

Exercises

Unit 98

98.1 Rewrite the sentences to focus attention on the underlined information. Start with *it + be* and use an appropriate *wh-word* or *that*.

1 Mark's known for ages that his parents are coming to stay with us this weekend, but he only told me yesterday.

Mark's known for ages that his parents are coming to stay with us this weekend, but... it was only yesterday that/when he told me.

2 Caroline has been feeling a bit depressed for some time, so I booked a holiday in Amsterdam to cheer her up.

Caroline has been feeling a bit depressed for some time, so..._____

3 It's not that I don't want to have dinner with you tonight; I can't come because I've got so much work to do.

It's not that I don't want to have dinner with you tonight; ..._____

4 I had my wallet when I went into the sports hall, so I lost it somewhere in there.

I had my wallet when I went into the sports hall, so..._____

5 She doesn't find learning languages very easy, and she improved her Spanish only by studying very hard.

She doesn't find learning languages very easy, and..._____

6 I have had great help from my parents and two brothers in doing my research, and I dedicate this thesis to my family.

I have had great help from my parents and two brothers in doing my research, and..._____

98.2 Give responses beginning *No, what...*, correcting what was said in the question, as in 1. Use the notes in brackets to help.

1 'Did you say that Bernard was going to live in Austria?' (*holiday/ Austria*)

'No, what I said, was that he was going on holiday to Austria.'

2 'Do you hope to sell your Picasso paintings?' (*be put into/ public art gallery*)

3 'Did it annoy you that Clare came so late?' (*not apologise*)

4 'Did you mean to give Erica your bike?' (*could borrow it/ until needed again*)

Now give similar responses which focus on the action, as in 5.

5 'Did you watch the football on TV last night?' (*get brother/ video it/ watch tonight*)

'No, what I did was (to) get my brother to video it and I'll watch it tonight.'

6 'This steak tastes delicious. Did you fry it?' (*put oil and soy sauce on/ grill*)

7 'Did you buy Sue the coat she wanted?' (*give/ money towards it*)

8 'Did you fly from Sydney to Brisbane.' (*hire a car/ drive all the way*)

Exercises

Unit 99

99.1 Complete the sentences with *an appropriate adverb* and a form of either *come* or *go*.

- 1 We'd just got to the top of the hill when down came the rain and we got thoroughly soaked.
- 2 Just when you've bought a computer that you think will last a lifetime, _____ some new software that needs an even bigger hard disk.
- 3 Whenever I ask the class a question, _____ their hands and they sit patiently until I choose one of them to answer.
- 4 I asked Dave to get three kilos of potatoes from the supermarket and he only bought one, so _____ he _____ to get some more.
- 5 After I'd been waiting for an hour, the door opened and _____ the nurse, who said the dentist would be able to see me now.
- 6 We'd given up hope of getting the cat out of the tree, when _____ a man with a ladder.
- 7 As soon as I'd given Jo some pocket money, _____ she _____ to buy sweets from the shop.

99.2 Match the most likely sentence halves and then make new sentences beginning *Were...*, *Should...*, or *Had...*

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| 1 If McGrath had not resigned as party leader, ... | a it would cut the journey time from New York to Tokyo by 4 hours. |
| 2 If you do not wish to receive further information about our products,... | b there are less expensive models in the range. |
| 3 If the plane were ever to be built,... | c he would have been sacked. |
| 4 If United win again today, ... | d I would have no hesitation in accepting. |
| 5 If I were to be asked to take the job,... | e he would be writing novels about the homeless in London. |

6 If a car had been coming in the other direction, ...

f it is unlikely that the country would have supported the government

7 If there had been a referendum on the issue,...

g it will be their tenth consecutive victory.

8 If you are not able to afford the Rombus 2000, ...

h put a tick in the box.

9 If Charles Dickens were alive today,...

i I might have been seriously injured.

1 + c Had McGrath not resigned as party leader, he, would have been sacked.

99.3 Write new sentences using *as* or *than* + *be* or *do*.

1 Compared with their counterparts 20 years ago, the highly educated now receive vastly higher salaries.

The high educated, now receive vastly higher salaries than did their counterparts 20 years ago.

2 I was opposed to the new road being built. Everyone else in the village was opposed to it, too. *I was opposed...*_____

3 Karen went to Oxford University. Her mother and sister went there, too.

*Karen went...*_____

4 Compared with people in developed nations, people in poorer countries consume a far smaller proportion of the earth's resources.

*People in poorer countries...*_____

5 Compared to 5 years ago, he is a much better teacher.

*He is...*_____

6 Don is a keen golfer. His wife is a keen golfer, too.

*Don is...*_____

Exercises

Unit 100

100.1 Write new sentences with a similar meaning beginning with one of these words and phrases.

only if

barely

only with

rarely

at no time

little

1 A new film has not often before produced such positive reviews. Rarely has a new film produced such positive reviews.

2 The public was never in any danger. _____

3 He only felt entirely relaxed with close friends and family. _____

4 The match won't be cancelled unless the pitch is frozen. _____

5 I didn't know then that Carmen and I would be married one day. _____

6 He had only just entered the water when it became clear he couldn't swim. _____

Now do the same using these words and phrases.

only once only in on no account hardly not only not for one moment

7 You must not light the fire if you are alone in the house. _____

8 There was never any competitiveness between the three brothers. _____

9 I wasn't only wet through, I was freezing cold. _____

10 I had only ever climbed this high once before. _____

11 The audience had only just taken their seats when the conductor stepped on to the stage. _____

12 He has only been acknowledged to be a great author in the last few years. _____

100.2 Complete these sentences in any appropriate way. You can use the following words in your answers.

alike boring complicated dominance interest strength

1 Such *is the interest in Dr Lowe's talk* that it will be held in a bigger lecture theatre.

2 Such _____ that few buildings were left standing in the town.

3 Such _____ that he hasn't lost a match for over three years.

4 So _____ that even their parents couldn't tell them apart.

5 So _____ that it even took a computer three days to solve it.

6 So _____ that most of the students went to sleep.

100.3 Correct any mistakes you find in this newspaper item.

TOWN EVACUATED AS FOREST FIRES APPROACH

The people of Sawston were evacuated yesterday as forest fires headed towards the town. Such the heat was of the oncoming inferno that trees more than 100 metres ahead began to smoulder. Only once in recent years, during 1994, a town of this size has had to be evacuated because of forest fires. A fleet of coaches and lorries arrived in the town in the early morning. Into these vehicles the sick and elderly climbed, before they headed off to safety across the

river. Residents with cars left by mid morning, as all non-essential police officers did.

Hardly the evacuation had been completed when the wind changed direction and it became clear that the fire would leave Sawston untouched. Soon after that were heard complaints from some residents. "At no time the fires posed a real threat," said one local man. "I didn't want to leave my home, and nor most of my neighbours did." So upset some elderly residents are that they are threatening to complain to their MR But Chief Fire Officer Jones replied, "Hadn't we taken this action, lives would have been put at risk. Only when the fires have moved well away from the town residents will be allowed to return to their homes."

KEY

UNIT 98

98.1

- 2 ...it was to cheer her up that I book a holiday in Amsterdam.
- 3 ...it's because I've got so much work to do that I can't come.
- 4 ...it was somewhere in there that/where I lost it.
- 5 ...it was only by studying very hard that she improved her Spanish.
- 6 ...it is to my family that I dedicate this thesis.

98.2

- 2 'No, what I hope is that they will be put into a public art gallery.'
- 3 'No, what annoyed me was that she didn't apologise.'
- 4 'No, what I meant was that she could borrow it until I needed it again.'
- 6 'No, what I did was (to) put some oil and soy sauce on it and grill it.'
- 7 'No, what I did was (to) give her some money towards it.'
- 8 'No, what I did was (to) hire a car and drive all the way.'

UNIT 99

99.1

- 1 (in a narrative 'down comes' is also possible; see Unit 2)
- 2 along comes
- 3 up go
- 4 back/ away he went
- 5 out/ in came (*or* comes)
- 6 along/ up came (*or* comes)
- 7 off/ away she went (*or* goes)

99.2

- 2 + h Should you not wish to receive further information about our products, put a tick in the box.
- 3 + a Were the plane ever (to be) built, it would cut the journey time from New York to Tokyo by 4 hours.

- 4 + g Should United win again today, it will be their tenth consecutive victory.
- 5 + d Were I (to be) asked to take the job, I would have no hesitation in accepting.
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- 8 + b Should you not be able to afford the Rombus 2000, there are less expensive models in the range.
- 9 + e Were Charles Dickens (to be) alive today, he would be writing novels about the homeless in London.

99.3

- 2 I was opposed to the new road being built, as was everyone else in the village.
- 3 Karen went to Oxford University, as did her mother and sister.
- 4 People in poorer countries consume a far smaller proportion of the earth's resources than do those in developed nations.
- 5 He is a much better teacher now than he was 5 years ago. (no inversion with a pronoun as subject)
- 6 Don is a keen golfer, as is his wife.

UNIT 100

100.1

- 2 At no time was the public (ever) in any danger.
- 3 Only with close friends and family did he feel entirely relaxed.
- 4 Only if the pitch is frozen will the match be cancelled.
- 5 Little did I know then that Carmen and I would be married one day.
- 6 Barely had he entered the water when it became clear he couldn't swim.
- 7 On no account are you to light the fire if you are alone in the house. (*or* On no account should/ must you...)
- 8 Not for one moment was there any competitiveness between the three brothers.
- 9 Not only was I wet through, I was freezing cold.
- 10 Only once had I ever climbed this high before. *or* Only once before had I ever climbed this high.
- 11 Hardly had the audience taken their seats when the conductor stepped onto the stage.
- 12 Only in the last few years has he been acknowledged to be a great author.

100.2 Possible answers

- 2 ...was the strength of the earthquake...
- 3 ...is his dominance in the sport...
- 4 ...alike were the twins...
- 5 ...complicated was the equation...
- 6 ...boring was the lesson...

100.3 Corrections are given in the underlined sections

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