

## C Grammar exercises

**1** Match the beginnings (1–8) and the endings (a–h) of these sentences.

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| 1 If I win the competition, ....                     | a we'll give you the job.                            |
| 2 If you boil milk, .....                            | b if you don't get accepted at Macquarie University? |
| 3 What will you do .....                             | c I'll take you somewhere nice to celebrate.         |
| 4 What happens to the engine .....                   | d if you put diesel fuel into a petrol-driven car?   |
| 5 If I get all my work done in time, .....           | e it forms a skin on the top.                        |
| 6 I might buy a new laptop computer .....            | f I'll be home by six o'clock tonight.               |
| 7 If you agree to enrol in the diploma course, ..... | g you won't be able to open the cupboard.            |
| 8 If you put the sofa there, .....                   | h if my boss allows me to work from home sometimes.  |

**2** Fill in the gaps in the extracts below using the verbs in brackets in the correct form.

- 1 My parents would love (*love*) it if I ..... (*become*) a doctor but I'm not sure I'd be able to face all those years of study. Also if I ..... (*be*) a doctor, I ..... (*hate*) all those hours you have to work.
- 2 These days I use the Internet more and more to do my shopping. If I ..... (*not/have*) my computer, I ..... (*not/know*) what to do. I buy clothes, books and DVDs online as well as holidays. If you ..... (*not/find*) what you want in the shops, you ..... (*find*) it on the Internet. I'm going to Barcelona in a few weeks and I'm going to buy my ticket on the Internet because it ..... (*save*) me about £50 if I ..... (*do*) it that way.
- 3 This production of Shakespeare's play ..... (*surprise*) you, unless you ..... (*be used to*) seeing all the characters being played by just two people!
- 4 Eggs are best kept at a cool room temperature, so I don't keep my eggs in the fridge. If I ..... (*keep*) them in the fridge I ..... (*take*) them out half an hour before cooking. However, not everyone has somewhere cool to keep eggs. If you ..... (*not/have*) a cool place to store them in your home, you ..... (*have to*) use the fridge, but just remember to take them out in time.

**3** Decide if the underlined verbs are correct or not. Tick (✓) them if they are right and correct them if they are wrong.

Teacher: Is it better to have one special friend or lots of good ones?

Student: I think that if you have lots of friends, you 1 will be lucky.

However, I feel that everyone should have someone special. If you 2 won't have a special friend, you won't have someone to talk to at difficult times in your life.

1 ...  
are lucky

2 .....

Teacher: When do people make most friends?

Student: Well, everyone makes friends when they are at school. If you 3 are in an environment where everyone is your own age, you 4 would probably make friends.

3 .....

4 .....

Teacher: Do you think that friends need to be similar ages?

Student: Well, generally friends from school are similar ages. But when you 5 started work, for example, you meet people of different ages. If you get on well with someone and you 6 will have a lot in common, then age 7 won't be important.

5 .....

6 .....

7 .....

Teacher: Do people need to have things in common to be friends?

Student: Well, yes. If you 8 like the same things, you will probably get on well. But having said that, I have a very good friend who is completely different from me. She loves sport and I hate it. If you asked me why we were friends, I 9 am not able to say! Maybe it's just chance – if you are in a certain place at a certain time you 10 become friends, but if you 11 will meet the same person at a different time in a different place it 12 didn't happen.

9 .....

10 .....

11 .....

12 .....

Teacher: What different roles do friends play in people's lives?

Student: Well, your friends are the people you choose to be with. And if you 13 will need help, you often turn to your friends. It works the other way too. When your friends need you, you 14 will help them.

13 .....

14 .....

**4** Underline the correct words.

- 1 I'll put my umbrella in my bag *in case* / *provided that* it rains later.
- 2 *Unless* / *As long as* you pay me in advance, I'll buy the tickets for you.
- 3 I'm going to get fat *if* / *unless* I stop eating so much chocolate.
- 4 You must follow the instructions accurately *in case* / *unless* you want to risk damaging the machine.
- 5 When I travel on planes I always put my toothbrush in my hand luggage *in case* / *if* my suitcase gets lost.
- 6 Ice skating is fun *as long as* / *when* you are willing to fall over a lot!
- 7 Dear Mr Brown, I am writing to inform you that your library books are overdue.  
*Provided that* / *When* you return them immediately, you will not be fined.
- 8 I've just signed the contract for the job in Indonesia, starting in April. *When* / *If* I move there, I'll have to sell my car.
- 9 I wouldn't stay out in the sun too long *as long as* / *if* I were you.
- 10 I don't really like going to parties *unless* / *as long as* I know most people there.

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**1** Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Tutor: Tell me what you intend to write in your evaluation of your research.

Student: Well, firstly, if I ..... (1 *have*) a larger number of questionnaires returned, I ..... (2 *get*) more useful data.

Tutor: Is there anything you could have done to improve that?

Student: Well, I suppose I ..... (3 *receive*) more completed questionnaires if I ..... (4 *make*) the questions easier to answer, for example, 'yes/no' questions.

Tutor: Yes, I think you are right. People are too busy to answer complicated questions. Any other things you might change?

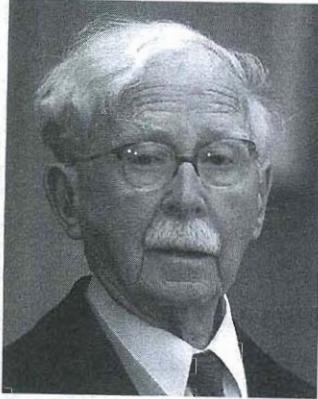
Student: Yes. I think I ..... (5 *be*) more successful with my interviews as well if I ..... (6 *plan*) the questions more thoroughly beforehand, although I'm not sure about that. If I ..... (7 *prepare*) the questions in more detail, it ..... (8 *restrict*) the interviewees too much. Oh, and another thing: if I ..... (9 *start*) collecting data sooner, it ..... (10 *not/be*) such a rush in the end.

Tutor: Good. I must admit that if you ..... (11 *not/leave*) it all so late, I ..... (12 *be able to*) support you more. If you ..... (13 *come*) to see me before you sent out your questionnaires, I ..... (14 *help*) you. It is a shame that your data was so disappointing because your research questions were very interesting.

**2** Read about two scientific discoveries that were made due to chance and complete the sentences.

Alexander Fleming's most famous discovery happened entirely by accident. One day he was cleaning the culture dishes in his lab when he saw mould growing on one of the plates. There weren't any germs growing around the mould, so Fleming decided to grow more of it for experiments. He discovered that the mould acted against bacterial infections. However, Fleming's initial publication about his discovery was largely ignored by the medical community so he abandoned his research in 1932. It wasn't until 1935, when the researchers Florey and Chain saw Fleming's research papers, that the drug, penicillin, was developed.

- 1 If Fleming hadn't been cleaning the culture dishes, he ..... growing on one of the plates.
- 2 Fleming wouldn't have grown more of the mould if there ..... growing around it.
- 3 If his initial publication hadn't been received so poorly by the medical community, he ..... in 1932.
- 4 Penicillin might not have been developed if Florey and Chain .....



Harold Ridley, an ophthalmologist, developed a revolutionary way of helping people with poor eyesight as a result of cataracts<sup>1</sup>. During World War II, Ridley worked with RAF pilots with eye injuries. He noticed that their eyes did not become infected when they had eye injuries caused by bits of Perspex from the windows of their planes. As a result of this observation he decided to implant plastic lenses in the eyes of people with cataracts. Surgeons had earlier tried replacing the lens in the eye with a glass one, but the operations always failed because the body rejected the glass lens. Ridley's operations with plastic lenses were successful. However, the medical community opposed Ridley's discoveries and it took many years for the technique to be accepted. Today over 200 million people have their sight because of Harold Ridley.

<sup>1</sup> Cataracts are regions of dead cells within the lens of the eye, and can cause blindness.

- 5 If Harold Ridley ..... pilots during World War II, he wouldn't have noticed the effects of Perspex splinters on their eyes.
- 6 If the pilots' eye injuries had become infected from bits of Perspex, he ..... to implant plastic lenses in cataract patients' eyes.
- 7 If earlier surgeons had used plastic lenses, the operations .....
- 8 It wouldn't have taken so many years for the technique to become widely available if the medical community ..... Ridley's discoveries.

**3** Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences below.*eaten*

- 1 If I hadn't ~~ate~~<sup>eaten</sup> so much I wouldn't have a stomach ache now.
- 2 What would you done if you'd failed the exam?
- 3 I am starting university next autumn if I hadn't had such bad exam results.
- 4 If the government would have kept their promise, taxes wouldn't have gone up last year.
- 5 I would have finished my essay on time if I didn't have the accident.
- 6 If I was getting married next weekend, I was very excited by now.
- 7 If the economic conditions had been better when I bought this house, I might make a fortune by now.
- 8 Life today will be very different if Thomas Edison hadn't invented the electric light.
- 9 If you were more considerate, you didn't make so much noise last night.
- 10 If I didn't go to university, I wouldn't be doing this job now.

**4** Fill in the gaps using *wish* or *should* and the words in brackets in the correct form.

- 1 You ..... *shouldn't have left* (*not/leave*) school so young. You'd have a better job now.
- 2 I really ..... *(you/ask)* me before borrowing the car yesterday. I needed to use it.
- 3 I'm not enjoying my degree course at all. I ..... *(I/not/choose)* physics. I ..... *(choose)* maths instead because I used to love it at school.
- 4 I ..... *(I/study)* languages at school because now I travel regularly for work to Berlin and Paris.
- 5 That man is really annoying me. I ..... *(he/stop)* whistling.
- 6 We're lost again. We always get lost when you have the map. You ..... *(let)* me have the map from the start!
- 7 I ..... *(I/have)* more time to work on this assignment. I'm worried I won't finish it by the deadline.
- 8 I ..... *(it/stop)* raining. I want to go for a walk.
- 9 I have terrible problems with my knees. I ..... *(I/not/do)* so much running when I was younger.
- 10 You ..... *(not/tell)* Paula about the party – it was meant to be a surprise.