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INTRODUCTION

To the Student

Everybody makes mistakes when they learn a language and everybody wants to correct them as much as possible. This is difficult if you do not understand why something is wrong. Is That What You Mean? will help you to understand why a mistake is wrong and help you to correct it.

This is the best way to use each unit of this book:

- 1. Look at the pictures and explanations and correct the mistakes.
- 2. Look at the answers in the back of the book to check that your answers are correct.
- 3. Do the first practice exercise A. Look again at the pictures and explanations if you are not sure if the practice sentences are right or wrong. Correct the sentences which are wrong.
- 4. Check your answers to exercise A in the back of the book.
- 5. Do the practice exercise B. Look at the pictures and explanations again if you are not sure what to write.
- 6. Check your answers.

To the Teacher

This book can be used in a General English class or an extra grammar class, with students who are at Intermediate level. Lower Intermediate students will be able to use the book but may need more help from you. It is very easy to use and will help all students to see why some of the common mistakes they make are wrong, and give them practice in error correction which is both effective and enjoyable. Each unit deals with a variety of errors, covering tenses, other grammatical points (e.g. articles), confused words and prepositions. There is an answer key at the back of the book.

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How to use each unit of the book in class:

- 1. Put the students in pairs or groups. Ask them to look at the pictures and explanations and correct the mistakes.
- 2. When they have finished, check the corrections as a class. Ask the students to explain again why the first sentence was wrong.
- 3. Ask them to do the first practice exercise A in pairs or groups. You could teach or check any vocabulary which your class might not know. You can go round and help any students who are having problems by referring them to the relevant picture and explanation.
- 4. Check the answers as a class and make sure that they understand why each sentence was right or wrong, and why the mistakes are funny.
- 5. Ask them to do the gap-fill exercise in pairs or groups. Again, you could teach or check vocabulary if necessary before they do the exercise, and help any students who are having problems. This exercise could also be done for homework, or in a later lesson for revision.
- 6. Check the answers in class.

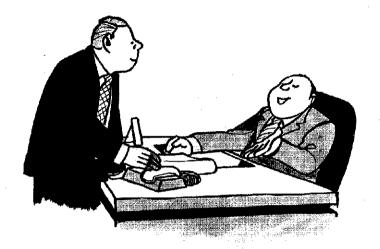
The pictures and explanations are useful to refer back to if students make any of these mistakes in later classes or in their homework.



'Try to phone Michael - he might be at home.'

If you use *try* with the infinitive, it means that the action is something difficult and you have to try very hard because you might not be able to do it:

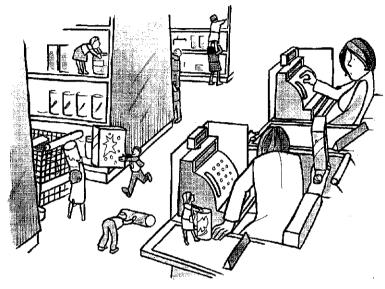
e.g. 'Try to walk' (your leg is injured); 'Try to sleep' (there's a lot of noise in the house).



'Try Michael – he might be at home.'

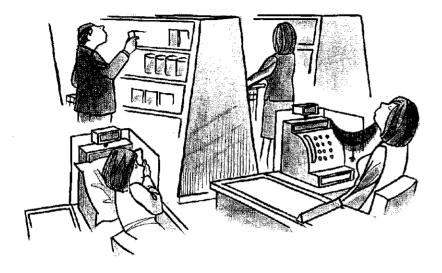
Here you need to use *try* with the verb in another form, so that it means *experiment*. It's not a difficult thing to do – you just do it and wait to see what the result is.

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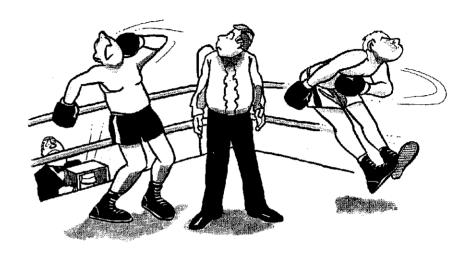
'There were very little people in the supermarket this morning.'

Little is the opposite of much, and is used with uncountable nouns e.g. 'I have very little time.' If you use little with a plural noun, it means small, e.g. 'There were some beautiful little houses near the beach.'



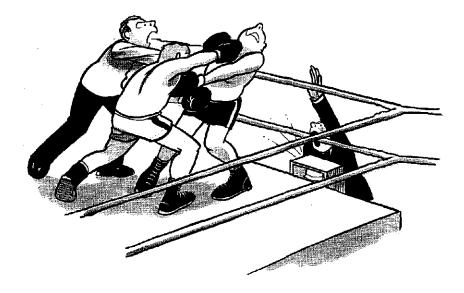
'There were very people in the supermarket this morning.'

People is a plural noun, e.g. 'The people are friendly here.'
With a plural noun you have to use a different word, which
means the opposite of 'many'.



'After the bell rang, the boxers continued hitting themselves.'

The reflexive pronoun themselves means that one person is doing something to himself or herself, and the other person is doing something to himself or herself. This is used for sentences such as 'The children washed themselves and got into bed.'



'After the bell rang, the boxers continued hitting'

If both people are doing something to the other person, you use two words.

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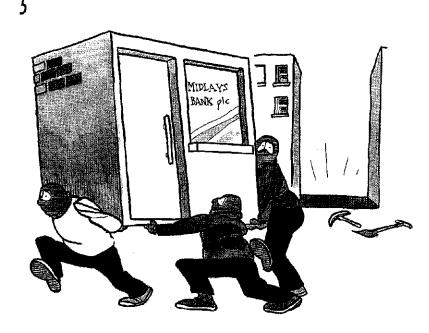
'Unfortunately the coffee machine is out of work.'

Only a person can be out of work, because it means without a job, or unemployed,
e.g. 'In Britain there were nearly 3 million people out of work in the 1980s.'



'Unfortunately the coffee machine is out of

For a machine which isn't working because it is broken, you need another word instead of work.



'Three men stole a bank in North London yesterday.'

You can only steal things that you can move, because if you steal something, you take it away from the place or person it belongs to,

e.g. 'She stole some money from the cash box.'



'Three men a bank in North London yesterday.'

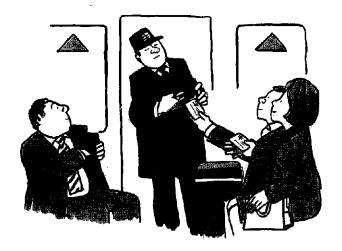
If you talk about the place that people steal things from, you use a different verb.

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'The ticket inspector came into the compartment and controlled our tickets.'

If you control something, it means that you have power over it and can make it do what you want, e.g. 'The government controls the country', 'The driver couldn't control his car and it went off the road.'



'The ticket inspector came into the compartment and our tickets.'

When you enter Britain you can see a sign saying Passport Control, but you can't say that the Passport officials control your passport. Here you need the verb that means to examine and look for any mistakes.



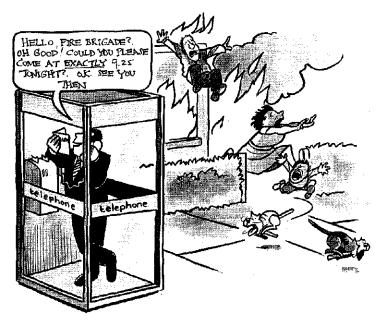
'My landlady is a very good cooker.'

A teacher teaches, and a writer writes, but a cooker is not the person who cooks. A cooker is a machine which cooks, just as a dishwasher is a machine which washes dishes.

'My landlady is a very good'

For the person who cooks, you just use the verb as a noun.

8



'They hoped the firemen would arrive on time.'

If you do something on time, you do it punctually, at exactly the time that was arranged before, e.g. 'Because so many people go on holiday, not many planes

e.g. 'Because so many people go on holiday, not many planes take off on time these days.'

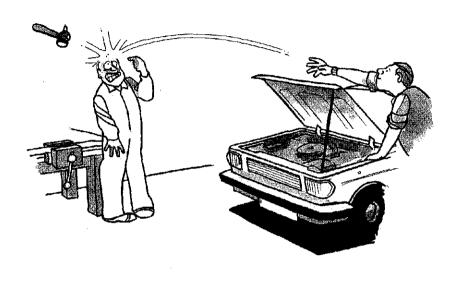


'They hoped the firemen would arrive time.'

Here you need a different preposition with time to mean early enough. In a difficult or dangerous situation like this, it means early enough to stop something bad happening.

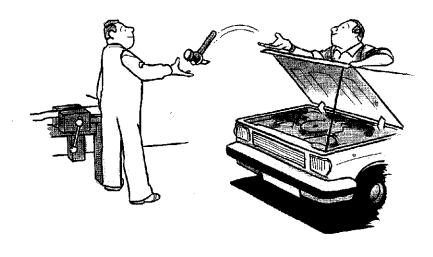
It can also mean before a time which was arranged previously.

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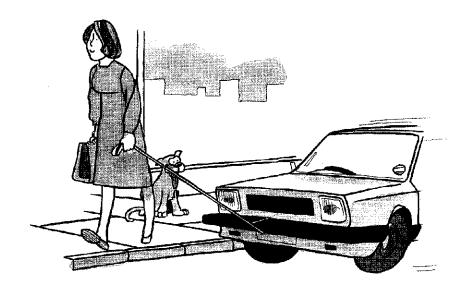
'Nick couldn't reach the hammer, so he asked Bob to throw it at him.'

As well as throw, there are some other verbs like shout and point, which have a different meaning with different prepositions. If you use them with at, it means you do the action in an angry and unfriendly way, e.g. 'I know I made a mistake, but you don't have to shout at me.'



'Nick couldn't reach the hammer, so he asked Bob to throw it him.'

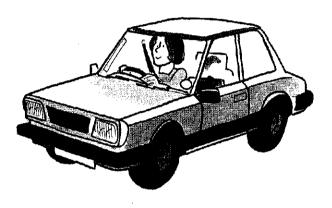
If someone does these actions in a friendly, helpful way, you use a different preposition.



'Philippa usually goes to work with her car.'

If you went somewhere with your car, it would be the same as going with another person, i.e. it would accompany you.

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'Philippa usually goes to work'

If you prefer to sit inside your car when you're travelling, use a different preposition. Also, you just use car, without her or my etc.

PRACTICE

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Decide whether the following sentences are right or wrong. If a sentence is wrong, correct it.

- 1. When Jakob realized he was locked out of the house, he tried to knock on the door.
- 2. If you have a headache, try taking an aspirin.
- 3. I lost my watch on the beach and three of my friends tried finding it for me.
- 4. Mick and Sarah often meet themselves in the town centre.
- 5. Paul and Colin are both good at tennis so they enjoy playing each other.
- 6. I'm afraid there is very little food in the house.
- 7. There was a lot of trouble at the football match because there were very little policemen there.
- 8. Now that we have a drinks machine the coffee lady will be out of work.
- 9. We had to carry our bags upstairs because the lift was out of work.
- 10. Our telephone is out of order, so you'll have to use the neighbour's.
- 11. Stuart told me that the Post Office in Chinnor was stolen last week.
- 12. The new bank in Geneva is impossible to rob.
- 13. Sometimes Miss Kavanagh's students were very difficult to control.
- 14. The man at the US embassy checked our passports and gave us a visa.
- 15. Every time I arrive in England the customs men control my luggage.
- 16. Julie doesn't like washing up she prefers to be the cooker.
- 17. After Joan has made a big meal John usually has to clean the cooker.
- 18. The trains in Greece never arrive in time.
- 19. The hotel bathroom flooded because Vicki didn't turn the taps off on time.
- 20. If the play starts on time we should be able to get out of the theatre in time to catch the last train home.
- 21. Harriet took a photograph of Robert throwing the doll at his little sister.
- 22. Karen was so angry with Keith that she threw her tennis racket to him.
- 23. Martin saw his brother on the other side of the street and shouted to him.
- 24. Sue's car is being repaired, so she's going to come with her bicycle.
- 25. The cinema is very near here, so you don't need to go by your car.

В

Complete the following text, using one of the words or phrases you have practised in this unit:

I had decided to go into town (1)car, hoping that it would
be easy to find a free parking place. The streets were full of cars, even
though there seemed to be (2) people in the town centre,
and so I had to go to a car park. I found the ticket machine, but it was out
(3)

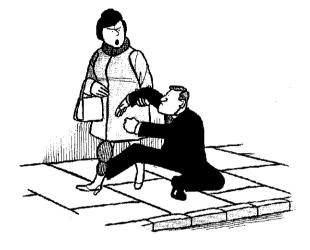
It was 2.00 p.m. by now, and I had arranged to meet my friend Alastair in an Indian restaurant at 1.45 p.m., so I hoped he hadn't arrived

(9) time. I tried (phone) (10) the restaurant to let him know that I would be late. One of the

(11) who worked in the restaurant kitchen answered the phone, but he said he couldn't see anyone in the restaurant who looked like Alastair.

When I got to the restaurant, Alastair wasn't there yet. I was standing next to two men, who were having an argument at the bar. One of them threw his drink (12) the other and I thought they were going to start hitting (13), but the manager came over (14) time to stop them.

As the manager was throwing them out, I saw Alastair standing in the doorway, looking for me. I shouted (15) him, and once the waiter had brought us our food and drinks, I finally began to relax.



'I wish you would be taller.'

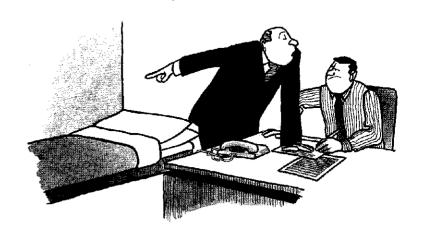
If you wish someone would/would not do or be something, it must be something that it is possible for them to change. It can make you angry that they don't change, e.g. 'I wish you would speak more slowly.'



1 wish you taller.'

If it is something that it is impossible to change, e.g. a person's face or height, you are making an impossible wish; therefore use a past tense (here the Simple Past).

2



'At work today, my boss told me that I must stop to sleep.'

If you stop to sleep it means that you stop what you are doing in order to sleep,

e.g. 'When I was walking home, I stopped to buy a newspaper' (I stopped walking to buy a newspaper).



'At work today, my boss told me that I must stop'

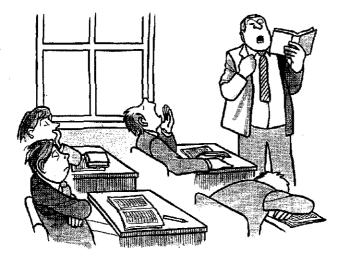
For the action that you stop, you need to use the verb in another form, and not the infinitive.

3



'I am very boring in this class.'

If someone or something is boring, it is causing the problem. You do not usually tell people that you are boring! You might say that a lesson is boring (or exciting).

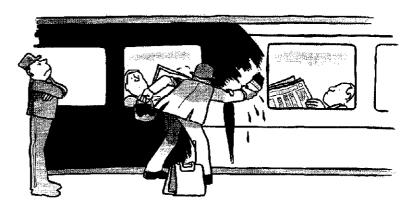


'I'm very in this class.'

Here you are describing how you feel when you think another thing is boring.

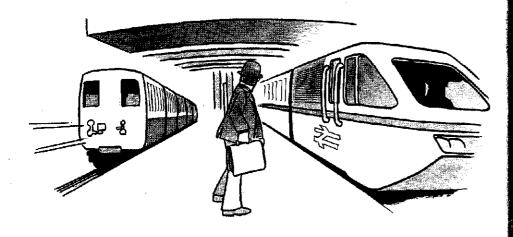
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'Jack had to change the train in Birmingham.'

The meaning of change in this sentence is to make it different, e.g. 'You've changed your hair' (it is a different style or colour).



'Jack had to change in Birmingham.'

If you get out of one train and get into another one, you have to talk about more than one train. Also, you don't use the.



'My mother spilt coffee on my dress so that I had to wear a different one.'

If you use so that without a comma before it, it tells you the reason why you do something, e.g. 'I closed the curtain so that I could sleep.' It means that you wanted the second thing to happen.



Here something happens as a result of an action, but nobody wanted it to happen. Use only one word, and put a comma before it.



'Your plants have grown up a lot since my last visit.'

People grow up, when they get older and stop behaving like children. When you grow up you start to do adult things.



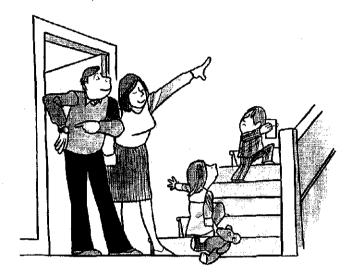
'Your plants have a lot since my last visit.'

Here you are talking about something getting bigger. You don't need a preposition for this.



'Parents should educate their children more strictly.'

In English, education is something that happens in schools. Teachers educate children by giving them lessons about different subjects.



'Parents should their children more strictly.'

Few parents educate their children themselves. Parents look after their children and show them how to behave. Use a phrasal verb here. *Their children* comes between the two parts of the verb.



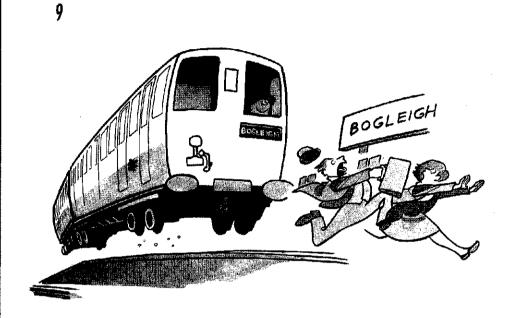
'It's nice to go on holiday and be completely careless.'

If you are careless it means that you do not pay attention to what you are doing, so you make mistakes or have accidents.



'It's nice to go on holiday and be completely'

If you want to say that you have no worries or responsibilities, you use the word *care* to make a different adjective.



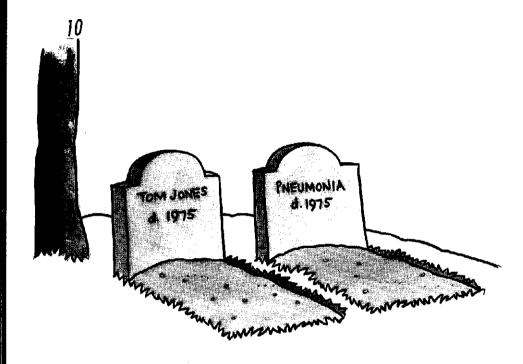
'After two hours, the train arrived on the platform.'

People stand on the platform while they are waiting for the train. If the train is on the platform you have a disaster.



'After two hours, the train arrived the platform.'

Use one of the other prepositions you can use with arrive (to is not one of them!).



'My uncle Tom died with pneumonia.'

It's possible to die with another person (or with your dog!).

It means that you both die at the same time.

'My uncle Tom died pneumonia.'

You die from things which come from outside, e.g. from an injury, but you use a different preposition for illnesses which start inside you.

PRACTICE

UNIT TWO



Decide whether the following sentences are right or wrong. If a sentence is wrong, correct it.

- 1. Dan wishes Joanna would spend less time in the bathroom.
- 2. Don't you wish I would have blue eyes?
- 3. Diana's friend wishes she played her music more quietly.
- 4. I wish I didn't have three brothers.
- 5. Fiona stopped to smoke three years ago.
- 6. I saw Amanda when I was walking in the park, but we didn't stop to talk.
- 7. I don't speak English very well. I stopped to learn it when I was fifteen.
- 8. Tim left before the film finished because he was boring.
- 9. I'm very exciting about my new job, because it's never boring.
- 10. Because Benedicte didn't like the view from the balcony, Steve asked if they could change the room.
- 11. It's cheaper to fly from Paris, but you have to change planes three times.
- 12. The sun shone for five days so that Katie got very brown.
- 13. The car ran out of petrol so that we had to walk to the hotel.
- 14. The hotel was expensive, so Inge decided to find another one.
- 15. My dog has grown up so much he can jump into the next garden now.
- 16. Clare, you're behaving like a baby why don't you grow up?
- 17. The tree you bought is growing very quickly it will probably have apples on it next year.
- 18. Christine's children are very well-educated. They never take things without asking.
- 19. It's not easy for both parents to work and bring children up.
- 20. My parents educated me very well and I went to a very good school.
- 21. Miles would like to be young and careless again.
- 22. You speak English very well, but you are too careless with your written work.
- 23. There were hundreds of people waiting at the platform when the train arrived.
- 24. The Prime Minister suddenly died with a heart attack.
- 25. Five people died from their injuries when a bus crashed yesterday.

В

Complete the following text, using one of the words or phrases you have practised in this unit:

Richard Rogers wanted to catch the 8.30 train to Reading. Unfortunately his alarm clock didn't work, (1) he had to catch the 9.15 train. Now he was standing (2) the platform at Reading station, where he had to change (3) The train was already twenty minutes late. 'I wish the train (come) (4),' he said to himself. At last the train stopped (5) the platform and he found a seat. Unfortunately he was sitting next to some very badly behaved children, who were making a lot of noise. Their parents kept telling them to be quiet, but they wouldn't stop (shout) (6) and (hit) (7) each other. 'When I have children I'll (8) them quite strictly,' Richard thought. His father had died (9) a heart attack when Richard was six, but his mother had been very firm with him as a child, and he had (10) to become a man who liked discipline and hard work. 'I wish Gatwick Airport (11) closer to London,' he thought, as the train stopped (let) (12) more people on at another station. At last he arrived at Gatwick, and was soon waiting to get on the plane to Italy. He bought a book from the bookshop (13) he would have something to read if the plane was late taking off. When he was younger he used to find flying exciting, but because he often flew on business now, he usually felt very

(14) on aeroplanes. But he was already looking forward

to forgetting all about work, eating good Italian food, lying on the beach,

and feeling completely (15)



'I have been smoking thirty cigarettes today.'

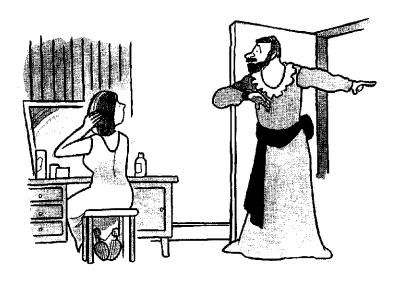
If you use the Present Perfect Continuous, it means that the same action (smoking thirty cigarettes at the same time) has continued over a period of time. You can say 'I've been smoking today' or 'I've been teaching twenty students all day'.



'I've thirty cigarettes today.'

Here, what is important is not the period of time an action has continued for, but how many cigarettes were smoked as a result. To talk about the result, you don't use the continuous form.

2



'After putting on my new dress, my husband told me that the taxi had arrived.'

You can join two actions using after + ...ing, but only if the same person does both the actions, e.g. 'After having a shower, my husband went out.' This means 'My husband had a shower. Then he went out.'



'After my
new dress, my husband told me that the
taxi had arrived.'

If the two actions are by different people, you have to say who both the subjects are, and you can't use the ... ing form of the verb.



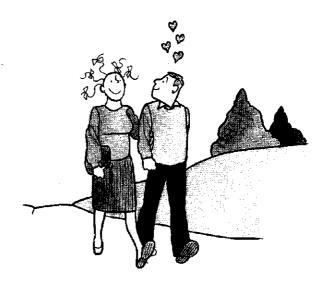
'We drove back to the car hire company and paid the car.'

To pay someone means to give money to. At the car hire company you pay the man or woman in the office. In a shop you pay the assistant.



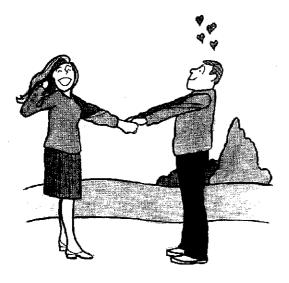
'We drove back to the car hire company and the car.'

In this sentence you need a preposition. It is not important who you give the money to.



'My girlfriend has beautiful hairs.'

You talk about a hair and the plural hairs when you can count them,
e.g. 'There was a hair in my soup', or worse, 'There were some hairs in my soup.'



'My girlfriend has beautiful

It's usually difficult to count how many hairs there are on your head, so we use the uncountable form.



'The teacher gave us a paper to write our compositions on.'

If you use a with paper, it's usually a shorter way of saying a newspaper,
e.g. 'She went to the shop and bought a bottle of milk and a paper.'



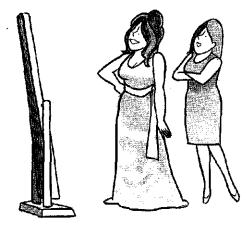
'The teacher gave us to write our compositions on.'

If you want to use paper as a countable noun, you have to use a piece. If you want to use it as an uncountable noun, you don't use the article.



'That dress matches you perfectly.'

If one thing matches another thing, it looks good next to it, usually because it is a similar colour or design. You can say that a dress matches your coat or your shoes.



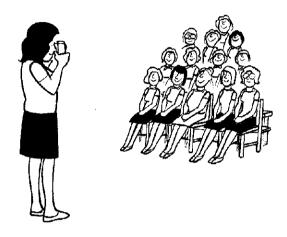
'That dress you perfectly.'

If you look good in something you're wearing because it is the right style for you, you use a different verb.



'During the last lesson, Annie decided to make a picture of the class.'

If you make something, it usually means that you build it out of something, e.g. 'He made a model of the Sahara desert using sand.'



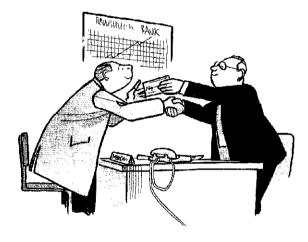
'During the last lesson, Annie decided to a picture of the class.'

You always use another verb for what you do with a camera.



'The bank manager said he would be happy to borrow the money.'

If you borrow something, you receive it. A useful reminder is that if you Borrow something, you can Bring it home with you.



'The bank manager said he would be happy to the money.'

The opposite of *borrow* means that you give something, so it Leaves you.



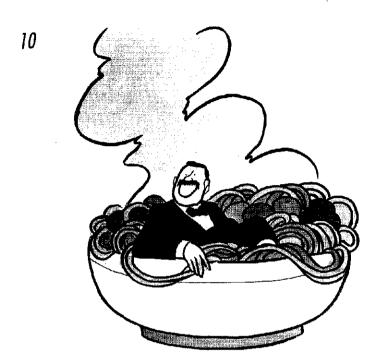
'My sister got married with a Chinese man.'

If you got married with someone, it would mean that this person married another person at the same time as you, e.g. 'Helen got married with her sister.' This is possible, but usually people get married alone.



'My sister got married a
Chinese man.'

If a woman is talking about her husband, or a man about his wife, you use married with a different preposition. (You also use the same preposition with engaged and related.)



'Renato is very good in Italian cooking.'

If you use in with good, it tells you where a person is good (or bad, clever, etc.), e.g. If you say 'Naomi is good in Music', it means she's good in the music class at school.

RENAVOE 3

'Renato is very good

Italian cooking.'

If you want to talk about an activity or subject, e.g. cooking, swimming, art, tennis, you need a different preposition.

UNIT THREE



Decide whether the following sentences are right or wrong. If a sentence is wrong, correct it.

- 1. Madge has been cleaning thirty windows today.
- 2. The police have been watching those three men for two hours.
- 3. Tony has been playing the cello for four hours.
- 4. Diana has played three piano sonatas by Beethoven this evening.
- 5. After spending three hours working in the garden, Olwyn went shopping.
- 6. After cooking a meal with fish in it, my cat Jemima likes licking the plates.
- 7. After reading a lot of English books, my English became much better.
- 8. Before we left, Penny went to pay the hotel room.
- 9. When he comes, can you pay the waiter?
- 10. Your grandfather's very old, but he has a beautiful hair.
- 11. Wanda changes the colour of her hairs every month.
- 12. Can you give me a paper to write Maggie's telephone number on?
- 13. I don't read much in the week, but I often buy a paper on Sunday.
- 14. That red skirt really suits your shoes Pat.
- 15. The new carpet in the living room doesn't match the walls.
- 16. It's so easy to make pictures with some of the new Japanese cameras.
- 17. Would you like Mark to take a picture of you?
- 18. Jack's just going down to the library to lend some books.
- 19. Do you think you could borrow me your bicycle for the afternoon?
- 20. I can't play you my favourite cassette because Ege has borrowed it.
- 21. Honor got married with two of her friends.
- 22. Maria was engaged with Jimmy for six months before they got married.
- 23. I didn't know that Paul was married with Holly. I thought they were just good friends.
- 24. Saraita's class are very good in prepositions.
- 25. Anthony is very clever at inventing new games.

Complete the following text, using one of the words or phrases you have practised in this unit:

'You're not very good (13) remembering things, are you? Did you phone the restaurant to make sure they've got an extra table?'
'No. I didn't forget, but I wrote the phone number on (14)
paper and I've lost it.'



'I usually read a magazine while I cut my hair.'

If you cut your hair it means that you do it yourself. Only a few people cut their own hair, but not while reading a magazine!



For jobs that you get other people to do for you, you use the verb have and the Past Participle of the verb. The object (in this case 'my hair') comes between have and the past participle.

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'We played tennis when it started raining.'

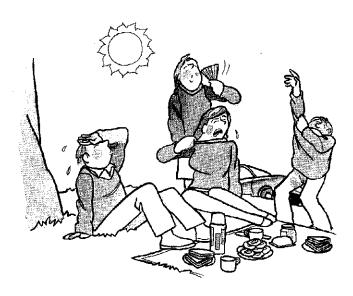
If you use two verbs in the Simple Past with when, the verb after when happened first.

It does not matter where when comes in the sentence,
e.g. 'When Jane arrived at the party, everybody gave her a present.'



'We tennis when it started raining.'

Here you need a continuous tense for the action that started first.



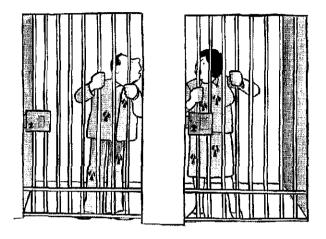
'In case the weather gets cold, we'll put our jumpers on.'

If you use in case, the verb which comes next is something which might happen later. The other verb is something you should do now or before what might happen, as a preparation or precaution, e.g. 'You should take some jumpers to England in case the weather is cold.'

'..... the weather gets cold, we'll put our jumpers on.'

When you are talking about two actions which both might happen later, one after the other, you use the normal word for conditionals.

4



'After her son was convicted of robbery, Mrs Thomas went to prison to visit him.'

If you go to prison, it means that you're a criminal, and you have to spend time as a prisoner. If you go to hospital, you are ill. If you go to university, you are a student.



'After her son was convicted of robbery,
Mrs Thomas went
to visit him.'

If you are visiting or working in one of these places, but not receiving the service they give, you need to use an article before them.

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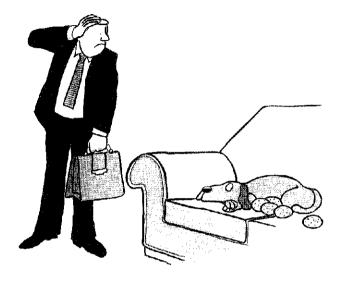
'When few friends arrived at Pat's house, she decided to have a party.'

Few means not enough or not many, so it's often a problem, e.g. 'Dentists complain that few children clean their teeth regularly.' If you have few problems, that's not many problems, so it's a good thing.



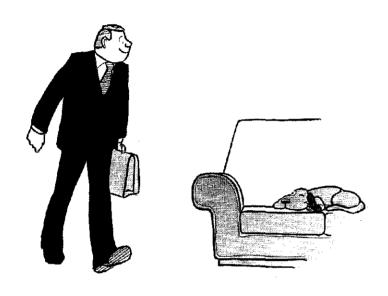
'When friends arrived at Pat's house, she decided to have a party.'

You use the word few to mean some or quite a lot by using an article with it.



'When Richard got home, the dog was laying on the sofa.'

To lay (laid/has laid) is always used with an object after it,
e.g. 'Can you lay the flowers carefully on the table.' When you are talking about birds like chickens, you can use it without an object, because everybody understands that they are laying eggs!



'When Richard got home, the dog was on the sofa.'

Here you need the other verb, which can never have an object.



'Paddy always says the truth.'

The truth are not the words used here. Paddy is talking about something that is true, so you use a special expression.



'Paddy always'

Because the truth are not the words used, but are part of a special expression, you use another verb meaning 'to give information by speaking or writing'.

8



'At last, I will end my speech by thanking you for your help.'

If something happens at last, it always means you've been waiting for it for a long time, longer than you wanted to!

For example, 'We waited for forty minutes. At last, the bus came.'



'....., I will end my speech by thanking you for your help.'

If you want to introduce an idea as the last in a list of ideas, you use another word. This doesn't always mean that you've been waiting for too long.



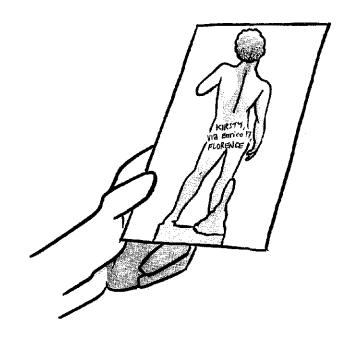
'When James goes on holiday, he asks me to look for his houseplants.'

If you look for something, it is lost and you try to find it.



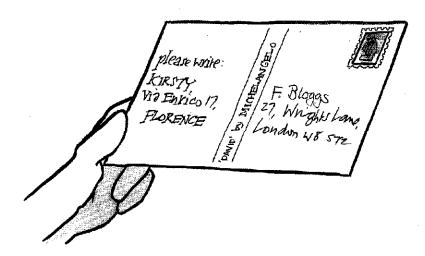
'When James goes on holiday, he asks me to his houseplants.'

Here the meaning is to keep in good condition or to care for, but you use look with a different preposition.



'Kirsty sent me a postcard of Michelangelo's David, with her address written on the backside.'

Backside is a very informal word for your bottom. When English people complain about someone being lazy, they sometimes say, 'He spends all day sitting on his backside!'



'Kirsty sent me a postcard of Michelangelo's David, with her address written on the

For the other side of a card, photograph, etc., you use a word which also describes another part of your body.

PRACTICE

UNIT FOUR



Say whether the following sentences are right or wrong. If a sentence is wrong, correct it.

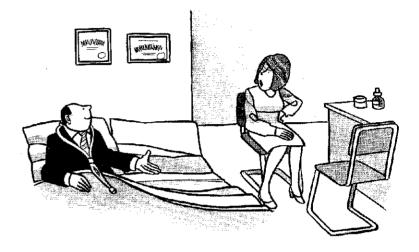
- 1. Satoko is going to the hairdresser's this afternoon to cut her hair.
- 2. If Gary cuts your hair, he always gives you a drink.
- 3. I talked and laughed with the passenger sitting next to me when the train crashed.
- 4. Tony was reading a newspaper when his boss telephoned him.
- 5. Takuro wrote a letter when all the lights suddenly went out.
- 6. In case my little brother throws his toys at you, shout at him.
- 7. Put a swimming costume in your suitcase in case we go to the sea.
- 8. In case my watch breaks, I'll take it to be repaired.
- 9. Because Uzi is having problems in class, his parents are going to school next week to talk to the teachers.
- 10. When you've left school, would you like to go to the university?
- 11. Tracy's car broke down, so she caught a bus that was going to the prison.
- 12. It's no problem if you're hungry. Chloe's got a few sandwiches.
- 13. Richard brought his guitar on the picnic, so we sang few songs and had a really good time.
- 14. Katherine's very happy with the car she's had a few problems with it.
- 15. If you lay the towels out on the grass, they'll dry very quickly.
- 16. In summer, the park is full of people laying on the grass.
- 17. If Laila keeps saying lies, no one will ever believe her.
- 18. Yoshi always tries to tell the truth, even if it's difficult.
- 19. At last, the rain stopped, and we were able to continue with our walk.
- 20. Finally, before I end, I'd like to thank Vicki for all the good things she did for me.
- 21. At last, the important thing I haven't said about prison is that it never succeeds in stopping crime.
- 22. They still haven't found the gorilla that escaped from London Zoo.

 The police are looking after it.
- 23. Could you live in my house and look after the cat while I'm away?
- 24. I like this photograph of you. Can you sign your name on the backside?
- 25. I can't remember where I bought that postcard. Is there any writing on the back?

В

Complete the following text, using one of the words or phrases you have practised in this unit:

Phillip Marlowe (sleep) (1) when the telephone (ring)
(2) 'Hello, is that Phillip Marlowe, private detective?', a
voice asked.
'I wish it wasn't,' he replied. 'But to (3) the truth, it is.'
There were (4) times when he didn't want offers of work,
but this was one of them.
'I wonder if you can help me. Are you busy at the moment?'
'I'm (5) in bed at the moment,' Marlowe said. 'In two
hours I'm going to the hairdresser's to (6) but for the rest
of the year I'm not busy.'
'Good. Let me introduce myself. I'm Dirk Phillips, and I'm afraid I've
got (7) problems.'
'What are your problems – apart from having a name like Dirk?'
'Well, a friend of mine who sells unusual pets is away on holiday, and she
asked me to look (8) her collection of snakes.
Unfortunately one of them has escaped. I think I should find it as soon as
possible (9) it bites someone.'
'And why are you asking me to help you?' Marlowe asked.
'Because I've tried everyone else. I (call) (10) the police
when I noticed it was missing, but they wouldn't be able to find an
elephant. I've tried the zoo. I even went (11) university to
ask someone in the Zoology department to help, but no luck.
(12) I decided to try you.'
'Well, I never went (13) university – I left school when I
was five. But you want me to look (14) your snake. How do
you expect me to find it?'
'I don't know. You're the detective. I'll send you a photograph of the
snake and I'll write my address and phone number on the
(15) Give me a call when you find it. Goodbye.'



'After the doctor examined Miss Lavender, he suggested going to bed.'



'After the doctor examined Miss Lavender, he suggested to bed.'

If you suggest an idea for other people, but not including yourself, you use you/he/they etc., and you don't use the ... ing form of the verb. Here you can use the Present Simple, but you mustn't put an s on the end of the verb with he/she/it.





'That's Julio. He's coming from Colombia.'

If you use *come* in the continuous form *coming*, it means the action of moving from another place to here.



'That's Julio. He from Colombia.'

You must use the simple tense to mean that someone was born in a place.



'Twelve policemen are searching the young boy who went missing yesterday.'

If someone searches you, or your room, they examine every part because they think you are hiding something, e.g. 'The customs officer thought I was carrying drugs so he searched me very carefully.'



'Twelve policemen are
the young boy who went missing yesterday.'

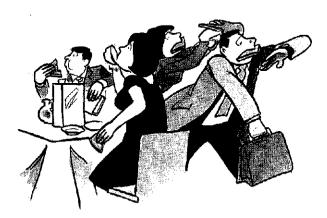
If you use search in the same way as look, meaning to try to find, you need to use the same preposition too.



'We usually have a toast at breakfast time.'

A toast is what you have in a formal situation when everyone lifts their glasses to wish someone success or good health.

You can have, drink or propose a toast to someone.



'We usually have at breakfast time.'

What English people eat at breakfast time is uncountable, so you don't use an article with it. If you want to make it countable you have to use the word piece.



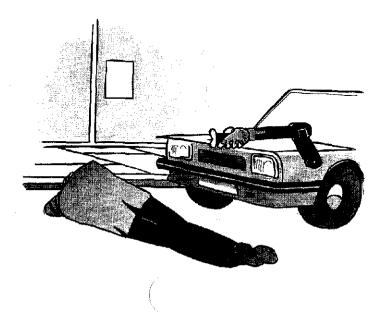
'All our six children are in the bed at the moment.'

If you say the bed, it means that there is only one, e.g. 'We all slept on the floor, and Stan slept in the bed.'



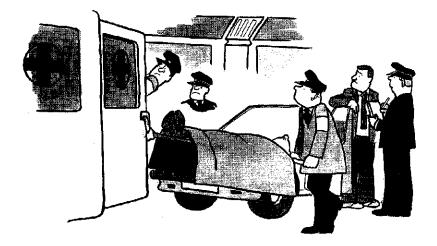
Because this is an expression meaning that you are asleep or haven't got up, you don't use the article.

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'A man was badly wounded when a car hit him in the High Street today.'

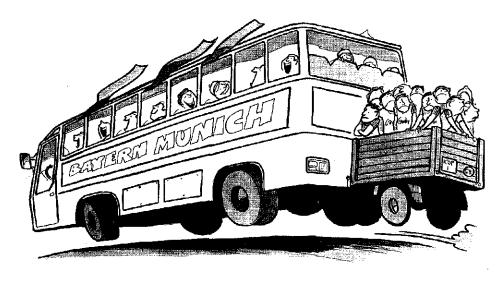
You can be wounded in a fight, or in a war, when someone attacks you with a knife, a gun, or some other weapon. It means that it breaks through your skin and makes you bleed.



'A man was badly when a car hit him in the High Street today.'

The word you need here can be used for fighting, but can also be used to describe the damage to your body in an accident.





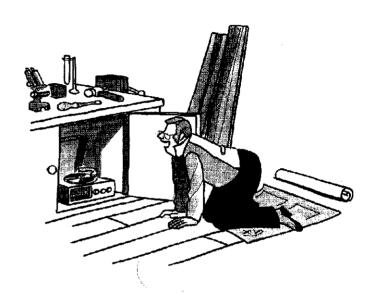
'Bayern Munich won Liverpool in last night's football match.'

If you win something in a competition, it means that it's given to you to take away as a prize, e.g. 'Bayern Munich won the European Cup last night', 'Pam won a trip to America in the quiz show.'



'Bayern Munich Liverpool in last night's football match.'

You can win the competition, but you need another verb for what you do to the other people in the competition.



'Edison discovered the record player in 1876.'

To discover means to find, so you can only discover something if it's already there, e.g. 'Radium was discovered by Madame Curie', 'Did Christopher Colombus discover America?'



'Edison the record player in 1876.'

Here someone was the first person to think of something new and make it.

9



'The policeman was killed by a knife.'

If you use by with a passive tense (was killed), it is followed by the subject of the verb, e.g. 'The policeman was killed by a criminal'. You can be killed 'by a falling tree', because it's the tree that kills you, not someone else using the tree in their hands.



'The policeman was killed a knife.'

A knife isn't the subject of the verb to kill, it's just the thing which someone used. For the thing which was used you need a different preposition.

10



'I nearly forgot to bring the flowers, but when I saw Belinda she reminded me of them.'

If you remind someone of something or someone, it usually means that you have a similar character or appearance, which makes them think of this thing,

e.g. 'That man with the moustache really reminds me of my father.' You can also say something which accidentally reminds someone of something.



'I nearly forgot to bring the flowers, but when I saw Belinda she reminded me.....them.'

If you remind someone by telling them not to forget something or asking them about it, it's better to use another preposition.

PRACTICE

UNIT FIVE



Decide whether the following sentences are right or wrong. If a sentence is wrong, correct it.

- 1. 'I suggest going by train,' the travel agent said to Sarah.
- 2. It was so hot that our teacher suggested having a lesson in the garden.
- 3. 'I suggest getting off at the next stop and walking to the station,' the bus driver said.
- 4. Can I introduce you to my friend Huang-Mei. She's coming from Taiwan.
- 5. That was Chris telephoning from the railway station. She's coming up from London to visit us.
- 6. When Janis speaks, you can hear that she comes from London.
- 7. When Ron drove into Germany, the customs men searched for his car.
- 8. Fran couldn't remember where she'd parked her car and spent two hours searching it.
- 9. When Andrea went to Florence, she spent all day searching for a room.
- 10. Pam, would you like to have a toast with your coffee?
- 11. I'd like to propose a toast to John for all the help he's given me.
- 12. When Norbert was in hospital he had to stay in the bed all day.
- 13. It was a single room, so I slept on the floor and she slept in the bed.
- 14. No one died in the plane crash, but many people were wounded.
- 15. The police caught the robbers, but two policemen were wounded in the fighting.
- 16. The petrol tanker exploded in the street and thirty-five people were injured.
- 17. I like playing tennis with Shige, but he often wins me.
- 18. Keith won a lot of money at the horse races last Saturday.
- 19. Richard has trained so hard for the race that no one can beat him.
- 20. It would be really exciting to discover a new planet.
- 21. I hope you enjoyed the soup. Juliet invented the recipe herself!
- 22. Anja was hit with a horse that was running away.
- 23. This lock can only be opened by a very large key.
- 24. If you see me tomorrow morning, could you remind me of the phone bill?
- 25. When I hear this music it reminds me of being in Greece.

Chris was telling me about his planned trip to Australia in December and I

Complete the following text, with one of the words or phrases you have practised in this unit:

told him that I didn't know what to do at Christmas. 'I suggest
(1)skiing,' he said, and I laughed. I explained that
whenever I heard anything about skiing it reminded me
(2) a very strange man called Urs, who I met when I was
working in Switzerland. He lived in Switzerland and worked for a company
that made skis, but he actually (3) from Germany. He was
crazy about skiing, and every year he entered the men's skiing competition,
but he'd never managed to (4) it. I saw him working in the
factory one day and he told me that he'd (5) a new type of
ski that could go faster than any other. He was going to try using his new
skis in the competition that year and was sure that he could
(6) the other skiers easily.
Just before the race began, I tried to remind him (7) the
change they'd made in the race course, but he wasn't listening to me. In fac
he went the wrong way and he was going so fast that he disappeared off the
side of the mountain! He landed in the forest below and was hit on the head
(8) one of his skis that came down after him. We spent a
couple of hours (9) the forest, and there were even
mountain dogs (10) him in the snow. Eventually we found
him, unconscious.
Luckily he wasn't badly (11) and we took him home.
The doctor examined him and said that he should spend a few days
(12) bed. I went to visit him and took him a bottle of his
favourite whisky. He suggested (have) (13) a drink
immediately, and soon our glasses were filled (14) whisky
'Let's drink (15),' he said, raising his glass. 'To next
year's competition, and an even better type of ski – with brakes!'

ANSWERS

The number in brackets at the end of the practice sentences refers to the page where you will find the grammar explanation.

Unit one

- 1. Try phoning Michael he might be at home.
- 2. There were very few people in the supermarket this morning.
- 3. After the bell rang, the boxers continued hitting each other.
- 4. Unfortunately the coffee machine is out of order/out of use.
- 5. Three men robbed a bank in North London yesterday.
- The ticket inspector came into the compartment and checked/examined our tickets.
- 7. My landlady is a very good cook.
- 8. They hoped the firemen would arrive in time.
- 9. Nick couldn't reach the hammer, so he asked Bob to throw it to him.
- 10. Philippa usually goes to work by car. (You can also say 'in her car', but you usually say this when you want to make it clear that it's not another person's car she goes in.)

Practice - 1A

- 1. WRONG It's not a difficult thing to do, so he tried knocking on the door. (p. 2)
- 2. RIGHT. (p. 2)
- 3. WRONG It's not easy, so they tried to find it. (p. 1)
- 4. WRONG They meet each other. (p. 6)
- 5. RIGHT. (p. 6)
- 6. RIGHT. (p. 3)
- 7. WRONG There were very few policemen there. (p. 4)
- 8. RIGHT. (p. 7)
- 9. WRONG The lift was out of order. (p. 8)
- 10. RIGHT. (p. 8)
- 11. WRONG The Post Office was robbed. (p. 10)
- 12. RIGHT. (p. 10)
- 13. RIGHT. (p. 11)
- 14. RIGHT. (p. 12)
- 15. WRONG The customs men check your luggage. (p. 12)

- 16. WRONG She prefers to be the cook. (p. 14)
- 17. RIGHT. (p. 13)
- 18. WRONG The trains never arrive on time (at the scheduled time). (p. 16)
- 19. WRONG Vicki didn't turn the taps off in time (to prevent the flood). (p. 16)
- 20. RIGHT. (p. 15)
- 21. WRONG If Harriet wanted to take a photograph, Robert must have been throwing the doll to his little sister. (p. 17)
- 22. WRONG Karen threw her tennis racket at Keith (because she was angry). (p. 18)
- 23. RIGHT (You shout to someone to get their attention). (p. 18)
- 24. WRONG Sue's going to come by bicycle. (p. 19)
- 25. WRONG You don't need to go by car. (p. 20)

Practice - 1B

- I_{*} by (p. 20)
- 2. few (p. 4)
- 3. of order/of use (p. 8)
- 4. check (p. 12)
- 5. rob (p. 10)
- 6. to find (p. 1)
- 7. little (p. 3)
- 8. steal (p. 9)
- 9. on (p. 15)
- 10. phoning (p. 2)
- 11. cooks (p. 14)
- 12. at (p. 17)
- 13. each other (p. 6)
- 14. in (p. 16)
- 15. to (p. 18)

Unit Two

- 1. I wish you were taller.
- 2. At work today, my boss told me that I must stop sleeping.

- 3. I'm very bored in this class.
- 4. Jack had to change trains in Birmingham.
- 5. My mother spilt coffee on my dress, so I had to wear a different one.
- 6. Your plants have grown a lot since my last visit.
- 7. Parents should bring their children up more strictly.
- 8. It's nice to go on holiday and be completely carefree.
- 9. After two hours, the train arrived at the platform.
- 10. My uncle Tom died of pneumonia.

Practice - 2A

- I. RIGHT. (p. 23)
- 2. WRONG Don't you wish I had blue eyes? (p. 24)
- 3. WRONG Diana's friend wishes she would play her music more quietly. (p. 23)
- 4. RIGHT. (p. 24)
- 5. WRONG Fiona stopped smoking three years ago. (p. 25)
- 6. RIGHT. (p. 25)
- 7. WRONG I stopped learning it when I was fifteen. (p. 26)
- 8. WRONG Tim left before the film finished because he was bored. (p. 28)
- 9. WRONG I'm very excited about my new job, because it's never boring. (p. 28)
- 10. WRONG Because Benedicte did not like the view from the balcony Steve asked if they could change rooms. (p. 30)
- 11. RIGHT. (p. 30)
- 12. WRONG The sun shone for five days, so Katie got very brown.
 (p. 32)
- 13. WRONG The car ran out of petrol, so we had to walk to the hotel. (p. 32)
- 14. RIGHT. (p. 32)
- 15. WRONG My dog has grown so much he can jump into the next garden. (p. 34)
- 16. RIGHT. (p. 33)
- 17. RIGHT. (p. 34)
- 18. WRONG Christine's children are very well brought-up. They never take things without asking. (p. 36)

- 19. RIGHT. (p. 36)
- 20. WRONG My parents brought me up very well and I went to a very good school. (p. 36)
- 21. WRONG Miles would like to be young and carefree again. (p. 38)
- **22.** RIGHT. (p. 37)
- 23. WRONG There were hundreds of people waiting on the platform when the train arrived. (p. 39)
- 24. WRONG The Prime Minister died of a heart attack. (p. 42)
- 25. RIGHT. (p. 42)

Practice - 2B

- 1. so (p. 32)
- 2. on (p. 39)
- 3. trains (p. 30)
- 4. would come (p. 23)
- 5. at (p. 40)
- 6. shouting (p. 26)
- 7. hitting (p. 26)
- 8. bring them up (p. 36)
- 9. of (p. 42)
- 10. grown up (p. 33)
- 11. was/were (p. 24)
- 12. to let (p. 25)
- 13. so that (p. 31)
- 14. bored (p. 28)
- 15. carefree (p. 38)

Unit Three

- 1. I have smoked thirty cigarettes today.
- After I put/I'd put on my new dress, my husband told me that the taxi had arrived.
 (It's not necessary to use the Past Perfect (I'd put) with 'after',
 - because this word makes it clear that one past action happened before the next one.)
- 3. We drove back to the car hire company and paid for the car.

- 4. My girlfriend has beautiful hair.
- 5. The teacher gave us a piece of paper/paper/some paper to write our compositions on.
- 6. That dress suits you perfectly.
- 7. During the last lesson, Annie decided to take a picture of the class.
- 8. The bank manager said he would be happy to lend the money.
- 9. My sister got married to a Chinese man.
- 10. Renato is very good at Italian cooking.

Practice - 3A

- 1. WRONG Madge has cleaned thirty windows today. (p. 45)
- 2. RIGHT. (p. 45)
- 3. RIGHT. (p. 45)
- 4. RIGHT. (p. 46)
- 5. RIGHT. (p. 47)
- 6. WRONG After <u>I cook</u> a meal with fish in it, my cat Jemima likes licking the plates. (p. 47)
- 7. WRONG After I read/I had read a lot of English books, my English became much better. (p. 47)
- 8. WRONG Before we left, Penny went to pay for the hotel room.
 (p. 49)
- 9. RIGHT. (p. 49)
- 10. WRONG Your grandfather's very old, but he has beautiful <u>hair</u>. (p. 52)
- 11. WRONG Wanda changes the colour of her hair every month.
 (p. 52)
- 12. WRONG Can you give me a piece of paper/some paper to write Maggie's telephone number on? (p. 54)
- 13. RIGHT. (p. 53)
- 14. WRONG That red skirt really matches your shoes Pat. (p. 55)
- 15. RIGHT. (p. 55)
- 16. WRONG It is so easy to <u>take</u> pictures with some of the new Japanese cameras. (p. 58)
- 17. RIGHT. (p. 58)

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18. WRONG - Jack is just going down to the library to borrow some books. (p. 59)

- 19. WRONG Do you think you could <u>lend</u> me your bicycle for the afternoon? (p. 60)
- 20. RIGHT. (p. 59)
- 21. RIGHT. (p. 61)
- 22. WRONG Maria was engaged to Jimmy for six months before they got married. (p. 62)
- 23. WRONG-I didn't know that Paul was married to Holly. I thought they were just good friends. (p. 62)
- 24. WRONG Saraita's class are very good at prepositions. (p. 64)
- 25. RIGHT. (p. 64)

Practice - 3B

- 1. made (p. 46)
- 2. to (p. 62)
- 3. been worrying (p. 45)
- 4. hair (p. 52)
- 5. going/having been (p. 47)
- 6. borrow (p. 59)
- 7. matched (p. 55)
- 8. suited (p. 56)
- 9. she put on/she'd put on (p. 48)
- 10. pay for (p. 50)
- 11. lend (p. 60)
- 12. pay (p. 49)
- 13. at (p. 64)
- 14. a piece of (p. 54)
- 15. take (p. 58)

Unit Four

- 1. I usually read a magazine while I have my hair cut.
- 2. We were playing tennis when it started raining.
- 3. If the weather gets cold, we'll put our jumpers on.
- 4. After her son was convicted of robbery, Mrs Thomas went to the prison to visit him.
- 5. When a few friends arrived at Pat's house, she decided to have a party.

- 6. When Richard got home, the dog was lying on the sofa.

 (The verb is to lie/lay/has lain. To lie can also be a regular verb lied/has lied, meaning 'to not tell the truth'.)
- 7. Paddy always tells the truth.
- 8. Finally, I will end my speech by thanking you for your help.
- 9. When James goes on holiday, he asks me to look after his houseplants.
- 10. Kirsty sent me a postcard of Michelangelo's David, with her address written on the back.

Practice - 4A

- 1. WRONG Satoko is going to the hairdresser's this afternoon to have her hair cut. (p. 68)
- 2. RIGHT. (p. 67)
- 3. WRONG I was talking and laughing with the passenger next to me when the train crashed. (p. 70)
- 4. RIGHT. (p. 70)
- 5. WRONG Takuro was writing a letter when all the lights suddenly went out. (p. 70)
- 6. WRONG If my little brother throws his toys at you, shout at him. (p. 72)
- 7. RIGHT. (p. 71)
- 8. WRONG-If my watch breaks, I'll take it to be repaired. (p. 72)
- 9. WRONG Because Uzi is having problems in class his parents are going to the school next week to talk to the teachers. (p. 74)
- 10. WRONG When you've left school, would you like to go to university? (p. 73)
- 11. RIGHT. (p. 74)
- 12. RIGHT. (p. 76)
- 13. WRONG Richard brought his guitar on the picnic, so we sang a few songs and had a really good time. (p. 76)
- 14. WRONG Katherine's very happy with the car she's had <u>few</u> problems with it. (p. 75)
- 15. RIGHT. (p. 77)
- 16. WRONG In summer, the park is full of people lying on the grass.
 (p. 78)

- 17. WRONG If Laila keeps telling lies, no one will ever believe her.
 (p. 80)
- 18. RIGHT. (p. 80)
- 19. RIGHT. (p. 81)
- **20.** RIGHT. (p. 82)
- 21. WRONG Finally, the important thing I haven't said about prison is that it never succeeds in stopping crime. (p. 82)
- 22. WRONG They still haven't found the gorilla that escaped from London Zoo. The police are looking for it. (p. 83)
- 23. RIGHT. (p. 84)
- 24. WRONG I like this photograph of you. Can you sign your name on the back? (p. 86)
- 25. RIGHT. (p. 86)

Practice - 4B

- I. was sleeping (p. 70)
- 2. rang (p. 70)
- 3. tell (p. 80)
- 4. few (p. 75)
- 5. lying (p. 78)
- 6. have my hair cut (p. 68)
- 7. a few (p. 76)
- 8. after (p. 84)
- 9. in case (p. 71)
- 10. called (p. 69)
- 11. to the (p. 74)
- 12. Finally (p. 82)
- 13. to (p. 73)
- 14. for (p. 83)
- 15. back (p. 86)

Unit Five

1. After the doctor examined Miss Lavender, he suggested she go to bed.

(It is possible to say 'he suggested she went/should go to bed', but some people say that this is not correct English!)

- 2. That's Julio. He comes from Colombia.
- 3. Twelve policemen are searching for the boy who went missing yesterday.
- 4. We usually have toast/a piece of toast at breakfast time.
- 5. All our six children are in bed at the moment.
- 6. A man was badly injured when a car hit him in the High Street today.
- 7. Bayern Munich beat Liverpool in last night's football match.
- 8. Edison invented the record player in 1876.
- 9. The policeman was killed with a knife.
- 10. I nearly forgot to bring the flowers, but when I saw Belinda she reminded me about them.

Practice - 5A

- 1. WRONG 'I suggest you go by train,' the travel agent said to Sarah. (p. 90)
- 2. RIGHT. (p. 89)
- 3. WRONG 'I suggest you get off at the next stop and walk to the station,' the bus driver said. (p. 90)
- 4. WRONG Can I introduce you to my friend Huang-Mei. She comes from Taiwan. (p. 92)
- 5. RIGHT. (p. 91)
- 6. RIGHT. (p. 92)
- 7. WRONG When Ron drove into Germany, the customs men <u>searched</u> his car. (p. 93)
- 8. WRONG Fran couldn't remember where she'd parked her car and spent two hours searching for it. (p. 94)
- 9. RIGHT. (p. 94)
- 10. WRONG Pam, would you like to have toast/a piece of toast with your coffee? (p. 96)
- 11. RIGHT. (p. 95)
- 12. WRONG When Norbert was in hospital he had to stay in bed all day. (p. 98)
- 13. RIGHT. (p. 97)
- 14. WRONG No one died in the plane crash, but many people were injured. (p. 100)

- 15. RIGHT. (p. 99)
- 16. RIGHT. (p. 100)
- 17. WRONG-I like playing tennis with Shige, but he often beats me. (p. 102)
- 18. RIGHT. (p. 101)
- 19. RIGHT. (p. 102)
- 20. RIGHT. (p. 104)
- 21. RIGHT. (p. 103)
- 22. WRONG Anja was hit by a horse that was running away. (p. 105)
- 23. WRONG This lock can only be opened with a very large key. (p. 106)
- 24. WRONG If you see me tomorrow morning, could you remind me about the phone bill? (p. 108)
- 25. RIGHT. (p. 107)

Practice - 5B

- 1. you go (p. 90)
- **2.** of (p. 107)
- 3. came (p. 92)
- 4. win (p. 102)
- 5. invented (p. 103)
- 6. beat (p. 102)
- 7. about (p. 108)
- **8.** by (p. 105)
- 9. searching (p. 93)
- 10. searching for (p. 94)
- 11. injured (p. 100)
- 12. in (p. 98)
- 13. having (p. 89)
- 14. with (p. 106)
- 15. a toast (p. 95)