



Eintrittstest zu Englisch EN 090

Exercise 1 Tenses and verb forms

Put the verb in parentheses in the correct tense. Some verbs are passive, and there are also examples of the second conditional, indirect questions, infinitives, gerunds, and reported statements and requests.

Example

I started (start) teaching five years ago. I really like teaching (teach) children.

An Interview with Sarah Jenkins

Sarah Jenkins is an English teacher. She (1) _____ (work) in a language school in Brighton. She (2) _____ (teach) English since she (3) _____ (leave) university five years ago.

I asked her first if she (4) _____ (enjoy) teaching English.

'Yes, I do,' she replied. 'It's hard work, but it's very rewarding.'

'(5) _____ you ever _____ (work) abroad?'

'Yes,' replied Sarah, 'I (6) _____ (spend) two years in Madrid. But the school closed and I (7) _____ (be) made redundant. Luckily, some of my students asked me if I

(8) _____ (continue) to teach them privately, so I stayed in Madrid.'

'And how long (9) _____ you _____ (teach) in Brighton?' I asked.

'Since I came back from Madrid, three years ago.'

I then asked Sarah what the most memorable moment of her career was.

'Well, a funny thing (10) _____ (happen) while I (11) _____ (work) at the school in Madrid. I had a student called Gloria. On some days, she was the best student in the class.

But on other days she performed really badly. I tried very hard (12) _____ (help) her, but things only got worse. Then,

one day, I met Gloria on the street and asked her about her boyfriend. (The day before she (13) _____ (tell) me a sad story about him.) She looked surprised and told me that her name

(14) _____ (be) Victoria, not Gloria. She continued, 'My twin sister and I (15) _____ (take turns) in your classes

since September – two for the price of one!' After that, it was much easier to teach them. At the beginning of each class I simply asked, 'Are you Gloria or Victoria today?'

Finally, I asked Sarah about her plans for the future.

'Well, I'm very interested in teaching young children, so next September I (16) _____ (do) a special training course.'

'And are you going to stay in Britain, or would you like to work abroad again?'

'I (17) _____ (promote) recently. I'm now Director of Studies. So I think I (18) _____ (stay) here for a few more years. Of course, if someone (19) _____ (offer) me a well-paid job in Italy or Greece, I (20) _____ (take) it, but that's not very likely!'

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Exercise 2 Conditionals

Using the prompts, write a sentence in either the first or the second conditional.

1 'Are you coming to town with me this afternoon?'

'Perhaps. If I / finish / decorating the living room, I / come / with you.'

2 'I don't have any money. If I / have / some money, I / buy / you lunch.'

3 'I always go on holiday to Italy. If the weather in Scotland / be / better, I / go / on holiday / there.'

4 'I've got so much work to do!' 'I'm sorry. I have a lot of work, too. If I / have / more time, I / help / you.'

5 'I'm a teacher. If I / be / the Minister for Education, I / spend / more money on schools.'

6 'I've lost my address book.'
'If I / find it, I / bring it to you.'

7 'I have a temperature. If I / feel better tomorrow / I go back to school.'

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Exercise 3 Passives

Make these active sentences passive.

- 1 Do they still build ships in Scotland?
Are _____
- 2 Do you think aliens will ever visit the Earth?
Do you think the Earth _____
- 3 The Chinese invented printing.
Printing _____
- 4 You mustn't take photographs in the museum.
Photographs _____
- 5 They have recently discovered oil near Argentina.
Oil _____
- 6 They're planning a big celebration to mark the start of the Olympics.
A big celebration _____
- 7 The police think someone might have murdered him.
The police think he _____
- 8 They didn't know the bones were human until they had carried out a number of tests.
They didn't know the bones were human until a number of tests _____
- 9 In the next decade, car manufacturers are going to make more electric cars.
In the next decade, _____
- 10 If the car is fitted with an alarm, they can't steal it.
If the car is fitted with an alarm, it _____

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Exercise 4 Modals

Finish each sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a).

Example

- (a) He has black hair and brown eyes. I'm sure he's not Swedish.
(b) He has black hair and brown eyes. He can't be Swedish.
- 1 (a) The dog's barking. I'm sure he's hungry.
(b) The dog's barking. He must _____
 - 2 (a) There's no food in his bowl. I'm certain he hasn't eaten anything since this morning.
(b) There's no food in his bowl. He can't _____

- 3 (a) Sally hasn't been in touch with me. Perhaps she phoned while I was out.
(b) Sally hasn't been in touch with me. She could _____
- 4 (a) Ah, the phone's ringing. Maybe it's Sally.
(b) Ah, the phone's ringing. It could _____
- 5 (a) Why did the car crash? Perhaps the driver didn't see the red light.
(b) Why did the car crash? The driver might _____
- 6 (a) I'm sure it was Tom I saw at the theatre last night.
(b) It must _____
- 7 (a) Why is that man standing at the side of the road? Perhaps he's trying to hitch a lift
(b) Why is that man standing at the side of the road? He might _____

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Exercise 5 Time expressions

Complete the sentences with *in, on, at, ago, for, since, or nothing*.

- 1 I left college _____ 2002.
- 2 What are you doing _____ next Thursday?
- 3 I like to go to bed _____ midnight on Saturdays.
- 4 He came to live here four years _____.
- 5 He'd been painting _____ many years before he sold his first picture.
- 6 Shakespeare was born _____ 23 April, 1564.
- 7 Spring begins _____ March.
- 8 We always eat turkey _____ Christmas.
- 9 _____ you left, there have been many changes.
- 10 I started my new job _____ last Monday.
- 11 His dog died five months _____ and he still misses him.
- 12 I've been studying Spanish _____ I was 11 years old.

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Exercise 6 Reported statements and questions

Put the direct speech into reported speech.

1 'I always play football on Saturdays,' he said.

2 'We've been waiting since six o'clock,' she said.

3 'Where did you go last night?' she asked me.

4 'Will you stay in a hotel?' I asked him.

5 'I'm really looking forward to my holiday,' he said.

6 'Do you like living alone?' she asked me.

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Exercise 7 Reported commands

Use the verbs in the box to change the direct speech into reported speech. Not all the verbs are used.

ask beg refuse offer remind advise order invite

1 'Don't forget to take all your belongings with you,' said the driver to the passengers as they left the coach.
As the passengers left the coach, the driver _____

2 'If I were you, I wouldn't visit that area late at night,' said the travel agent to the young couple.
The travel agent _____

3 'Would you like to stay at my house?' said Peter to James.
Peter _____

4 'I won't eat my vegetables!' said Timmy.
Timmy _____

5 'I'll give you a lift into town,' said Ray to Mary.
Ray _____

6 'Put that diamond necklace down!' the police officer said to the burglar.
The police officer _____

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Exercise 8 Correct the sentences

There is one mistake in each of the following sentences. Find it and write the corrected sentence below.

1 How long do you live in Miami?

2 Yesterday evening I have seen a really funny film.

3 I'll phone you as soon as I'll arrive.

4 If I win a million pounds, I'd buy a Ferrari.

5 I work in this office since 1999.

6 'I went to Canada last year.' 'So have I.'

7 If you have a headache, you should to take an aspirin.

8 'What's the matter?' 'I've just been seeing a car accident.'

9 Could you tell me how much does this cost?

10 She said me that she was hungry.

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Exercise 9 Everyday English

What would you say in these situations?

1 Somebody phones your house and wants to speak to your son, but he isn't at home. Tell the caller where your son is and offer to take a message.

2 You phone the travel agent to inquire about flights to the US. The office is closed so you leave a message on the answer phone. Introduce yourself, say why you are phoning, ask the travel agent to call you back, leave your number, and end the call.

3 Your friend says she has a headache. Make helpful suggestions.

4 Your brother phones you and says he's just won £100,000 in the lottery. Suggest things he could do with the money.

5 You have arranged to go to the cinema with your friend. But on that day your sister has an accident and is taken to hospital. You want to visit her in the evening and have to cancel the appointment with your friend. What will you say to him?

6 Your friend tells you he has just failed to get the job he really wanted.

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Exercise 10 Adjectives

Use *un-*, *in-*, or *im-* to make these adjectives negative.

- 1 tidy _____
- 2 possible _____
- 3 sensitive _____
- 4 patient _____
- 5 sociable _____
- 6 comfortable _____

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Exercise 11 Phrasal verbs

Match a verb from A with an adverb/preposition from B to complete the sentences. Put the verbs in the correct form.

A	B
pick	out
look	up
cut	off
go	
take	

- 1 This is a very bad storm. I hope the lights don't _____.
- 2 We _____ from JFK airport at half past two and landed in London only a few hours later.
- 3 Hello? Hello? Is anyone there? Oh no, we've been _____.
- 4 He found it very difficult to _____ Japanese while he was working there.
- 5 Could you _____ *torch* in your dictionary? I don't know what it means.

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Exercise 12 Compound nouns

Complete the sentences with a compound noun formed with *room*, *card*, or *traffic*.

- 1 I'm sorry I'm late. I got stuck in a _____ in the town centre.
- 2 I don't have any cash. Can I pay by _____?
- 3 'Have you got her work number?' 'Yes, she gave me a _____ at our last meeting.'
- 4 'What's the matter?' 'I parked outside the bank. A _____ saw me and gave me a parking ticket!'
- 5 Good morning. Please take a seat in the _____ and Dr Cooper will see you when he's ready.

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TOTAL 100