

Grammar exercises

1. Rewrite these statements in reported speech

a) Yesterday two cars crashed at the end of this street.

He said that.....

b) These are the friends I'm going out with tonight.

She told me that.....

c) She collapsed unconscious at my feet here in this room.

Her son said that.....

d) You have to promise you will visit me next year.

Peter told us that.....

e) I bought this flat three months ago.

She explained that

f) I don't live with my parents any more.

Mary says.....

2. Rewrite these questions in reported speech.

a) Would you like to go to the cinema tonight?

My girlfriend asked me.....

b) Did you hand in your homework last week?

The teacher asked the pupil.....

c) Where have you been living since you left?

My parents wanted to know.....

d) Is your town peaceful or noisy?

She asked me.....

3. Rewrite these commands in reported speech.

a) Go to your room and do your homework!

Their mother asked them.....

b) Stop making gestures!

Her teacher ordered her.....

c) Don't complain about your job!

Mary asked me.....

d) Fire at the enemy right now!

The officer commanded his men.....

e) Don't be rude to your grandmother!

His mother ordered Peter.....

f) Don't forget to call me next week!

John asked me.....



4. Correct the mistakes of these reported sentences.

- a) He told he was very sad.
- b) She asked me where did I lived.
- c) He ordered me that I was quiet.
- d) She wanted to know how tall was I.
- e) He said me that he loved me.
- f) She asked me to arrive not late.
- g) He wondered who was I.
- h) She asked me weather I was Spanish.

Answers:

1.

- a) He said that the day before two cars had crashed at the end of that street.
- b) She told me that those were the friends she was going out with that night.
- c) Her son said that she had collapsed unconscious at his feet there in that room.
- d) Peter told us that we had to promise we would visit him the following year.
- e) She explained that she had bought that flat three months before.
- f) Mary says that she doesn't live with her parents any more.

2.

- a) My girlfriend asked me if I would like to go to the cinema that night.
- b) The teacher asked the pupil if he had handed in his homework the previous week.
- c) My parents wanted to know where I had been living since I had left.
- d) She asked me whether my town was peaceful or noisy.
- e) Peter wants to know when I got married.
- f) He wondered whether he would always have to work there

3.

- a) Their mother asked them to go to their room and to do their homework.
- b) Her teacher ordered her to stop making gestures.
- c) Mary asked me not to complain about my job.
- d) The officer commanded his men to fire at the enemy right then.
- e) His mother ordered Peter not to be rude to his grandmother.
- f) John asked me not to forget to call him the following week.

4.

- A .He told me that he was very sad
- b. She asked me where I lived
- c. He ordered me to be quiet..
- d. d) She wanted to know how tall I was.
- e. He said to me that he loved me.
- f) She asked me not to arrive late
- g) He wondered who I was.
- h) She asked me whether I was Spanish



Working with words: Antonyms

Antónimos son palabras da mesma lingua con significados opostos. Exemplos:

Sad
Narrow
Freedom
Alive
Over

Happy
Wide
Slavery
Dead
Under

Exercise: 1. Match each word in column A with its antonym in column B.

Column A

- A) Complicated
- B) Close
- C) Married
- D) Lazy
- E) Asleep
- F) Small
- G) Fast
- H) Male
- I) Smooth
- J) Love
- K) Major
- L) Sacred
- M) Depart
- N) Optimism
- O) Build
- P) Raise
- Q) Receive
- R) Poor
- S) Go In
- T) Depressed
- U) Allow
- V) Careful
- W) Deep
- X) Blunt
- Y) Sober
- Z) Nervous

Column B

- 1) Open
- 2) Careless
- 3) Hate
- 4) Shallow
- 5) Drunk
- 6) Give
- 7) Large
- 8) Female
- 9) Wealthy
- 10) Come Out
- 11) Drop
- 12) Demolish
- 13) Simple
- 14) Happy
- 15) Relaxed
- 16) Pessimism
- 17) Minor
- 18) Hard-Working
- 19) Sharp
- 20) Rough
- 21) Slow
- 22) Awake
- 23) Forbid
- 24) Secular
- 25) Single
- 26) Arrive

Answers:

Complicated	Simple
Close	Far
Married	Single
Lazy	Hard-working
Asleep	Awake
Small	Large
Fast	Slow
Male	Female
Smooth	Rough
Love	Hate
Major	Minor
Sacred	Secular
Depart	Arrive
Optimism	Pessimism
Build	Demolish
Raise	Drop
Receive	Give
Poor	Wealthy
Go In	Come Out
Depressed	Happy
Allow	Forbid
Careful	Careless
Deep	Shallow
Blunt	Sharp
Sober	Drunk
Nervous	Relaxed

Exercises.

Learning new expressions. Expressions + ING

1. Fill in the blanks with a suitable verb in gerund. Use the following:

eat, repair, fish, go, work, clean, shop, laugh, study, find, shop, read, sunbathe, speak, ski, take.

- a) The museum is a short walk from here so it's not worth.....the bus.
- b) We'll go to the mountains next week and there we can go.....
- c) It's no use.....louder he is as deaf as a post.
- d) Even though I've got a suntan I can't stand.....more than one hour.
- e) I think it is a waste of time.....the tabloid press.
- f) I didn't have any difficulty.....the way back because I had a map.
- g) Let's go.....I have to buy a new suit.
- h) She can't help.....at him. He's such a peculiar guy.
- i) I'm so tired that it is not worth.....for the exam now.
- j) Dad can't help you now. He is too busy.....in his office.
- k) Your room is very dirty, it really needs.....
- l) There is no point inon a diet if you are slim.
- m) It will be a waste of money.....the television again.
- n) I'd rather go.....than hunting, because I like the sea very much.
- o) He's a diabetic but can't help.....sweets.

2.

1. Shall we get a taxi home?	1. No, it isn't far. It's not worth getting a taxi .
2. If you need help, why don't you ask Dave?	2. It's no use..... He won't be able to do anything.
3. I don't really want to go out tonight.	3. Well, stay at home! There's no point if you don't want to.
4. Shall I phone Liz now?	4. No, it's no good now. She won't be at home.
5. Are you going to complain about what happened?	5. No, it's not worth Nobody will do anything about it.
6. Do you ever read newspapers?	6. No, I think it's a waste.....
7. Do you want to keep these old clothes?	7. No, let's throw them away. They're not worth.....

3. Complete these sentences with the following (with the verb in the correct form):

go riding go sailing go shopping go skiing go swimming

- 1 Barry lives by the sea and he's got a boat, so he often.....
- 2 It was a very hot day, so we in the lake.
- 3 There's plenty of snow in the mountains, so we'll be able to
- 4 Helen has got two horses. She regularly.....
- 5 'Where's Dan?' 'He's..... There were a few things he needed to buy.'

Answers:

1.

Solución

a) Taking b) Skiing c) Speaking d) Sunbathing e) Reading f) Finding g) Shopping h) Laughing i) Studying j) Working k) Cleaning l) Going i
m) Repairing n) Fishing o) Eating

2.

1.getting a taxi
- 2..... .asking Dave.
3.going out tonight
4.phoning Liz now.
- 5.....complaining about...
- 6 of time.
7.keeping.

3.

1. goes sailing
- 2..... .went swimming
3.go skiing
4.goes riding
- 5.....gone shopping

1. Prepositions of motion. Fill the gaps with the correct prepositions

across along from into past through towards under up up

1. I couldn't tell him anything. He got the car immediately
2. You didn't see your lenses because they were the table.
3. To get to the camping, walk the road until you see a notice on a tree.
4. If you want to go the road, be very careful with cars
5. We thought he was our friend, because he was walking us.
6. My dog almost caught the rabbit, but he suddenly ran a very little hole.
7. The music section is on the second floor, so go the stairs to your right or take the lift.
8. I don't do much exercise, but I usually go my home to school on foot.
9. Oh, yes, you were on the right way. You went that shop five minutes ago.
10. What time do I have to pick you ?

2. Prepositions of place. Fill the gaps with the correct prepositions

to at on in above in via across into on

1. We live London.
2. Would you like to go the cinema tonight?
3. No, thanks. I was the cinema yesterday.
4. We are going holiday next week.
5. There is a bridge the river.
6. The flight from Leipzig to London was Frankfurt.
7. my wall, there are many picture postcards.
8. Who is the person this picture?
9. Come the sitting room, we want to watch TV.
10. Munich is 530 meters sea level.

Answers:

1. 1. into 2. under 3. along 4. across 5. towards 6. through 7. up 8. from 9. past 10. up
2. 1. in 2. to 3. at 4. on 5. across 6. via 7. on 8. in 9. into 10. above