



“Pretend, Suppose, Imagine”

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Exercise 1 – Learning

Pretend

'**Pretend**' means to behave as though something is true, while knowing it is not.

The form is:

pretend + [infinitive verb] or [simple sentence]

A simple sentence can be **SV**, **SVC**, or **SVO**.

My daughters like to **pretend** to be princesses.

I saw a bear, so I **pretended** to be asleep.

They like to **pretend** they are princesses.



Suppose

If you '**pretend**' something is true, you know it is false, but act as if it were real.

If you '**suppose**' something is true, you think of it as true for the purpose of a conversation.

If you want to talk about something that is happening now, use:

suppose + [simple sentence in present tense]

Otherwise, use **the past tense!**

Suppose we miss our flight today. How would we get home?

Suppose you owned an island. What would you do with it?



Imagine

To '**imagine**' means to picture something in your mind.

Use '**imagine**' like this:

imagine + [object] + [gerund verb] or **imagine if** + [object] + [past tense verb]

Imagine if you lived in ancient Greece!

Imagine if we lived in ancient Greece!

Imagine living in ancient Greece! (*The object can be omitted if it's 'you' or 'us'.*)



Exercise 2 – Ordering

Put the words into the correct order.

Example: being Imagine in outer space. → Imagine being in outer space.

Content:

1. you Suppose had lots of money; would what you do with it?
2. how life Imagine would be without internet the.
3. Just what imagine could happen.
4. I saw John the day other, but pretended to not see him.
5. Suppose you asked out to a movie him.
6. pretend Let's just I don't like John and talk about else something.
7. Suppose you island an owned.
8. Imagine being him the president.



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

Use suppose, pretend, or imagine and the following words to create sentences with your tutor.

Example: not like bananas → Suppose you did not like bananas. Would you still eat them?

Content:

1. travel to Mars
2. hate your job
3. get your dream job
4. have a child
5. won a competition
6. not have any worries