17 Always Young

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Comprehension Précis and Composition

Answer these questions in not more than 50 words.

- 1. Is your aunt Jennifer an actress or a nurse?
- 2. Is she over thirty years old or is she under thirty years old?
- 3. Does she often appear on the stage as a young girl or not?
- 4. Will Jennifer act the part of a girl of seventeen in a new play soon or not?
- 5. Does she ever tell anyone how old she really is or not?

Key Structures

Must

Study these sentences:

(a) Instead of saying:

I must leave now.

He must leave now.

Must you leave now?

We must leave early tomorrow.

He said he must leave early.

We can say:

I have to leave now.

Or: I have got to leave now.

He has to leave now.

Or: He has got to leave now.

Do you have to leave now?

Or: Have you got to leave now? We have to leave early tomorrow.

Ot: We have got to leave early tomorrow.

Or: We shall have to leave early tomorrow. He said he would have to leave early.

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b We cannot use must in this sentence: She had to go shopping yesterday.

c Instead of saying:

I, personally, think he is a fool.

I, personally, think he is mad.

I, personally, think she is over forty.

We can say:

He must be a fool.

He must be mad.

She must be over forty.

A. Underline the verbs must or have to in the passage.

B. Supply must or the correct form of have to in the spaces below. Do not refer to the passage until you finish the exercise.

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C. Write these sentences again using must or have to in place of the words in italics. Example:

It is necessary for you to work hard.

You must (or 'have to') work hard.

- 1. It will be necessary for you to see a doctor.
- 2. Is it necessary for you to make so much noise?
- 3. She said it would be necessary for us to stay here.
- 4. It is necessary for me to have some help.
- 5. It was necessary for him to go out last night.

Special Difficulties

Words Often Confused and Misused

a As. She often appears on the stage as a young girl. (ll. 3-4)

As can have a number of meanings:

I cannot come as I am busy. (because)

As I was leaving the house, the postman brought a letter. (at the time when) KS 25 Do as you are told. (the thing that)

He works as an engineer. (in the position of)

b Dress, Suit, Costume. She must appear in a bright red dress. (II. 6-7)

Study these examples:

My sister bought a new dress yesterday.

My brother never wears ready-made suits.

All the actors wore fifteenth-century costumes.

c Grow and Grow up. It must be terrible to be grown up! (ll. 12-13)

Study these examples:

Children grow quickly. The grass has grown very high.

Some people never grow up. (mature in mind)

Exercises

- A. What does as mean in these sentences:
- 1. He works as a pilot.
- 2. You mustn't shout so loudly as you'll wake up the baby.
- 3. As we were listening to the radio, someone knocked at the door.
- B. Choose the correct words in the following sentences:
- 1. Trees take a long time to (grow) (grow up).
- 2. My father bought a new (suit) (costume) recently.
- 3. She hired a (suit) (costume) for the fancy dress party.
- 4. Do you like my sister's new (dress) (costume)?