

Avoiding repetition

Using auxiliary and modal verbs

▶▶ Grammar Reference 1.1 Student's Book p147

Complete the conversation with auxiliary verbs or modal verbs. Sometimes you will need to add *not*.



Ed Hi, I'm Ed. You must be the new teacher.

Sue Yes, I (1) am . My name's Sue.

Ed Welcome to Lisbon.

Sue Thanks. Have you been living here long?

Ed I certainly (2) . Six years now.

Sue Oh, good. You might be able to explain a few things.

Ed Well, I (3) if I can. You arrived yesterday, then?

Sue I (4) , but my suitcases (5) . The airline seems to have lost them.

Ed Oh, no! Have they explained what happened?

Sue They (6) , eventually. I had to ask an official from another airline to help, but he (7) , which was a bit mean. The woman I finally got to speak to said I should have checked in early enough. I thought I (8) ! I suspect they just put my luggage on the wrong plane.

Ed I suppose they (9) . You'll soon find out, though. Anyway, I hope the rest of your journey went OK?

Sue Yes, it (10) , but the traffic through Lisbon seemed to be moving very slowly.

Ed I'm sure it (11) . Yesterday was a public holiday, you see.

Sue Ah, that explains it. What I saw of the city from the taxi looks great. I'm looking forward to exploring it.

Ed I bet you (12) . Can you speak Portuguese?

Sue No.

Ed Shame. It would help if you (13) .

Sue I speak Spanish, so I was hoping I'd be able to pick it up quite quickly just by living here.

Ed I'm sure you (14) .

Sue I might try and join a language class, though.

Ed I (15) if I were you. I never got my grammar sorted out in the beginning and now I really wish I (16) .
When are you going to move into your flat?

Sue I already (17) , but the previous tenant left a lot of stuff that needs throwing out.

Ed I'll help you with it, if you like.

Sue (18) you? That would be really kind.

Ed No problem.



Prepositions and adverbs are sometimes used differently in American and British English.

Write the words in *italics* in British English.

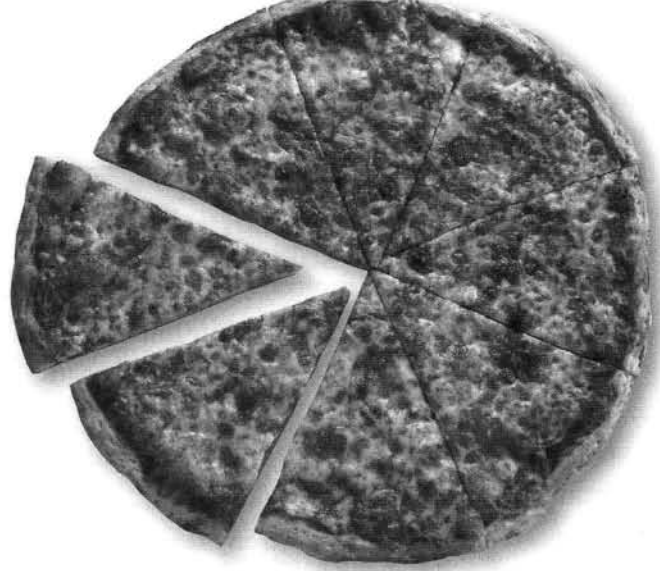
- 1 A What time is it?
B *Ten of nine.*
Ten to nine .
- 2 He should be arriving in London at about a *quarter after three.*

- 3 What are you doing *on the weekend?*

- 4 I'll be away *Monday through Thursday.*

- 5 I'd feel much happier if he'd just *write me* and let me know how he is.

- 6 Los Angeles was *different than* what I expected.



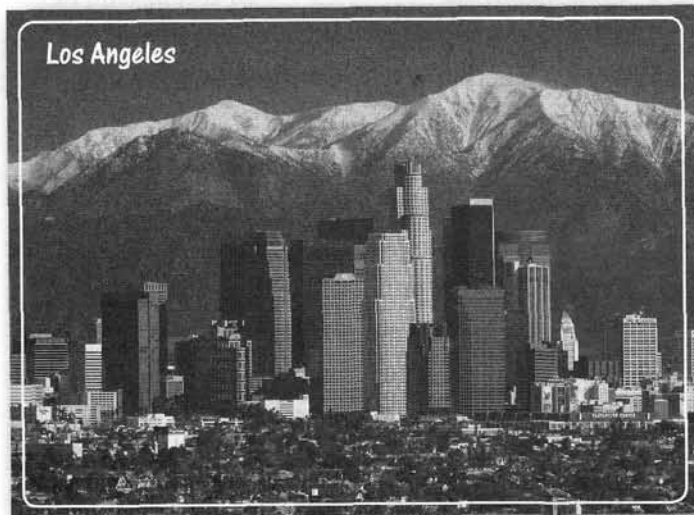
- 10 A Pizza Margherita, please.
B Is that to eat in or *take out?*

- 11 The house has a long drive in front of it and a small *yard in the back.*

- 12 My sister works *at a travel agency.*

- 13 A Can you direct me to the police station?
B Sure. *Go straight* and it's opposite the town hall. You can't miss it.

Los Angeles



- 7 The regular goalkeeper hasn't been playing very well recently so he isn't *on the team* this week.

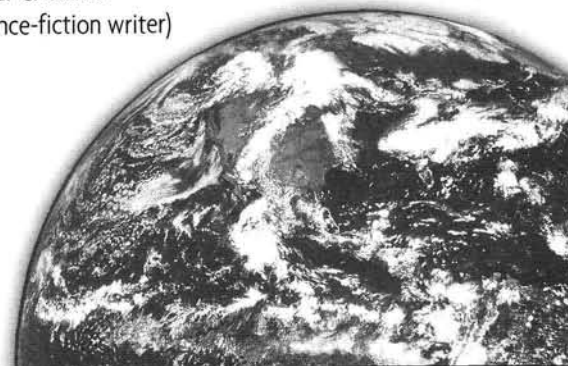
- 8 I can't understand what you're saying. Just calm down and *start over* from the beginning.

- 9 His parents couldn't decide what to call him, but eventually he was *named for* his grandfather.

ENDQUOTE

'It is not easy to see how the more extreme forms of nationalism can long survive when men have seen the Earth in its true perspective as a single small globe against the stars.'

Arthur C. Clarke
(Science-fiction writer)



Tense review

► Grammar Reference 2.5–10 Student's Book p148

General review

Complete the anecdotes with an appropriate tense of the verbs in brackets.

One evening in the winter of 1902, the Irish writer, **George Bernard Shaw**, (1) _____ (talk) to the beautiful American dancer, Isadora Duncan. Duncan, who (2) _____ (know) for her strong belief in eugenics, suggested that she and Shaw (3) _____ (have) a child together. 'Think of it!' she said, 'With your brains and my body, what a wonder it (4) _____ (be).' Shaw (5) _____ (think) for a moment and replied, 'Yes, but what if it (6) _____ (have) my body and your brains?'



The famous film director, **Alfred Hitchcock**, telephoned the prolific Belgian crime novelist, Georges Simenon. At the time, Simenon (7) _____ already _____ (complete) nearly 400 novels. Hitchcock knew that he (8) _____ (write) his books at incredible speed, sometimes in as little as ten days. Simenon's wife took the call. 'I'm sorry,' she said, 'but Georges (9) _____ (write) and I can't disturb him.' 'That's OK,' replied Hitchcock. 'Let him finish his book. I (10) _____ (hang on).'

An interesting thing happened to me when I was touring the USA recently. I (11) _____ just _____ (read) a spy novel, where the hero (12) _____ (hide) a letter in a particular statue in Washington. Since I was in that city at the time, on a whim I decided to see if the statue really contained the small niche the author (13) _____ (describe). To my great surprise it did – and a letter was inside. After a moment's hesitation I pulled out the letter and opened it. As I (14) _____ (read) it, I burst out laughing. An unidentified reader (15) _____ (write), 'Good book, wasn't it?'

2 Correcting mistakes

Find and correct the seven mistakes in tense usage. There are five in the first paragraph and two in the second.

- 1 Harry came into the room and sat down, exhausted. He had a terrible day at the office and had only just arrived home. Mary had come round later and she almost certainly wanted to go out. Harry wasn't sure he could face that. At least he had his holiday to look forward to. By this time next week he'd sit on a sun-drenched beach and sip cocktails ...
- 2 John expected to get a decent rise because he worked at the publishing company for many years. He knew he sold more books every year than any of his fellow sales representatives. He'd been selling books all his life and had known exactly what approach to adopt with every bookshop he visited.

3 Text completion

Complete the text with an appropriate tense of the verbs in brackets.



Four years' jail for theft of rare books

A FEW YEARS AGO, two copies of Isaac Newton's *Principia* and a work by Galileo, worth more than £300,000, (1) _____ (discover) to be missing from the shelves of the Rare Books Department of Cambridge University. Police interviewed staff but no clues (2) _____ (find) nor arrests (3) _____ (make).

Three years later, Jolyon Hudson, an antiquarian book dealer, (4) _____ (examine) a rare philosophy book in his office. There was a shadow on the front cover where once a label might (5) _____ (be), and the title page (6) _____ (rip out). Hudson was convinced that the book (7) _____ (steal). His investigations revealed that the book's last owner was a man called William Jacques, an accountant working for Shell UK. Hudson telephoned Jacques and asked him if he (8) _____ (stop by) the office to resolve the issue. When they met, Jacques told him he (9) _____ (acquire) the book from Portobello Market and assured Hudson that he (10) _____ (co-operate) with any future police enquiries.

However, shortly afterwards, Jacques (11) _____ (flee) to Cuba. From there he

sent a letter to the police via his solicitors, listing numerous safety deposit boxes in banks in England. Inside the boxes were dozens of hugely valuable titles, including the three by Newton and Galileo from Cambridge.

Why Jacques then (12) _____ (fly) back to Britain, nobody knows. Three weeks later he (13) _____ (find) guilty of theft and (14) _____ (now serve) four years in prison. The total value of the books he (15) _____ (steal) is around £1.1 million, and many (16) _____ (still not recover). Jacques (17) _____ (not say) how he pulled off perhaps the most systematic plundering of Britain's great libraries ever carried out by an individual. Police are worried that he may (18) _____ (have) inside help.

Over the past few months, libraries in Britain (19) _____ (improve) their security systems. In many there are now closed-circuit TV cameras, and passes must (20) _____ (show). The genteel world of letters has had a reality check.

