

2 Write responses using the verb in brackets and a reduced infinitive:

There are two sentences where it is not possible to use a reduced infinitive. Can you see which ones? Why?

- eg A Didn't you want to buy a new computer?
B Well, I wanted to, but I don't have the money. (want)
- 1 A Can you come round for a meal tonight?
B Thanks very much. (love)
- 2 A Did you post my letter?
B Sorry, (forget)
- 3 A I can't take you to the airport after all. Sorry.
B But you (agree)!
- 4 A Was John surprised when he won?
B Of course he was. He (expect)
- 5 A Why did you slam the door in my face?
B Sorry, I (mean)
- 6 A You'll be able to enjoy yourself when the exams finish.
B That's what (intend)
- 7 A Why didn't Pete give you a lift to the station?
B Well, he (offer), but I told him I'd rather walk.
- 8 A Are there many refugees leaving the country?
B Not as many as (used past)
- 9 A Why didn't you invite James to your party?
B I wanted to! It completely slipped my mind when I saw him last week! (want)
- 10 A I'm not surprised he was angry!
B But he was much angrier (expect)

KEY

1 Complete the following sentences with an auxiliary verb or a modal verb (in affirmative or negative form):

1. I tried to repair my car, but I _____. I didn't have the right tools.
2. 'You look awful. Why don't you see a doctor?'
'I _____. He just gave me some pills and told me to take things easy.'
3. 'It's a long journey. Take care on the motorway.'
'Don't worry. We _____.'
4. I met your sister last night. She thought we'd met before, but we _____.
5. 'Have you read this report?'
'No, I _____, but I _____.'
6. The weather forecast said that it might rain this afternoon. If it does, we'll have to call off the tennis.
7. My car's being mended at the moment. If it _____, I'd give you a lift.
8. I'm so glad you told Sue exactly what you thought of her, because if you _____, I certainly _____.
9. I got that job I applied for, so I was delighted. I really didn't think I _____.
10. 'Come on, John! Why aren't you getting up?'
'I _____! I'll be down in a second.'
11. 'I think I'll give Bob a ring.'
'You _____. You haven't been in touch with him for ages.'
12. I went to a party last night, but I wish I _____. It was awful.