

Grammar

1 the present and future

Complete the sentences with a suitable form of the verbs in the box.

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Jorge takes after his father in so many ways.

- 1 I _____ in touch with my cousins when I go to Canada next year as we've never met.
- 2 Sally _____ her family history at the moment.
- 3 I'm sure I _____ Dan even though it's been some time since we last saw each other.
- 4 Jack _____ over again after the awful way you treated him.
- 5 Unfortunately Lucia _____ a good impression when you first meet her.

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2 the past

Underline the correct words in *italics*.

I was waiting/*had waited* for the bus when I saw Maria for the first time.

- 1 By the time we *got*/*were getting* to the cinema, the film had already started.
- 2 As soon as I heard the news I *was calling*/*called* my neighbours.
- 3 I didn't know that you *were meeting*/*had met* Lucas before.
- 4 Jana *was cooking*/*cooked* supper when Marek called to say he'd be late.
- 5 I *had never said*/*was never saying* that I could help so why was Anna so upset?

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3 obligation and ability

Look at the underlined phrases and rewrite them using modal verbs.

It wasn't obligatory to do sport every day when we were at school.

We didn't have to do sport every day when we were at school.

- 1 It is forbidden to use flash photography in here.
You _____ flash photography in here.
- 2 It wasn't a good idea to forget Harry's birthday.
You _____ Harry's birthday.
- 3 Did you manage to get through to George?
Were _____ get through to George?
- 4 It's a good idea to learn a few new words every day.
You _____ a few new words every day.
- 5 It's necessary to be respectful to your elders.
You _____ respectful to your elders.

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Vocabulary

4 family/relationships

Complete the sentences using one word in each gap.

As they say, you should never judge a book by its cover.

- 1 Karel made a very good _____ on us as soon as he walked into the room.
- 2 Peter can sometimes _____ across as being quite arrogant when he's nervous.
- 3 I'm very lucky to have very pleasant _____ at work and we all get on pretty well.
- 4 _____ rivalry is not something I've ever suffered from as I'm an only child.
- 5 I wouldn't say that Julia is a friend exactly – she's more of an _____ really.

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5 ways of speaking

Complete the words.

I'll call you next week so we can have a good chat.

- 1 Peter always **g** _ _ _ _ _ me like a long-lost friend whenever he sees me.
- 2 I'm not very good at making **s** _ _ _ _ talk. I don't really see the point of it.
- 3 When you give someone a **c** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , you can immediately see how much they appreciate what you've said.
- 4 I can never understand Mark because he always **m** _ _ _ _ _ .
- 5 I tend to **s** _ _ _ _ _ over my words when I'm nervous.

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6 adjectives/nouns

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

Tim's extremely intellectual so I often feel rather stupid when I'm with him.
(intellect)

- 1 Looking after you is not my _____. (responsible)
- 2 Cath is the most _____ member of the family. (art)
- 3 Did you ever experience _____ as a child? (lonely)
- 4 Our teachers were very _____ at bringing out the best in us. (skill)
- 5 _____ is a very unattractive trait. (jealous)

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7 phrasal verbs (relationships)

Replace the underlined phrases with a suitable phrasal verb.

I've always respected my aunt as she was a very strong woman. *looked up to*

1 I wish you wouldn't boast so much about all your money. _____

2 Jack has had an argument with his wife again. _____

3 Do you resemble your mother at all? _____

4 My parents raised me to be hard-working and self-sufficient. _____

5 I think I have a good relationship with most of my family. _____

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Pronunciation

8 connected speech

Listen. Do you hear the weak or strong form of the underlined words? Write S (strong) or W (weak).

Can I help you? *S*

1 I don't think we can meet later as I have to go to a meeting. _____

2 You really should have told me the truth. _____

3 You say I can't but I tell you I can. _____

4 Could you help me with my homework? _____

5 I never could understand what Julia saw in Nick. _____

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How to...

9 make a good first impression

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

great / you / to / It's / meet *It's great to meet you.*

1 you / to / Nice / meet / too
_____ .

2 before / you / Spanish / Have / classes / any / done
_____ .

3 today / did / here / How / get / you
_____ .

4 must / sorry / I / go / I'm / really
_____ .

5 soon / See / again / you
_____ .

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Reading

10 Read the article and complete the gaps (1–5) with the sentences (A–F).

We recently asked our readers to tell us about their experiences growing up, whether as one of several siblings or as only children. (0) We were inundated with entries and will be publishing a selection over the next couple of weeks. Thank you all for sharing your childhood memories with us.

**Only is lonely – or is it?
by Sally MacFarlane**

I was brought up as an only child, the daughter of two intellectual, emotionally absent parents who believed that children should be seen and not heard. On the surface perhaps not the best start in life, but there were many advantages to this rather isolated upbringing.

(1) _____ They were both successful writers who worked long hours and then often had to travel abroad to attend conferences and give talks. As a consequence I was left in the capable hands of an endless stream of nannies.

Once I started going to primary school, however, the focus of my world changed and I found that I enjoyed being challenged, learning new things every day. (2)

_____ If I could show them the progress I was making, we had some point of contact. They weren't really interested in my social development, more my academic skills.

At first I was shy and introverted, although I think I probably came across as rather arrogant. It's just that I was not accustomed to spending so many hours every day in the company of others and I'd grown to depend on myself for my own entertainment. I spent hours creating stories for all my imaginary friends to star in. (3)

_____ How could you be lonely when you had all this?

Most of my friends had brothers and sisters and I could see that they sometimes felt sorry that I was often alone. I, on the other hand, felt sorry for them in a way as they had to compete with one another for attention and possessions. (4)

_____ The years passed and I continued to do well at school. I passed all my exams and went on to university and strangely enough followed in my parents' footsteps. (5)

_____ It is now, as an adult with children of my own, I look back and wish I'd had brothers and sisters.

- A** I quickly realised too that this was the way to engage my parents.
- B** I at least did not have to do that.
- C** There is, however, one big difference and that is my family life.
- D** Even when my parents were around, they weren't – if you know what I mean.
- E** I had a room full of books as well and could happily spend all weekend in other worlds.
- F** I don't think I really appreciated what I had at the time.

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