

## EXERCISES

Put / if the underlined verbs are already correct. If they are wrong, correct them. (A)

- 1 I'm sorry, I didn't think the noise will disturb anyone.
- 2 Where were you? I thought you were going to wait for me?
- 3 We were discussing your case tomorrow, so I'll be able to give you an answer soon.
- 4 I never thought that I would be spending my holiday in hospital, but there I was.
- 5 I hope the building work would have finished by the time we get there.
- 6 At the height of her popularity her face is to be seen on advertisements all over the country.
- 7 The council has announced that the housing estate is to be demolished.
- 8 I was about to report him missing, when he walked through the door.

Underline the one that is correct or more appropriate. Sometimes both are possible. (A and Units 12, 13 & 14)

- 1 He decided that next day he *would fly* / *was going to fly* to Alabama.
- 2 She was made redundant last week, but I think she *would resign* / *was going to resign* in any case.
- 3 When she heard I *was going to move* / *was moving* to Oslo, she looked quite upset.
- 4 She could see that the boy *was going to jump* / *was jumping* off the wall, but there was nothing she could do about it.
- 5 I thought they *would be leaving* / *were leaving* tomorrow. Now it seems they'll be with us until Thursday.
- 6 We could see that the fence *was falling down* / *was going to fall down* before long, so we had it mended.

Choose the more appropriate alternative, (a) or (b), to complete these sentences. (B)

- 1 The meeting was to have taken place in the hall, ...  
a but had to be cancelled at the last moment.  
b and was well attended.
- 2 She was to have appeared with Elvis Presley in his last film, ...  
a and was a tremendous success.  
b but the part went to her sister.
- 3 Later, in Rome, I was to meet Professor Pearce ...  
a but she left before I got there.  
b and was very impressed by her knowledge.
- 4 The twenty police officers who were to have gone off duty at 8.00 ...  
a went to the Christmas party.  
b had to remain in the police station.
- 5 It was to take 48 hours to get to Japan ...  
a and we were exhausted when we arrived.  
b but we managed to do it in only a day.
- 6 After the war he was to teach at London University ...  
a but no money was available to employ him.  
b for 10 years.

We can make an excuse with I was going to... but.... (In spoken English either was or going is stressed.) Complete the sentences in any appropriate way to make excuses. (A)

- 1 I was going to tidy up my room, but...
- 2 I was going to help you do the shopping, but...
- 3 ..., but we'd run out of washing powder.
- 4 ..., but it was raining.



I was going to do my maths homework last night but my dog ate my exercise book.

HOMEWORK SA  
TO BE HANDLED  
ON WEDNESDAY



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Correct the sentences if necessary, or put a ✓. (A)

...picked...

- 1 I had to work late on Friday, so my mother would pick up Sue from school.
- 2 Mary wouldn't sing for me, even though I often asked her to.
- 3 The moment I asked Steve, he would agree to lend me the car for the day.
- 4 When I phoned, the receptionist wouldn't let me have an appointment with Dr Johnson before next week.
- 5 At the interview they wouldn't tell me how much travelling was involved in the job.
- 6 Yesterday he would make me sandwiches and would bring me a cup of coffee.
- 7 When I had problems with my homework last night, my father would do it for me.
- 8 Five years ago, the children in this school would help to plant all the trees you see before you.
- 9 Before he moved to London, Thomas would meet me every day after work.
- 10 When I was young, shopkeepers would cycle around town, delivering food to customers.

Complete these sentences with will have or would have and the past participle of one of these verbs. (B)

call    collapse    develop    -disapprove-    enjoy  
forget    pass    receive    save    spend

- 1 Mary's mother certainly would have disapproved of the amount of make-up she was wearing.
- 2 John is going to spend a year away from his family in Peru. By the time he sees his children again he.....what they look like.
- 3 I.....the office to tell them I would be late, but I was stuck in a traffic jam and couldn't get to a phone.
- 4 Even if I had worked harder, I don't think I.....the maths exam.
- 5 I am sure you.....my letter of resignation by now.
- 6 By the time we reach New Zealand on Thursday, we.....over 60 hours travelling.
- 7 Why didn't you buy the fish from the market? You.....a lot of money.
- 8 It's a pity that Tony wasn't there to see the play. He.....it.
- 9 The government.....years ago without the support of the Socialists.
- 10 Professor Thomas is confident that before the year 2020, scientists.....a cure for the common cold.

What's the problem? Use won't in your answers. (A)



The window won't open.





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Complete these sentences with **should / ought to + infinitive** (or a passive form) or **should / ought to have + past participle** using one of these verbs. In which one is **ought to NOT possible**? Are there any in which **should** is more likely? (A & B)

check include keep listen meet plan receive refrigerate stay

- 1 You should / ought to have received my reply by now.
- 2 This medicine.....in a cool place. (from a medicine bottle label)
- 3 Here's someone you really.....
- 4 If you're feeling ill, I.....at home today, if I were you.
- 5 To have got a better mark, you.....your answers more thoroughly.
- 6 According to the label, the jam.....after opening.
- 7 I think you.....to him. He knew what he was talking about.
- 8 The results were completely wrong. As a scientist she.....the experiment more carefully.
- 9 The information you send.....details of courses taken at university. (from a job application form)

Correct these sentences where necessary, or put a ✓. (C)

- 1 Business letters had better be brief and to the point.
- 2 It's cold outside, so you had better put on a warm coat.
- 3 I think children had better learn to cook at an early age.
- 4 You'd better not to go out tonight. It's raining.
- 5 As you are feeling ill, you'd better not go to work.
- 6 Some plants had better not be grown in direct sunlight. It will damage their leaves.

In which sentences can you put **should** or **must** and in which can you only put **must**? Where both are possible, consider the difference between **should** and **must**. (D)

- 1 A timetable.....be set for withdrawing the army.
- 2 Les isn't home yet. He.....have been held up at work.
- 3 'I wonder how old Mike is?' 'Well, he went to school with my mother, so he.....be well over 50.'
- 4 If you smell gas, you.....phone the emergency number.
- 5 You.....try to visit Nepal - it's a beautiful country.
- 6 'I only live a couple of minutes from the town centre.' 'It.....be handy having shops nearby.'

Here are some things that people often say in Britain. (E)

- 1 Walking under a ladder is **supposed to** be unlucky.
- 2 It's **supposed to** be lucky if a black cat walks in front of you.
- 3 The call of the cuckoo (= a bird) is **supposed to** be the first sign of spring.
- 4 Drinking hot milk before you go to bed is **supposed to** help you sleep.



What other similar things do people often say in your country? Use **supposed to** in your answers.