

Grammar

1 Dependent prepositions

Correct the underlined words.

Paul was given an award for recognition of his charity work. in

1 I draw a lot of inspiration at my environment. _____

2 Tom finally succeeded to getting his novel published. _____

3 Fran devoted her life on improving the living conditions of the underprivileged. _____

4 The Beatles were one of the most popular bands in all time. _____

5 All we can do is hope on the best. _____

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2 Discourse markers

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

That picture sort looks like my grandmother.

That picture sort of looks like my grandmother.

1 Tell you the truth, I can't stand abstract art.

2 What I was going to say that the exhibition was really well attended.

3 All same I do think you should try and read her latest book.

4 As far Hollywood blockbusters are concerned, I can live without them.

5 As matter of fact I rather enjoy listening to obscure composers.

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3 Unreal past

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

Please stop talking. You're annoying me. (wish)

I wish you would stop talking.

1 We really should go now. (high)

2 I regret not going to the Picasso exhibition. (wish)

3 I feel so tired all the time. (If only)

4 I'd prefer to go to the cinema this evening. (rather)

5 I don't want you to get tickets for the concert. (sooner)

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4 Unreal past

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

start	have	keep	pay	talk	go
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It's about time you started to take responsibility for your actions.

1 I wish we _____ to the opening night as the play has had rave reviews.

2 Supposing you _____ the opportunity to meet your idol, what would you say?

3 What if you _____ attention? You could have had a nasty accident.

4 I'd rather you _____ this to yourself as I don't want anyone to know just yet.

5 I wish people _____ to one another during films. It's so distracting.

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Vocabulary

5 The arts

Complete the words. The first letter has been given.

A lot of people walked out in the interval because the play was so bad.

- 1 The s _ _ _ _ _ e _ _ _ _ _ were incredibly sophisticated. I wonder how they were created.
- 2 The a _ _ _ _ _ in that play was appalling. Only the lead was even vaguely believable.
- 3 Tonight's p _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ has had to be cancelled due to the conductor's ill health but everyone will receive a refund.
- 4 The Mona Lisa is considered to be da Vinci's finest m _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _.
- 5 The gymnastic feats of the acrobats were quite s _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ I didn't know the human body could be so flexible!

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6 Describing art

Underline the correct alternative in *italics*.

I'm really into/*on to* the writing of Barbara Kingsolver.

- 1 That picture is too *disturbing*/*stunning* to have in the bedroom. It'd give me nightmares.
- 2 I prefer *figurative*/*abstract* art to traditional art because you can use your imagination more freely.
- 3 Rap music is not my *kind*/*type* of thing at all.
- 4 Nineteenth century literature isn't really my *mug*/*cup* of tea.
- 5 Many of Monet's paintings are *tranquil*/*disturbing* pictures of the French countryside with flowers and ponds.

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7 Vision

Rewrite the underlined words correctly.

That's an tigringuin picture. It really makes you think. intriguing

1 Images of Big Ben to represent historic London are edorsuve. _____

2 Claudia has lots of olney ideas – her pictures are always original and thought-provoking. _____

3 Ben's photos of the Himalayas are quite simply kintherbatga. _____

4 We wanted to avoid chidélc images of the Eiffel Tower and sunsets over the Seine. _____

5 Sam's work is quite yrquki. He likes to take things out of context. _____

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8 Commonly confused words

Underline the correct alternative in *italics*.

It was great to catch up with old friends at our class reunion/meeting last week.

1 Do you enjoy listening to *classic/classical* music?

2 I'm unable to *assist/attend* this evening's lecture.

3 *In the end/At the end*, we decided not to go to the concert.

4 You should take every *possibility/opportunity* to practise your English.

5 Paula is always *friendly/sympathetic* when I tell her about my problems.

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How to...

9 describe certainty/uncertainty

Put the words in the box into the correct columns.

indisputable	undeniably	irrefutable	questionable	debatable
not clear-cut				

Certainty

indisputable

Uncertainty

____/10

Reading

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

Tim Smit and the Eden Project

In 1995 Tim Smit had a dream. (0) _____ **A** _____ In 2000 the Eden Project opened its doors and since then has welcomed more than 13 million visitors.

Who is Tim Smit? (1) _____ Born in Holland in 1954, he studied Archaeology and Anthropology at Durham University and then went on to work in the music industry as a composer/producer for ten years, during which time he made his millions.

Having become disenchanted with the music industry, he moved to Cornwall in 1987 where he made his first foray into the plant world by discovering the remains of sumptuous gardens dating back to the 12th century. (2) _____

Not content with that, however, Tim Smit focused on the next step, the creation of the Eden Project. This involved turning almost one million tonnes of clay into fertile soil, installing pioneering drainage systems and raising millions of pounds in funding. (3) _____ The scale and beauty of this vision cannot fail to impress – it really has the wow factor.

Since its opening, the Project has contributed over £1 billion to the Cornish economy. (4) _____ It also runs special outreach projects in the community, using gardening as a way of empowering, engaging and connecting people.

(5) _____ He is also a Trustee, Patron and Board Member of a number of bodies both locally and nationally as well as being the recipient of numerous awards. He is an inspiring example of what one man's vision and determination can achieve.

A *He wanted to turn an old pit in Cornwall into a horticultural 'paradise' to house plants from around the world.*

B The resulting complex of hexagonal eco-bubbles and massive greenhouses is now home to over one million plants from around the world.

C An author and regular speaker at conferences, Tim Smit remains a Director and in 2011 was appointed an honorary Knight Commander of the British Empire (KBE) by Her Majesty the Queen.

D After two years of careful restoration the Lost Gardens of Heligan, as they are now known, became the subject of a television documentary and are now one of Cornwall's top tourist attractions.

E Quite simply, a man with a vision, a man who dared to dream big.

F An educational charity and social enterprise, the Project runs transformational social and environmental projects as well as arts and music events.

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