

## Grammar- Check



**Relative Clauses**  
**Gerund – Inf**  
**Punctuation**  
**Time Expressions**  
**Register Transfer**

### A Mixed Bag Today...

**I Punctuation: add the necessary punctuation elements (, – ; : “ ”) where necessary:**

1. When a friend dies part of yourself dies too.
2. We took photographs of the patron saint of nail-biters the Venus de Milo.
3. Picture this a Neanderthal man deep in the forest gorges on the yummys of his time fruits berries anything sweet and pluckable.
4. Last week we read The Catbird Seat a short story by James Thurber.
5. Our three children Larry Curly and Moe have decided to enter show business.
6. When in doubt mumble when in trouble delegate.
7. An Americans devotion to McDonald's rests in part on uniformities associated with all McDonald's restaurants setting architecture food ambience acts and utterances.
8. (Golf) Some players hit the ball and stand dejected waiting for it to land others turn away and leave it to the caddy.
9. Don't answer if you don't know what to say. However do not expect good marks with just silence.
10. Lila who lives in a trailer with a parakeet (=parrot) and some scrappy dogs and cats has been the town fire warden for almost 30 years.
11. The woman is wearing golden stretch pants green eyelids and a hiveshaped head of hair that looks both in color and texture exactly like 25-cents worth of cotton candy.
12. Hurling which has been the national sport of Ireland since legendary times is to American eyes like a soccer game played at ice-hockey speed.
13. While on maneuvers in South Carolina Billy Pilgrim played hymns he knew from childhood.
14. (Pinball machine) Guiding the ball through the upper chutes down a runover lane off the slingshot bumpers to the flippers I cradled it there bouncing it back and forth until I had a perfect shot through the lighted spinner.
15. If you don't know the answer invent whatever seems remotely credible.
16. Dear Mister President I wish to congratulate you on your wise decision to finally tackle the issue of ...

**II Gerund or Infinitive: put the verbs in brackets into the correct form:**

**This is a question of ..... (fly), or, in other words: ..... (fly) or ..... (not fly).**

It's not that I won't ..... (do) it, it's not that I refuse ..... (do) it, it's not that I can't ..... (do) it, it's not that I haven't ever done it, it's purely and simply a case of old-fashioned fear. Yes, I am terrified. Terrified of what, you may ask? Why, ..... (fly) of course. Each time the subject of ..... (fly) comes up, I mean ..... (be) relaxed and I try ..... (no show) my anxiety. But that means ..... (be) someone else because that's not how I really feel. I've tried ..... (read) books about it. I remember once ..... (go) on a course in order to ..... (get) rid of my phobia, but I failed ..... (overcome) it. I've even tried ..... (do) special exercises before ..... (fly), but it just doesn't seem to work. Someone suggested ..... (fly) at night so I wouldn't need ..... (look) out of the window because it would be dark and I would be too tired ..... (worry).

Now, I know there is no logic in this but then my mind does not work along logical lines. Ask someone ..... (accompany) you up to the fifth floor, who to all intents and purposes is as sane as sane could be, is married, has six children, agrees ..... (help) old ladies ..... (cross) the road, never forgets ..... (clean) his teeth, manages ..... (get) to work on time, is always first to offer to do the ..... (wash up) and is invariably tucked up in bed by 11 o'clock at night – as I say, ask this rational individual ..... (pop up) a few floors in the lift and they will pointblank refuse and say they would much rather ..... (use) the stairs. Try ..... (carry out) this experiment on the ground floor of the Empire State building and mention the 30th floor and you will see a soul in torment. It's very difficult to avoid ..... (use) the lift in that situation. People enjoy ..... (watch) you as you brace yourself for the torment. You long for them to stop ..... (stare) at you. You suggest ..... (have) a cup of coffee before you enter the lift. I don't mind ..... (be) watched normally but in this particular situation I hate ..... (be) observed. The frequent flyers and the lift-users will tell you how stupid you are to have such fears, such irrational phobias. They will attempt ..... (point out) how stupidly you are behaving, they recommend ..... (you, see) a doctor, they keep ..... (say) how they can't understand how you are not used to ..... (go) in a lift at your age. They start to tell you that they used ..... (feel) the same way when they were children.

Finally, they will tell you that you should be more afraid ..... (be) run over by a bus when crossing the road than ..... (have) an accident when ..... (fly) or ..... (use) a lift. But they don't understand. There is no point ..... (argue). The simple difference is that, when I cross the road, I am essentially in charge. I can look where ..... (I, go). My eyesight is pretty good and I can see buses. They're big! However, I do not know how ..... (fly) a damn plane! Where ..... (look out) for other planes I might crash into!? When ..... (go) up or down!? You name it...

Please, share your thoughts with us here: delighted ..... (fly)? Your passion? Or can't stand ..... (set) your foot into one of those fragile flying machines? Call...

**III Relative Clauses:**

**a define the following terms using a relative clause:**

1 teacher:

2 racket:

3 kitchen:

4 autumn:

5 singing:

**(5 P)**

**b Relative clauses - defining or non-defining? Tick the correct one (✓)**

1. I have three brothers.

- a My brother who lives in Sidney came to see me last month.
- b My brother, who lives in Sidney, came to see me last month.

2. I have one sister.

- a My sister who is 25 years old spent her holiday in France.
- b My sister, who is 25 years old, spent her holiday in France.

3. Bob's mum has lost her keys.

- a Bob's mum who is a musician has lost her car keys.
- b Bob's mum, who is a musician, has lost her car keys.

4. My friend Jane moved to Canada.

- a My friend Jane whose husband is Canadian moved to Canada last week.
- b My friend Jane, whose husband is Canadian, moved to Canada last week.

5. I am a shoe fanatic.

- a The shoes I bought yesterday are very comfortable.
- b The shoes, which I bought yesterday, are very comfortable.

6. Mr Robinson is very famous.

- a Mr Robinson who I met at the trade fair is a famous inventor.
- b Mr Robinson, who I met at the trade fair, is a famous inventor.

7. Kevin has four cats. Two of them are black.

- a Kevin's two cats which are black can play outside.
- b Kevin's two cats, which are black, can play outside.

9. We were on a cultural holiday trip. Every day we visited several churches.

- a One church we visited yesterday is very old.
- b One church, which we visited yesterday, is very old.

**(9 P)**

**c gap-filler**

The paper-eater

Gap-fill exercise with a reading text. Read the text, and fill in the gaps in the exercise

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Did you ever hear about the man  eats paper? This is a true story  took place in Australia from  I heard. It's the story of a man  suffers from some sort of disease  makes him crave cellulose,  is the material paper is made of.

He used to eat newspapers,  was all he could get, until his wife decided that it would be better if she made paper for him (so he wouldn't have to eat the ink  covers newspapers, you know). She didn't want to be known as the woman  husband was obliged to eat inky newspapers because he had no kind person to make newsprint for him.

His wife is a woman  loves a joke, so she makes him paper  has all sorts of exotic flavours. So, now he only eats the paper  his wife makes and only eats ordinary newspapers  he is travelling, for instance  he is in New York.

He likes to visit New York, because it is  the newspapers are the thickest. He is happiest on Sunday,  he is in New York, because that is  the newspapers are really thick. Thick newspapers, for him, are like a banquet at an excellent restaurant.

(5 P)

**IV Register Transfer: informal to formal: complete the formal version of the sentences:**

Ex. You must wear protective glasses whatever the situation. (informal version)  
(*Regardless of*) ..... the situation you should always wear protective glasses.

1. We'll tell you how you got on in the test in a couple of weeks.  
Candidates will ..... of their results in two weeks.

2. If you're not happy with the service in the restaurant you can talk to the manager.  
(*if*) ..... wish to complain about our service, please contact the manager.

3. The police will be looking into the matter.  
The matter is under police .....

4. You don't have to buy anything If you don't want to.  
You are under ..... to purchase any of our products.

5. We're supposed to turn up 2 hours before we leave.  
Passengers ..... at least 2 hours before departure.

(5 P)

**V Time expressions / character reference – collocations: write 5 typical (multi-word-) time expressions and five such character reference expressions:**

time-expressions:

character reference expressions:

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| 1 | 6  |
| 2 | 7  |
| 3 | 8  |
| 4 | 9  |
| 5 | 10 |

(5 P)

*The End ... good luck !*