

ANSWERS TO THE EXERCISES

PRESENT TENSES

Exercise 1

1. a) lives
2. b) are decorating / am staying
3. a) has
4. b) am having
5. a) think / is burning
6. b) are melting
7. a) says / is becoming
8. a) are offering / buy
9. b) am holding / don't fall
10. a) are experiencing / require

Exercise 2

1. a) employs
2. a) remains
3. b) are currently building
4. a) features
5. a) encompasses
6. a) usually costs
7. a) comes
8. b) is holding
9. b) is trying
10. a) feel

Exercise 3

1. is picking up
2. is doing
3. stands out
4. are trying
5. needs
6. possesses
7. seems
8. is becoming
9. remains
10. have

Exercise 4

1. d) puts
2. c) arrives
3. a) talks
4. a) cites
5. d) behaves
6. c) interprets
7. d) forces
8. c) wipes
9. d) bathes
10. b) fails

PRESENT PERFECT AND PAST TENSES

Exercise 1

1. a) have qualified
2. a) has changed
3. b) started
4. a) haven't been
5. b) had
6. a) has worked
7. b) has been
8. a) has obliged
9. a) has written
10. b) was

Exercise 2

1. a) did you meet
2. a) knew
3. a) started
4. b) have been

5. b) have you been playing
6. b) have had
7. a) have always thought

8. b) have had
9. a) arrived
10. b) have only been here

Exercise 3

1. b) hadn't seen
2. b) had been waiting
3. b) had looked at
4. a) looked at
5. b) had been dancing
6. a) was destroyed
7. b) had heard
8. b) had originally decided
9. a) hasn't been fixed
10. a) was running

CLAUSES AND LINKING WORDS

Exercise 1

1. c) although
2. b) despite
3. b) because of
4. a) so
5. c) as
6. b) even though
7. b) provided that
8. c) so that
9. c) although
10. a) As

Exercise 2

1. b) how
2. b) what
3. a) who
4. a) why
5. c) although
6. b) how
7. a) where
8. c) which
9. a) Ø
10. a) if

Exercise 3

1. b) Although
2. a) while
3. b) which
4. a) as

5. c) When
6. a) which
7. c) Though
8. a) If
9. a) where
10. c) so that

RELATIVE PRONOUNS AND RELATIVE CLAUSES

Exercise 1

1. a) Ø
2. a) who
3. b) which
4. a) who
5. b) whose
6. b) which I studied under
7. a) Ø
8. a) Ø
9. b) it
10. a) Ø

Exercise 2

1. b) which
2. b) who
3. c) which
4. a) that
5. b) that
6. b) whose
7. c) who
8. c) which
9. b) whom
10. a) Ø

THE FUTURE

Exercise 1

1. a) build
2. a) votes
3. b) will be reduced
4. b) be sent
5. b) about
6. b) she will
7. a) likely
8. a) to be

9. a) are
10. b) will be

Exercise 2

1. d) should
2. b) raise
3. c) overtaken
4. b) are
5. b) to replace
6. a) Ø
7. b) is
8. d) can
9. c) decorated
10. b) will

CONDITIONAL SENTENCES

Exercise 1

1. a) we'll take
2. a) couldn't
3. a) went up
4. b) hadn't helped me
5. a) are having
6. b) been
7. b) Had
8. a) has
9. b) have
10. a) am

MODAL VERBS

Exercise 1

1. She can play the piano well. **ability**
2. Shall we go to the cinema tonight? **suggestion**
3. It's free, so you don't have to pay. **no obligation**
4. They can't be in bed already, it's only 9 o'clock. **deduction**
5. You have to keep quiet in here. **obligation**
6. Could you give me some information? **request**

7. We may have a picnic if it's sunny. possibility
8. You mustn't drink and drive. prohibition
9. Shall I take your suitcase for you? offer
10. You can leave work early today. permission
11. I'll repay you the money tomorrow. intention
12. You should get more exercise. advice

Exercise 2

1. b) could
2. c) should
3. a) try
4. c) needn't
5. a) Could
6. a) be able
7. a) will
8. d) can't
9. a) can't
10. b) wouldn't
11. d) should
12. a) will be able to
13. d) had
14. b) be
15. c) will
16. d) trained
17. b) to
18. c) Could
19. c) Should
20. c) have left

PREFIXES AND SUFFIXES

Exercise 1

uncertain
inefficient
misunderstand
overheat

helpful
tirelessly
trustworthy
impressionable

complexity
statehood
lateness
partnership

Exercise 2

1. successful
2. environmentally
3. misunderstanding
4. overrated
5. impractical
6. childhood
7. willingness
8. understandable
9. unreliable
10. membership

PARTS OF SPEECH

Exercise 1

1. The **temperature** today is 18°.

noun

2. It's cold in here, don't you **think**?

verb

3. You can't go in **unless** you are a member.

conjunction

4. It wasn't **very** intelligent to say what you said.

adverb

5. I know some people **who / that** can help you.

pronoun

6. I've just cut **myself**. Do you have a bandage?

pronoun

7. A woman got into the car and drove it **off / away** quite slowly.

adverb

8. Don't drive so **fast** ! You'll cause an accident!

adverb

9. Can you help me to translate my CV **into** English?

preposition

10. The event was a disaster! Almost **no-one / nobody** came to it, because everyone had caught the virus.

pronoun

Exercise 2

1. a) competent
2. b) nearly
3. b) well
4. a) policy
5. a) close
6. b) inconvenience
7. b) criticism
8. a) ease
9. b) reliably
10. a) weighs

Exercise 3

1. b) colorful
2. a) experiments
3. b) Opened
4. c) fitting
5. b) Viewed
6. b) resolutely
7. d) theory
8. d) admiration
9. b) presented
10. c) enthusiastic
11. d) automatically
12. c) accessible
13. a) separate
14. d) expandable
15. a) regular
16. d) enjoyment
17. c) comprehensive
18. c) pricey

19. c) screening
20. c) re-entering

PLURALS, UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS, QUANTIFIERS

Exercise 1

1. a) no
2. b) some - much
3. a) has
4. b) some
5. a) any
6. b) some
7. b) a few
8. b) have
9. a) little
10. a) a lot of

Exercise 2

1. luggage U
2. belongings C
3. tourism U
4. information U
5. advertising U
6. place C
7. coverage U
8. bargains C
9. jewelry U
10. suitcase C

Exercise 3

1. a) many
2. a) few
3. c) Plenty of
4. b) any
5. a) Nobody
6. b) some
7. c) A great many
8. c) a variety of
9. a) a number
10. b) how much

ARTICLES: THE, A/AN

Exercise 1

1. She's wearing an old jeans. *Incorrect* → She's wearing old jeans / some old jeans.
2. Animals are forbidden. *Correct*
3. The maths is my favourite subject. *Incorrect* → Maths is my favourite subject.
4. Last year I went to USA. *Incorrect* → Last year I went to the USA.
5. Excuse me! Where is Tower of London? *Incorrect* → Excuse me! Where is the Tower of London ?
6. Is he still in bed? *Correct*
7. I'd like an information please. *Incorrect* → I'd like some information please.
8. The whale is in danger of extinction. *Correct*
9. News you told me was shocking. *Incorrect* → The news you told me was shocking.
10. The most students passed the exam. *Incorrect* → Most students passed the exam.

Exercise 2

1. **a** hotel on the coast
2. **an** honour to meet you
3. **a** historic event
4. **a** European tourist
5. **a** UFO
6. **an** Unidentified Flying Object
7. **an** MP (Member of Parliament)
8. **a** university graduate
9. **a** horrific experience
10. **an** hourly repetition

Exercise 3

1. b) a
2. b) a
3. b) the
4. b) the
5. a) Ø
6. b) a

7. a) Ø
8. a) Ø
9. b) a
10. b) an
11. b) the
12. b) the
13. a) Ø
14. b) a
15. a) Ø
16. b) the
17. b) the / the
18. a) Ø
19. b) the
20. b) the

PREPOSITIONS – BASIC USES

Exercise 1

1. b) She lives at 87, King Street.
2. d) I'm going home.
3. g) Come to Texas.
4. c) They live on a small island.
5. l) We drove through a snowstorm.
6. a) In 20 minutes, I drove across Paris.
7. f) Mary walked around the upstairs bedroom, impatiently.
8. i) We went down the River Thames by boat.
9. j) The cat's under the coffee table.
10. h) Admiring the mountains, Jim flew over the Alps.
11. e) The city is below sea-level.
12. k) The key's inside the box.

Exercise 2

1. in
2. in
3. on
4. at
5. in
6. on
7. in
8. in
9. at

10. in

Exercise 3

1. c) before
2. b) within
3. d) since Monday
4. c) while
5. c) throughout
6. c) to go home
7. c) during
8. d) until
9. d) since
10. c) during

NOUNS, VERBS AND ADJECTIVES WITH PREPOSITIONS

Exercise 1

1. b) in
2. a) for
3. b) at
4. b) into
5. b) in
6. b) on
7. a) to
8. b) for
9. b) for
10. a) Ø

Exercise 2

Complete the preposition expressions in the sentences below.

1. a) *allergic to*
2. c) *in response to*
3. b) *in the first place*
4. a) *proximity to*
5. a) *over a period of time*
6. b) *put to use.*
7. c) *run the risk of*
8. b) *accounts for*
9. b) *on a budget*
10. b) *passionate about*

Exercise 3

1. b) recognition
2. c) range
3. b) draw
4. c) outskirts
5. d) on
6. a) about
7. b) respect
8. a) way
9. c) need
10. b) account

GERUNDS AND VERB PATTERNS

Exercise 1

1. I can't afford to buy a new car.
2. She agreed to see me tomorrow.
3. We'll manage to survive.
4. I've enjoyed visiting you.
5. I'm used to getting up early.
6. I can't stand hearing that noise.
7. He'd rather go home now.
8. They permitted her to win;
9. I heard them running.
10. You can avoid seeing him.
11. I used to live here.
12. Just let me explain.

Exercise 2

1. a) to complete
2. a) hurry
3. b) applying
4. a) to enter
5. a) to be
6. a) to understand
7. b) making
8. b) staying
9. b) returning
10. a) to finish
11. a) find
12. a) to have
13. b) knowing

14. b) visiting
15. b) talking
16. b) having done / saying
17. a) to offer
18. b) finding
19. b) addressing / to speak
20. b) speaking

Exercise 3

1. b) after a verb + ing
2. c) determined by a preposition
3. d) present participle
4. b) after a verb + ing
5. a) subject of the sentence
6. b) after a verb + ing
7. c) determined by a preposition
8. d) present participle
9. b) after a verb + ing
10. a) subject of the sentence

QUESTION WORDS AND QUESTIONS

Exercise 1

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. How long is it? | j) About two metres. |
| 2. What is she like? | i) She's very pleasant really. |
| 3. How far is it? | f) Just over three miles. |
| 4. How long has it been? | b) More than ten years. |
| 5. What does she look like? | h) She's tall and has dark hair. |
| 6. How much are they? | d) Five euros a kilo. |
| 7. How many of them are there? | a) Five. |
| 8. Whose is it? | g) Mine. |
| 9. What does it mean? | c) I don't know. |
| 10. How much does it weigh? | e) Five kilos. |

Exercise 2

1. b) How
2. c) What
3. b) Do
4. a) can
5. b) What
6. a) What
7. c) have
8. a) Ø

- 9. c) many
- 10. a) made

Exercise 3

- 1. a)
- 2. b)
- 3. c)
- 4. b)
- 5. a)
- 6. b)
- 7. b)
- 8. a)
- 9. b)
- 10. c)

Exercise 4

- 1. How long have you been married?
- 2. What does your brother look like?
- 3. Can you tell me where the station is?
- 4. Do you know where he went?
- 5. Whose pen is this?
- 6. What is it like to be free and independent?
- 7. Can you tell me who he saw?
- 8. What does 'spanner' mean?
- 9. What time does the movie start?
- 10. Can you tell me when you graduated from university?

Exercise 5

1. **How much** money have you invested?

We've invested all our savings.

2. **How far** is it to the national park from here?

It's more than 70 miles.

3. **What** is the weather **like** where you are?

It's sunny today, but it's been a rainy week.

4. **Where** is the new electric car **being built**?

It is being built at our plant in the north

5. When **did** the company **sell** its subsidiary?

It sold the subsidiary last year.

6. **Where were** you born?

I was born in Toronto.

7. Can you tell me when **the next bus leaves**?

The next bus leaves in 15 minutes.

8. **How often / frequently** do you go to the cinema?

I go to the cinema regularly, at least once a week.

9. **Which** drawer did you put the letter **in**?

I put it in the top drawer on the left.

10. What is the **height** of the Burj Khalifa and **how many floors does** it have?

The Burj Khalifa is 1728 metres tall and has 63 floors.

PHRASAL VERBS

Exercise 1

1. I'm looking for the nearest station.
2. I'll have to put off my appointment.
3. Please take off your coat.
4. You'll just have to work out a better solution.
5. I'm looking after my neighbour's cat.
6. I'll just put away these papers in the desk.
7. I've made up my mind.
8. I want to get away before 6 o'clock.
9. The company will set up a new factory.
10. Please put me through to his secretary.

Exercise 2

1. a) up
2. c) get on
3. a) out
4. d) got
5. d) with
6. b) through
7. a) doing away with
8. a) does up
9. c) got down to
10. a) back
11. b) trade on
12. b) shake
13. b) turned into
14. a) built
15. c) in
16. d) down
17. c) take it on
18. a) come
19. c) on
20. d) apart

Exercise 3

1. Sorry, there's no coffee. The machine has **broken down** again!
2. I've **set up** the projector and the computer, ready for your presentation.
3. The cupboard is so untidy! I really must **sort it out**.
4. Sales were very slow, but they have just started to **take off** in the last quarter.
5. Would you mind **passing around** the documents, so that everyone can read the main points?
6. Mrs Williams is leaving the company. She **handed in** her resignation yesterday.

7. I can't approve the plan immediately. I'll have to **think it over**.
8. Have my sunglasses **turned up**? I'm sure I left them in this room yesterday.
9. I would have **pointed out** that there was a problem with the software if you'd asked me.
10. You'll have to reprint the brochure as you've **left out** the title page.
11. What's the answer? I really don't know. I **give up**.
12. We're thinking of **putting off** the meeting until next week. Is that OK?

Exercise 4

1. Remember to **turn on** the alarm before you leave the building.
2. Take the bucket to the tap over there and **fill it up** with water.
3. It's an informal party, so there's no need to **dress up**.
4. We're ahead of schedule, so we can **bring forward** the date of the product launch.
5. He started studying medicine at university, but **dropped out** after the first year.
6. I asked to be **woken up** by reception at 6 o'clock, to have plenty of time to get to the airport.
7. You've raised an important point. I'll **bring it up** at the next departmental meeting.
8. The traffic was very heavy. We were **held up** for about 20 minutes in a traffic jam.
9. I had a really tiring day at work. I'm completely **done in**.
10. The idea is innovative, but it remains to be seen whether it will **catch on** with users.
11. Unfortunately, due to illness, one of the conference's keynote speakers failed to **show up**.
12. There's room for another person in the car. I can **pick you up** on my way to work tomorrow.

IMPERSONAL STRUCTURES AND DEMONSTRATIVES

Exercise 1

1. c) It is
2. c) There are
3. a) here
4. b) those
5. c) Those
6. b) these
7. a) Ø
8. a) It is
9. c) those
10. a) it

PASSIVE TENSES

Exercise 1

1. b) are delivered
2. c) is being done
3. b) has been removed
4. a) was sunk
5. b) was being interrupted
6. c) is being performed
7. a) will be launched
8. c) have been informed
9. c) are to be taken
10. b) must be worn

Exercise 2

1. a) approved
2. a) is
3. b) done
4. a) was
5. c) been
6. b) are
7. c) have been
8. c) have
9. b) be affected
10. c) was financed

Exercise 3

1. Recently, a new sort of fuel **was tested** by the company.
2. The innovations that we are making **are being watched** by the entire industry.
3. The rescue efforts **were coordinated** by the local fire service.
4. Smart technology **has been installed throughout** the building.
5. Our operations **have been hit** hard by the high costs of raw materials.
6. The tower at 30, St Mary Axe **is called** 'the Gherkin' by Londoners.
7. If sensors detect human movement, the lights **will be turned on**.
8. Mr Hidetoshi's talk demonstrated how thousands of dollars **could be saved**.
9. The country hopes that renewable energy sources can **be used** for 10% of its needs by 2025.
10. Electricity to power more than 500,000 homes **will be produced** by the new plant.
11. In order to take bigger ships, the city wants the harbour **to be deepened**.
12. Why **was** I not **told** about the emergency?
13. You're early for the appointment. You **were not expected** for another hour.
14. Once the high-speed line **is completed**, the trip will take two hours less.
15. We hope that you **will be tempted** by the exotic dishes on our menu.
16. We **should** all **be concerned** by climate change.

17. We think it is best if production *is shut down* while the problem *is examined*.
18. I *was made to feel* stupid in the meeting.
19. We would like to assure you that alternative accommodation *has been found* for you.
20. We want news of this great offer to *be passed on* to you, one of our valued customers!

REPORTED SPEECH

Exercise 1

1. a) say
2. a) said
3. a) said
4. b) told
5. b) tell
6. b) telling
7. b) told
8. a) say
9. b) tell
10. b) told

Exercise 2

1. He said the minister *was* incompetent.
2. He claimed that foreign investment *was falling*.
3. He said we *would not see* an economic recovery in the near future.
4. He said businesses *had told him* that they *would* invest elsewhere.
5. He accused the government of *being afraid* of an election.
6. He stated that the government's strategy *was less coherent than his*.
7. He said most people *agreed with him*.
8. He explained that he *didn't dislike* the minister personally.
9. He asserted that history *would prove* he *was* right.
10. He said people *would* appreciate what his party *had contributed* to the economic debate.

Exercise 3

1. a) called
2. a) predicted
3. a) expected
4. b) telling
5. b) cited
6. b) claimed
7. a) conceded
8. a) forecast

9. b) offered
10. a) denied

Exercise 4

1. We asked her what it *meant* to be an independent film-maker.
2. We asked her how she *had come up with* the idea for the film.
3. We wanted to know how much the project *had cost*.
4. We enquired whether *she was* envious of the money available in Hollywood.
5. We wanted her *to tell us* about the main character.
6. We questioned her about the difficulty of *putting the cast together*.
7. We wondered whether she *didn't* find it strange that her films *contained* so little dialogue.
8. We wanted to know what she *was going to do*. now that the movie *was completed*.
9. We asked what *people's first reactions to it had been*.
10. We asked whether we *would* see it in movie theaters soon.

WORD ORDER

Exercise 1

1. Incorrect - We grow tomatoes in our garden.
2. Correct
3. Incorrect - The company had financial problems for a long time.
4. Incorrect - I go to the cinema when I can.
5. Incorrect - It's a simple, fast and free solution.
6. Correct
7. Incorrect - It is forbidden to sell these products in Europe.
8. Incorrect - There are less expensive and better alternatives.
9. Correct
10. Correct

Exercise 2

1. a) new city law
2. b) last few years
- 3..a) leading cancer researchers
4. a) half a million people back to work quickly.
5. a) subsidiaries on five continents.
6. b) signed paper document.
7. a) \$20,000 MegaCorp machine
8. b) Japanese robotic
9. b) quick five-minute lifestyle
10. b) a child's elementary grammar

COMPARING AND CONTRASTING

Exercise 1

1. b) as
2. b) most
3. b) as
4. a) twice
5. a) much
6. a) slightly
7. a) Unlike
8. a) a lot
9. b) quickly
10. b) a lot

Exercise 2

1. a) stronger
2. b) most impressive
3. a) higher
4. a) firmer
5. a) wealthier
6. b) driest
7. b) largest
8. b) best
9. a) faster
10. a) better / greater

Exercise 3

1. b) much
2. c) as
3. c) nearly
4. b) than
5. a) much
6. b) Whereas
7. b) than
8. a) as
9. a) Compared
10. c) considerably