours about Melanie. You've no idea what really happened.
- 4 Everyone enjoys a good _____, don't they?
- 5 The _____ and legends of Scandinavia have always fascinated me.

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6 Compound words

Complete each compound adjective with one word.

Tom would do anything for anyone – he's so kind-hearted.

- 1 You have to be _____-minded to get to the top.
- 2 Brian is very _____-headed so you can rely on him not to panic in a crisis.
- 3 As I get older I seem to be getting more _____-minded. I'm always losing things!
- 4 Sally's incredibly _____-skinned. However rude you are to her, she doesn't seem to mind.
- 5 My neighbours are pretty _____-sufficient as they keep a few animals and grow all their own vegetables.

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7 Humour

Rewrite the underlined words correctly.

My Dad's the king of snup but it gets a bit boring after a while! puns

1 I don't enjoy crefa. What's so funny about people falling over and looking silly? _____

2 There are some excellent political stroncoa in the daily newspapers. _____

3 Steve uses yorin a lot but unfortunately most people think he's being serious. _____

4 It's a brilliantly laersur comedy about a man who turns into a cat and gets chased by his own dog. _____

5 Jokes about serious topics like death and disability make klacb orumhu offensive to some people. _____

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8 Metaphors

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

Amy _____ in her father's footsteps and went into medicine.

a followed b went c stood

1 Paul and Susan have a really _____ relationship but I guess they love each other.

a breezy b windy c stormy

2 Tina has her _____ set on a job in the film industry.

a view b sights c vision

3 I've been feeling under the _____ for several days. I don't know what's wrong with me.

a weather b clouds c pressure

4 After years of hard work, Sam's career has really taken _____.

a away b on c off

5 If it all goes wrong, you'll be the one in the _____ line.

a shooting b firing c killing

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How to...

9 describe people

Complete each sentence with one word.

Mark comes across as quite stand-offish.

Once you (1) _____ to know him, however, he's great fun. The thing that strikes you (2) _____ him is his quick wit. (3) _____ I don't like, though, is that he can be quite unkind sometimes. When he's on good form he can be such (4) _____ entertaining companion, but when he's tired he can be a (5) _____ tedious.

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Reading

10 Read this extract from *The Great Gatsby* by F Scott Fitzgerald. Put the sentences (B-F) into the correct places in the text.

I believe that on the first night I went to Gatsby's house I was one of the few guests who had actually been invited. (0) _____ A _____. They got into automobiles which bore them out to Long Island, and somehow they ended up at Gatsby's door. Once there they were introduced by somebody who knew Gatsby, and after that they conducted themselves according to the rules of behaviour associated with an amusement park. (1) _____.

I had been actually invited. (2) _____: the honour would be entirely Gatsby's, it said, if I would attend his 'little party' that night. He had seen me several times, and had intended to call on me long before, but a peculiar combination of circumstances had prevented it – signed Jay Gatsby, in a majestic hand.

Dressed up in white flannels I went over to his lawn a little after seven, and wandered around rather ill at ease among swirls and eddies of people I didn't know – though here and there was a face I had noticed on the commuting train. I was immediately struck by the number of Englishmen dotted about; all well dressed, all looking a little hungry, and all talking in low, earnest voices to solid and prosperous Americans. (3) _____. They were at least agonizingly aware of the easy money in the vicinity and convinced that it was theirs for a few words in the right key.

As soon as I arrived I made an attempt to find my host, but the two or three people of whom I asked his whereabouts stared at me in such an amazed way, and denied so vehemently any knowledge of his movements, that I slunk off in the direction of the cocktail table – the only place in the garden where a single man could linger without looking purposeless and alone.

I was on my way to get roaring drunk from sheer embarrassment when Jordan Baker came out of the house and stood at the head of the marble steps, leaning a little backward and looking with contemptuous interest down into the garden.

(4) _____.

'Hello!' I roared, advancing toward her. (5) _____

'I thought you might be here,' she responded absently as I came up. 'I remembered you lived next door to –'

- A *People were not invited – they went there*
- B A chauffeur in a uniform of robin's-egg blue crossed my lawn early that Saturday morning with a surprisingly formal note from his employer
- C My voice seemed unnaturally loud across the garden
- D Welcome or not, I found it necessary to attach myself to someone before I should begin to address cordial remarks to the passers-by
- E Sometimes they came and went without having met Gatsby at all, came for the party with a simplicity of heart that was its own ticket of admission
- F I was sure that they were selling something: bonds or insurance or automobiles

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