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General Intermediate

Homework - Unit 7: The best time of
your life



Recognizing patterns

1. Read a conversation between Alistair and Becky. Alistair is applying for a job in East Africa.

MY FIRST JOB

A: I'm *thinking of applying* for a job in East Africa, in Tanzania.
B: Really? I lived there for two years – I was teaching. It was my first job after university.
A: Yes, I thought so. I *want to ask* you about it, if that's OK.
B: Of course – go ahead. I'll try to remember it all. I was there for two years, but that was ten years ago.
A: So, what was it like?
B: Well, it was a great experience. I really would *encourage you to apply*. I liked everything except the climate. I didn't *enjoy working* in the heat.
A: Ah, yes I'm a bit worried about that. Was it really *difficult to keep cool*?
B: Well, yes it was. And we were on the coast, north of Dar es Salaam and it's really hot and humid there. There was no air conditioning, we just had fans in the classrooms. Where do you *hope to be based*?
A: A town called Arusha.
B: Oh, very nice. That's much cooler, inland, near Mount Kilimanjaro. Some friends *invited us to stay* in Arusha. I'll never forget climbing Kilimanjaro.
A: Oh, I'd love to do that. Did you manage to go on safari when you were there?

B: Oh yes, we went to most of the big game parks – you know, like Serengeti and the Ngorongoro Crater – that was so huge it made me feel small and the wildlife was fantastic. Once, on Serengeti, a whole family of monkeys decided to play on the roof of our car. We didn't dare move.

A: Which animals did you like best?

B: Actually, I think it was the giraffes, I loved watching the way they raise their long necks to eat. Oh, and the lions, of course. Do you know that in one of the parks the lions actually climb trees? It was incredible to see them sleeping high up on the branches.

A: Really? It all sounds so exciting. I'm definitely *excited to apply* for the job.

B: Give me a call and *let me know* how you get on. I'm *looking forward to hearing* all about it.



2. Complete the chart with the verb forms in italics.

verb +-ing	verb+ to
enjoy working	want to ask
verb+ sb+ to	verb + adj + to
verb+ (sb) + infinitive (no 'to')	verb + prep + -ing
	thinking of applying

3. Complete this summary of the conversation between Alistair and Becky. Alistair is applying for a job in East Africa. Put the verb in brackets in the correct form.

Alistair is wondering about 1. applying (apply) for a job in East Africa. He has asked Becky 2. _____ (tell) him about it because she used 3. _____ (live) there. She tries 4. _____ (remember) what it was like. She says that it wasn't easy 5. _____ (work) in the heat, and that the problem of 6. _____ (live) on the coast was the humidity, as well as the heat. However, she really enjoyed 7. _____ (go) on safari and loved 8. _____ (visit) the game parks. She was amazed 9. _____ (see) lions 10. _____ (sleep) in trees and once a lot of monkeys started 11. _____ (play) on the roof of the car. Becky helped Alistair 12. _____ (make) up his mind about the job and he's decided 13. _____ (apply) for it. He's promised 14. _____ (call) Becky and let her 15. _____ (know) if he gets it.



-ing forms

4. Complete the sentences with the *-ing* form of the verbs from below.

walk give up wonder mend work
help wake up find watch live

1. I earned a lot of money by _____.
2. I can't help _____ what life in Africa will be like.
3. _____ smoking is easy. I've done it hundreds of times!
4. _____ too much TV is bad for you.
5. Did you know that _____ is one of the best forms of exercise?
6. I'll repair your watch for you. I'm good at _____ things.
7. _____ and working in a big city can be very stressful.
8. _____ a job is difficult these days.
9. Thank you for _____ me. I really appreciate it.
10. My children are afraid of _____ in the dark now, so we keep a light on at night.

Infinitives

5. Complete the sentences with the infinitive form, with or without to, of the verbs from below.

buy pay follow join stay be carry learn hurt show

1. My parents have always encouraged me _____ independent.
2. We can't afford _____ all our bills.
3. I've invited Mr. Stewart _____ us.
4. It's hard _____ these instructions.
5. Can you help _____ this box?
6. Let me _____ you how to do it.
7. My partner persuaded me _____ the latest iPhone.
8. I'm so sorry, I didn't mean _____ your feelings.
9. I want my children _____ to play a musical instrument.
10. The teacher made the children _____ after school.

6. Read the sentences and tick (✓) the two verbs or phrases that can fill the gap correctly.

1. I _____ driving in the peak hour.

a. don't want b. can't stand ✓ c. loathe ✓

2. The instructor _____ me to be more careful with my work.

a. told b. would like c. hopes

3. We _____ to find a parking place in the city centre.

a. tried b. didn't manage c. succeeded

4. I _____ playing paddle when I broke my leg.

a. gave up b. refused c. stopped

5. She _____ to help me paint the storage room.

a. enjoyed b. promised c. offered

6. My father _____ me have driving lessons when I was 16.

a. let b. made c. allowed

7. I _____ going to Madrid next year.

a. 'm looking forward to b. would love c. 'm thinking of

Reporting verbs+ infinitive

7. Complete the lines and rewrite the sentences to mean the same.

1. 'Please can you translate this sentence for me?' Martha said to Kristel.
Martha asked Kristel to translate the sentence for her.

2. 'You should talk to your solicitor'; Ron said to Tim.
Ron advised _____

3. 'Don't forget to send Aunt Lisa a birthday card'; Marge said to her son.
Marge reminded _____

4. 'I won't go to bed!' Mike said.
Mike refused _____

5. 'Sign on the dotted line'; the postman said to me.
The postman told _____

6. 'I'll pay for the next round of drinks'; Dany said.
Dany offered _____

7. 'Please come to our wedding'; Niels said to his boss.
Niels invited _____

The 'SWINGING SIXTIES!' - an email to Grandpa

8. Read the email Tanya, age 10, has sent her grandpa. What has she asked him to help her with? Complete the gaps, 1-10, with the correct phrases, a-j.

- a. a good idea to ask

b. not having

c. told us to find out

d. 'd like to know
- e. not allowed to get

f. hate swimming

e. not allowed to get

f. hate swimming
- g. about to go

~~h. help me do~~

i. have to do

j. spent your time doing

To: Grandpa billy.bate75@myng-net.com

CC:

Subject: The Olden Days

Dear Grandpa Billy,

How are you? I am well. Mummy says that perhaps you can 1. help me do some schoolwork. You see, our teacher, Mrs Steele, has 2. _____ about the olden days; the 1960s. It's a project and we 3. _____ some research for it, but we're 4. _____ all the information from the Internet. Mrs. Steele says it's 5. _____ someone who's really old, like you Grandpa. Mum says you were young in the 1960s. She says there was no Internet and no video games. So I 6. _____ what you 7. _____ then. Can you remember 8. _____ a computer or an iPhone? How did you keep in touch with your friends?

I must go - Mummy's calling. I'm 9. _____ to my swimming lesson ... 10. _____!

When are you coming to visit us again?

Love and hugs

Tanya

9. Read Grandpa's reply. Underline the correct verb form.

To: Tanya tanya.flo@harrasc.com

CC:

Subject: Re: The Olden Days

My dear Tanya,

I'm very happy 1. *to help / helping* you with your project. You probably can't 2. *believe / believing* that I was ever young, but I really was a teenager once and the 1960s were a great time 3. *to be / being* young. We teenagers wanted 4. *to change / changing* the world. We had more freedom and more money than our parents had had in the 40s and 50s. I remember 5. *to think / thinking* that my mum and dad were totally boring and old-fashioned. We were the kids of 'The Swinging Sixties', London was the 'swinging city', and we weren't interested in 6. *listen! / listening* to our parents' dreary music and we refused 7. *to follow / following* their dreary fashions - we had trendy fashion boutiques!

And, of course, I was lucky enough 8. *living / to be living* in an even 'cooler' city than London - Liverpool! Home of the 'Fab Four' - The Beatles - and lots of other pop groups. Actually, between you and me, my favourites were 'The Rolling Stones' - I'm amazed 9. *to see / seeing* that they're still going strong! Did you know that I met Grandma Linda at a Stones concert? She was sixteen and wearing the shortest mini-skirt and long white boots. I couldn't stop 10. *to look / looking* at her. She was gorgeous - she still is! I got her phone number and called her again and again, until she agreed 11. *to see / seeing me* - no texting, no emailing. I wrote her a letter (yes, a letter!) in the end - she's still got it I'm glad 12. *say / to say!* Better than any text!

Tanya - I hope this is useful. Lots of love to all the family,
Grandpa XXX

1. Look at the extract from a dictionary. It shows you all the possible verb patterns for the verb *agree*.

agree /ə'gri:/ verb

► **SAME OPINION 1** [I] agree (with sb/sth); agree (that ...) to have the same opinion as sb/sth: 'I think we should talk to the manager about this.' 'Yes, I agree.' ◇ I agree with Paul. ◇ Do you agree that we should travel by train? ◇ I'm afraid I don't agree. **OPP DISAGREE**

► **SAY YES 2** [I] agree (to sth/to do sth) to say yes to sth: I asked if I could go home early and she agreed. ◇ Andy agreed to lend me his car for the weekend. **OPP REFUSE**

► **ARRANGE 3** [I, T] agree (to do sth); agree (on sth) to make an arrangement or agreement with sb: They agreed to meet again the following day. ◇ Can we agree on a price? We agreed a price of £350.

► **APPROVE OF 4** [I] agree with sth to think that sth is right: I don't agree with experiments on animals.

► **BE THE SAME 5** [I] to be the same as sth: The two accounts of the accident do not agree. IDM not agree with (food) to make sb feel ill. The oysters didn't agree with me.

2. Read the sentences and check with the dictionary extract. Is the verb pattern correct ✓ or incorrect X? Rewrite the incorrect ones.

1. I don't feel well. Something I've eaten hasn't agreed on me.
2. Ana thinks the test's too difficult, and I'm agreed.
3. I don't agree with boarding schools for young children.
4. Thomas thinks he's right, but I disagree.
5. She thought we should go, and I agreed it.
6. We don't ever seem to agree to each other about anything.
7. All doctors agree that too much sugar is bad for your health.
8. They agreed talking about it again tomorrow.

Phrasal verbs without a noun

3. Complete the groups of sentences with the correct form of a phrasal verb from the box.

Up = more

speaking
hurry
save
fill

up



1. I can't hear you! Can you _____?
2. We're going on a long drive. I'll _____ with gasoline.
3. We're late! If you don't _____ we'll miss the plane.
4. If we want to have a vacation this year, we'll have to _____.

Down = less

calm
slow
go
cut

down



5. You're driving too fast! Please slow down!
6. I want to lose weight, so I've _____ the amount I eat.
7. My temperature was 41, now it's 38, so it's _____.
8. Stop getting so upset about things that don't matter. _____.

Out = end

drop
go
die
fall

out



9. The fire _____ because we didn't put enough wood on.
10. I've _____ with my room mate because she's so messy...
11. Tigers are killed for their skins. They're _____ in the wild.
12. Jane _____ of university because he found it too difficult.

4. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs from the box.

hold on · look out · turn up · ~~go off~~ · check in · shop around

1. This chicken smells awful. I think it has gone off.
2. I thought they weren't coming, then they _____ at 9.00.
3. _____! The glass is going to fall! Oh! Too late.
4. The first thing to do when you arrive at the station is _____.
5. I can't afford a new car. I'll have to _____ for a second-hand one.
6. You want her phone number? _____ a second. I'll get it for you.

Exclamations

1. Complete the exclamations in A with words from the box and match them with a line in B.

so (x2) · how (x2) · such · such a/an · what a

A

1. ____ brilliant idea!
2. It's ____ hot in here!
3. He's ____ nice guy!
4. ____ stupid of me!
5. It's ____ very kind of you!
6. ____ badly-behaved children!
7. We had ____ awful experience!
8. ____ absolutely disgusting!

B

- a. Not at all. I'm always happy to help
- b. Who? Tom? I think he's boring.
- c. I know, and I can't open the window.
- d. Why? Was the weather bad?
- e. Yes, if we rent a flat together we can share the costs.
- f. How do you know? You haven't tasted it yet.
- g. Don't tell me! You've lost your glasses again.
- h. I know – they're completely out of control.

2. Read the conversation between two university students. Underline the correct word.

The worst exam ever!

A: Well, that was a 1. *complete / whole* disaster!

B: Why? What happened? Didn't it go well?

A: Well?! I nearly walked out after five minutes. I couldn't answer a single question. They were 2. *very / absolutely* impossible.

B: How come? You worked 3. *so / totally* hard.

A: Well, none of the topics I'd revised came up.

B: Oh, that's 4. *such / such a* bad luck!

A: I know. I managed to write something but I don't think it was any good.

B: 5. *What / How a* shame! But perhaps you've done better than you think. When's your next exam?

A: Tomorrow! And I feel 6. *so / such* tired and disappointed, I just can't go home and start revising again.

B: Of course you can't. Come out with me! I'm meeting the guys for a drink.

A: 7. *How / So* nice! I'd love to, but I daren't drink - not with an exam tomorrow. Anyway, you lucky things, you've finished your exams. I've still got one more.

B: OK - we've all had 8. *such / such a* stressful week, we'll celebrate big time when you finish!

A: I'll look forward to that!

1. Complete each gap with a suitable word.

1. My niece's X account was hacked so she's stopped _____ it. She has tried to find _____ how it happened, no luck yet.
2. You persuaded _____ to go to the lecture, but I didn't understand a word. It went straight over my _____.
3. Grandpa _____ to be a great fan of Erasure in the 1980s. He saved _____ all his pocket money, and managed _____ get tickets for a lot of their concerts.
4. I'll _____ forget going on safari. I particularly loved _____ the elephants, but they're killed for the ivory and may eventually die _____.
5. _____ a surprise! Sarah has agreed _____ marry Maria. She kept on _____ her and she finally said yes.
6. My daughter and I often don't see eye to _____. I was furious when she dropped _____ of university and didn't complete her degree.
7. Poor Peter was sent to boarding school and he absolutely _____ it. He begged his mum and dad to let him _____ but they wouldn't allow him _____.
8. Sport had such _____ important role in my school, but I was no good _____ doing any sports. I couldn't even _____ a football.
9. I was _____ surprised when Niels said he'd got 100% in his maths exam - but then he laughed and told me he was just pulling my _____.
10. Sugar is really bad for your health, but I've got such a _____ tooth it's difficult for me to cut _____.