BBC Learning English

Grammar Challenge





Practice activities

Exercise 1:

Match the beginnings of the sentences to the correct endings.

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	UK
2.	Don't tell her what happened
3.	You don't have to call me
4.	We're going for a picnic tomorrow
5.	Children are not allowed into the
	cinema
6.	You have to pay to enter the
	exhibition
7.	Michael's quite shy. He doesn't talk to
	people
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8.	I'm not buying that computer

a.	unless you're going to be late.
b.	unless she asks you.
c.	unless they are with an adult.
d.	unless they talk to him first.
e.	unless they give me a discount.
f.	unless it rains.
g.	unless you have a licence.
h.	unless you are over 65 years old.

Exercise 2: Correct or wrong?

Read the sentences and decide whether they are correct or wrong, either in grammar or meaning.

- 1. I don't watch TV unless the news is on.
- a. Correct
- b. Wrong
- 2. We can sit near the front unless you don't want to sit at the back.
- a. Correct
- b. Wrong
- 3. You will put on weight unless you eat fatty food.
- a. Correct
- b. Wrong
- 4. Unless you will wear a thick coat, you will get very cold.
- a. Correct
- b. Wrong
- 5. Unless they are showing an action film, we could go to the movies tomorrow afternoon.
- a. Correct
- b. Wrong
- 6. You can borrow my car unless you ask me first.
- a. Correct
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- 1. I don't watch TV unless the news is on.
- a. Correct Yes well done!
- b. Wrong No this sentence is correct in grammar and meaning.
- 2. We can sit near the front unless you don't want to sit at the back.
- a. Correct No this sentence does not make sense. Delete 'don't'.
- b. Wrong Yes this sentence does not make sense. Delete 'don't'.
- 3. You might put on weight unless you eat fatty food.
- a. Correct No the meaning is wrong. 'You might put on weight **if** you eat fatty food' is better.
- b. Wrong Yes the meaning is wrong. 'You might put on weight if you eat fatty food' is better.
- 4. Unless you will wear a thick coat, you will get very cold.
- a. Correct No the tense in the 'Unless' part of the sentence should be present: 'Unless *you wear* a thick coat...'
- b. Wrong Yes the tense in the 'Unless' part of the sentence should be present: 'Unless you wear a thick coat...'
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- a. Correct Yes well done!
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- 6. You can borrow my car unless you ask me first.
- a. Correct No it makes better sense to say: 'You can't borrow my car unless you ask me first'.
- b. Wrong Yes it makes better sense to say: 'You can't borrow my car unless you ask me first'.