

Unit 1 Grammar for Writing Study Notes

Verb form review

1. REVIEW

Ex 1.1: See answers in Ex 3.2 below

Ex 1.2: Answers will vary

Ex 1.3:

1. As society becomes more advanced, modern and hi-tech buildings are appearing in our cities and towns.	<u>Pres Cont</u>
2. In my country, the UK, old buildings just used to be demolished to make space for new structure.	<u>Past Simple</u>
3. Many old buildings are of significant historical and cultural importance	<u>Present Simple</u>
4. We have gained a lot of knowledge and understanding of people's skills...from these buildings.	<u>Present perfect</u>
5. Every effort must be made to protect and maintain old buildings.	<u>Modal</u>
6. This essay will give detailed reasons for this view.	<u>Future Simple</u>

Ex 1.4:

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| 1. Stating the current situation. e.g. | Present Simple |
| 2. Connecting the past to now | <u>Present Perfect</u> |
| 3. Showing an ongoing situation | <u>Present Continuous</u> |
| 4. Showing a completed action / state before now | <u>Past Simple</u> |
| 5. Stating a responsibility or obligation | <u>Modal</u> |
| 6. Referring to the future | <u>Future Simple</u> |

2. PRACTICE

Ex 2.1:

One of the main reasons that developers give for demolishing these old buildings is that they 1. become / **have become** unstable and 2. were / **are** no longer in a state to use due to safety precautions. In the past, governments 3. maintain / **maintained** certain old buildings, but as they 4. **were** / are sold off into the private sector, this maintenance 5. **was** / is often neglected. In other words, many old buildings 6. **are** / have not being maintained and they 7. became / **have become** vulnerable to natural disaster such as earthquakes and storms. Therefore, as a safety measure, the authorities should 8. removed / **remove** and 9. replaced / **replace** these old structures with new structures.

Ex 2.2:

Tense or feature	Form	Number in para.
A. <u>ii</u> Past simple	i. Subject + present form of verb	2
B. <u>iv</u> Present continuous	ii. Subject + past form of verb	3, 4, 5
C. <u>i</u> Present simple	iii. Subject + modal + infinitive without to	8, 9
D. <u>vi</u> Present perfect	iv. Subject + is/are + present participle	6
E. <u>v</u> Future simple	v. Subject + will + present form of the verb	-
F. <u>iii</u> Modal verbs	vi. Subject + has/have + past participle	1, 7

Ex 2.3: It's possible to have more than 1 answer for some of these sentences, particularly Q6. However (most of) the sentences have time phrases or other clues that indicate which tense/form is most suitable/contextually relevant.

1. Pres Simple	It is generally believed that preserving old buildings is extremely important. (be)
2. Future Simple	The preservation of old buildings will continue to increase in importance in the future. (continue)
3. Past Simple	At one time, the preservation of old buildings was seen as less important. (see)
4. Modal	I firmly believe that preserving old buildings should/must be a high priority for the government. (be)
5. Pres Perfect	Since the last century, preserving old buildings has become extremely important. (become)
6. Pres Cont	Currently, governments are starting to realise the importance of building preservation. (start)

3. PRACTICE II

Ex 3.1:

- Governments **should have/introduce/establish/set up/implement** regulations that protect historic buildings to ensure that history is recorded.
- Since its establishment 45 years ago, the WWF **has delivered / has been delivering** conservation education in developing countries.
- More and more people **are choosing to back up** their family photos on hard drives.
- It **is not/has not been proven that/whether preserving** new buildings is cheaper than demolishing them. (**Note:** either present perfect or present simple is ok here depending on whether the writer wants to focus on the current fact of no evidence or the continued lack of evidence over time until now).
- If we do not take measures to protect giraffes, **they will not survive** for future generations.
- The construction firm **still plans to demolish/on demolishing/on the demolition of** the building. (**Note:** the position of the verb still means that the only possible answer is present simple. Present continuous would require the auxiliary verb before the adverb; is still planning.)

Ex 1.1/3.2:

Over the years, many buildings with historical and cultural value ***have been demolished** Although this **was / used to be** common practice in the past, these days, destroying properties with cultural value **is** unacceptable. This essay **will discuss/discusses** the reasons why the preservation of old buildings is not being undertaken and **(will) present/presents** measures that authorities **can/should/must take** to preserve these buildings.