

Exercise 21: 'Yes', 'No', or 'Not Given' 1

This exercise and the next one focus on the tricky question of deciding whether a statement in relation to a text is **Yes/ No/ Not Given**.

In the exercise below, each text is followed by three statements. For each alternative, write:

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| Yes | if the statement agrees with the information in the text |
| No | if the statement contradicts the information in the text |
| Not Given | if it is impossible to say whether the statement agrees with or contradicts the information in the text |

- Many lecturers find their jobs very rewarding.
 - Many lecturers are well paid. **NG**
 - All lecturers get something positive from their work. **NG N**
 - The majority of lecturers get satisfaction from their work. **Y**
- Computers are gaining in popularity, despite their cost.
 - Computers are getting cheaper. **NG**
 - Computers are expensive. **Y**
 - Computers used to be more popular than they are now. **N**
- As a result of increasing affluence, an ever larger number of families now have two cars.
 - Most families nowadays have two cars. **N**
 - People are getting richer. **Y**
 - Cars are becoming more expensive. **NG**
- Educational standards in schools have, in general, been gradually improving.
 - Schools have been getting better. **Y**
 - The education in schools has not been improving. **N**
 - Educational standards are not as unsatisfactory as they used to be. **NG**
- In families, the traditional roles of men and women are often reversed if the man becomes unemployed.
 - Unemployment can affect the way that families operate. **Y**
 - In families where the woman has a job, men and women usually have traditional roles. **NG**
 - Unemployment does not affect the role of a man in the family. **N**
- Although the hazards of boxing have been well publicised, the government has yet to introduce a total ban on the sport.
 - The government does not want to ban boxing. **N**
 - The hazards of boxing are not very well-known. **NG**
 - A ban on boxing has not been introduced yet. **Y**
- There is as much money to be made from the sale of umbrellas on rainy days, as there is from cold drinks when the temperature rises.
 - Cold drinks sell well when it gets warmer. **Y**
 - When it rains, older people buy umbrellas. **NG**
 - The author is a shopkeeper. **NG**
- While it has been acknowledged for many years that an increasing number of animals are bound to become extinct, it is only recently that the problem has been addressed by politicians.
 - Recently people have been writing to our politicians about animals becoming extinct. **NG**
 - We have known for a long time that more species of animals will disappear. **Y**
 - Politicians have been fighting animal extinction for many years. **N**

9. Most people would be amazed if they realised how many different types of insect life exist in their very own garden.

- a The majority of gardeners are not surprised at the range of insect life in their garden. *N*
- b It is impossible to count the different types of insect life in a garden. *NG*
- c There are more types of insect life in the average garden than most people think. *NG*

10. In the busy modern world we live in, it is very easy to take for granted many of the things our forebears had to struggle to achieve: adequately heated housing and sufficient food on the table, to name but two.

- a In the past, not all houses were heated. *NG*
- b Our lives are better than those of people in the past. *NG*
- c Two things today are better than they used to be. *NG*

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Exercise 22: 'Yes', 'No', or 'Not Given' 2

This exercise gives you further practice with deciding whether a statement is **Yes/ No/ Not Given**, but this time in longer texts.

In the exercise below, each text is followed by three statements.

For each alternative write:

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| Yes | if the statement agrees with the information in the text |
| No | if the statement contradicts the information in the text |
| Not Given | if it is impossible to say whether the statement agrees with or contradicts the information in the text |

Read the text as quickly as you can, and then try to answer the statements without looking at the text again. If you find this too difficult, then read the text again.

1. *Good health is something that people assume is a right to which everybody should be entitled. However, the means of maintaining good health are not always at the disposal of every citizen, this particularly being the case in societies where a two-tier health service is in operation. The unfortunate consequence here is that the financially disadvantaged also tend to become disadvantaged in terms of the standard of health care they receive.*
 - a In some societies, the health care an individual receives depends on how wealthy you are. *NG*
 - b Poor people tend to have more health problems. *>*
 - c Nearly everybody believes good health is a basic human right. *N*
2. *For students in full-time education one of the major worries is how to make ends meet. Studying and, therefore, receiving no income, they need to obtain financial support from somewhere. The first option is, for those who are eligible, a government grant; although this may have to be paid back at a later date. Reliance on parental support or a bank loan are also possible avenues open to some, but not all, students. It is important, however, to match the financial arrangements carefully to the individual concerned.*
 - a Part-time students are not as anxious about money as full-time students. *NG*
 - b The author thinks that financial support from parents is easily available for most students. *>*
 - c Full-time students have little money, because they do not work. *N*
3. *The myriad of new sporting activities which have recently sprung up means that any individual who is considering taking up a different form of exercise is very much spoilt for choice. From scuba diving to skateboarding, and from abseiling to snow boarding, the young and fit throw themselves with enthusiasm into these new sporting pursuits. Caution, however, is to be advised for the hitherto unsporty individual,*