

GRAMMAR

Complete the second sentence with **two** words so that it means the same as the first. Contracted forms, e.g. *isn't*, count as one word.

I really think it's important for you to learn to drive.

You really **must** **learn** to drive.

- Why don't you join a tennis club?
It would be good for you.
I think you _____ a tennis club.
- I'm sure she's not American. She hasn't got an American accent.
She _____ American, she hasn't got an American accent.
- I can't go out tonight.
I won't _____ to go out tonight.
- It's prohibited to take photos there.
You _____ photos there.
- I'm not sure if she'll like her present.
She _____ like her present.
- Wearing a uniform is not obligatory.
You _____ to wear a uniform.
- The lights are on so I'm sure he's at home.
The lights are on so he _____ at home.
- I think perhaps this is their house.
This _____ their house.
- Paying in advance is obligatory at this school.
You _____ pay in advance at this school.
- Drinking a lot of coffee isn't a good idea.
You _____ a lot of coffee.

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VOCABULARY

a Complete the description.



My cousin Ann is very attractive. She's in her ¹m _____ -twenties – 24 or 25 I think. She's blonde, with shoulder-²l _____ hair. It's completely ³s _____, not curly at all. Her ⁴f _____ is very long and gets in her eyes. She's very short-sighted but she ⁵w _____ contact lenses.

b Complete with an adjective from the bold verb.

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| 1 Are you _____ in sport? | interest |
| 2 I was very _____ when I failed the exam. | depress |
| 3 This book is really _____. I can't finish it. | bore |
| 4 I completely forgot his name. It was so _____! | embarrass |
| 5 I felt very _____ because I just couldn't do it. | frustrate |






c Complete with one word.

- Please switch _____ your mobile. You can't use it here.
- I'm afraid John's out. Can you call _____ later?
- I can't believe it! He hung _____ in the middle of our conversation!
- She looks _____ her mother. They both have big eyes.
- He's _____ his late forties.

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PRONUNCIATION

a Underline the word with a different sound.

1	 dial	might	fifties	frightened
2	 weight	height	straight	engaged
3	 curly	bored	short	tall
4	 grey	ugly	glasses	fringe
5	 check	moustache	switch	choose

b Underline the stressed syllable.

disappointed embarrassing interested mobile overweight

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CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THIS TEXT?

The best day of my life

This week's contributor is the thriller writer Minette Walters.

One of the best days of my life was when my agent phoned to say that my first novel, *The Ice House*, had been accepted by a publisher. I'd finished the book 18 months earlier, and I didn't think it was ever going to be published. It was one morning in the autumn of 1990 when the phone call came. I was 39, and a friend of mine turned up, sat down at my kitchen table and **burst into tears** because she was having problems with her marriage. I was doing my best to try to console her when the phone rang. So there I was, listening to the best news of my life, while my friend was crying over the worst news of her life. My agent said, 'Aren't you pleased? Why aren't you more excited?' I said, 'I am... but I'll tell you later.' I put the phone down and tried to be **sympathetic** to my friend. But at 11 o'clock **I couldn't stand it** any longer so I said, 'Stay there. I have to go out for ten minutes.' I came back with a bottle of champagne. 'You and I are going to drink some champagne,' I said, and told her my good news. She was a much happier lady when she left! I can't remember how many publishers had **turned down** my book, because my agent didn't tell me. I don't know how many copies it's sold now – a couple of million I should think, because it's published in 36 countries. But I have absolutely no sympathy for those publishers who rejected my book. I was **deeply hurt** at the time, but now I'm laughing!



Adapted from the British press

CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THESE PEOPLE?

- a **3.19** Listen and circle the correct answer, a, b, or c.
- Where's the girl's mobile?
 - In the café.
 - In her pocket.
 - In her bag.
 - How late are their friends?
 - Less than 15 minutes.
 - 15 minutes.
 - More than 15 minutes.
 - Who looks good in their passport photo?
 - The woman.
 - The man.
 - Neither of them.
 - The girl's new boyfriend is...
 - tall and with long dark hair.
 - tall with short dark hair.
 - short with short dark hair.
 - How many times has the woman failed her driving test?
 - One.
 - Two.
 - Three.
- b **3.20** Listen and complete the form with the missing information.

Anglo language school

Name: 1 _____
 Surname: 2 _____
 Nationality: 3 _____
 Student wants to study 4 _____ level.
 Student has been to 5 _____.

CAN YOU SAY THIS IN ENGLISH?

Can you...? Yes (✓)

- talk about bad mobile phone manners, and what you think people should do
- describe yourself and other people
- talk about something you've tried to learn but weren't able to and why

a Read the article and choose a, b, or c.

- In 1990 Minette Walters was _____ about the chances of her first novel being published.
 - quite optimistic
 - quite pessimistic
 - quite worried
- When her agent first phoned, Minette felt that she _____ celebrate the news.
 - shouldn't
 - had to
 - could
- Her agent couldn't understand _____.
 - why she was crying
 - what she was saying
 - her reaction
- In the end Minette's good news made her friend _____.
 - feel better
 - feel worse
 - leave early
- Now that she is very successful, she _____ the publishers who rejected her.
 - feels positive towards
 - feels negative towards
 - understands

b Look at the **highlighted** words and phrases. Can you guess what they mean?