

Exercises

The following Exercises, which provide ample drill on the commonest mistakes dealt with in this book, are arranged under the headings of the various parts of speech.

TO THE STUDENT:

You'll need a separate exercise book to write your answers to many of these exercises.

Nouns

Confusion of number
(Sections 5 1 4 - 5 5 4)

Exercise 1

Give the correct number, is or are, in the following:

- 1 The news I've received good.
- 2 Where the money?
- 3 His trainers worn out.
- 4 Maths my poorest subject.
- 5 Riches sought after by all.
- 6 Our furniture getting old.
- 7 This pair of scissors not sharp.
- 8 Eating fish very healthy.
- 9 The number ->f mobile phones increasing.
- 10 The sheep grazing in the field.

Exercise 2

Correct the following sentences, giving reasons for your corrections:

- 1 Her advices were very wise.
- 2 You was the first to do it.
- 3 The class wasn't able to agree.
- 4 I've many works to do this morning .
- 5 The thunders and lightnings frightened the little girl.
- 6 I've more than two dozens of books at home .
- 7 The poors say that riches does not make a man happy.
- 8 She waited at the terminal for her luggages.
- 9 You should go and have your hairs cut, they're too long.
- 10 I'm waiting for more informations about this matter.

Exercise 3

Write sentences showing whether the following nouns can be used in the singular or in the plural:

- | | | | |
|----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1 news | 4 riches | 7 spectacles | 9 furniture |
| 2 money | 5 dozen | 8 gymnastics | 0 damage |
| 3 advice | 6 knowledge | | |

Nouns often confused
(Sections 4 8 9 - 5 1 3)

Exercise 4

Use house or home in these sentences:

- 1 I live in a _____
- 2 My _____ is in Cyprus.
- 3 Many _____ are being built this year.

- 4 East or West, is best.
5 The _____ was sold for £ 1 5 0 , 0 0 0 .

Exercise 5

Use habit or custom in these sentences:

- 1 You should get into the of brushing your teeth
after meals.
2 It's the of many people to pray for rain.
3 He has a of biting his nails.
4 Smoking isn't a good
5 The of showing hospitality to strangers is ancient.

Exercise 6

Fill in the blanks with one of the nouns in brackets:

- 1 The ancient of Greece is an interesting subject.
{*story, history*)
2 His _____ was swollen and he couldn't get his shoe
on. (*foot, leg*)
3 The strong spoilt the game, (*wind, air*)
4 Mr Brown is my lawyer and I've been his for
many years, {*customer, client*)
5 We've been given a long to learn by heart.
{*poem, poetry*)
6 She can play the violin and other
(*organs, instruments*)
7 The of Switzerland is very beautiful.
(*scene, scenery*)
8 There wasn't much anywhere, (*shade, shadow*)
9 The ship was sunk in the of the Atlantic.
(*middle, centre*)
10 The students will do a at the end of the year.
(*theatre, play*)

Adjectives

Comparative or superlative
(Sections 1 5 1 - 1 5 6 , 470)

Exercise 7

Rewrite the following with the correct adjectives in brackets:

- 1 He's the (*strong*) boy in the whole school.
- 2 Of the two sisters, Mary is the (*beautiful*).
- 3 Ann is the (*young*) of four sisters.
- 4 John is the (*old*) of all my friends.
- 5 This is the (*good*) novel I've ever read.
- 6 Which do you think is (*good*), tea or coffee? 7
Iron is the (*useful*) of all metals.
- 8 The Nile is the (*long*) river in Africa.
- 9 Which of the two girls is (*tall*)?
- 10 David is (*bad*) than his brother.

Exercise 8

Correct the following, giving reasons for your corrections: 1

Alexandria is smaller from Cairo.

- 2 New York is the larger city in the United States. 3
He's the better student from all.
- 4 John is more stronger than his brother.
- 5 My handwriting is more bad than my sister's. 6
Which is the heaviest you or I?
- 7 Which of these three girls is the elder?
- 8 This boy's manners are more good than his brother's.
- 9 Which of the girls is the taller in the class?
- 10 Mount Everest is the higher mountain of the world.

Adjectives often confused

(Sections 465 - 488)

Exercise 9

Use many or much in these sentences:

- 1 He hasn't money.
- 2 Have they books?
- 3 There isn't food in the house.
- 4 Does she take interest in it?
- 5 I haven't time.
- 6 Are there pupils absent today?
- 7 How does this book cost?
- 8 rain has fallen on the mountains.
- 9 He doesn't know English.
- 10 Too people went to the concert.

Exercise 10

Use few or a few, little or a little in these sentences:

- 1 As he has books, he isn't able to study.
- 2 Will you have tea?
- 3 He's very ill, there's hope for him.
- 4 There are apples in the bowl, help yourself to some.
- 5 people study Latin nowadays.
- 6 He can't afford it as he only has money left.
- 7 As she didn't speak clearly, people understood what she said.
- 8 people will admit their faults.
- 9 We must save money for our journey home.
- 10 I have friends in London who will help me.

Exercise 1 1

Use ill or sick in these sentences:

- 1 She was suddenly taken
- 2 The meat was bad, and made everybody
- 3 He went to the hospital to visit the
- 4 The man died yesterday.
- 5 When we're we go to the doctor.
- 6 Those who are in bad health are said to be
- 7 The and the wounded were taken to hospital.
- 8 He's with a bad cold.
- 9 When I travel by boat I'm always
- 10 She felt and left in the middle of the game.

Exercise 12

Use some or any in these sentences:

- 1 I've got new CDs at home.
- 2 There aren't flowers in the garden.
- 3 Have you brothers in this school?
- 4 Did you buy stamps at the post office?
- 5 Have I got e-mails this morning?

Exercise 1 3

Use his or her in these sentences:

- 1 The father told daughter to come back.
- 2 She gave the money to uncle's neighbour.
- 3 He sent a letter to niece.
- 4 The woman lost son.
- 5 The grandfather gave a nice gift to daughter's eldest son.

Exercise 14

Use interesting or interested in these sentences:

- 1 I'm _____ in English.
- 2 Was the film _____ last night?
- 3 The book is _____ from beginning to end.
- 4 She's a most _____ lady.
- 5 Are you _____ in computers?

Exercise 15

Fill in the blanks with one of the adjectives in brackets:

- 1 He sat down and said nothing _____ (*farther, further*)
- 2 Is that the _____ edition of *The Times*? (*last, latest*)
- 3 Wash your hands if they're not _____ (*clean, clear*)
- 4 A prize was given to _____ one of the two best pupils.
(*each, every*)
- 5 She knows _____ words than her brother, (*less, fewer*)
- 6 Several people were _____ when the train ran off the
track, (*wounded, injured*)
- 7 Jane is _____ than her cousin, (*higher, taller*)
- 8 Tom is three years old, he's too _____ to go to school.
(*small, young*)
- 9 James is my _____ brother, (*older, elder*)
- 10 My sister Emma is _____ than I am. (*older, elder*)

The articles

(Sections 247-254, 301-320)

Exercise 16

Fill in the blanks with a or an where necessary.

- 1 Swimming is great fun.
- 2 The plane made terrible noise.
- 3 What sort of man is he?
- 4 My aunt made fortune in America.
- 5 He saved up more than thousand pounds.
- 6 The train left half hour ago.
- 7 She's made great progress in English.
- 8 She's clever girl.
- 9 He tried without success to find work.
- 10 Vitamins are necessary for good health.

Exercise 17

Fill in the blanks with the where necessary:

- 1 My little brother will go to school next year.
- 2 My father left school many years ago.
- 3 red, blue, and green are beautiful colours.
- 4 cotton of Egypt is exported to many countries,
- 5 Nile flows into Mediterranean.
- 6 What time is lunch?
- 7 She can speak French.
- 8 She speaks German better than English.
- 9 flies are harmful insects.
- 10 The boy was sent to post office to post a letter.

Pronouns

Relative pronouns (Sections 144- 1 4 6)

Exercise 1 8

Put relative pronouns in each of the following:

- 1 That's the boy came yesterday.
- 2 The man to I spoke is my brother.
- 3 The girl mother is ill has left school.
- 4 This is the pen I bought.
- 5 I can't repeat all [heard.
- 6 He's a boy I know you can trust.
- 7 She's the girl we thought had been ill.
- 8 He's the tallest man I ever saw.
- 9 She's the same she's always been.
- 10 I like to help those I love and I know
 love me.

Interrogative pronouns (Sections 149- 1 5 0)

Exercise 19

Put interrogative pronouns in each of the following:

- 1 do you find easier to learn, English or French?
- 2 were you talking about? (*the cinema*)
- 3 is this book? (*my uncle's*)
- 4 of the two players do you like better?

- 5 _. do you think I wanted? (*your brother*)
 6 _____ of the three boys spoke?
 7 ____ did you say won the prize?
 8 _____ is he, do you suppose? (*a lawyer*)
 9 _____ of your brothers works in the bank?
 10 _____ is the number of your house?

Repetition of subject or object (Sections 3 3 2 - 3 3 8)

Exercise 2 0

Rewrite the following sentences, leaving out unnecessary pronouns and making other necessary changes:

- 1 The prizes they were given to the boys. 2
The girl she said nothing.
- 3 The teacher gave us an exercise to do it.
- 4 He went home and he got his book.
- 5 The book which it is on the table is mine.
- 6 Students who are good at their lessons they get
good marks.
- 7 She gave us a football to play with it.
- 8 The people, having seen the game, they went away. 9
The headmaster I have seen him just now.
- 10 The scorpion it has a sting in its tail.

Miscellaneous examples

Exercise 2 1

Correct the following sentences, giving reasons for your corrections:

- 1 One should mind his own business.
- 2 The most of the people are fond of the cinema.

- 3 This is the boy which is always late.
- 4 I speak English better than him.
- 5 She told her mother all what had been said. 5
This cake is for you and myself.
- 7 I want to give me your book , please. 8
Is a very good girl.
- 9 It is them .
- 10 I and Stephen are friends.

Sequence of tenses

(Sections 107- 110)

Exercise 22

Put the verbs in brackets into the tenses required:

- 1 I thought that he (*can*) run much faster.
- 2 The boy said that he (*begin*) his work tomorrow.
- 3 She says she (*understand*) French very well.
- 4 The teacher said, 'London (*be*) the largest city in the world.'
- 5 The teacher said that London (*be*) the capital of England.
- 6 I was sure that he (*will*) succeed.
- 7 I asked her if she (*want*) anything.
- 8 They say that he (*will*) pass the exam.
- 9 She told me that she (*feel*) very tired.
- 10 The boy worked hard so that he (*may*) not fail in the exam.

Exercise 2 3

Complete the following, using a verb in the required tense:

- 1 Laura told me that she
- 2 I asked him whether he
- 3 James said that he
- 4 Our teacher taught us that •
- 5 Sarah gave me a promise that she 6
- The boys said that
- 7 I knew that she
- 8 I asked him to wait until
- 9 I thought that she
- 10 He didn't come when

Use of the wrong tense (Sections 1 1 1 - 1 3 3)

Exercise 2 4

Supply the correct tense, Simple Present or Present Continuous, in the following:

- 1 I (*to go*) to school every day.
- 2 He (*to go*) to the school now.
- 3 Look! They (*to come*) towards us. 4
- Now I (*to hear*) her clearly.
- 5 Every morning I (*to take*) a walk by the river.
- 6 The sun (*to rise*) in the east and (*to set*) in the west. 7
- The teacher (*to watch*) me when I (*to write*),
- 8 We (*to go*) to the cinema this evening.
- 9 I (*to read*) English now.
- 10 People (*to use*) umbrellas when it (*to rain*).

Exercise 25

Supply the correct tense, Simple Past Tense or Past Continuous, in the following:

- 1 When I *(come)* in, it *(rain)*.
- 2 Many years ago people *(travel)* on horseback. 3
- I *(meet)* him as I *(go)* home.
- 4 He *(go)* to another school last year.
- 5 My father *(play)* football in his youth.
- 6 We *(eat)* our dinner when he *(come)* to visit us. 7
- In the past he *(smoke)* a great deal.
- 8 They *(shout)* when the teacher *(enter)* the room. 9
- Last year he *(study)* very hard.
- 10 While he *(play)* football he *(lose)* his watch.

Exercise 26

Supply the correct tense, Simple Past Tense or Present Perfect, in the following:

- 1 He *(come)* back last week.
- 2 I just *(finish)* my work.
- 3 I *(live)* in London last year.
- 4 The bell *(ring)* five minutes ago.
- 5 I *(see)* the Pyramids of Egypt.
- 6 He *(write)* the book in 1936.
- 7 She *(be)* ill with fever since last Saturday. 8
- The ship *(-arrive)* yesterday.
- 9 I *(stay)* at my uncle's last night.
- 10 I *(deposit)* the money in the bank.

Exercise 2 7

Supply the correct tense, Simple *Fast* Tense or Pas* Perfect, in the following:

- 1 I (*want*) to see you yesterday.
- 2 He (*tell*) me that he (*see*) me the day before yesterday. 3
- There (*be*) a strong wind last night.
- 4 The girl (*find*) the book which she (*lose*).
- 5 When I (*run*) a mile, I (*be*) very tired.
- 6 The tourist (*talk*) about the countries she (*visit*).
- 7 When I (*be*) a boy I (*study*) music.
- 8 The Romans (*speak*) Latin.
- 9 After he (*finish*) his work he (*go*) to bed.
- 10 She (*sleep*) an hour when I (*wake*) her.

Exercise 2 8

Complete the following, using the correct tense: 1

- We'll go for a picnic, if
- 2 I'll visit the Pyramids when
 - 3 Some people talk as if
 - 4 Since he came here
 - 5 You would have passed if

Exercise 29

Rewrite the following with the verbs in brackets in the correct tense:

- 1 After he (*finish*) his work he (*go*) home.
- 2 I (*study*) English for two years.
- 3 I (*finish*) my work this morning.
- 4 I (*do*) my homework before Tom (*call*) for me. 5
- He said he (*will*) go to the cinema.
- 6 I not (*see*) her since Wednesday.
- 7 I (*speak*) to her five minutes ago.

- 8 I (*study*) grammar last year.
- 9 She always (*whisper*) during the lesson.
- 10 The courier (*come*) back.

Exercise 3 0

Correct the following sentences, giving reasons for your corrections:

- 1 Richard said that he is working hard.
- 2 How long did you waited for me yesterday?
- 3 She speaks English very well, but I'm not sure whether she can speaks French too.
- 4 He is on the team for two years.
- 5 I have seen her yesterday at church.
- 6 What do you do now? - I do my project. 7
I use to get up early.
- 8 Paul acts as if he is a rich man.
- 9 I'll speak to him as soon as he will come.
- 10 I told Jill to come with us, but she says that she isn't feeling well.

Third person singular (Sections 2 4 2 , 243)

Exercise 3 1

Put the following into the third person singular, present tense:

- 1 I always do my homework carefully, but Mike never
- 2 Karen's friends often go fishing, but she never
- 3 I haven't got a new computer, but Rosie
- 4 Simon has tickets for the match, but Bruce
- 5 She walks to work every day, but her husband

- 6 We comb and brush our hair, but our sister
- 7 Robin has a broken arm, but Carol
- 8 I haven't got time for breakfast, but my sister
- 9 I sit and talk to my friends, but my mother
- 10 I go to school by bike, but my friend

Exercise 3 2

Fill the blanks with the right word, don't or doesn't, in the following:

- 1 E _____ think so.
- 2 John _____ know how to swim.
- 3 He _____ play football well.
- 4 It _____ matter what they say.
- 5 Some pupils _____ take good care of their books.
- 6 _____, you know where I live?
- ~l Why _____ you try?
- 8 Teachers _____ like lazy pupils.
- 9 Lucy _____ speak English very well.
- 10 _____, be afraid of the dog!

Questions and negations

(Sections 1 0 4 - 1 0 5 , 2 5 6 , 3 6 1 - 3 6 2)

Exercise 3 3

Rewrite the following sentences (a) as questions, (b) as negative sentences:

- 1 He went home.
- 2 You told me to wait.
- 3 I made a mistake.
- 4 She broke the window.

- 5 She opened the document. 6
He speaks English.
7 He bought a new calculator. 8
She found her disk.
9 Mary came late.
10 He knew the answer.

Exercise 34

Answer the following questions (a) in the affirmative, (b) in the negative, using complete sentences:

- 1 Did you buy a new printer?
2 Does John often swim across the river?
3 Did you find the book that you lost?
4 Does she always ring the bell?
5 Did he go to London last year?
6 Did she teach you anything?
7 Did you know the answer to the problem? 8
Does he speak many languages?
9 Do you think it will rain?
10 Did they catch the thief?

Exercise 35

Correct whatever is wrong with the following questions:

- 1 You were at the cinema last night?
2 At what time did she came yesterday? 3
You will go home next week?
4 He has returned from leave?
5 Does she speaks French?
6 You have some good news for me? 7
He can drive a car?
8 You heard about the accident?
9 Why she comes here every day?
10 When the post will come?

Question phrases

(Section 164)

Exercise 36

Complete the following, adding question phrases:

- 1 She sings well,
- 2 He can't swim, _____
- 3 You play the piano,
- 4 It's cool today,
- 5 It isn't warm today,

Indirect questions (Section 365)

Exercise 37

Change the following into indirect questions:

- 1 I asked him, 'How much did you pay for your bicycle?'
I asked him how much he ...
- 2 She asked her guest, 'Do you want tea or coffee?'
She asked her guest if she ...
- 3 I asked him, 'What's your idea?'
I asked him what his ...
- 4 We asked them, 'Where are you going?'
We asked them where ...
- 5 They asked the assistant, 'What's the price of this PC?'
They asked the assistant what ...
- 6 He asked me, 'Did you ring the bell?'
He asked me if ...
- 7 The tourist asked us, 'Which is the way to the airport?'
The tourist asked us which ...

- 8 The teacher asked me, 'Why are you crying?'
The teacher asked me why ...
- 9 My father asked me, 'Why are you so late?'
My father asked me why ...
- 10 She asked me, 'How long does it take to get there?'
She asked me how ...

Double negative (Section 167)

Exercise 3 8

Rewrite the following sentences correctly: 1

I couldn't find him nowhere.

2 There isn't no one here who knows her name. 3

I didn't see nobody there.

4 He didn't tell me nothing.

5 He isn't neither wise nor good.

6 You will not find the box nowhere. 7

We didn't give him nothing.

8 I don't know nothing.

9 He didn't speak to no one in the room.

10 Nobody never saw him without his stick.

Contractions (Section 377)

Exercise 3 9

Write the words which each of the following contractions stand for:

- | | | | | |
|-----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|
| 1 don't | 3 aren't | 5 wasn't | 7 couldn't | 9 we'll |
| 2 doesn't | 4 isn't | 6 can't | 8 haven't | 10 you've |

Exercise 4 0

Write contractions for the following:

- | | | | |
|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| 1 would not | 4 I will | 7 it is | 9 shall not |
| 2 I am | 5 had not | S will not | 10 must not |
| 3 I have | 6 he is | | |

Verbs often confused
(Sections 3 9 6 - 4 5 4)

Exercise 4 1

Put shall or will in the following:

- 1 Tomorrow be Sunday.
- 2 All right, I come.
- 3 You not leave this room until you finish
your work.
- 4 You find your books on the table.
- 5 I bring my books with me?
- 6 He go to school this year.
- 7 No! I never do that.
- 8 I write a few letters tomorrow.
- 9 I do it whether they like it or not.
- 10 'We be as quiet as mice,' promised the children

Exercise 4 2

Use the correct form of say or tell in the following:

- 1 He always the truth.
- 2 Simon , T'U go tomorrow.'
- 3 She nothing.
- 4 They that she is ill.
- 5 He that he'd go the next day.

- 6 I him that I'd go with him.
- 7 She to me, 'I'm not feeling well.'
- 8 What's he ing?
- 9 Don't lies.
- 10 Amy me that she would go home.

Exercise 4 3

Use the correct form of make or do in the following

- 1 Some of the best cheeses are in France.
- 2 He his best to help me.
- 3 Have you your homework?
- 4 I have only one mistake.
- 5 If you take this medicine, it'll you good.
- 6 _____ whatever you like.
- 7 What were you ing when I came in?
- 8 Did you your homework carefully?
- 9 Don't a noise.
- 10 They often fun of her at school.

Exercise 44

Use the correct form of lie or lay in the following:

- 1 I'll go and down.
- 2 The book was ing on the floor.
- 3 He down to rest.
- 4 She told the dog to down.
- 5 The hen has an egg.
- 6 How long have you in bed?
- 7 She to the teacher.
- 8 He ordered his troops to down.
- 9 I the book on the table.
- 10 Yesterday she in bed until midday.

Exercise 45

Use the correct form of sit, seat, or set in the following:

- 1 Please down,
- 2 Please yourself.
- 3 Please be
- 4 The sun in the west.
- 5 The boat will twelve people.
- 6 The old man was ing by the fire.
- 7 the vase on the table.
- 8 The dog was ing on the chair.
- 9 The teacher the boys as they came in.
- 10 I once in" that famous chair.

Exercise 46

Use the correct form of rise or raise in the following:

- 1 Prices during the war.
- 2 He promised to her salary.
- 3 The balloon in the sky.
- 4 The sun at six o'clock.
- 5 He , his hat to the teacher.
- 6 The box is too heavy, I can't _ _ _ _ _ it.
- 7 She _ _ _ _ _ from her seat and left the room.
- 8 I very early in the morning.
- 9 The teacher told him not to his voice.
- 10 We had from table before she came in.

Exercise 47

Use the correct form of wear, put on, or dress in the following:

- 1 She often a green coat.
- 2 I my coat and went out.
- 3 The mother ^ the child.
- 4 She a beautiful dress at the dance.

- 5 It takes him a long time to _____ his clothes.
- 6 He _____ a red tie yesterday.
- 7 She never _____ brown shoes.
- 8 Mary _____ herself and went to the party.
- 9 I'll _____ my new dress at the wedding.
- 10 When he came in he was _____ ing his coat.

Exercise 48

Use the correct form of **let**, **let go**, **leave**, or **give up** in the following:

- 1 _____ your books here.
- 2 Does your father _____ you go swimming?
- 3 Please _____ my room.
- 4 I have _____ music lessons.
- 5 Where have you _____ your pen?
- 6 Mother will not _____ me go.
- 7 His old friends _____ him.
- 8 Please _____ of my hand.
- 9 Someone always _____ the door open.
- 10 _____ me go. too.

Exercise 49

Use a correct form of **fly**, **flow**, or **flee** in the following:

- 1 The plane _____ over the city.
- 2 The birds have _____ north for the summer. 3
- He _____ from danger.
- 4 The water _____ all day.
- 5 The flies _____ through the window.
- 6 The Nile _____ into the Mediterranean .
- 7 He _____ from London to New York.
- 8 The prisoner has _____ from his guard.
- 9 Birds _____
- 10 The wild horses _____ from the men.

Exercise 50

Use hung or hanged in the following: 1

He was found guilty and

2 Mother _____ the clothes up to dry.

3 The picture _____ on the wall. 4

The criminal was

5 She _____ his jacket up.

Exercise 51

Use the correct form of borrow or lend in the following:

1 May I _____ your pen?

2 Please _____ me your book.

3 From whom did you _____ the money?

4 He'll _____ you his knife.

5 You should avoid _____ ing things from others.

Exercise 52

Use the correct form of steal or rob in the following:

1 They _____ the house and fled.

2 Someone has _____ his money.

3 'I've been _____ ,' cried the lady.

4 When the bank was _____ , the thieves escaped.

5 The cat will _____ the dog's food.

Exercise 53

Use a correct form of refuse or deny in the following:

1 He _____ to do the work.

2 Clare _____ that she'd seen him.

3 Do you _____ that you broke the window?

4 I _____ to take the money.

5 I asked her to come with us, but she _____

Exercise 54

Use a correct form of **learn** or **teach** in the following:

- 1 She _____ her friends the new game.
- 2 Will you _____ me how to swim?
- 3 He _____ his lessons quickly.
- 4 My teacher _____ me English.
- 5 Susan wanted to _____ to drive.

Exercise 55

Use the correct form of **win** or **beat** in the following:

- 1 We were sure to _____
- 2 I can _____ him at chess.
- 3 The trophy was _____ by our school.
- 4 We've _____ your team several times.
- 5 We've always _____.

Exercise 56

Use the correct form of **see** or **look** in the following:

- 1 We can't _____ in the dark.
- 2 Don't _____ out of the window.
- 3 Did you _____ that film?
- 4 When he _____ through the open window, he _____ it on the table.
- 5 The blind can't _____

Exercise 57

Use a correct form of **hear** or **listen** in the following:

- 1 I _____, carefully but _____ nothing.
- 2 He can't _____ very well.
- 3 I was _____ ing to the music.

- 4 The deaf can't _____ ,.
- 5 Let's _____ to my new CD.

Exercise 5 8

Use the correct form of like or **want** in the following: 1

- 1 I _____ to go to Athens next year.
- 2 Children _____ to play computer games.
- 3 Do you _____ to come with me for a drive?
- 4 She always _____ to get up early.
- 5 Do you _____ to play tennis this afternoon?

Exercise 59

Use a correct form of **read** or **study** in the following:

- 1 My father _____ *'The limes.*
- 2 The boy is _____ ing for the exam.
- 3 When I finish _____ ing geography, I'll _____ the letter.
- 4 She _____ a lot, but she doesn't _____ , for her exams.
- 5 When the students had _____ the exam paper, they were advised to _____ the questions again.

Exercise 60

Use **fall** or **fell** in the following:

- 1 Did the child _____ from the chair? 2
- The plane _____ into the sea.
- 3 He _____ down and broke his leg.
 - 4 In winter the (eaves _____ from the trees.
 - 5 You'll _____ if you're not careful.

Exercise 6 1

In the following sentences, choose the correct word from those in brackets:

- 1 Who (*discovered, invented*) the telephone?
- 2 The judge was (*persuaded, convinced*) that the man was guilty.
- 3 When will the meeting (*take place, take part*)? 4
- He (*took, received*) a prize for his success.
- 5 It's not wise to (*interfere with, interfere in*) family quarrels.
- 6 He (*is, is found*) at the school in the morning.
- 7 At what time do you (*sleep, go to bed*)?
- 8 She didn't (*accept, agree*) to go.
- 9 How does that man (*win, earn*) his living?
- 10 Please (*remember, remind*) me to give you the change.

Un-English expressions (Sections 186-222)

Exercise 62

Correct the following sentences, giving the correct idiom:

- 1 Few people will admit that they have wrong.
- 2 Every day I put my watch with the school clock. 3
- Will, there be a game today afternoon?
- 4 He brought a good example.
- 5 Slowly, slowly, don't make a noise.
- 6 The teacher didn't put us a new lesson.

- 7 Come down from the bicycle.
- 8 When do you make your bath?
- 9 I have much work, I need an hour to finish it.
- 10 Many young people drink cigarettes.

Misuse of the infinitive (Sections 75- 103)

Exercise 63

Put a suitable gerund in the following:

- 1 Do this without _____ any mistakes.
- 2 We don't enjoy _____
- 3 He succeeded in _____ the door.
- 4 I can't prevent you from _____
- 5 It's no use _____ about everything.
- 6 She stopped _____ in class.
- 7 I was busy _____ ready for dinner.
- 8 It's worth _____ well.
- 9 I'm thinking of _____ to London next year.
- 10 It's no use _____ . over spilt milk.

Exercise 64

Make sentences of your own, using a gerund after each of the following:

- | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|
| 1 avoid | 4 finish | 7 interested | 9 insist |
| 2 instead of | 5 tired | 8 worth | 10 can't help |
| 3 stop | 6 prevent | | |

The infinitive without *to* (Sections 321- 331)

Exercise 65

Make sentences of your own, using an infinitive after each of the following verbs:

- | | | | | |
|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| 1 can | 3 may | 5 must | 7 make | 9 hear |
| 2 could | 4 might | 6 let | 8 see | 10 feel |

Adverbs

Wrong position of adverbs (Sections 353 - 359)

Exercise 66

Rewrite the following sentences, placing the adverbs or adverbial phrases in the right position:

- 1 I can speak very well English.
- 2 I like very much music.
- 3 A beginner can't speak correctly English.
- 4 The teacher explained very well the problem.
- 5 Michael recorded with his video camera the concert.
- 6 He put into his pocket the money.
- 7 He likes very much tea.
- 8 She learnt by heart the poem.
- 9 I received from my aunt a nice present.
- 10 He shut quickly the book.

Exercise 67

Correct the following sentences, giving reasons for your corrections:

- 1 I always am on time.
- 2 It rains seldom in the desert. 3 We went yesterday there. 4 I'm not enough tall.
- 5 He begged the teacher to not punish him. 6 I could have not arrived sooner.
- 7 She will have not finished her work by tomorrow. 8 I prefer usually coffee to tea.
- 9 They are leaving for London this evening at seven o'clock.
- 10 Peter yesterday did not come to school.

Adverbs often confused
(Sections 455 - 464)

Exercise 68

Give the correct adverb, very or too, in these sentences:

- 1 It's cold today.
- 2 He's old to work.
- 3 I can't drink that coffee, it's strong.
- 4 Sugar is sweet.
- 5 These trainers are small for me.
- 6 The Eiffel Tower is high.
- 7 Concorde flies fast.
- 8 My little brother is young to go to school.
- 9 I felt tired to study.
- 10 He's rich, he's a millionaire.

Exercise 69

Give the correct adverb, very or much, in these sentences:

- 1 I'm sorry that you can't come.
- 2 I was pleased to meet him.
- 3 She was frightened of failing in English.
- 4 It was a amusing game.
- 5 I feel tired.
- 6 He plays better than his brother.
- 7 Her essay is worse than yours.
- 8 It's a interesting book.
- 9 I was interested to hear what Becky said.
- 10 We're surprised at the news.

Exercise 70

Give the correct adverb, very much or too much, in these sentences:

- 1 I like oranges
- 2 Thank you
- 3 I can't study here, there's noise.
- 4 £25 is for that book.
- 5 He ate and felt sick.
- 6 I was awake when the baby started crying.
- 7 She talks ., she's a chatterbox.
- 8 I'm obliged to you.
- 9 She was interested in the subject.
- 10 She helped us

Exercise 7 1

Give the correct adverb, **hard** or **hardly**, in these sentences;

- 1 The country was hit very _____ by the drought .
- 2 I . _____ . know how to thank you for your kindness.
- 3 He's _____ recovered from his illness.
- 4 If you work _____ , perhaps you'll succeed.
- 5 Think _____ before you come to a decision.

Exercise 7 2

Make five sentences of your own, using the word **ago**.

Prepositions

Using the wrong preposition (Sections 1-74)

Exercise 7 3

Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:

- 1 I wasn't pleased _____ her.
- 2 Cats are afraid _____ dogs.
- 3 Look _____ this new book.
- 4 We're proud _____ our country.
- 5 He feels ashamed _____ his low marks .
- 6 We arrived _____ the station late.
- 7 She's very different _____ her sister.
- 8 Are you satisfied _____ your bicycle?
- 9 I'm not accustomed . _____ life in a hotel.
- 10 Many people complain _____ their low wages.

Exercise 7 4

Rewrite the **following** sentences, using the correct prepositions:

- 1 He **was accused** for lying.
- 2 I'm surprised from the news.
- 3 I'm interested for football.
- 4 Water is composed from oxygen and hydrogen. 5
- Are you sure for his honesty.
- 6 She's very good in English.
- 7 When is he leaving to England?
- 8 That depends entirely from you.
- 9 She was dressed with a yellow dress.
- 10 He did his best to comply to the requirements.

Exercise 7 5

Write sentences, using the following words with suitable prepositions:

aim	boast	insist	marry
deprive	die	different	fail
repent	succeed	good	interested
afraid	used	look	satisfied
pleased	ashamed	depend	prefer

Exercise 76

Make sentences of your own, showing clearly the difference between the following:

- 1 arrive at/arrive in
- 2 angry with/angry at
- 3 pleased with/pleased at
- 4 look at/look for

- 5 write with/write in
- 6 divide in/divide into
- 7 die of/die from
- 8 disappointed in/disappointed of 9
- sit at/sit on
- 10 tired of/tired with

Prepositions often confused (Sections 3 7 9 - 3 9 5)

Exercise 7 7

Use to or at in these sentences;

- 1 He goes _____ the supermarket every morning. 2
- Anne stood _____ the window.
- 3 Simon is _____ school.
- 4 I met him _____ the airport.
- 5 I'm going _____ a party tonight.
- 6 I enjoyed myself _____ the party.
- 7 The tourist stayed _____ the Palace Hotel.
- 8 After his illness, he returned _____ work.
- 9 I saw Lucy _____ the cinema.
- 10 Please wait for me _____ the gate.

Exercise 7 8

Use in or at in these sentences:

- 1 There are skyscrapers _____ New York.
- 2 I live _____ a small village.
- 3 I spent my childhood _____ Greece.
- 4 My friend was born _____ Ceylon.
- 5 He studied _____ Oxford.
- 6 She lives _____ Luxor _____ Egypt-

- 7 It's more expensive living ____ London than Brighton.
- 8 He lives ____ Paris.
- 9 Diamonds are found ____ Kimberley South Africa.
- 10 He lives here ____ Hong Kong.

Exercise 7 9

Use in or into in these sentences:

- 1 The fish swim ____ the river.
- 2 The man jumped ____ the pool.
- 3 They were standing ____ the room.
- 4 We're ____ the classroom now.
- 5 There's a bird ____ the cage.
- 6 We walked ____ the next room.
- 7 The children are playing ____ the field.
- 8 He poured the water ____ the jug.
- 9 She dived ____ the sea.
- 10 The river flows ____ the sea.

Exercise 80

Use at, in or on in these sentences.

- 1 He was born ____ 1978.
- 2 ____ winter the weather is cold.
- 3 ____ Christmas Day I received a lot of presents.
- 4 We reached Cairo ____ nine o'clock.
- 5 The train arrived ____ night.
- 6 There's a holiday ____ the 11th of December.
- 7 People return from work ____ five o'clock.
- 8 ____ July the weather is warm.
- 9 ____ the afternoon I went for a walk.
- 10 The train will arrive ____ Tuesday . ____ eleven o'clock ____ the morning.

Exercise 81

Use **between** or **among** in these sentences:

- 1 The work was shared _____ all of them .
- 2 He divided the money _____ his three children.
- 3 He hid _____ the trees.
- 4 The President walked _____ the two lines of soldiers.
- 5 _____ all those children, he didn't have a single friend.
- 6 There was a fight _____ the two gangs.
- 7 The ball passed _____ the goal posts.
- 8 We are _____ friends.
- 9 His subject was 'Life _____ the Eskimos.'
- 10 The cake was divided _____ the two girls.

Exercise 82

In the following sentences, choose the correct preposition in brackets:

- 1 He's been ill (*from, since*) last Friday.
- 2 You've sold your car (*at, for*) a good price.
- 3 I sold my bicycle (*at, for*) forty pounds .
- 4 I expect to return (*after, in*) a week.
- 5 I can wait (*to, till*) next Tuesday.
- 6 We draw lines (*by, with*) a ruler.
- 7 She's been absent (*since, for*) a month .
- 8 They spoke (*for, about*) the weather.
- 9 He worked (*with, by*) candle light.
- 10 You can send the parcel (*with, by*) post.

Write sentences of your own to show clearly the difference ^w between the following **pairs** of prepositions:

1 **between/among**

2 to/till

3 in/in to

4 to /at

5 for/at (price)

6 with/by

7 for/since

8 for/about

9 in/within

10 at/in

Omission of prepositions (Sections 223- 241)

Exercise 84

Supply the prepositions omitted in the following:

- 1 Somebody is knocking the door.
- 2 I'm searching my lost book .
- 3 He said me, 'I won't come.'
- 4 She explained the difficult words him.
- 5 She never listens her mother.
- 6 I replied his letter at once.
- 7 Would you like me to send it you?
- 8 I'm too busy, I can't wait you.
- 9 I asked his phone number .
- 10 She pointed the ship in the distance.

Exercise 85

Make sentences of your own, using suitable prepositions after the following:

- | | | | |
|-----------|----------|----------|---------|
| 1 ask | 4 listen | 7 search | 9 wait |
| 2 explain | 5 remind | 8 speak | 10 wish |
| 3 knock | 6 say | | |

Unnecessary prepositions (Sections 284- 300)

Exercise 86

Use each of the following in a separate sentence:

- | | | | |
|------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| 1 answer | 4 enter | 7 behind | 9 outside |
| 2 attack | 5 reach | 8 inside | 10 around |
| 3 approach | 6 tell | | |

Exercise 87

Fill in the blanks with prepositions where necessary:

- 1 Let's play outside . the house.
- 2 She's searching her Walkman.
- 3 I waited him outside the cinema.
- 4 We entered a long discussion.
- 5 I taught my dog to obey _ _ _ _ me.
- 6 He entered the house by the back door.
- 7 Twins resemble each other.
- 8 The poor always wish riches.
- 9 I told him the truth.
- 10 I promised to write my mother.

Conjunctions

Miscellaneous examples

Exercise 8 8

Correct the following sentences, giving reasons for your corrections:

- 1 The book is neither green or red.
- 2 He can't speak English and French.
- 3 It costs two, three pounds.
- 4 She not only spoke loudly, but also clear.
- 5 He at. and the three oranges.
- 6 I counted one hundred seven people.
- 7 She wants to learn and French.
- 8 He said that, 'You'll be sorry for it.'
- 9 I don't know if I'll be able to go.
- 10 From now and on I will work hard.

Answers to exercise

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|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 Section 1 8 1 | 5 Section 5 8 0 | 8 Section 339 |
| 2 Section 184 | 6 Section 2 7 4 | 9 Section 178 |
| 3 Section 2 7 5 | 7 Section 5 8 1 | 10 Section 349 |
| 4 Section 3 7 2 | | |

Confusion of parts of speech

(Sections 555-584)

Exercise 89

Fill each blank with the correct word: as or like.

- 1 Act _____ a gentleman!
- 2 He does _____ he pleases.
- 3 She behaved _____ a baby.
- 4 She looks _____ her mother.
- 5 Do _____ he does.
- 6 Play the game _____ she does.
- 7 He dances _____ Fred Astaire.
- 8 You walk _____ she does.
- 9 He acted just _____ the rest.
- 10 He speaks _____ an Englishman.

Exercise 90

Fill each blank with the correct word: no or not.

- 1 I have _____ time to play.
- 2 She has _____ a good memory.
- 3 He had _____ reason to be angry.
- 4 There is _____ enough furniture in this room.
- 5 Your plan is _____ different from mine.
- 6 I had _ _ patience with him.
- 7 There were _____ fewer than a thousand people.
- 8 There is _____ furniture in this room.
- 9 She has _____ enough money.
- 10 I want _____ more, thank you.

Exercise 91

Fill in the blanks with the correct word: **died** or **dead**.

- 1 Her grandfather is _____
- 2 She _____ of old age.
- 3 The _____ leaves fell from the trees.
- 4 Her aunt is _____, she _____ many years age.
- 5 The soldier _____ for his country.
- 6 The _____ horse is lying in the field.
- 7 They _____ a cruel death.
- 8 The flowers have _____
- 9 The soldier _____ from his wounds.
- 10 Dinosaurs _____ out millions of years ago.

Exercise 92

Fill each blank with the correct word: **it's** or **its**.

- 1 The bird has broken _____ wing.
- 2 I fear _____, going to rain.
- 3 _____ almost nine o'clock.
- 4 I think _____ yours.
- 5 The tree will soon lose _____ leaves.
- 6 _____ time to go home.
- 7 Every river has _____, _____ source.
- 8 _____ a long time until Christmas.
- 9 An animal will often die for _____ young.
- 10 _____ too late to go now.

Exercise 93

Fill each blank with the correct word: **good** or **well**.

- 1 Mary **did** her work,
- 2 She speaks _____ English.
- 3 I did _____ in the exam.
- 4 She looks _____ today.

- 5 It's _____ to be with friends.
- 6 He did _____ work.
- 7 She didn't seem _____
- 8 Has he done _____ in his training?
- 9 I'm quite _____
- 10 She speaks very _____

Exercise 94

Fill each blank with the correct word: past or passed.

- 1 The _____ month was wet.
- 2 He _____ his exam.
- 3 The ball _____ between the goal posts.
- 4 The bullet whistled _____ my ear.
- 5 Several months have _____ since he left.
- 6 Forget the _____
- 7 The plane flew _____
- 8 It's half _____ eight.
- 9 She _____ the salt to the guest.
- 10 The door was open when I walked _____

Exercise 95

Rewrite these sentences, choosing the correct word in brackets:

- 1 This thing (*is, does*) not worth more than five pounds. 2
{*After, then*} he shut the door and went to bed.
- 3 He (*is, does*) not able to speak English correctly.
- 4 Don't be (*fool, foolish*).
- 5 He's a (*fool, foolish*).
- 6 Flowers smell (*sweet, sweetly*).
- 7 She's so proud that she doesn't (*and, even*) greet
her friends.
- 8 The mother (*weighed, weighted*) her baby.
- 9 I want to learn (*and*) other languages (*too*).
- 10 Is it (*truth, true*)?

GENERAL EXERCISE *

* The numbers in the brackets refer to the sections in which the mistakes are explained.

Correct whatever is wrong in the following:

- 1 Why you are studying the English? (362, 306)
- 2 John reads good, isn't it? (577,164)
- 3 Why you not say the truth? (362, 206)
- 4 Will I go at the post-office? (396, 379)
- 5 How to make this problem, sir? (132, 399)
- 6 Is she more better than me? (340,153,137)
- 7 I've written him last week. (114, 241)
- 8 I past my time too well to the hotel. (584, 455, 379)
- 9 Let me to try to do this and me. (326, 581)
- 10 I have never seen a so good film. (374, 556, 263)
- 11 He's not ate nothing these two days. (112, 167)
- 12 When I sleep I take out my shoes. (437, 446)
- 13 He didn't obeyed to their advices. (104, 292, 514)
- 14 She's going each morning to the school.
(121, 468, 315)
- 15 He works in the office since five years. (117, 392)
- 16 How you are going with your piano lessons?
(362, 218)
- 17 Can you to come for dinner today evening?
(321, 219)
- 18 My brother he's found in the first class. (332, 438)
- 19 It does not worth to say lies about it. (573, 97, 398)
- 20 I made all which I could for helping him.
(399,145,165)
- 21 It's two years now since she left from England.
(118, 291)
- 22 Please return back to shut the light. (342, 208)
- 23 Avoid to make these sort of mistakes. (86, 545)
- 24 Myself and my sister will not be present. (141,378)

- 25 He got down from his bicycle and spoke me.
(193, 236)
- 26 He travelled with the train from the Alexandria.
(13, 301)
- 27 She wouldn't take fewer than hundred pounds.
(477, 250)
- 28 The two first pages of my book has been lost.
(373, 554)
- 29 The knife was laying on the table where I lay it. (400)
- 30 That punishment will learn him to do not do it again.
(427, 359)
- 31 You neither work at school or at your house.
(181, 372, 489)
- 32 I can't understand because he don't speak clear.
(243, 578)
- 33 The man which you saw him yesterday is very rich.
(144, 336)
- 34 She said that she's never not gone at London.
(107, 167, 379)
- 35 I think to go to home for to spend the holidays.
(83, 351, 345)
- 36 The office is open on the morning at Saturday. (383)
- 37 It's two years since I began to study the English.
(117, 306)
- 38 She told that she was at England before three years.
(398, 381, 458)
- 39 He was angry at me because I said him he has wrong.
(6, 398, 107, 187)
- 40 When I went to home I found that the money was
disappeared. (351, 160)
- 41 He said to me that he is not satisfied from his teacher.
(398, 107, 59)
- 42 She told that she can't remember nothing about it.
(398, 107, 167)

- 43 I and he intend to leave to England after two weeks.
(378, 44, 394)
- 44 I am knowing the answer but cannot say it in the
English. (120,306)
- 45 I rang two times, but I could not make no one to hear.
(168, 167,327)
- 46 They bought a new house when the baby was born
which it cost all their savings. (.370, 336)
- 47 When he will return back, I shall say him everything.
(126,342,398)
- 48 I am much pleased to inform you that I have reached
to this station yesterday. (456, 114, 294)
- 49 The British Isles are consisted from England, Wales,
Scotland and Ireland. (301, 19)
- 50 The English is not only difficult to write it, but also to
speak it. (306, 372, 338)