



# English Grammar Exercises With Key

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## Instructions

Write your answer underneath each question.

When you have finished the exercises, check the key and make a note of your score (how many correct answers out of 60) and the time taken.

## Exercise 1

1. What is the plural of the singular noun fairy?
2. Is anything wrong with this sentence?  
My father has had three surgeries on his heart.
3. What is the plural of the noun quiz?
4. Is mathematics singular or plural?
5. Is anything wrong with this sentence?  
A majority of the cabinet does not support a further lockdown extension.
6. Is anything wrong with this sentence?  
I have a good news for you.
7. Anything wrong here?  
Are you the Barry's daughter?
8. What is the difference between chocolate milk and milk chocolate?
9. In the phrase 'music shop' what part of speech is music?
10. Is anything wrong with this:  
Is she the prime minister daughter?



## Exercise 2

1. Is anything wrong with this sentence?

She talks even to her brother!

2. How about this one?

He wears only a suit on Sundays.

3. What is wrong here?

I paid at once the bill.

4. You ask your son: "Have you done your homework ..... ?"

What word is missing here?

a) still

b) yet

5. Your son replies: "I have ..... done it."

Which is correct?

a) still

b) yet

c) already

6. Your daughter is asked the same question. Her reply: "No - I'm ..... doing it."

Which is correct?

a) yet

b) still

c) already

7. What is the superlative of the adjective 'useful'?

8. What is the comparative of the adjective 'bad'?

9. What is wrong here?

We seem to have much less chairs than last time.

10. When the object of a verb and its subject is the same person, what do we call the object pronoun used?



### Exercise 3

1. What conjunction would you use in the space below:

I usually clean my teeth ..... going to bed.

2. What conjunction would you use here?

Have a rest every hour or so ..... driving long distances.

3. Rewrite this sentence using an -ing form

A lorry broke down in Piccadilly and caused a massive traffic jam.

4. What word in the sentence below can be missed out (informally) without changing the meaning?

I'm glad that you're better.

5. What conjunction would you use here?

I left open the bedroom door ..... I could hear the phone ring.

6. What article (if any) is missing here?

Last night I was about ..... hour late.

7. Is this phone ..... ?

Which is correct?

- a) your
- b) the yours
- c) yours

8. .... is your address?

Which is correct?

- a) How
- b) What
- c) Which

9. David and Anne phone ..... every day.

Which is correct?

- a) them
- b) themselves
- c) themselves
- d) each other

10. Which of these are correct plurals?



- a) babies
- b) foxs
- c) fairys
- d) sandwichs

## Exercise 4

1. I didn't ..... he was at home.

Which is correct?

- a) to think
- b) think
- c) thought

2. .... a rainbow in the sky over there

Which is correct?

- a) It's
- b) It is
- c) There is
- d) There's

3. When are you going ..... the concert?

Which is correct?

- a) at
- b) in
- c) to
- d) for

4.. What time did you arrive ..... the meeting?

Which is correct?

- a) at
- b) in
- c) to

5. My appointment is ..... Friday afternoon.

Which is correct?

- a) in
- b) at
- c) on

6. .... help me?

Which is correct?



- a) Can you to
- b) Do you can
- c) Can you

7. You ..... worry about it.

Which is correct?

- a) not must
- b) must not
- c) don't must

8. I went out without ..... money.

Which is correct?

- a) some
- b) any

9. My sister ..... my birthday.

Which is correct?

- a) forgets always
- b) always is forgetting
- c) always forgets

10. As soon as she came into the room, I knew I ..... before.

Which is correct?

- a) have seen
- b) saw
- c) had seen

## Exercise 5

1. Try ..... forget

Which is correct?

- a) to not
- b) not to

2. My family ..... thinking of emigrating

Which is correct?

- a) is
- b) are

3 That ..... be Simon at the door - it's too early

Which is correct?



- a ) can't
- b) mustn't
- c) couldn't

4. It was stupid to drive as fast as that. You ..... killed someone  
Which is correct?

- a) may have
- b) could have
- c) might have
- d) can have

5. How ..... !  
Which is correct?

- a) she dances beautifully
- b) beautifully she dances

6. Nobody called did .....?  
Which is correct?

- a) he
- b) she
- c) it
- d) anybody
- e) they

7. I have never ..... to understand maths.  
Which is correct?

- a) been able
- b) being able
- c) was able

8. You really ..... stop smoking or you'll die.  
Which is correct?

- a) ought to
- b) should
- c) must

9. At last I .....make her understand what I wanted.  
Which is correct?

- a ) was able to
- b) could
- c) managed to



10. If you switch on, a red light .....

Which is correct?

- a) will come on
- b) would come on
- c) comes on

## Exercise 6

1. Last night I saw a man, who was behaving suspiciously.

Which of the following is correct about the clause 'who was behaving suspiciously'?

- a) It's a defining relative clause which makes clear which man is being talked about
- b) It's a non-defining relative clause which only gives more information about the man being talked about

2. The nurse looking after my aunt is very kind to her.

The above sentence is a contraction. Which words between 'nurse' and 'looking' have been omitted?

3. Using the possessive you would express the home of your parents as

- a) your parents home
- b) your parent's home
- c) your parents' home

4. Ugh! ..... potatoes taste burnt.

Which demonstrative is missing?

- a) this
- b) that
- c) those
- d) these

5. I have got ..... interesting ideas for you.

Which is correct?

- a) any
- b) all
- c) some

6. .... old people receive a pension from the state

Which is correct?

- a) every
- b) any
- c) some



d) all

7. We need to do ..... about homelessness

Which is correct?

- a) many
- b) much
- c) most
- d) more

8. There were ..... people in the audience than I expected.

Which is correct?

- a) less
- b) fewer

9. Of all British cars, this one uses ..... petrol.

Which is correct?

- a) less
- b) least
- c) fewer
- d) the fewest
- e) the least

10. Direct - 'I have completed my first marathon'

Which reported speech is correct?

- a) She told me she completed her first marathon.
- b) She told me she has completed her first marathon.
- c) She told me she had completed her first marathon.



## The Key

### Exercise 1

1. fairies
2. surgery is not a countable noun - you should say three operations
3. quizzes
4. singular
5. A majority of the cabinet is treated as plural so the verb should be do not
6. news is not a countable noun - you should say an item of news or a piece of news
7. no article is required - you should say Barry's daughter or the daughter of Barry
8. chocolate milk is milk flavoured with chocolate; milk chocolate is chocolate flavoured with milk
9. adjective
10. minister's

### Exercise 2

1. even should go before talks
2. only on Sundays
3. I paid the bill at once
4. b
5. c
6. b
7. most useful
8. worse
9. fewer not less - less is applicable to uncountable nouns
10. a reflexive pronoun

### Exercise 3

1. before
2. when
3. Breaking down in Piccadilly, a lorry caused a massive traffic jam
4. that
5. so that
6. an
7. c
8. b
9. d
10. a



#### Exercise 4

1. b
2. c and d
3. c
4. a
5. c
6. c
7. b
8. b
9. c
10. c

#### Exercise 5

1. b
2. b
3. a
4. b
5. b
6. e
7. a
8. c
9. c
10. c

#### Exercise 6

1. b
2. who is
3. c
4. d
5. c
6. d
7. d
8. b
9. e
10. c

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