

## 5B GRAMMAR unreal uses of past tenses

a Circle the correct answer, a, b, or c.

- 1 That boyfriend of yours is useless. Isn't it time \_\_\_\_\_ a new one?  
 (a) you found  
 b you find  
 c you had found
- 2 If only our neighbours \_\_\_\_\_ a dog, life would be much more peaceful.  
 a wouldn't have  
 b don't have  
 c didn't have
- 3 What a lovely view! I wish \_\_\_\_\_ my camera.  
 a I brought  
 b I'd brought  
 c I've brought
- 4 I'm too tired to go out tonight. I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_ at home.  
 a we would stay  
 b we'd stayed  
 c we stayed
- 5 If only \_\_\_\_\_ Mike the car, we'd be able to drive there.  
 a you hadn't lent  
 b you lent  
 c you didn't lend
- 6 Come on, children! It's time \_\_\_\_\_ to bed.  
 a you go  
 b you had gone  
 c you went
- 7 I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_ your shoes off at the door, if you don't mind.  
 a you took  
 b you take  
 c you had taken
- 8 I'd love to be able to sing in a choir. If only \_\_\_\_\_ a better voice!  
 a I'd have  
 b I had  
 c I have
- 9 As soon as I said it, I wished \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a I wouldn't  
 b I hadn't  
 c I didn't
- 10 Diane thinks it's high time her daughter \_\_\_\_\_ married.  
 a had got  
 b gets  
 c got
- 11 Those children look freezing, I bet they wish \_\_\_\_\_ indoors.  
 a they were  
 b they had been  
 c they would be
- 12 As you're busy, \_\_\_\_\_ we postponed the meeting?  
 a had you rather  
 b would you rather  
 c do you rather
- 13 I'd wear these jeans more often if \_\_\_\_\_ so tight.  
 a they were  
 b they weren't  
 c they wouldn't be
- 14 If only those people in the front row \_\_\_\_\_ talking. I can't hear the film!  
 a would stop  
 b stopped  
 c will stop
- 15 I've just had a text from Ann. She'd rather \_\_\_\_\_ at 6.30, as she's running late.  
 a we had met  
 b we were meeting  
 c we met

### activation

b Look at the context and complete each of the sentences in a logical way.

- 1 It's high time \_\_\_\_\_. (parent to teenager)
- 2 I wish you \_\_\_\_\_. (wife to husband)
- 3 I'd rather you \_\_\_\_\_. (boss to employee)
- 4 If only our teacher \_\_\_\_\_. (student to student)
- 5 If you hadn't \_\_\_\_\_. (doctor to patient)

## 6B GRAMMAR conditional sentences

- a Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

**Mr Bryant** OK, so the three of us agree that there's a problem in your department which we need to sort out at this meeting. I <sup>1</sup> 'd be (be) delighted if one of you <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (can) give me an explanation of the actual problem.

**Martin** Basically, the problem is that Emma took some bad marketing decisions last month, Mr Bryant. I mean, we all know the number one rule, don't we, that if a company <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (lack) a clear marketing strategy, it simply <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) able to keep up with the competition? Emma clearly has no strategy whatsoever because if she <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (do), our department <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not lose) clients.

**Emma** That's not true! It's not my fault we're losing clients. If you <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (build) a better relationship with our corporate clients, we <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (might / not lose) that important account last month.

**Martin** That's ridiculous! We <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (still work) for them if you <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not mess up) that presentation. No wonder they left!

**Emma** How can you say that? If you <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) as experienced as I am in dealing with clients, you <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (notice) from their reaction that they absolutely loved it.

**Mr Bryant** Right, that's it! I've had enough of you two arguing. You're both fired. If you <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) out of the building in an hour, I <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (call) Security!

- b Rewrite the sentences using the word in **bold**.

1 Had we been aware of the situation, we would have changed our plans. **if**

*If we had been aware of the situation, we would have changed our plans.*

2 You can borrow my laptop provided you look after it. **condition**

3 I'm going to go to the party. It doesn't matter if I'm invited or not. **whether**

4 If you hadn't found your passport, what would you have done? **supposing**

5 The exam will be fine as long as you do enough revision. **providing**

6 I'm in favour of contact sports providing nobody gets seriously injured. **long**

7 I would never wear fur, however cold it was. **even**

8 You can go out tonight as long as you're back by midnight. **provided**

### activation

- c Write a paragraph on one of the following topics:

- Supposing the government decided to cut off all electricity supplies for one week, how would your life be affected? Give examples.
- If people in the past had been more careful with our planet's resources, the environment would be in a better state than it is today. Do you agree? Explain, giving one clear example.
- If everybody earned the same amount of money, do you think the world would be a happier place today?

# Grammar activity answers

## 1A have: auxiliary or main verb?

- a 2 I've been reading 3 ✓ 4 Don't you have  
5 already have 6 I'll be having 7 didn't have to  
8 have the jacket dry-cleaned 9 ✓ 10 I had
- b 2 haven't 3 got/had 4 had 5 been 6 taking  
7 hasn't 8 have/take 9 having 10've  
11 to 12 have

## 1B discourse markers (1): linkers

- a 2 consequently 3 so as not to 4 in case 5 though  
6 Although 7 but 8 As a result 9 so that  
10 However 11 Despite 12 As 13 so as to  
14 so that 15 because of

## 2A pronouns

- a 2 It's 3 themselves 4 it's 5 you 6 you  
7 there's 8 their 9 themselves 10 one another  
11 they 12 there's
- b 2 there 3 They 4 one 5 It 6 you 7 they  
8 yourself 9 they 10 you 11 there 12 it

## 2B the past: habitual events and specific incidents

- 2 didn't have 3 was playing 4 interrupted  
5 had/'d wanted 6 had been allowed  
7 would/used to get 8 used to/would feed  
9 didn't want 10 used to be/was 11 was taking  
12 bit 13 dropped 14 wasn't/didn't use to be  
15 used to cry/cried 16 had gone  
17 was explaining 18 had happened 19 spoke  
20 I'd ever experienced/'d experienced

## 3A get

- a 2 X get to the point 3 X got broken 4 X get a bus  
5 ✓ 6 X get paid 7 ✓ 8 X get Elena to look  
9 X got the kitchen painted 10 X got to the closest  
petrol station
- b 2 Paying a lot to get your hair cut is a waste of money.  
Paying a lot of money to get your hair cut is a waste.  
3 The best way to get rich is to work hard.  
4 Getting hurt is usually a learning experience.  
5 People get wiser as they get older.  
6 Cheating is fine if you don't get caught.  
7 Giving presents is better than getting them.  
8 School doesn't help you to get anywhere in life.

## 3B discourse markers (2): adverbs and adverbial expressions

- a 2 Obviously 3 that is to say 4 Besides  
5 in other words 6 By the way 7 Anyway  
8 Basically 9 On the one hand 10 To sum up

## 4A speculation and deduction

- a 2 might/may have left 3 can't be 4 might/  
may be 5 might/may be trying 6 shouldn't be  
7 must have fallen out 8 must have (done)

- b 2 the disease is likely to 3 you probably won't be able  
4 is unlikely to be 5 we are bound to  
6 it's very unlikely that 7 she's bound to be  
8 she'll/will definitely

## 4B adding emphasis (1): inversion

- a 2 Not 3 when 4 Never 5 Only 6 Scarcely/  
Hardly 7 but 8 Hardly/Scarcely 9 until  
10 Rarely 11 again 12 No

## 5A distancing

- a 2 It seems (that) men are more at risk...  
3 It appears (that) she has changed her mind...  
4 It seems (that) you are unable to deal...  
5 It seems (that) the weather is about to improve.  
6 It appears (that) the robbers were wearing...
- b 2 A spokesman is expected to make an  
announcement...  
3 More than half of the population are believed to  
suffer from headaches.  
4 St Petersburg is said to be one of the...  
5 At least 70 people are thought to have been injured...  
6 The economy is expected to grow...

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- 2 c 3 b 4 c 5 a 6 c 7 a 8 b 9 b  
10 c 11 a 12 b 13 b 14 a 15 c

## 6A verb + object + infinitive or gerund

- a 2 to take 3 to be offended 4 ✓ 5 being able  
6 you to feel 7 ✓ 8 for our children to go 9 ✓
- b 2 to retake 3 do 4 to get 5 to attend  
6 stopping 7 using 8 to leave 9 not to arrive  
10 taking

## 6B conditional sentences

- a 2 could 3 lacks 4 won't be 5 did  
6 wouldn't be losing 7 had built  
8 might not have lost 9 would still be working  
10 hadn't messed up 11 were  
12 would have noticed 13 aren't 14 'll/will call
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