

Language Drills Advanced

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Conditional Sentences 3

Listen to the example:

e.g. Bob left work late so he missed the train.
If Bob hadn't left work late, he wouldn't have missed the train.

Now you do it:

- 1 Peter drove carelessly so he had an accident.
- 2 Carol didn't take an umbrella with her so she got wet.
- 3 You didn't take a compass so you got lost.
- 4 We didn't have enough money so we couldn't buy the book.
- 5 Richard got up late so he couldn't eat breakfast.
- 6 The dog barked loudly so the burglar ran away.
- 7 The door was open so the bird escaped.
- 8 The road was slippery so the car skidded.
- 9 I didn't know the answers so I didn't pass the test.
- 10 His handwriting was untidy so I couldn't read the address.

I'd rather you

Exercise 1 I'd rather you did.....

Listen to the examples:

e.g. Please don't do that.

I'd rather you didn't do that.

e.g. Please bring your own book.

I'd rather you brought your own book.

Now you do it:

- 1 Please don't play the music so loud.
- 2 Please change your clothes.
- 3 Please pay at the door.
- 4 Please be more courteous.
- 5 Please don't sit there.
- 6 Please deliver the furniture on Friday instead of today.
- 7 Please don't be so rude.
- 8 Please think before answering next time.
- 9 Please write in ink.
- 10 Please go to bed now.

Learning to Live with Relatives

Exercise 1

Listen to the example:

e.g. Mr Carter is very interested in our plan. I spoke to him late last night.

----> ***Mr Carter, to whom I spoke late last night, is very interested in our plan.***

Now you do it:

- 1 This is a photo of our friends. We went on holiday with them.
- 2 I've just bought some books on astronomy. I'm very interested in astronomy.
- 3 The girl in the photo works for the government. I used to go out with her.
- 4 The play was criticised badly. I starred in that play.
- 5 Justin Small became a famous artist. I went to school with him.
- 6 John Smith didn't win the election. I voted for John Smith.
- 7 Sarah Jones is the new President of the club. I had dinner with her last night.
- 8 The use of electro-shock treatment is increasing. Doctors know very little about it.
- 9 The man is the project engineer. You should write to this man.
- 10 The aorta is the principal artery. Blood flows to the brain through this artery.

Exercise 2

Listen to the example:

e.g. The King of Xanadu was deposed by a popular revolution.

The United States had supported his government.

---> ***The King of Xanadu, whose government the United States had supported, was deposed by a popular revolution.***

Now you do it:

- 1 The actress has played in countless films. I can't remember her name right now.
- 2 Perth has a pollution problem. Perth's air should be very clean.
- 3 Jeremy Baker is a very modest person. His book has sold a million copies.
- 4 Dr Jones has just been promoted. His contribution to the college is minimal.
- 5 Millions of dollars are being spent on the program. The program's popularity is increasing rapidly.
- 6 The people were evacuated. Their homes were swept away.
- 7 Senator Jones has been posted to Cambodia. His daughter has just got married.
- 8 Julie Andrews is promoting a new restaurant. Her name is famous for indigestion relief.
- 9 The Indian python is a species of snake. The existence of this snake is under threat.
- 10 The scientist received the Nobel Prize. His research led to a cure for cancer.

Exercise 3

Listen to the example:

e.g. The line-up consisted of eight different men. One of them was the chief suspect.

---> ***The line-up consisted of 8 different men, one of whom was the chief suspect.***

Now you do it:

- 1 The tenants wrote a letter of complaint. Most of them had been subjected to harassment.
- 2 The books on the shelf belong to me. Some of them are antique.
- 3 They gave us a lot of information. Most of it was useless.
- 4 Norman won a million dollars on Lotto. He gave half of it to his parents.
- 5 There were a lot of people at the party. I had met only a few of them before.
- 6 Ten people applied for the job. None of them was suitable.
- 7 Tom made a number of suggestions. Most of them were very helpful.
- 8 I have sent him two letters. Neither of them has arrived.
- 9 I tried a lot of new dishes at the party. I hadn't tasted most of them before.
- 10 Dozens of people entered the race. Almost all of them failed to finish.

Wishing and Hoping

Exercise 1

Listen to the example:

- e.g. He's always interrupting.
I wish he wouldn't interrupt so often.

Now you do it:

- 1 She's always nagging her children.
- 2 You're always changing your mind.
- 3 He's always complaining about the food.
- 4 They're always playing loud music.
- 5 The kids are always phoning their friends.
- 6 You're always using my toothbrush.
- 7 He's always borrowing other people's things.
- 8 She's always losing her key.
- 9 You're always leaving the door open.
- 10 They're always watching video.

Exercise 2

Listen to the example:

- e.g. You never close the door after you.
I wish you would close the door after you.

Now you do it:

- 1 You never wash your hands before eating.
- 2 He never tidies up his own room.
- 3 She never remembers to bring a towel with her.
- 4 They never hand in their work on time.
- 5 You never lock up before going to bed.
- 6 He never answers my letters.
- 7 She never indicates before turning right.
- 8 They never arrive on time.
- 9 My husband never tells me how beautiful I am.
- 10 You never buy me flowers.

Exercise 3

Listen to the examples:

e.g. John doesn't live in Perth but would like to.
John wishes he lived in Perth.

e.g. I have to go to work but I don't want to.
I wish I didn't have to go to work.

Now you do it:

- 1 Sophie doesn't have a lot of money but would like to.
- 2 I can't swim but I would like to be able.
- 3 Fred doesn't speak Japanese but would like to be able.
- 4 Damien has a lot of spots on his face and doesn't want them.
- 5 Paul isn't rich but would like to be.
- 6 The girls can't go swimming but they'd like to.
- 7 I don't know the answer but I'd like to.
- 8 Brenda drives an old, worn-out car.
- 9 I'm not as confident as you are but I'd like to be.
- 10 You have to leave soon but I don't want you to.

Exercise 4

Listen to the examples:

e.g. Peter didn't work hard for the exam and regrets it now.
Peter wishes he had worked hard for the exam.

e.g. I bought the red dress and regret it now.
I wish I hadn't bought the red dress.

Now you do it:

- 1 Karen didn't apply for the job and regrets it now.
- 2 I didn't take the man's phone number and regret it now.
- 3 She chose heads and regrets it now.
- 4 He joined the army and regrets it now.
- 5 She married John and regrets it now.
- 6 They didn't go to Singapore for a holiday and regret it now.
- 7 Simon finished off the bottle and regrets it now.
- 8 Anna didn't have breakfast and regrets it now.
- 9 John majored in politics and regrets it now.
- 10 Paul didn't take his parents' advice and regrets it now.

Degrees of Probability

Exercise 1

Listen to the example:

e.g. The window is broken. Perhaps the boys broke it.
The boys might have broken the window.

Now you do it:

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| 1 | The fish has disappeared. | Perhaps the cat ate it. |
| 2 | I can't find my key. | Perhaps you've lost it. |
| 3 | The ground is wet. | Perhaps it's been raining. |
| 4 | The ship was deserted. | Perhaps the crew mutinied. |
| 5 | Three girls disappeared. | Perhaps they fell off the rock. |
| 6 | The woman was killed in the fire. | Perhaps she was smoking in bed. |
| 7 | The fire started in the kitchen. | Perhaps the oil caught fire. |
| 8 | The swimmer disappeared. | Perhaps a shark got him. |
| 9 | My leg is bleeding. | Perhaps the cat scratched it. |
| 10 | We've lost contact. | Perhaps the wind blew down the cables. |

Exercise 2

Listen to the example:

e.g. I wonder who cleaned the car. It was dad, for sure.
Dad must have cleaned the car.

Now you do it:

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| 1 | I wonder who mended the fuse. | It was Bill, for sure. |
| 2 | I wonder who did the washing-up. | It was Charlie, for sure. |
| 3 | I wonder who painted the fence. | It was Judy, for sure. |
| 4 | I wonder who cut the grass. | It was the gardener, for sure. |
| 5 | I wonder who turned the TV off. | It was Susan, for sure. |
| 6 | I wonder who fed the dog. | It was Tim, for sure. |
| 7 | I wonder who drank all the milk. | It was Simon, for sure. |
| 8 | I wonder who ate all the cake. | It was Edith, for sure. |
| 9 | I wonder who blew out the candle? | It was the wind, for sure. |
| 10 | I wonder who sent me this Valentine? | It was Grant, for sure. |

Exercise 3

Listen to the examples:

e.g. I can't find the matches. I wonder where John put them.
Where could John have put the matches?

e.g. Someone has taken my pen. I wonder who it was.
Who could have taken your pen?

Now you do it:

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| 1 | The man escaped from the prison. | I wonder how it happened. |
| 2 | The girl knew my name. | I wonder how she knew. |
| 3 | Someone has stolen my wallet. | I wonder who it was. |
| 4 | There's a letter in the mail-box. | I wonder when the postman came. |
| 5 | I can't find Sally. | I wonder where she's gone. |
| 6 | The plane hasn't arrived yet. | I wonder what's happened to it. |
| 7 | There was an explosion. | I wonder what caused it. |
| 8 | I've misplaced my book. | I wonder where you put it. |
| 9 | There's graffiti on the wall. | I wonder who painted it there. |
| 10 | I've just received a Valentine. | I wonder who sent it. |

Inversion

Exercise 1 rarely/ seldom/ never

Listen to the example:

e.g. I have never tasted such good coffee.
Never have I tasted such good coffee.

Now you do it:

- 1 I've never met such a lazy person in all my life.
- 2 I've seldom tasted such delicious food.
- 3 I've rarely experienced such fine hospitality.
- 4 I've never seen such a beautiful painting.
- 5 I've seldom met such friendly people.
- 6 I've never been treated with such contempt.
- 7 I've rarely had such a good time.
- 8 I've seldom read such a moving book.
- 9 I've never taken such a long time to finish a job.
- 10 I've rarely had such pleasure in playing to an audience.

Exercise 2 No sooner...than...

Listen to the example:

e.g. As soon as I arrived home, it started raining.
No sooner had I arrived home than it started raining.

Now you do it:

- 1 As soon as I turned the computer on, a fuse blew.
- 2 As soon as the plane landed, security guards surrounded the airport.
- 3 As soon as the match began, spectators invaded the pitch.
- 4 As soon as the programme finished, he switched off the TV.
- 5 As soon as she finished reading one book, she started another.
- 6 As soon as the bell rang, the teacher dismissed the students.
- 7 As soon as I heard the news, I telephoned my family.
- 8 As soon as the coastguard saw the shark, the beach was closed.
- 9 As soon as the officer gave the order, the soldiers opened fire.
- 10 As soon as he passed the driving test, his father bought him a new car.

Exercise 3 On no account...

Listen to the example:

- e.g. Whatever you do, don't pull that handle.
On no account must you pull that handle.

Now you do it:

- 1 Whatever you do, don't arrive late.
- 2 Whatever you do, don't open that door.
- 3 Whatever you do, don't put your hand through the bars.
- 4 Whatever you do, don't go too near the edge.
- 5 Whatever you do, don't feed the animals.
- 6 Whatever you do, don't drink and drive.
- 7 Whatever you do, don't walk home alone at night.
- 8 Whatever you do, don't overtake on a blind bend.
- 9 Whatever you do, don't become over-confident.
- 10 Whatever you do, don't swim in this lake.

Exercise 4 Conditionals

Listen to the examples:

- e.g. If you see my sister, tell her to come home right away.
Should you see my sister, tell her to come home right away.
- e.g. If you apologised personally, I still wouldn't forgive you.
Were you to apologise personally, I still wouldn't forgive you.
- e.g. If I had known you were busy, I wouldn't have interrupted.
Had I known you were busy, I wouldn't have interrupted.

Now you do it:

- 1 If you'd sent the application earlier, you might have got the job.
- 2 If he had arrived on time, he wouldn't have missed the train.
- 3 If you hear any news, please keep me informed.
- 4 If it stops raining within the next hour, we'll set out immediately.
- 5 If we won all the remaining games, we would still finish last.
- 6 If I'd realised it was you, I would've opened the door.
- 7 If you finished the project on time, the boss would be delighted.
- 8 If the drought continues much longer, the crops will be ruined.

Exercise 5 Only when ...

Listen to the example:

- e.g. He didn't know his wife was ill until he phoned home.
 Only when he phoned home did he know his wife was ill.

Now you do it:

- 1 They didn't have enough money for a house until they had saved for ten years.
- 2 I didn't realise I'd lost my purse until I got home.
- 3 The full extent of the damage wasn't known until the flood water went down.
- 4 I wasn't able to close the account until all the cheques had been cleared.
- 5 He didn't notice the roof had a leak until the ceiling collapsed.
- 6 We couldn't fall asleep until the party ended.
- 7 She didn't feel strong enough to continue until she had some food.
- 8 The plane couldn't land until the runway was cleared.
- 9 I won't forgive you until you beg for mercy.
- 10 The temperature didn't drop until the sun went down.

Exercise 6 Not only...but ... also

Listen to the example:

- e.g. She breeds cattle and she grows wheat, too.
 Not only does she breed cattle but she also grows wheat.

Now you do it:

- 1 She plays netball and she swims well, too.
- 2 The college offers degree courses and runs hobby courses, too.
- 3 The woman owns the store and she manages it, too.
- 4 He plays the piano and composes his own songs, too.
- 5 The restaurant serves European dishes and sells Asian food, too.
- 6 The bank makes loans to first-time buyers and offers mortgages to investors too.
- 7 He holds the record in the 1500 metres and has broken the 100 metres, too.
- 8 She has six children and works full-time, too.
- 9 Your work is illegible and lacks cohesion, too.
- 10 This donation will help many poor people and it will create new jobs, too.

Participles

Exercise 1 Cause and effect

Listen to the examples:

e.g. I don't like sleeping alone because I'm afraid of the dark.

Being afraid of the dark, I don't like sleeping alone.

e.g. The airport was fog-bound so the aircraft was diverted.

The airport being fogbound, the aircraft was diverted.

Now you do it:

- 1 As I am a peace-loving person, I turned the other cheek.
- 2 Since the car had broken down, we had to walk to the nearest village.
- 3 The weather was unsettled so we had to cancel the barbecue.
- 4 She didn't feel very well so she stayed in bed all day.
- 5 He went on a diet because he was overweight.
- 6 He arrived late because he had been caught in the rush-hour traffic.
- 7 She hadn't had any formal education so she couldn't read or write.
- 8 She had previously lived in Italy so she was quite fluent in Italian.
- 9 The road was barricaded so we took a diversion.
- 10 We'd had enough so we called it a day.

Exercise 2 Sequence

Listen to the example:

e.g. After she had turned off the television, she went to bed.

Having turned off the television, she went to bed.

Now you do it:

- 1 After I had finished the speech, I answered a few questions.
- 2 After he had completed the form, he handed it in at the desk.
- 3 After we had paid the bill, we called for a taxi.
- 4 After they had checked the figures, they all agreed there was a mistake.
- 5 After they had travelled to Darwin by car, they then flew back to Perth.
- 6 After we had eaten as much as we could, we then settled down to watch TV.
- 7 After I had repaid my debts, I felt great relief.
- 8 After she had told everyone she was getting married, she then called it off.
- 9 After he had served the last customer, he closed the shop.
- 10 After they had redecorated the house, they put it on the market.

Answer Key

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Conditional Sentences 3

- 1 Peter drove carelessly so he had an accident.
If Peter hadn't driven carelessly, he wouldn't have had an accident.
- 2 Carol didn't take an umbrella with her so she got wet.
If Carol had taken an umbrella with her, she wouldn't have got wet.
- 3 You didn't take a compass so you got lost.
If you had taken a compass, you wouldn't have got lost.
- 4 We didn't have enough money so we couldn't buy the book.
If we had had enough money, we could've bought the book.
- 5 Richard got up late so he couldn't eat breakfast.
If Richard hadn't got up late, he could've eaten breakfast.
- 6 The dog barked loudly so the burglar ran away.
If the dog hadn't barked loudly, the burglar wouldn't have run away.
- 7 The door was open so the bird escaped.
If the door hadn't been open, the bird wouldn't have escaped.
- 8 The road was slippery so the car skidded.
If the road hadn't been slippery, the car wouldn't have skidded.
- 9 I didn't know the answers so I didn't pass the test.
If I had known the answers, I would've passed the test.
- 10 His handwriting was untidy so I couldn't read the address.
If his handwriting hadn't been untidy, I could've read the address.

I'd rather you

Exercise 1 I'd rather you did.....

- 1 Please don't play the music so loud.
I'd rather you didn't play the music so loud.
- 2 Please change your clothes.
I'd rather you changed your clothes.
- 3 Please pay at the door.
I'd rather you paid at the door.
- 4 Please be more courteous.
I'd rather you were more courteous.
- 5 Please don't sit there.
I'd rather you didn't sit there.
- 6 Please deliver the furniture on Friday instead of today.
I'd rather you delivered the furniture on Friday instead of today.
- 7 Please don't be so rude.
I'd rather you weren't so rude.
- 8 Please think before answering next time.
I'd rather you thought before answering next time.
- 9 Please write in ink.
I'd rather you wrote in ink.
- 10 Please go to bed now.
I'd rather you went to bed now.

Exercise 2 I'd rather you had

- 1 It's a pity you chose the Holden.
 I'd rather you hadn't chosen the Holden.
- 2 It's a pity you didn't tell me about it first.
 I'd rather you had told me about it first.
- 3 It's a pity you didn't give the matter more consideration.
 I'd rather you had given the matter more consideration.
- 4 It's a pity you ignored the red light.
 I'd rather you hadn't ignored the red light.
- 5 It's a pity you paid cash for the clothes.
 I'd rather you hadn't paid cash for the clothes.
- 6 It's a pity you didn't go to the ball with me.
 I'd rather you had gone to the ball with me.
- 7 It's a pity you weren't a little more honest with yourself.
 I'd rather you had been a little more honest with yourself.
- 8 It's a pity you didn't cancel the barbie.
 I'd rather you had cancelled the barbie.
- 9 It's a pity you lost the game.
 I'd rather you hadn't lost the game.
- 10 It's a pity you decided to quit the course.
 I'd rather you hadn't decided to quit the course.

Learning to Live with Relatives

Exercise 1

- 1 This is a photo of our friends. We went on holiday with them.
This is a photo of our friends, with whom we went on holiday.
- 2 I've just bought some books on astronomy. I'm very interested in astronomy.
I've just bought some books on astronomy, in which I'm very interested.
- 3 The girl in the photo works for the government. I used to go out with her.
The girl in the photo, with whom I used to go out, works for the government.
- 4 The play was criticised badly. I starred in that play.
The play in which I starred was criticised badly.
- 5 Justin Small became a famous artist. I went to school with him.
Justin Small, with whom I went to school, became a famous artist.
- 6 John Smith didn't win the election. I voted for John Smith.
John Smith, for whom I voted, didn't win the election.
- 7 Sarah Jones is the new President of the club. I had dinner with her last night.
Sarah Jones, with whom I had dinner last night, is the new president of the club.
- 8 The use of electro-shock treatment is increasing. Doctors know very little about it.
The use of electro-shock treatment, about which doctors know very little, is increasing.
- 9 The man is the project engineer. You should write to this man.
The man to whom you should write is the project engineer.
- 10 The aorta is the principal artery. Blood flows to the brain through this artery.
The aorta is the principal artery through which blood flows to the brain.

Exercise 2

- 1 The actress has played in countless films. I can't remember her name now.
The actress, whose name I can't remember right now, has played in countless films.
- 2 Perth has a pollution problem. Perth's air should be very clean.
Perth, whose air should be very clean, has a pollution problem.
- 3 Jeremy Baker is a very modest person. His book has sold a million copies.
Jeremy Baker, whose book has sold a million copies, is a very modest person.
- 4 Dr Jones has just been promoted. His contribution to the college is minimal.
Dr Jones, whose contribution to the college is minimal, has just been promoted.
- 5 Millions of dollars are being spent on the program. The program's popularity is increasing rapidly.
Millions of dollars are being spent on the program, whose popularity is increasing rapidly.
- 6 The people were evacuated. Their homes were swept away.
The people whose homes were swept away were evacuated.
- 7 Senator Jones has been posted to Cambodia. His daughter has just got married.
Senator Jones, whose daughter has just got married, has been posted to Cambodia.
- 8 Julie Andrews is promoting a new restaurant. Her name is famous for indigestion relief.
Julie Andrews, whose name is famous for indigestion relief, is promoting a new restaurant.
- 9 The Indian python is a species of snake. The existence of this snake is under threat.
The Indian python is a species of snake whose existence is under threat.
- 10 The scientist received the Nobel Prize. His research led to a cure for cancer.
The scientist, whose research led to a cure for cancer, received the Nobel Prize.

Exercise 3

- 1 The tenants wrote a letter of complaint. Most of them had been subjected to harassment.
The tenants, most of whom had been subjected to harassment, wrote a letter of complaint.
- 2 The books on the shelf belong to me. Some of them are antique.
The books on the shelf, some of which are antique, belong to me.
- 3 They gave us a lot of information. Most of it was useless.
They gave us a lot of information, most of which was useless.
- 4 Norman won a million dollars on Lotto. He gave half of it to his parents.
Norman won a million dollars on Lotto, half of which he gave to his parents.
- 5 There were a lot of people at the party. I had met only a few of them before.
There were a lot of people at the party, only a few of whom I had met before.
- 6 Ten people applied for the job. None of them was suitable.
Ten people, none of whom was suitable, applied for the job.
- 7 Tom made a number of suggestions. Most of them were very helpful.
Tom made a number of suggestions, most of which were very helpful.
- 8 I have sent him two letters. Neither of them has arrived.
I have sent him two letters, neither of which has arrived.
- 9 I tried a lot of new dishes at the party. I hadn't tasted most of them before.
I tried a lot of new dishes at the party, most of which I hadn't tasted before.
- 10 Dozens of people entered the race. Almost all of them failed to finish.
Dozens of people, almost all of whom failed to finish, entered the race.

Wishing and Hoping

Exercise 1

- 1 She's always nagging her children.
I wish she wouldn't nag her children so often.
- 2 You're always changing your mind.
I wish you wouldn't change your mind so often.
- 3 He's always complaining about the food.
I wish he wouldn't complain about the food so often.
- 4 They're always playing loud music.
I wish they wouldn't play loud music so often.
- 5 The kids are always phoning their friends.
I wish the kids wouldn't phone their friends so often.
- 6 You're always using my toothbrush.
I wish you wouldn't use my toothbrush so often.
- 7 He's always borrowing other people's things.
I wish he wouldn't borrow other people's things so often.
- 8 She's always losing her key.
I wish she wouldn't lose her key so often.
- 9 You're always leaving the door open.
I wish you wouldn't leave the door open so often.
- 10 They're always watching video.
I wish they wouldn't watch video so often.

Exercise 2

- 1 You never wash your hands before eating.
I wish you would wash your hands before eating.
- 2 He never tidies up his own room.
I wish he would tidy up his own room.
- 3 She never remembers to bring a towel with her.
I wish she would remember to bring a towel with her.
- 4 They never hand in their work on time.
I wish they would hand in their work on time.
- 5 You never lock up before going to bed.
I wish you would lock up before going to bed.
- 6 He never answers my letters.
I wish he would answer my letters.
- 7 She never indicates before turning right.
I wish she would indicate before turning right.
- 8 They never arrive on time.
I wish they would arrive on time.
- 9 My husband never tells me how beautiful I am.
I wish my husband would tell me how beautiful I am.
- 10 You never buy me flowers.
I wish you would buy me flowers.

Exercise 3

- 1 Sophie doesn't have a lot of money but would like to.
Sophie wishes she had a lot of money.
- 2 I can't swim but I would like to be able.
I wish I could swim.
- 3 Fred doesn't speak Japanese but would like to be able.
Fred wishes he spoke Japanese.
- 4 Damien has a lot of spots on his face and doesn't want them.
Damien wishes he didn't have a lot of spots on his face.
- 5 Paul isn't rich but would like to be.
Paul wishes he were rich.
- 6 The girls can't go swimming but they'd like to.
The girls wish they could go swimming.
- 7 I don't know the answer but I'd like to.
I wish I knew the answer.
- 8 Brenda drives an old, worn-out car.
Brenda wishes she didn't drive an old, worn-out car.
- 9 I'm not as confident as you are but I'd like to be.
I wish I were as confident as you are.
- 10 You have to leave soon but I don't want you to.
I wish you didn't have to leave soon.

Exercise 4

- 1 Karen didn't apply for the job and regrets it now.
Karen wishes she had applied for the job.
- 2 I didn't take the man's phone number and regret it now.
I wish I had taken the man's phone number.
- 3 She chose heads and regrets it now.
She wishes she hadn't chosen heads.
- 4 He joined the army and regrets it now.
He wishes he hadn't joined the army.
- 5 She married John and regrets it now.
She wishes she hadn't married John.
- 6 They didn't go to Singapore for a holiday and regret it now.
They wish they had gone to Singapore for a holiday.
- 7 Simon finished off the bottle and regrets it now.
Simon wishes he hadn't finished off the bottle.
- 8 Anna didn't have breakfast and regrets it now.
Anna wishes she had had breakfast.
- 9 John majored in politics and regrets it now.
John wishes he hadn't majored in politics.
- 10 Paul didn't take his parents' advice and regrets it now.
Paul wishes he had taken his parents' advice.

Degrees of Probability

Exercise 1

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| 1 | The fish has disappeared.
The cat might have eaten the fish. | Perhaps the cat ate it. |
| 2 | I can't find my key.
You might have lost your key. | Perhaps you've lost it. |
| 3 | The ground is wet.
It might have been raining. | Perhaps it's been raining. |
| 4 | The ship was deserted.
The crew might have mutinied. | Perhaps the crew mutinied. |
| 5 | Three girls disappeared.
The girls might have fallen off the rock. | Perhaps they fell off the rock. |
| 6 | The woman was killed in the fire.
The woman might have been smoking in bed. | Perhaps she was smoking in bed. |
| 7 | The fire started in the kitchen.
The oil might have caught fire. | Perhaps the oil caught fire. |
| 8 | The swimmer disappeared.
A shark might have got the swimmer. | Perhaps a shark got him. |
| 9 | My leg is bleeding.
The cat might have scratched your leg. | Perhaps the cat scratched it. |
| 10 | We've lost contact.
The wind might have blown down the cables. | Perhaps the wind blew down the cables. |

Exercise 2

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| 1 | I wonder who mended the fuse.
Bill must have mended the fuse. | It was Bill, for sure. |
| 2 | I wonder who did the washing-up.
Charlie must have done the washing up. | It was Charlie, for sure. |
| 3 | I wonder who painted the fence.
Judy must have painted the fence. | It was Judy, for sure. |
| 4 | I wonder who cut the grass.
The gardener must have cut the grass. | It was the gardener, for sure. |
| 5 | I wonder who turned the TV off.
Susan must have turned the TV off. | It was Susan, for sure. |
| 6 | I wonder who fed the dog.
Tim must have fed the dog. | It was Tim, for sure. |
| 7 | I wonder who drank all the milk.
Simon must have drunk all the milk. | It was Simon, for sure. |
| 8 | I wonder who ate all the cake.
Edith must have eaten all the cake. | It was Edith, for sure. |
| 9 | I wonder who blew out the candle?
The wind must have blown out the candle. | It was the wind, for sure. |
| 10 | I wonder who sent me this Valentine?
Grant must have sent you this Valentine. | It was Grant, for sure. |

Exercise 3

- 1 The man escaped from the prison. I wonder how it happened.
How could the man have escaped from prison?
- 2 The girl knew my name. I wonder how she knew.
How could the girl have known your name?
- 3 Someone has stolen my wallet. I wonder who it was.
Who could have stolen your wallet?
- 4 There's a letter in the mail-box. I wonder when the postman came.
When could the postman have come?
- 5 I can't find Sally. I wonder where she's gone.
Where could Sally have gone?
- 6 The plane hasn't arrived yet. I wonder what's happened to it.
What could have happened to the plane?
- 7 There was an explosion. I wonder what caused it.
What could have caused the explosion?
- 8 I've misplaced my book. I wonder where you put it.
Where could you have put your book?
- 9 There's graffiti on the wall. I wonder who painted it there.
Who could have painted the graffiti on the wall?
- 10 I've just received a Valentine. I wonder who sent it.
Who could have sent the Valentine?

Inversion

Exercise 1

- 1 I've never met such a lazy person in all my life.
Never have I met such a lazy person.
- 2 I've seldom tasted such delicious food.
Seldom have I tasted such delicious food.
- 3 I've rarely experienced such fine hospitality.
Rarely have I experienced such fine hospitality.
- 4 I've never seen such a beautiful painting.
Never have I seen such a beautiful painting.
- 5 I've seldom met such friendly people.
Seldom have I met such friendly people.
- 6 I've never been treated with such contempt.
Never have I been treated with such contempt.
- 7 I've rarely had such a good time.
Rarely have I had such a good time.
- 8 I've seldom read such a moving book.
Seldom have I read such a moving book.
- 9 I've never taken such a long time to finish a job.
Never have I taken such a long time to finish a job.
- 10 I've rarely had such pleasure in playing to an audience.
Rarely have I had such pleasure in playing to an audience.

Exercise 2 No sooner...than...

- 1 As soon as I turned the computer on, a fuse blew.
No sooner had I turned the computer on than a fuse blew.
- 2 As soon as the plane landed, security guards surrounded the airport.
No sooner had the plane landed than security guards surrounded the airport.
- 3 As soon as the match began, spectators invaded the pitch.
No sooner had the match begun than spectators invaded the pitch.
- 4 As soon as the programme finished, he switched off the TV.
No sooner had the program finished than he switched off the TV.
- 5 As soon as she finished reading one book, she started another.
No sooner had she finished reading one book than she started another.
- 6 As soon as the bell rang, the teacher dismissed the students.
No sooner had the bell rung than the teacher dismissed the students.
- 7 As soon as I heard the news, I telephoned my family.
No sooner had I heard the news than I telephoned my family.
- 8 As soon as the coastguard saw the shark, the beach was closed.
No sooner had the coastguard seen the shark than the beach was closed.
- 9 As soon as the officer gave the order, the soldiers opened fire.
No sooner had the officer given the order than the soldiers opened fire.
- 10 As soon as he passed the driving test, his father bought him a new car.
No sooner had he passed the driving test than his father bought him a new car.

Exercise 3

- 1 Whatever you do, don't arrive late.
 On no account must you arrive late.
- 2 Whatever you do, don't open that door.
 On no account must you open that door.
- 3 Whatever you do, don't put your hand through the bars.
 On no account must you put your hand through the bars.
- 4 Whatever you do, don't go too near the edge.
 On no account must you go too near the edge.
- 5 Whatever you do, don't feed the animals.
 On no account must you feed the animals.
- 6 Whatever you do, don't drink and drive.
 On no account must you drink and drive.
- 7 Whatever you do, don't walk home alone at night.
 On no account must you walk home alone at night
- 8 Whatever you do, don't overtake on a blind bend.
 On no account must you overtake on a blind bend.
- 9 Whatever you do, don't become over-confident.
 On no account must you become over-confident.
- 10 Whatever you do, don't swim in this lake.
 On no account must you swim in this lake.

Exercise 4

- 1 If you'd sent the application earlier, you might have got the job.
Had you sent the application earlier, you might have got the job.
- 2 If he had arrived on time, he wouldn't have missed the train.
Had he arrived on time, he wouldn't have missed the train.
- 3 If you hear any news, please keep me informed.
Should you hear any news, please keep me informed.
- 4 If it stops raining within the next hour, we'll set out immediately.
Should it stop raining within the next hour, we'll set out immediately.
- 5 If we won all the remaining games, we would still finish last.
Were we to win all the remaining games, we would still finish last.
- 6 If I'd realised it was you, I would've opened the door.
Had I realised it was you, I would've opened the door.
- 7 If you finished the project on time, the boss would be delighted.
Were you to finish the project on time, the boss would be delighted.
- 8 If the drought continues much longer, the crops will be ruined.
Should the drought continue much longer, the crops will be ruined.

Exercise 5

- 1 They didn't have enough money for a house until they had saved for ten years.
Only when they had saved for ten years did they have enough money for a house.
- 2 I didn't realise I'd lost my purse until I got home.
Only when I got home did I realise I'd lost my purse.
- 3 The full extent of the damage wasn't known until the flood water went down.
Only when the flood water went down was the full extent of the damage known.
- 4 I wasn't able to close the account until all the cheques had been cleared.
Only when all the cheques had been cleared was I able to close the account.
- 5 He didn't notice the roof had a leak until the ceiling collapsed.
Only when the ceiling collapsed did he notice the roof had a leak.
- 6 We couldn't fall asleep until the party ended.
Only when the party ended could we fall asleep.
- 7 She didn't feel strong enough to continue until she had some food.
Only when she had some food did she feel strong enough to continue.
- 8 The plane couldn't land until the runway was cleared.
Only when the runway was cleared could the plane land.
- 9 I won't forgive you until you beg for mercy.
Only when you beg for mercy will I forgive you.
- 10 The temperature didn't drop until the sun went down.
Only when the sun went down did the temperature drop.

Exercise 6

- 1 She plays netball and she swims well, too.
Not only does she play netball but she also swims well.
- 2 The college offers degree courses and runs hobby courses, too.
Not only does the college offer degree courses but it also runs hobby courses.
- 3 The woman owns the store and she manages it, too.
Not only does the woman own the store but she also manages it.
- 4 He plays the piano and composes his own songs, too.
Not only does he play the piano but he also composes his own songs.
- 5 The restaurant serves European dishes and sells Asian food, too.
Not only does the restaurant serve European dishes but it also sells Asian food.
- 6 The bank makes loans to first-time buyers and offers mortgages to investors too.
Not only does the bank make loans to first-time buyers but it also offers mortgages to investors.
- 7 He holds the record in the 1500 metres and has broken the 100 metres, too.
Not only does he hold the record in the 1500 metres but he has also broken the 100 metres.
- 8 She has six children and works full-time, too.
Not only does she have six children but she also works full-time.
- 9 Your work is illegible and lacks cohesion, too.
Not only is your work illegible but it also lacks cohesion.
- 10 This donation will help many poor people and it will create new jobs, too.
Not only will this donation help many poor people but it will also create new jobs.

Participles

Exercise 1 Cause and effect

- 1 As I am a peace-loving person, I turned the other cheek.
Being a peace-loving person, I turned the other cheek.
- 2 Since the car had broken down, we had to walk to the nearest village.
The car having broken down, we had to walk to the nearest village.
- 3 The weather was unsettled so we had to cancel the barbecue.
The weather being unsettled, we had to cancel the barbecue.
- 4 She didn't feel very well so she stayed in bed all day.
Not feeling very well, she stayed in bed all day.
- 5 He went on a diet because he was overweight.
Being overweight, he went on a diet.
- 6 He arrived late because he had been caught in the rush-hour traffic.
Having been caught in the rush-hour traffic, he arrived late.
- 7 She hadn't had any formal education so she couldn't read or write.
Not having had any formal education, she couldn't read or write.
- 8 She had previously lived in Italy so she was quite fluent in Italian.
Having previously lived in Italy, she was quite fluent in Italian.
- 9 The road was barricaded so we took a diversion.
The road being barricaded, we took a diversion.
- 10 We'd had enough so we called it a day.
Having had enough, we called it a day.

Exercise 2 Sequence

- 1 After I had finished the speech, I answered a few questions.
 Having finished the speech, I answered a few questions.
- 2 After he had completed the form, he handed it in at the desk.
 Having completed the form, he handed it in at the desk.
- 3 After we had paid the bill, we called for a taxi.
 Having paid the bill, we called for a taxi.
- 4 After they had checked the figures, they all agreed there was a mistake.
 Having checked the figures, they all agreed there was a mistake.
- 5 After they had travelled to Darwin by car, they then flew back to Perth.
 Having travelled to Darwin by car, they flew back to Perth.
- 6 After we had eaten as much as we could, we then settled down to watch TV.
 Having eaten as much as we could, we settled down to watch TV.
- 7 After I had repaid my debts, I felt great relief.
 Having repaid my debts, I felt great relief.
- 8 After she had told everyone she was getting married, she then called it off.
 Having told everyone she was getting married, she called it off.
- 9 After he had served the last customer, he closed the shop.
 Having served the last customer, he closed the shop.
- 10 After they had redecorated the house, they put it on the market.
 Having redecorated the house, they put it on the market.