

# Grammar Review

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## GRAMMAR

1 Check (✓) the correct sentences and rewrite the incorrect sentences.

1 Much <sup>it</sup> it is tempting to be the CEO of your own company, it may be that this is not the best use of your talents. ☐

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2 Although entrepreneurs often have really good ideas, they generally struggle to raise the necessary equity to get their ideas off the ground. ☒

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3 Crowdfunding has recently become a viable option for entrepreneurs to fund the early stages of a business. Nevertheless, most crowdfunded ventures fail. ☒

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4 Despite have <sup>ing</sup> what seems to be an excellent product, many startups fail because of poorly conceived campaigns. ☐

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5 In spite of ~~a~~ <sup>Get my</sup> campaign is well written, it may mean very little, and a video can be far more effective in getting the message across. ☐

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Score: / 5

**2 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.**

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ there is a common perception that only adolescents overuse social media, this is largely unfounded.  
A Nevertheless    B It is true that    **C Although**
- 2 It's very easy to build up huge numbers of online friends, but \_\_\_\_\_, it's difficult to differentiate between genuine and fake contacts.  
**A nevertheless**    B even though    C despite
- 3 People make a lot of negative assumptions about the impact of social media on our lives \_\_\_\_\_ they have no empirical evidence to prove them.  
A much as    **B even though**    C nevertheless
- 4 YouTube vloggers can earn a lot of money \_\_\_\_\_ having to do very little other than write about their lives.  
**A despite**    B in spite of the fact    C it is true that
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ the Internet can be an effective tool for targeted advertising, nothing beats word of mouth.  
A Nevertheless    **B Much as**    C Despite

Score:    / 5

### 3 Match the sentence halves.

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|---|--|---|--|
| 1 | Were more people to do the bulk of their reading on e-books,             | 2 | there will be a need for new marketing strategies.                   |
| 2 | Should video streaming become popular with retirees,                     | 1 | would this be more environmentally friendly than buying paper books? |
| 3 | Were the number of women playing mobile games to rise dramatically,      | 3 | more female characters would be included in games.                   |
| 4 | Should you wish to remove advertising on music apps,                     | 5 | would you embrace the world of gaming and join them online?          |
| 5 | Were your peers to spend prolonged periods of time playing online games, | 6 | we would certainly have more time for each other.                    |
| 6 | Were we to control our addiction to technology,                          | 4 | you will need to subscribe to a premium service.                     |

Score: / 5

### 4 Check (✓) the correct sentences and rewrite the incorrect sentences.

- 1 Should mobile streaming continue to dominate the music industry, physical music may well become obsolete. ☒

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- 2 Should children ~~to~~ play video games for more than two hours a day, their levels of aggression are likely to increase. ☐

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3 Were international sales <sup>to</sup> stagnate, the overwhelming majority of companies would incur significant losses. ☐

4 Should consumer demand exceed expectations, production should ~~to~~ be doubled. ☐

5 Were parents to embrace the world of gaming, they would have a better understanding of its appeal to their children. ☒

Score: / 5

5 Order the words to make inverted conditional questions. Add a comma where necessary.

1 be affected / <sup>7</sup>to spend even more time / <sup>5</sup>young people / <sup>2</sup>were / <sup>1</sup>would / <sup>3</sup>interacting online / <sup>6</sup>their social skills / ?

2 social media / <sup>4</sup>have more time / <sup>7</sup>to embrace / <sup>3</sup>for them / <sup>8</sup>might / <sup>5</sup>more politicians / <sup>2</sup>adolescents / ?

3 become / <sup>3</sup>on-demand TV series / <sup>8</sup>more people / <sup>6</sup>will / <sup>1</sup>obsolete / <sup>4</sup>should / <sup>5</sup>traditionally broadcasted TV / <sup>2</sup>subscribe to / ?

4 might / <sup>6</sup>should / <sup>1</sup>you / <sup>2</sup>with your peers / <sup>5</sup>isolate / <sup>8</sup>play online games / <sup>4</sup>not wish to / <sup>3</sup>this / <sup>7</sup>you / ?

- 5 improve / were / in the classroom / more teachers / their students' performance / to incorporate technology / would / ?

Score: / 5

6 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

- Energy from the sun is captured / captures by solar panels to be converted into electricity.
- In volcanic areas, cold water is pumped / pumps underground and comes out as steam, which is then used to power energy-producing turbines.
- Crude oil reserves are being vanished / vanishing at an alarming rate.
- Wind turbines is converted / convert wind into electricity.
- In the past, miners is used / used explosives to break up coal seams in order to extract coal from under the ground.

Score: / 5

7 Order the words to make statements about electric cars.

- currently / source / use / most / non-renewable / cars / energy / as / fuels / their / .  
Most cars currently use non-renewable fuels as their energy source.
- in / used / to / electricity / cars / electric / power / stored / rechargeable batteries / is / .  
Electric cars are powered by rechargeable batteries that are used to store electricity.
- between 30 minutes / the speed / the battery / to / on / 12 hours / its capacity / charge / and / can / depending / take / and / of / the charging point / .  
Depending on the battery, it can take between 30 minutes and 12 hours to charge, and the speed of the charging point affects its capacity.
- charge / average / for / electric car / can / up to / on / 200 miles / an / run / one / .  
An electric car can run for an average of up to 200 miles on a full charge.
- incur / with / running costs / lower / internal / than / electric cars / combustion engines / cars / .  
Electric cars have lower running costs than combustion engines because they do not incur the costs of internal combustion.
- a / of / electric motor / with / hybrid car / diesel / combines / gas / a / engine / an / .  
A hybrid car combines a diesel engine with an electric motor.

Score: / 5

**8 Check (✓) the correct sentences and rewrite the incorrect sentences.**

- 1 Energy crops, which are high in cellulose, <sup>are</sup> is cultivated on an industrial scale to produce liquid fuels such as biodiesel and ethanol. ☐
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- 2 Biomass, such as wood chips or pellets, is burned in a combustion chamber to boil water. ☒
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- 3 During photosynthesis, plants ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> harnessed energy from the sun to convert water and carbon dioxide into oxygen. ☐
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- 4 Most of the world's reserves of fossil fuels ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> found underground. ☐
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- 5 Mining companies drill through rock formations to extract the natural resources that lie deep beneath the surface. ☒
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Score: / 5

**9 Check (✓) the correct sentences and rewrite the incorrect sentences.**

- 1 Psychologists claim to have identified a strong link between the desire to achieve pleasure and a willingness to take risks. ☒
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- 2 Should schools be doing more to minimize the impact of peer pressure on risk-taking? ☒
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3 There is no doubt that social networking sites seem to ~~be~~ influence the rise in thrill seeking among adolescents. ☐

4 Research shows that many more university students in the U.K. seem to have been exposed to risk-taking activities than students in other countries. ☐

5 Some people believe we should be encouraging people to step out of their comfort zones and take risks. ☒

Score: / 5

10 Order the words to make sentences with infinitive phrases.

1 property investment / <sup>7</sup>to fund / <sup>6</sup>taken out / <sup>5</sup>are / <sup>2</sup>to be / <sup>4</sup>likely / <sup>3</sup>fewer mortgages / .

2 appear / <sup>2</sup>by / <sup>6</sup>been offset / <sup>5</sup>higher house prices / <sup>1</sup>lower interest rates / <sup>7</sup>have / <sup>4</sup>to / <sup>3</sup>.

3 be / <sup>7</sup>during / <sup>5</sup>should / <sup>2</sup>to earn greater revenues / <sup>4</sup>interest rates / <sup>1</sup>a credit crunch / <sup>6</sup>increased / .

4 more closely / <sup>2</sup>monitoring / <sup>6</sup>following the economic crisis / <sup>5</sup>be / <sup>1</sup>there's no doubt / <sup>4</sup>will / <sup>3</sup>that / <sup>7</sup>governments / <sup>2</sup>banks / .

5 in some countries / <sup>2</sup>to absorb losses / <sup>7</sup>more money / <sup>6</sup>banks / <sup>1</sup>put aside / <sup>5</sup>to have / <sup>4</sup>appear / .

Score: / 5

## 11 Match the sentence halves.

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|---|---|
| <p>1 It's not enough to ruminate over reasons why the area is in decline;</p> <p>2 As a result of cheaper labor, increased automation, and less unionization in other parts of the world,</p> <p>3 By the middle of the 20th century, globalization and foreign monetary agreements meant that coal and steel</p> <p>4 In the past, manufacturers in the Rust Belt had little or no competition, yet they</p> <p>5 Some experts suggest that economic decline can be slowed down or even reversed, either by diversifying the industry and introducing more cutting-edge technologies</p> | <p>5 or by introducing financial incentives such as tax reductions or incentive payments.</p> <p>3 were cheaper to import than produce domestically.</p> <p>2 manufacturing bases have been moved overseas.</p> <p>4 failed to expand and thus were unable to compete when faced by challenges from their international counterparts.</p> <p>1 we must also consider what can be done about it.</p> |
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Score: / 5

## 12 Check (✓) the correct sentences and rewrite the incorrect sentences.

- 1 Regeneration can improve the lives of local residents, breathe new life into local businesses, and ~~to~~ encourage new businesses to relocate to the area. ☐
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Rather than flattening and rebuilding the old station, the developers worked with skilled architects to retain the architectural and industrial heritage of the area. ☒
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_



3 Regeneration can stimulate the local economy for homeowners but at the same time force <sup>not</sup> only poorer residents but also their offspring out of the area since they no longer have any chance of getting on the property ladder. ☐

4 A downside of regeneration is that gentrification forces poorer residents out of the area because they can <sup>ne</sup> either afford to live in the area, nor to shop in the newly established upmarket retail outlets. ☐

5 It's been said that the government is spending more money on helping high earners get on the property ladder than on building affordable housing for low-income workers. ☒

Score: / 5

13 Order the words to form statements with inverted conditionals. !!!

1 more <sup>9</sup> qualifications / many teenagers <sup>1</sup> believe that / at school / they / have gained / <sup>8</sup> had / they / behaved <sup>4</sup> better / would / <sup>7</sup> .

2 the county jail / I / it's an oversimplification to say that / so many times / an affluent area / wouldn't / I / had / have visited / grown <sup>4</sup> up in / <sup>10</sup> .

3 in the school starting age / would / the government / crime / more children / had / not / have turned <sup>8</sup> to / intervened <sup>4</sup> / .

4 I / better / my school teachers / would / in class / arguably / had / been stricter / have behaved / probably <sup>7</sup> / .

- 5 a law-abiding citizen / his parents / not / it is likely that / he / been / had / poor / have  
been / would / .

Score: / 5

14 Check (✓) the correct sentences and rewrite the incorrect sentences.

- 1 Experts would argue that had the offenders' fathers not committed such serious offences, the offenders would have had not such a propensity for crime. ☐
- 2 Research suggests that had the twins been raised in identical backgrounds, <sup>they</sup> would ~~they~~ have still had very different experiences. ☐
- 3 It seems highly likely that had young offenders' families receive <sup>it</sup> more support, they would have had strategies in place to deal with their children's behavior. ☐
- 4 I'd argue that <sup>had</sup> the state invested more money into support networks, more effective measures would have been put in place to deter young people from a life of crime. ☐
- 5 Had the offenders' backgrounds been different, they may not have displayed such deviant tendencies. ☒

Score: / 5

15 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

- 1 I'd argue that ~~had I not received~~ had I received not guidance and support from my parents, I would certainly have been more influenced by my peers.
- 2 It seems highly likely that his parents had recognized ~~had his parents recognized~~ the signs, social services would have intervened earlier.
- 3 The implication that had I lived in a more affluent area, ~~I wouldn't have behaved~~ wouldn't I have behaved in such a manner seems plausible.
- 4 Had my brother and I not been separated at birth, ~~our inherited characteristics would~~ would our inherited characteristics have diminished?
- 5 ~~Had we grown~~ Have we grown up together in the same family, our experiences would not necessarily have been the same.

Score: / 5

16 Check (✓) the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 People from rural areas should carefully consider whether moving to urban centers is in their best interests. ☒  
People from rural areas should carefully consider that moving to urban centers is in their best interests. ☐
- 2 There are those who are concerned that a surge in urban population will lead to housing shortages. ☒  
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- 3 The fact that urban dwellers use less energy than their rural counterparts is how surprises me. ☐  
The fact that urban dwellers use less energy than their rural counterparts is what surprises me. ☒
- 4 What may result from the movement of people from the countryside to the city is an increase in productivity. ☒  
Whether may result from the movement of people from the countryside to the city is an increase in productivity. ☐
- 5 People are not conscious of the fact when innovation is an advantage of urbanization. ☐  
People are not conscious of the fact that innovation is an advantage of urbanization. ☒

Score: / 5

17 Order the words to make statements with nominal clauses.

1 the / are / the / by / excited / sharing economy / of / people / potential / .

2 way / is / the / that / is / exponential rise / in / live / sharing economy / changing / clear / the / it / we / the / .

It is clear that the exponential rise in the sharing economy is changing the way we live

3 competition / are / business / that / cab drivers / competition from companies / based / Internet-based / will / out / of / concerned / .

Cab drivers are concerned that cab companies will put them out of business

4 adapt / to / may / result / have / the / business / is / that / companies / will / a / to / what / from / new / way / of / doing / sharing economy / .

What may result from the sharing economy is that companies will have to adapt to new way of doing business

5 whether / must / compete / themselves / businesses / they / have / the / new / to / ask / in / the / capability / business arena / .

Businesses must ask themselves whether they have the capability to compete in the new business arena

Score: / 5

## 18 Match the sentence halves.

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|---|--|---|--|
| 1 | Following the announcement of the merger,                      | 2 | having spent days in meetings with the new owners of the company.  |
| 2 | The CEO had little time to discuss the changes with her teams, | 4 | understandably expressed their concerns about cuts to jobs.  |
| 3 | After having initiated discussions with all staff,             | 5 | a workforce may feel empowered and welcome change.   |
| 4 | On hearing about the changes, the workforce                    | 3 | the merger team felt staff members were less hostile.  |
| 5 | Listened to carefully,   | 1 | a series of meetings took place over a period of three months to help employees better understand the new company culture. |

Score: / 5

## 19 Check (✓) the correct sentences and rewrite the incorrect sentences.

- 1 Having understanding the underlying causes of staff discontent, the head of human resources presented a course of action to the board of directors. ☐

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- 2 Implemented effectively, change can lead to an increase in productivity. ☒

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3 Having struggled to incentivize her workforce, the director ~~having~~ teamed up with a consultant and worked collaboratively on introducing a mentoring scheme. ☐

4 Realized <sup>ing</sup> his company was close to insolvency, the owner implemented some fast, dramatic changes to the company structure. ☐

5 Understanding the difficulty of the transition period, the director worked very closely with the senior managers. ☒

Score: / 5

**20 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.**

- 1 Having promoted / Having been promoted to senior manager, Markus became a highly influential member of the management team.
- 2 Known / Knowing for resisting change, the overwhelming majority of the workforce was expected to reject the proposals for a new mentoring scheme.
- 3 After have incurred / incurring huge losses in its annual earnings, the company accepted the takeover bid.
- 4 Wanting / Wanted to maximize productivity, managers looked at how best to incentivize their workers.
- 5 Introducing / Introduced properly, mentoring schemes can be an effective way of sharing knowledge and increasing a mentor's sense of self-worth in a company.

Score: / 5

**21 Order the words to make sentences about climate change.**

1 cares / everyone / enough / anything / the / about / to / global warming / combat / not / effects / of / doing / .

2 be / disagree / anti-nuclear campaigners / new / with / nuclear power plants / to / allowing / built / .

3 action / family / elected officials / climate change / try / to / concerned / their / friends / and / people / to / lobby / about / to / take / persuade / .

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4 solar panels / install / offer / encourage / incentives / to / generous / people / to / governments / on / some / their / roofs / .

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5 reducing / have / energy bills / from / houses / their / insulating / consumers / and / thus / better / their / benefited / .

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Score: / 5

22 Check (✓) the correct sentences and rewrite the incorrect sentences.

1 I have to admit to take <sup>im</sup> a lot more showers when I'm in warmer climates, even though I'm aware it's not very environmentally friendly! ☐

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2 We weren't expecting to have our bed linen and towels changed during our weeklong stay, so we were astonished to find they were, in fact, changed on a daily basis. ☒

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3 Conservationists don't allow people to use non-biodegradable sunblock when swimming around reefs because it damages the protected environment. ☒

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4 We decided against <sup>im</sup> to fly and took the train in an attempt to reduce our carbon footprint. ☐

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- 5 Despite the fact that the Thai government depends financially on tourists visit the country, it was recently forced to close three popular islands to visitors because of the damage to the fragile marine ecosystem. ☐

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Score: / 5