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# 1 Articles

## 1 Articles: a/an

■ PEG 1–4

Insert **a** or **an** if necessary.

- 1 My neighbour is . . . photographer; let's ask him for . . . advice about colour films.
- 2 We had . . . fish and . . . chips for . . . lunch. ~  
That doesn't sound . . . very interesting lunch.
- 3 I had . . . very bad night; I didn't sleep . . . wink.
- 4 He is . . . vegetarian; you won't get . . . meat at his house. He'll give you . . . nut cutlet. ~  
Last time I had . . . nut cutlet I had . . . indigestion.
- 5 . . . travel agent would give you . . . information about . . . hotels.
- 6 We'd better go by . . . taxi—if we can get . . . taxi at such . . . hour as 2 a.m.
- 7 . . . person who suffers from . . . claustrophobia has . . . dread of being confined in . . . small space, and would always prefer . . . stairs to . . . lift.
- 8 Do you take . . . sugar in . . . coffee? ~  
I used to, but now I'm on . . . diet. I'm trying to lose . . . weight.
- 9 . . . man suffering from . . . shock should not be given anything to drink.
- 10 You'll get . . . shock if you touch . . . live wire with that screwdriver. Why don't you get . . . screwdriver with . . . insulated handle?
- 11 It costs fifty-five and . . . half pence and I've only got . . . fifty pence piece. ~  
You can pay by . . . cheque here. ~  
But can I write . . . cheque for . . . fifty-five and . . . half pence?
- 12 . . . Mr Smith is . . . old customer and . . . honest man. ~  
Why do you say that? Has he been accused of . . . dishonesty?
- 13 I'm not . . . wage-earner; I'm . . . self-employed man. I have . . . business of my own. ~  
Then you're not . . . worker; you're . . . capitalist!
- 14 When he was charged with . . . murder he said he had . . . alibi.
- 15 . . . friend of mine is expecting . . . baby. If it's . . . girl she's going to be called Etheldreda. ~  
What . . . name to give . . . girl!

- 16 I have . . . hour and . . . half for lunch. ~  
I only have . . . half . . . hour—barely . . . time for . . . smoke and . . . cup of coffee.
- 17 I hope you have . . . lovely time and . . . good weather. ~  
But I'm not going for . . . holiday; I'm going on . . . business.
- 18 He looked at me with . . . horror when I explained that I was . . . double agent.
- 19 I wouldn't climb . . . mountain for £1,000! I have . . . horror of . . . heights.
- 20 I have . . . headache and . . . sore throat. I think I've got . . . cold. ~  
I think you're getting . . . flu.
- 21 . . . Mr Jones called while you were out (*neither of us knows this man*). He wants to make . . . complaint about . . . article in the paper. He was in . . . very bad temper.
- 22 If you go by . . . train you can have quite . . . comfortable journey, but make sure you get . . . express, not . . . train that stops at all the stations.
- 23 . . . few people know (*hardly anyone knows*) that there is . . . secret passage from this house to . . . old smugglers' cave in the cliffs.
- 24 I'm having . . . few friends in to . . . coffee tomorrow evening.  
Would you like to come? ~  
I'd love to, but I'm afraid I'm going to . . . concert.
- 25 It's time you had . . . holiday. You haven't had . . . day off for . . . month.
- 26 He broke . . . leg in . . . skiing accident. It's still in . . . plaster.
- 27 I want . . . assistant with . . . knowledge of French and . . . experience of . . . office routine.
- 28 I see that your house is built of . . . wood. Are you insured against . . . fire?
- 29 The escaping prisoner camped in . . . wood but he didn't light . . . fire because . . . smoke rising from the wood might attract . . . attention.
- 30 I had . . . amazing experience last night. I saw . . . dinosaur eating . . . meat pie in . . . London park. ~  
You mean you had . . . nightmare. Anyway, dinosaurs didn't eat . . . meat.
- 31 I'll pay you . . . hundred . . . week. It's not . . . enormous salary but after all you are . . . completely unskilled man.
- 32 If you kept . . . graph you could see at . . . glance whether you were making . . . profit or . . . loss.
- 33 . . . little (*hardly anything*) is known about the effect of this drug; yet . . . chemist will sell it to you without . . . prescription.
- 34 I have . . . little money left; let's have dinner in . . . restaurant.
- 35 Would it be . . . trouble to you to buy me . . . newspaper on your way home?
- 36 . . . man is . . . reasoning animal.

2 Articles: **the**

## ■ PEG 6–8

Insert **the** if necessary.

- 1 . . . youngest boy has just started going to . . . school; . . . eldest boy is at . . . college.
- 2 She lives on . . . top floor of an old house. When . . . wind blows, all . . . windows rattle.
- 3 . . . darkness doesn't worry . . . cats; . . . cats can see in . . . dark.
- 4 My little boys say that they want to be . . . spacemen, but most of them will probably end up in . . . less dramatic jobs.
- 5 Do you know . . . time? ~  
Yes, . . . clock in . . . hall has just struck nine. ~  
Then it isn't . . . time to go yet.
- 6 He was sent to . . . prison for . . . six months for . . . shop-lifting. When . . . six months are over he'll be released; . . . difficulty then will be to find . . . work. ~  
Do you go to . . . prison to visit him?
- 7 I went to . . . school to talk to . . . headmistress. I persuaded her to let Ann give up . . . gymnastics and take . . . ballet lessons instead.
- 8 . . . ballet isn't much use for . . . girls; it is much better to be able to play . . . piano.
- 9 I am on . . . night duty. When you go to . . . bed, I go to . . . work.
- 10 Peter's at . . . office but you could get him on . . . phone. There's a telephone box just round . . . corner
- 11 He got . . . bronchitis and was taken to . . . hospital. I expect they'll send him home at . . . end of . . . week. ~  
Have you rung . . . hospital to ask how he is?
- 12 Ann's habit of riding a motorcycle up and down . . . road early in . . . morning annoyed . . . neighbours and in . . . end they took her to . . . court.
- 13 He first went to . . . sea in a Swedish ship, so as well as learning . . . navigation he had to learn . . . Swedish.
- 14 . . . family hotels are . . . hotels which welcome . . . parents and . . . children.
- 15 On . . . Sundays my father stays in . . . bed till ten o'clock, reading . . . Sunday papers.
- 16 Then he gets up, puts on . . . old clothes, has . . . breakfast and starts . . . work in . . . garden.
- 17 My mother goes to . . . church in . . . morning, and in . . . afternoon goes to visit . . . friends.
- 18 Like many women, she loves . . . tea parties and . . . gossip.
- 19 My parents have . . . cold meat and . . . salad for . . . supper, . . . winter and . . . summer.
- 20 During . . . meal he talks about . . . garden and she tells him . . . village gossip.

- 21 We have a very good train service from here to . . . city centre and most people go to . . . work by train. You can go by . . . bus too, of course, but you can't get a season ticket on . . . bus.
- 22 . . . dead no longer need . . . help. We must concern ourselves with . . . living. We must build . . . houses and . . . schools and . . . playgrounds.
- 23 I'd like to see . . . Mr Smith please. ~  
Do you mean . . . Mr Smith who works in . . . box office or . . . other Mr Smith?
- 24 Did you come by . . . air? ~  
No, I came by . . . sea. I had a lovely voyage on . . . Queen Elizabeth II.
- 25 . . . most of . . . stories that . . . people tell about . . . Irish aren't true.
- 26 . . . married couples with . . . children often rent . . . cottages by . . . seaside for . . . summer holidays.  
. . . men hire boats and go for . . . trips along . . . coast; . . . children spend . . . day on . . . beach and . . . poor mothers spend . . . most of . . . time doing . . . cooking and cleaning.
- 27 It's usually safe to walk on . . . sand, but here, when . . . tide is coming in, . . . sand becomes dangerously soft. . . . people have been swallowed up by it.
- 28 When . . . Titanic was crossing . . . Atlantic she struck an iceberg which tore a huge hole in her bow. . . . captain ordered . . . crew to help . . . passengers into . . . boats.
- 29 Everywhere . . . man has cut down . . . forests in order to cultivate . . . ground, or to use . . . wood as . . . fuel or as . . . building material.
- 30 But . . . interference with . . . nature often brings . . . disaster. . . . tree-felling sometimes turns . . . fertile land into a dustbowl.
- 31 . . . people think that . . . lead is . . . heaviest metal, but . . . gold is heavier.
- 32 Our air hostess said, ' . . . rack is only for . . . light articles. . . . heavy things such as . . . bottles must be put on . . . floor.'
- 33 . . . windows are supposed to let in . . . light; but . . . windows of this house are so small that we have to have . . . electric light on all . . . time.
- 34 There'll always be a conflict between . . . old and . . . young. . . . young people want . . . change but . . . old people want . . . things to stay . . . same.
- 35 . . . power tends to corrupt and . . . absolute power corrupts absolutely.
- 36 You can fool some of . . . people all . . . time, and all . . . people some of . . . time; but you cannot fool all . . . people all . . . time.

### 3 Articles: a/an, the

#### ▣ PEG 1-8

Insert **a**, **an** or **the** if necessary.

- 1 There was . . . knock on . . . door. I opened it and found . . . small dark man in . . . blue overcoat and . . . woollen cap.
- 2 He said he was . . . employee of . . . gas company and had come to read . . . meter.
- 3 But I had . . . suspicion that he wasn't speaking . . . truth because . . . meter readers usually wear . . . peaked caps.
- 4 However, I took him to . . . meter, which is in . . . dark corner under . . . stairs ( . . . meters are usually in . . . dark corners under . . . stairs).
- 5 I asked if he had . . . torch; he said he disliked torches and always read . . . meters by . . . light of . . . match.
- 6 I remarked that if there was . . . leak in . . . gaspipe there might be . . . explosion while he was reading . . . meter.
- 7 He said, 'As . . . matter of . . . fact, there was . . . explosion in . . . last house I visited; and Mr Smith, . . . owner of . . . house, was burnt in . . . face.'
- 8 'Mr Smith was holding . . . lighted match at . . . time of . . . explosion.'
- 9 To prevent . . . possible repetition of this accident, I lent him . . . torch.
- 10 He switched on . . . torch, read . . . meter and wrote . . . reading down on . . . back of . . . envelope.
- 11 I said in . . . surprise that . . . meter readers usually put . . . readings down in . . . book.
- 12 He said that he had had . . . book but that it had been burnt in . . . fire in . . . Mr Smith's house.
- 13 By this time I had come to . . . conclusion that he wasn't . . . genuine meter reader; and . . . moment he left . . . house I rang . . . police.
- 14 Are John and Mary . . . cousins? ~  
No, they aren't . . . cousins; they are . . . brother and . . . sister.
- 15 . . . fog was so thick that we couldn't see . . . side of . . . road. We followed . . . car in front of us and hoped that we were going . . . right way.
- 16 I can't remember . . . exact date of . . . storm, but I know it was . . . Sunday because everybody was at . . . church. On . . . Monday . . . post didn't come because . . . roads were blocked by . . . fallen trees.
- 17 Peter thinks that this is quite . . . cheap restaurant.
- 18 There's been . . . murder here. ~  
Where's . . . body? ~  
There isn't . . . body. ~  
Then how do you know there's been . . . murder?

- 19 Number . . . hundred and two, . . . house next door to us, is for sale. It's quite . . . nice house with . . . big rooms. . . . back windows look out on . . . park.
- 20 I don't know what . . . price . . . owners are asking. But Dry and Rot are . . . agents. You could give them . . . ring and make them . . . offer.
- 21 . . . postman's little boy says that he'd rather be . . . dentist than . . . doctor, because . . . dentists don't get called out at . . . night.
- 22 Just as . . . air hostess (*there was only one on the plane*) was handing me . . . cup of . . . coffee . . . plane gave . . . lurch and . . . coffee went all over . . . person on . . . other side of . . . gangway.
- 23 There was . . . collision between . . . car and . . . cyclist at . . . crossroads near . . . my house early in . . . morning. . . . cyclist was taken to . . . hospital with . . . concussion. . . . driver of . . . car was treated for . . . shock. . . . witnesses say that . . . car was going at . . . seventy miles . . . hour.
- 24 Professor Jones, . . . man who discovered . . . new drug that everyone is talking about, refused to give . . . press conference.
- 25 Peter Piper, . . . student in . . . professor's college, asked him why he refused to talk to . . . press.
- 26 We're going to . . . tea with . . . Smiths today, aren't we? Shall we take . . . car? ~  
We can go by . . . car if you wash . . . car first. We can't go to . . . Mrs Smith's in . . . car all covered with . . . mud.
- 27 He got . . . job in . . . south and spent . . . next two years doing . . . work he really enjoyed.
- 28 It is . . . pleasure to do . . . business with such . . . efficient organization.
- 29 . . . day after . . . day passed without . . . news, and we began to lose . . . hope.
- 30 Would you like to hear . . . story about . . . Englishman, . . . Irishman and . . . Scotsman? ~  
No. I've heard . . . stories about . . . Englishmen, . . . Irishmen and . . . Scotsmen before and they are all . . . same.
- 31 But mine is not . . . typical story. In my story . . . Scotsman is generous, . . . Irishman is logical and . . . Englishman is romantic. ~  
Oh, if it's . . . fantastic story I'll listen with . . . pleasure.
- 32 My aunt lived on . . . ground floor of . . . old house on . . . River Thames. She was very much afraid of . . . burglars and always locked up . . . house very carefully before she went to . . . bed. She also took . . . precaution of looking under . . . bed to see if . . . burglar was hiding there.
- 33 ' . . . modern burglars don't hide under . . . beds,' said her daughter. 'I'll go on looking just . . . same,' said my aunt.
- 34 One morning she rang her daughter in . . . triumph. 'I found . . . burglar under . . . bed . . . last night,' she said, 'and he was quite . . . young man.'

- 35 . . . apples are sold by . . . pound. These are forty pence . . . pound.
- 36 It was . . . windy morning but they hired . . . boat and went for . . . sail along . . . coast. In . . . afternoon . . . wind increased and they soon found themselves in . . . difficulties.

#### 4 Articles and possessive adjectives

##### ■ PEG 1–8, 62–3

Insert **a, an, the, or my, his, her, our, your, their** if necessary.

- 1 He took off . . . coat and set to work.
- 2 Why are you standing there with . . . hands in . . . pockets?
- 3 At most meetings . . . people vote by raising . . . right hands.
- 4 The bullet struck him in . . . foot.
- 5 They tied . . . hands behind . . . back and locked him in a cellar.
- 6 He took . . . shoes off and entered on . . . tiptoe.
- 7 Someone threw . . . egg which struck the speaker on . . . shoulder.
- 8 I have . . . headache.
- 9 I have . . . pain in . . . shoulder.
- 10 The windscreen was smashed and the driver was cut in . . . face by broken glass.
- 11 He was . . . very tall man with . . . dark hair and . . . small beard, but I couldn't see . . . eyes because he was wearing . . . dark glasses.
- 12 He tore . . . trousers getting over a barbed wire fence.
- 13 Brother and sister were quite unlike each other. He had . . . fair wavy hair; . . . hair was dark and straight.
- 14 She pulled . . . sleeve to attract his attention.
- 15 She pulled him by . . . sleeve.
- 16 'Hands up!' said the masked man, and we all put . . . hands up.
- 17 Ask . . . woman in front of you to take off . . . hat.
- 18 He stroked . . . chin thoughtfully.
- 19 If you're too hot why don't you take off . . . coat?
- 20 I saw him raise . . . right hand and take . . . oath.
- 21 The lioness bit him in . . . leg.
- 22 You should change . . . wet shoes, or you'll catch another cold.
- 23 There was a shot and a policeman came out with . . . blood running down . . . face.
- 24 We shook . . . hands with . . . host.
- 25 He fell off his horse and injured . . . back.
- 26 The barman seized the drunk by . . . collar.
- 27 Leave . . . coats in . . . cloakroom; don't bring them into . . . theatre.
- 28 He fell down a flight of stairs and broke . . . rib.
- 29 He pointed to a woman in . . . green dress.
- 30 He is . . . thoroughly selfish man; he wouldn't lift . . . finger to help anyone.
- 31 You'll strain . . . eyes if you read in . . . bad light.

- 32 She was on . . . knees, scrubbing . . . kitchen floor.  
 33 He has . . . horrible job; I wouldn't like to be in . . . shoes.  
 34 You've got . . . shirt on inside out.  
 35 'Pull up . . . socks,' said his mother.  
 36 I hit . . . thumb with a hammer when I was hanging the picture.

## 5 a/an and one

### ■ PEG 4

Insert **a/an** or **one** if necessary.

- 1 . . . of my friends advised me to take . . . taxi; another said that there was quite . . . good bus service.  
 2 . . . friend of mine lent me . . . book by Meredith. I've only . . . more chapter to read. Would you like . . . loan of it afterwards? ~  
 No, thanks. I read . . . of his books . . . few years ago and didn't like it. Besides I have . . . library book to finish. If I don't take it back tomorrow I'll have to pay . . . fine.  
 3 . . . man I met on the train told me . . . rather unusual story.  
 4 Most people like . . . rest after . . . hard day's work, but Tom seemed to have . . . inexhaustible supply of energy.  
 5 I've told you . . . hundred times not to come into . . . room with . . . hat on.  
 6 It's unlucky to light three cigarettes with . . . match. ~  
 That's only . . . superstition. Only . . . idiot believes in superstitions.  
 7 He says . . . caravan is no good; he needs . . . cottage.  
 8 . . . plate is no good; we need . . . dozen.  
 9 Last time there was . . . fog here . . . plane crash-landed in . . . field near the airport. The crew had . . . lucky escape. . . man broke his leg; the rest were unhurt.  
 10 You've been . . . great help to me; . . . day I will repay you.  
 11 My car broke down near . . . bus stop. There was . . . man waiting for . . . bus so I asked him for . . . advice.  
 12 He took . . . quick look at my car and said, 'Buy . . . new . . .'  
 13 There was . . . woman there. The rest were men. ~  
 There shouldn't have been even . . . woman. It was meant to be . . . stag party.  
 14 Don't tell . . . soul! Not even your wife! ~  
 Of course not! I'd never tell . . . secret to . . . woman.  
 15 Most of the staff had been there for only . . . very short time, but . . . man had been there . . . year and . . . half, so he knew . . . little more than the rest.  
 16 Could you lend me . . . dictionary, please? I'm trying to do . . . crossword puzzle. ~  
 I'm afraid I've only got . . . dictionary, and Tom's borrowed it.

- 17 . . . chop won't be enough for Tom; he'll want two; he's . . . small man but he's got . . . big appetite.  
 18 'I want . . . volunteers for . . . dangerous job,' said the captain. There was . . . long silence.  
 'Isn't there even . . . man who will take . . . risk?' he asked.  
 . . . voice called out from the back, 'Will there be . . . reward?'  
 19 I have . . . flat on the top floor. You get . . . lovely view from there.  
 20 . . . day a new director arrived. He was . . . ambitious, bad-tempered man, and the staff took . . . instant dislike to him.  
 21 Suddenly . . . bullet struck . . . street lamp . . . little to Bill's left. He looked up and saw . . . man with . . . gun standing at . . . open window.  
 22 Bill fired back twice. . . . bullet hit the wall, the other broke . . . pane of . . . glass. He heard . . . angry shout.  
 23 . . . day—it was . . . dry day with . . . good visibility—Tom was driving along . . . country road in . . . borrowed car.  
 24 You're making . . . mistake after another. Have you . . . hangover, or something? ~  
 No, but I had . . . very bad night last night. The people next door were having . . . party. ~  
 . . . bad night shouldn't have such . . . effect on your work. I often have three bad nights in succession. I live in . . . very noisy street.



## 2 Auxiliary verbs

### 6 Auxiliary verbs

PEG 106–7

Auxiliaries here are used both alone and as part of various tenses of ordinary verbs.

Read the following (a) in the negative (b) in the interrogative. These sentences, except for nos. 1 and 13, could also be used for question tag exercises (see Exercise 13).

Note:

1 **may** for possibility rarely begins a sentence. Instead we use **do you think (that) + present/future or is + subject + likely + infinitive**:

Tom may know.

Do you think (that) Tom knows?

Is Tom likely to know?

2 Use **needn't** as the negative of **must**.

- 1 It may cost £100.
- 2 Men should help with the housework.
- 3 Tom would pay her.
- 4 They could play the guitar.
- 5 We're seeing Mary tomorrow.
- 6 She ought to keep it in the fridge.
- 7 You can understand it.
- 8 The police were watching the house.
- 9 You can go with him.
- 10 They've got a house.
- 11 Your boss will be angry.
- 12 Tom should pay the fine.
- 13 They may come tonight.
- 14 They were cleaning their shoes.
- 15 He must write in French.
- 16 You have read the instructions.
- 17 These pearls are made by oysters.
- 18 The ice was thick enough to walk on.
- 19 This will take a long time.
- 20 They may (*permission*) take the car.
- 21 You've made a mistake.
- 22 Ann would like a skiing holiday.

- 23 We must do it at once.
- 24 Tom could come.
- 25 They were in a hurry.
- 26 There is enough salt in it.
- 27 You could see the sea from the house.
- 28 Ann will be able to drive you.
- 29 They had written to him.
- 30 We must cook it in butter.
- 31 It is freezing.
- 32 She ought to accept the offer.
- 33 There'll be time for tea.
- 34 I'm right.
- 35 He may be at home.
- 36 He used to live here.

### 7 Auxiliaries conjugated with **do/does/did**

PEG 106–7, 123, 126 (see also Exercise 17)

Some auxiliaries when used in certain ways make their negative and interrogative according to the rule for ordinary verbs, i.e. with **do**. Sometimes either form is possible.

Make the sentences (a) negative and (b) interrogative, using **do/does/did**.

- 1 They have eggs for breakfast.
- 2 He needs a new coat.
- 3 He used to sell fruit.
- 4 They have to work hard.
- 5 She does the housework.
- 6 He needs more money.
- 7 He had a row with his boss.
- 8 She had a heart attack.
- 9 Her hair needed cutting.
- 10 He does his homework after supper.
- 11 She has a singing lesson every week.
- 12 She had to make a speech.
- 13 He does his best.
- 14 He has to get up at six every day.
- 15 The children have dinner at school.
- 16 She dared him to climb it.
- 17 You did it on purpose.
- 18 He has his piano tuned regularly. (*see 119*)
- 19 He dares to say that!
- 20 They had a good time.
- 21 The drink did him good.

- 22 My watch needs cleaning.
- 23 He had an accident.
- 24 You had your house painted.
- 25 She used to make her own clothes.
- 26 You do the exercises.
- 27 He had difficulty (in) getting a job.
- 28 He dared to interrupt the president, did he? (*Omit final did he?*)

## 8 Auxiliary verbs

PEG 106-7

Put the following verbs into the past tense. (Auxiliaries are used both by themselves and as part of certain forms and tenses of ordinary verbs.)

Use **had to** as the past tense of **must** and **didn't need** as a past tense of **needn't**.

- 1 He isn't working hard.
- 2 She doesn't like cats.
- 3 I can't say anything.
- 4 We must read it carefully.
- 5 He won't help us.
- 6 He can lift it easily.
- 7 It isn't far from London.
- 8 Isn't it too heavy to carry?
- 9 He needn't pay at once.
- 10 He hopes that Tom will be there. (He hoped . . .)
- 11 How much does this cost?
- 12 He says that Ann may be there. (He said . . .)
- 13 How old is he?
- 14 Do you see any difference?
- 15 I do what I can.
- 16 How far can you swim?
- 17 I must change my shoes.
- 18 Tom dares not complain.
- 19 I don't dare (to) touch it.
- 20 Have you time to do it?
- 21 Are you frightened?
- 22 Must you pay for it yourself?
- 23 The letter needn't be typed.
- 24 We hope that he'll come. (We hoped . . .)
- 25 He says that she may not be in time. (He said that she . . .)
- 26 Do you understand what he is saying? I don't.
- 27 There are accidents every day at these crossroads.
- 28 She thinks that it may cost £100. (She thought that it . . .)
- 29 Doesn't Mr Pitt know your address?

- 30 They aren't expecting me, are they?
- 31 He thinks that the snakes may be dangerous. (*see 28*)
- 32 She wants to know if she can borrow the car. (She wanted to know if . . .)
- 33 Can't you manage on £100 a week?
- 34 Tom is certain that he will win.
- 35 Can you read the notice? No, I can't.
- 36 I don't think that the bull will attack us.

## 9 Auxiliary verbs

PEG 108

Answer the following questions (a) in the affirmative (b) in the negative, in each case repeating the auxiliary and using a pronoun as subject.

Do you need this? ~ *Yes, I do/No, I don't.*

Can Tom swim? ~ *Yes, he can/No, he can't.*

Note also:

Is that Bill? ~ *Yes, it is/No, it isn't.*

Will there be time? ~ *Yes, there will/No, there won't.*

Use **needn't** in 7 and 15. Use **must** in 26 and 35.

- 1 Is the water deep?
- 2 Do you know the way?
- 3 Can you swim?
- 4 Does he come every day?
- 5 Is that Tom over there?
- 6 Are you Tom's brother?
- 7 Must you go?
- 8 Are you enjoying yourselves?
- 9 Did he see you?
- 10 Would £10 be enough?
- 11 May I borrow your car?
- 12 Is this the front of the queue?
- 13 Will she be there?
- 14 Do you play cards?
- 15 Should I tell the police?
- 16 Can you cook?
- 17 Are you ready?
- 18 Could women join the club?
- 19 Is your name Pitt?
- 20 Were they frightened?
- 21 Will his mother be there?
- 22 Ought I to get a new one?
- 23 Should I tell him the truth?

- 24 Was the driver killed?
- 25 Have you any money?
- 26 Need we finish the exercise?
- 27 Used he to ride in races?
- 28 Would you like to see him?
- 29 Is this yours?
- 30 Do you want it?
- 31 Can I take it?
- 32 Will you bring it back tomorrow?
- 33 Are you free this evening?
- 34 Am I in your way?
- 35 Need I wear a tie?
- 36 Was that Bill on the phone?

## 10 Additions to remarks, using auxiliary verbs

PEG 112

**Part 1** Add to the following remarks using **(and) so** + the noun/pronoun in brackets + the auxiliary. If there is an auxiliary in the first remark repeat this; if not use **do/does/did**.

He lives in London. (I) He lives in London *and so do I*.

He had to wait. (you) He had to wait *and so had you*.

- 1 I have read it. (John)
- 2 He is a writer. (she)
- 3 Tom can speak Welsh. (his wife)
- 4 She ought to get up. (you)
- 5 I should be wearing a seat belt. (you)
- 6 John will be there. (Tom)
- 7 The first bus was full. (the second)
- 8 I bought a ticket. (my brother)
- 9 You must come. (your son)
- 10 This bus goes to Piccadilly. (that)
- 11 I'm getting out at the next stop. (my friend)
- 12 He used to work in a restaurant. (I)

**Part 2** Add to the following remarks using **(and) neither/nor** + the auxiliary + the noun/pronoun in brackets.

He isn't back. (she) He isn't back *and neither is she*.

- 13 I haven't seen it. (Tom)
- 14 You shouldn't be watching TV. (Tom)
- 15 You mustn't be late. (I)
- 16 He can't come. (his sister)
- 17 I don't believe it. (Ann)
- 18 Alice couldn't understand. (Andrew)

- 19 I'm not going. (you)
- 20 This telephone doesn't work. (that)
- 21 Tom's car won't start. (mine)
- 22 I hadn't any change. (the taxi driver)
- 23 He didn't know the way. (anyone else)
- 24 My father wouldn't mind. (my mother)

**Part 3** Contrary additions.

Add to the following remarks using **but** + noun/pronoun + the auxiliary or **do/does/did**. Make a negative addition to an affirmative remark:

She thanked me. (he) She thanked me *but he didn't*.

Make an affirmative addition to a negative remark:

She can't eat oysters. (I) She can't eat oysters *but I can*.

Use **needn't** as the negative of **must**, and **must** as the affirmative of **needn't**.

- 25 John was seasick. (Mary)
- 26 He wasn't there. (she)
- 27 You must go. (your brother)
- 28 My sister can speak German. (I)
- 29 Alexander didn't want to wait. (James)
- 30 Bill needn't stay. (Stanley)
- 31 A cat wouldn't eat it. (a dog)
- 32 He will enjoy it. (his wife)
- 33 I haven't got a computer. (my neighbour)
- 34 This beach is safe for bathing. (that beach)
- 35 I must leave early. (you)
- 36 You don't have to pay tax. (I)

## 11 Agreements and disagreements with remarks, using auxiliary verbs

PEG 109

**Part 1** Agreements with affirmative remarks.

Agree with the following remarks, using **yes/so** + pronoun + the auxiliary or **do/does/did**. To express surprise, use **Oh, so . . .**

He has a good influence on her. ~ *Yes, he has*.

- 1 We must have a large room.
- 2 I was very rude.
- 3 She always wears dark glasses.
- 4 She may be a spy.
- 5 Tom could tell us where to go.
- 6 There's a snake in that basket.

- 7 He needs six bottles.
- 8 This boat is leaking!
- 9 His revolver was loaded.
- 10 This restaurant might be expensive.
- 11 They used to have a parrot.
- 12 The fog is getting thicker.

**Part 2** Agreements with negative remarks.

Agree with the following remarks, using **no** + pronoun + the auxiliary.

Elephants never forget. ~ *No, they don't.*

- 13 Cuckoos don't build nests.
- 14 He didn't complain.
- 15 It isn't worth keeping.
- 16 He can't help coughing.
- 17 The ice wasn't thick enough.
- 18 The lift wouldn't come down.
- 19 This flat hasn't got very thick walls.
- 20 They don't have earthquakes there.
- 21 The oranges didn't look very good.
- 22 It hasn't been a bad summer.
- 23 I don't look my age.
- 24 He mightn't like that colour.

**Part 3** Disagreements with affirmative or negative remarks.

Disagree with the following remarks, using **oh no/but** + pronoun + auxiliary. Use a negative auxiliary if the first verb is affirmative and an affirmative auxiliary if the first verb is negative.

He won't be any use. ~ *(Oh) yes, he will.*

She worked here for a year. ~ *(Oh) no, she didn't.*

- 25 You're drunk.
- 26 I didn't do it on purpose.
- 27 They weren't in your way.
- 28 I wasn't born then.
- 29 She'd rather live alone.
- 30 You gave him my address.
- 31 I can use your bicycle.
- 32 That five pound note belongs to me.
- 33 He didn't mean to be rude.
- 34 Children get too much pocket money.
- 35 Exams should be abolished.
- 36 She promised to obey him.

## 12 Question tags after negative statements

□ PEG 110

Add question tags to the following statements.

Bill doesn't know Ann.

*Bill doesn't know Ann, does he?*

Ann hasn't got a phone.

*Ann hasn't got a phone, has she?*

**this/that** (subject) becomes **it** in the tag. **there** remains unchanged:

*That isn't Tom, is it?*

*There won't be time, will there?*

All the tags, except the tag for no. 30, should be spoken in the usual way with a statement intonation. But they could also be practised with a question intonation. The important word in the statement must then be stressed.

- 1 You aren't afraid of snakes.
- 2 Ann isn't at home.
- 3 You don't know French.
- 4 Tom didn't see her.
- 5 This isn't yours.
- 6 Mary wasn't angry.
- 7 Bill hasn't had breakfast.
- 8 You won't tell anyone.
- 9 I didn't wake you up.
- 10 Tom doesn't like oysters.
- 11 You don't want to sell the house.
- 12 It doesn't hurt.
- 13 People shouldn't drink and drive.
- 14 You aren't going alone.
- 15 They couldn't pay the rent.
- 16 You don't agree with Bill.
- 17 There wasn't a lot to do.
- 18 I needn't say anything.
- 19 That wasn't Ann on the phone.
- 20 You didn't do it on purpose.
- 21 This won't take long.
- 22 She doesn't believe you.
- 23 It didn't matter very much.
- 24 He shouldn't put so much salt in it.
- 25 Mary couldn't leave the children alone.
- 26 You aren't doing anything tonight.
- 27 You wouldn't mind helping me with this.
- 28 George hadn't been there before.
- 29 The children weren't surprised.
- 30 You wouldn't like another drink.

- 31 Tom doesn't have to go to lectures.
- 32 Bill hasn't got a car.
- 33 Bill couldn't have prevented it.
- 34 I needn't wait any longer.
- 35 There weren't any mosquitoes.
- 36 The fire wasn't started deliberately.

### 13 Question tags after affirmative statements

#### ▣ PEG 110

Add question tags to the following statements:

Tom goes to Bath quite often, *doesn't he?*

He told you about his last trip, *didn't he?*

It was very cold last night, *wasn't it?*

Be careful of the contractions 's and 'd:

He's ready, *isn't he?* He's finished, *hasn't he?*

He'd seen it, *hadn't he?* He'd like it, *wouldn't he?*

These should be practised mainly with a statement intonation, but they could also be said with a question intonation. See notes to previous exercise.

- 1 The children can read French.
- 2 He's ten years old.
- 3 Bill came on a bicycle.
- 4 The Smiths have got two cars.
- 5 Your grandfather was a millionaire.
- 6 Tom should try again.
- 7 It could be done.
- 8 Your brother's here.
- 9 That's him over there.
- 10 George can leave his case here.
- 11 This will fit in your pocket.
- 12 His wife has headaches quite often.
- 13 She's got lovely blue eyes.
- 14 The twins arrived last night.
- 15 Mary paints portraits.
- 16 Bill puts the money in the bank.
- 17 Bill put the money in the bank.
- 18 Prices keep going up.
- 19 I've seen you before.
- 20 Bill's written a novel.
- 21 His mother's very proud of him.
- 22 The twins used to play rugby.
- 23 Tom might be at home now.
- 24 We must hurry.

- 25 You'd been there before.
- 26 You'd like a drink.
- 27 The boys prefer a cooked breakfast.
- 28 Mary ought to cook it for them.
- 29 That was Ann on the phone.
- 30 The Smiths need two cars.
- 31 You'll help me.
- 32 He used to eat raw fish.
- 33 There'll be plenty for everyone.
- 34 You'd better wait for Bill.
- 35 You'd come if I needed help.
- 36 You could come at short notice.

### 14 Question tags: mixed

#### ▣ PEG 110

See notes to Exercises 12 and 13.

Note that a statement containing words such as **none**, **nobody**, **hardly/hardly any** etc. is treated as a negative statement:

He hardly ever makes a mistake, does he?

When the subject is **nobody/anybody/everybody** etc., the pronoun **they** is used in the tag:

Nobody liked the play, did they?

Add question tags to the following statements.

- 1 You take sugar in tea.
- 2 But you don't take it in coffee.
- 3 The lift isn't working today.
- 4 It never works very well.
- 5 The area was evacuated at once.
- 6 There was no panic.
- 7 Though everybody realized the danger.
- 8 There was a lot of noise.
- 9 But nobody complained.
- 10 Mary hardly ever cooks.
- 11 She buys convenience foods.
- 12 She'd save money if she bought fresh food.
- 13 Mr Smith usually remembered his wife's birthdays.
- 14 But he didn't remember this one.
- 15 And his wife was very disappointed.
- 16 He ought to have made a note of it.
- 17 Neither of them offered to help you.
- 18 They don't allow pet dogs in this shop.
- 19 But guide dogs can come in.
- 20 He hardly ever leaves the house.

- 21 That isn't Bill driving.
- 22 Nothing went wrong.
- 23 Lions are loose in this reserve.
- 24 So we'd better get back in the car.
- 25 It'd be unpleasant to be attacked by a lion.
- 26 And it wouldn't be any use running away.
- 27 It is a pity Ann didn't come with us.
- 28 She'd have enjoyed it.
- 29 They should have planned the expedition more carefully.
- 30 Lives were lost unnecessarily.
- 31 She warned him not to ride the stallion.
- 32 But he never takes advice.
- 33 There used to be trees here.
- 34 There isn't any point in waiting.
- 35 He'll hardly come now.
- 36 Your central heating doesn't work very well.

## 15 Auxiliaries followed by full or bare infinitive

PEG 246

Put **to** where necessary before the infinitives in brackets.

- 1 You needn't (come) tomorrow.
- 2 People used (travel) on horseback.
- 3 I'll have (hurry).
- 4 You ought (take) a holiday.
- 5 I'll (lend) him some money.
- 6 You are (go) at once.
- 7 We didn't have (pay) anything.
- 8 There won't (be) enough room for everyone.
- 9 You can (see) the windmill from here.
- 10 He was able (explain).
- 11 We may have (stay) here all night.
- 12 He used (spend) a lot of time in his library.
- 13 He didn't dare (say) anything.
- 14 Don't (move).
- 15 We'll (look) for a hotel.
- 16 You needn't (look) for a hotel; I'll be able (put) you up.
- 17 The doctor said that I ought (give up) smoking.
- 18 He used (drink) quite a lot.
- 19 He should (be) ready by now.
- 20 May I (ask) you a question?
- 21 I shan't be able (do) it till after the holidays.
- 22 I didn't need (say) anything.
- 23 How dare you (open) my letters!
- 24 They ought (warn) people about the dangerous currents.

- 25 I should (say) nothing about it if I were you.
- 26 You are not (mention) this to anyone.
- 27 Why do they (obey) him? ~  
They don't dare (refuse).
- 28 You must (look) both ways before crossing the road.
- 29 Your map may (have been) out of date.
- 30 You ought (have finished) it last night.
- 31 I must (say) I think you behaved very badly.
- 32 I will have (carry) a tent.
- 33 We've got (get out).
- 34 It might (kill) somebody.
- 35 Ought you (be) watching TV?
- 36 Shouldn't you (be) doing your homework?

## 16 Auxiliaries: mixed

PEG chapters 11-16

Fill each of the following gaps with a suitable auxiliary or auxiliary form.

- 1 Schoolboy to friend: I left my book at home. . . . I share yours?
- 2 I'm taking swimming lessons. I hope to . . . to swim by the end of the month.
- 3 You . . . better take off your wet shoes.
- 4 I'm sorry I'm late. I . . . to wait ages for a bus.
- 5 Teacher: You . . . (*obligation*) read the play, but you . . . (*no obligation*) read the preface.
- 6 I knew he was wrong but I . . . (*hadn't the courage*) to tell him so.
- 7 You're getting fat. You . . . to cut down on your beer drinking.
- 8 He . . . to smoke very heavily. Now he hardly smokes at all.
- 9 The new motorway . . . opened this afternoon. (*plan*)
- 10 I've come without any money. . . . you possibly lend me £5?
- 11 Ann: . . . we meet at Piccadilly Circus?
- 12 Tom: It . . . be better to meet at the theatre. We . . . miss one another at Piccadilly.
- 13 . . . you like to come canoeing with me next weekend?
- 14 Mary: I . . . to pay 20p. for this little chap on the bus yesterday.
- 15 Ann: My little boy's under three so I . . . (*No obligation. Use present tense.*) to pay for him.
- 16 The plane . . . landed (*unfulfilled plan*) at Heathrow, but it has been diverted to Gatwick.
- 17 You've spelt it wrong. There . . . be another 's'.
- 18 You . . . told me! (*I'm disappointed that you didn't tell me.*)
- 19 We . . . to take a taxi. Otherwise we'll be late.

- 20 At the holiday camp we . . . to get up at six and bathe in the river. Then we . . . come back and cook an enormous breakfast. (*routine actions*)
- 21 Tom . . . know the address. (*Tom probably knows.*)
- 22 Tom . . . know the address. (*I'm sure that Tom knows.*)
- 23 I've lost my umbrella! I . . . left it on the bus! (*deduction*)
- 24 Theatre regulations: At the end of the performance the public . . . (*are permitted to*) leave by all exit doors.
- 25 If I . . . you I'd get a taxi.
- 26 Did you paint it yourself or did you . . . it painted?
- 27 You . . . (*negative*) to be driving so fast. There's a speed limit here.
- 28 You . . . (*request*) get me some aspirin when you're at the chemist's.

## 17 have: possessive

### ▣ PEG 122

In British English, **have** meaning **possess** is not normally conjugated with **do** except when there is an idea of habit.

- I haven't (got) a watch.* (present possession)  
 How many corners *has* a cube? (a characteristic rather than a habit)  
 He *doesn't* usually *have* time to study. (habit)

In the past, **did** is used for habit; otherwise either form is possible:

*Did you have/Had you* an umbrella when you left the house?

In other English-speaking countries, however, the **do** forms are used almost exclusively. It would therefore be possible to use **do/did** forms throughout the following exercises (except in no. 27), but students are asked to use **have not/have you** forms where they could be used. Where both are equally usual this will be noted in the key.

Fill the spaces with the correct forms of **have**, adding **got** where possible. Only one space will be left in each clause, but note that **got** may be separated from **have** by another word. When a negative form is required (*negative*) will be placed at the end of the example.

- 1 He is standing there in the rain and . . . even the sense to put up his umbrella. (*negative*)
- 2 He . . . a cold in the head. ~  
That's nothing new; he always . . . a cold.
- 3 I . . . brainwaves very often, but I . . . one now. (*1st verb negative*)
- 4 It is no good arguing with someone who . . . a bee in his bonnet.
- 5 Why don't you say something? You . . . an excuse? (*negative*)
- 6 You . . . this toothache yesterday?
- 7 How many letters . . . the alphabet?

- 8 The houses in your country . . . flat roofs?
- 9 You . . . the time? (= Do you know the time?) ~  
No, I . . . a watch. (*negative*)
- 10 You ever . . . an impulse to smash something?
- 11 He . . . £1,000 a year when his father dies.
- 12 Air passengers usually . . . much luggage. (*negative*)
- 13 You . . . any objection to sitting with your back to the engine?
- 14 Oysters . . . always pearls in them. (*negative*)
- 15 Your door . . . a little hole through which you can peep at callers? (*negative*)
- 16 You . . . a match on you? ~  
No, I don't smoke so I never . . . matches.
- 17 What is your opinion? ~  
I . . . an opinion. (*negative*)
- 18 That cup . . . a crack in it.
- 19 You . . . any suspicion who did it?
- 20 This desk . . . a secret drawer? ~  
No, modern desks ever . . . secret drawers. (*negative*)
- 21 When you go to a place for the first time, you ever . . . a feeling that you've been there before?
- 22 Babies . . . teeth when they're born?
- 23 How many sides . . . a pentagon?
- 24 Our cat . . . kittens every year. ~  
How many she . . . each time?
- 25 They say that if children . . . complete freedom when they are young, they . . . inhibitions when they grow up. (*2nd verb negative*)
- 26 You . . . mosquitoes in your country in summer?
- 27 You . . . children? ~  
Yes, I . . . two, a boy and a girl.
- 28 You . . . a motor cycle? ~  
No, I only . . . an ordinary bicycle, but I . . . a motor cycle next year.
- 29 Why do you suddenly want to back out? You . . . cold feet?
- 30 Customer: You . . . any mushrooms today?  
Shopkeeper: We usually . . . them but I'm afraid we . . . any at the moment. (*last verb negative*)
- 31 I think I know the man you mean. He . . . one blue eye and one brown one? (*negative*)
- 32 Children nowadays . . . far too much pocket money. I . . . any when I was at school. (*2nd verb negative*)
- 33 We were always getting lost in the desert. ~  
You . . . compasses? (*negative*)
- 34 Red-haired people always . . . bad tempers?
- 35 Do you think we should eat this meat? It . . . a very nice smell. (*negative*)
- 36 The stairs are on fire! You . . . a long rope?

18 **have**: various uses

## ■ PEG 123

**have** can mean **take** (a meal/lesson/bath, etc.), **entertain** (guests), **encounter** (difficulty, etc.), **enjoy** (a time/journey, etc.). When used in these ways:

(a) **have** usually forms its negative and interrogative with **do**.

(b) **have** can be used in the continuous tenses.

Put the correct form of **have** into the following sentences. Use **am having**, **is having**, etc., as a future form.

- 1 We . . . some friends in for dinner tomorrow night.
- 2 You . . . a good journey yesterday?
- 3 Don't disturb him; he . . . a rest.
- 4 We . . . lunch early tomorrow.
- 5 How many lessons he . . . a week? ~  
He usually . . . four.
- 6 You . . . earthquakes in your country?
- 7 What time you . . . breakfast? ~  
We usually . . . it at 8.00.
- 8 What you . . . for breakfast? ~  
We . . . toast and coffee.
- 9 Why you . . . a cooked breakfast? (*negative*) ~  
It's too much trouble.
- 10 Why were they making such a noise? ~  
They . . . an argument.
- 11 You . . . a thunderstorm yesterday?
- 12 Come in, we . . . a debate.
- 13 You . . . a cup of coffee? ~  
Yes, please.
- 14 We . . . a meeting tomorrow to discuss safety precautions.
- 15 The tree just missed the roof, we . . . a very lucky escape.
- 16 How did you damage your car? You . . . an accident?
- 17 I . . . a look at that house tomorrow. If I like it I'll buy it.
- 18 We . . . very bad weather just now.
- 19 I . . . a very interesting conversation with the milkman when my neighbour interrupted me.
- 20 English people always . . . roast beef for lunch on Sundays?
- 21 It is difficult to learn a foreign language when you . . . an opportunity of speaking it. (*negative*)
- 22 The farmers . . . a lot of trouble with foxes at present.
- 23 On the whole women drivers . . . so many accidents as men drivers. (*negative*)
- 24 You . . . anything to eat before you left home? ~  
Oh yes, I . . . bacon and eggs.
- 25 You . . . any difficulty getting into your flat last night?

- 26 Are you enjoying yourself? ~  
Yes, I . . . a wonderful time.
- 27 How often he . . . a singing lesson?
- 28 You . . . a good night? ~  
No, I slept very badly.
- 29 Why were they late? ~  
They . . . a puncture.
- 30 We . . . a party here next week. Would you like to come?
- 31 Why didn't you speak to her? ~  
I . . . a chance. (*negative*)
- 32 We . . . a lecture next Monday.
- 33 I . . . tea with her tomorrow.
- 34 He . . . an operation next week.
- 35 He ever . . . nightmares?
- 36 When he got tired of it I . . . a try. ~  
You . . . any luck? ~  
Yes, I caught a great big fish.

19 The **have** + object + past participle construction

## ■ PEG 119

**Part 1** Fill in the spaces by inserting the correct form of **have**. Use **am/is/are having** as a future form. (**get** can be used instead of **have**, but is more colloquial.)

- 1 I . . . my house painted. That is why there is all this mess.
- 2 My hair looks dreadful; I think I . . . it set tomorrow.
- 3 The attic was dark so last year we . . . skylight put in.
- 4 That dead tree is dangerous. I . . . it cut down tomorrow.
- 5 We . . . just . . . central heating installed. The house is warm!
- 6 I can't read Greek so I . . . the documents translated. My nephew is helping with the translation.
- 7 . . . you . . . the film developed or did you develop it yourself?
- 8 Why . . . he . . . all his shoes specially made?  
He says that he has to because his feet are different sizes.
- 9 . . . you . . . your milk delivered or do you go to the shop for it?
- 10 If you hate cleaning fish why . . . you . . . them cleaned at the fishmonger's? (*negative*)
- 11 How often . . . you . . . your brakes tested?
- 12 I'm afraid it's rather draughty here but I . . . that broken pane replaced tomorrow.



**Part 2** Fill in the spaces by inserting the correct form of **have**, the past participle of the verb in brackets and, where necessary, a pronoun.

- 13 Your ankle is very swollen. You'd better . . . it . . . (x-ray)
- 14 Your roof is leaking, you should . . . it . . . (repair)
- 15 The trousers are too long; I must . . . (shorten)
- 16 No one will be able to read your notes. ~  
I know; I . . . them . . . (type)
- 17 That's a good piano but you should . . . it . . . (tune)
- 18 Why don't you . . . the document . . . ? (photocopy)
- 19 He didn't like the colour of the curtains so he . . . (dye)
- 20 He went to a garage to . . . the puncture . . . (mend)
- 21 His arm was broken so he had to go to hospital to . . . (set)
- 22 The battery is all right now. I . . . just . . . it . . . (recharge)
- 23 It's a beautiful photo. I'm going to . . . (enlarge)
- 24 Be careful of those knives. I . . . just . . . (sharpen)

**Part 3** Rewrite the sentences using a **have** + object + past participle construction and omitting the words in bold type.

**I employed a plumber** to examine my boiler.

*I had my boiler examined.*

- 25 **I pay a garage** to service my car.
- 26 The tap keeps dripping so I must **send for a plumber** to see to it.
- 27 **I paid a watchmaker** to clean my watch.
- 28 **An artist** is painting her portrait. She . . .
- 29 They **arranged for the police** to arrest the man.
- 30 He **paid a lorry driver** to tow the car to a garage.
- 31 They are **employing builders** to build a garage.
- 32 **I pay a window cleaner** to clean my windows every month.
- 33 **I went to an oculist and** he tested my eyes for me.
- 34 **The old gypsy** is telling Tom's fortune. Tom . . .
- 35 **I asked the fishmonger** to open the oysters for me.
- 36 **I went to a jeweller and** he pierced my ears for me.

## 20 be

■ PEG 113–17, 290, 293, 300, 302

This is a general exercise which includes infinitives, subjunctives, conditionals, and some examples of the **be** + infinitive construction. When this last construction or a passive construction is required the second verb is given in brackets at the end of the sentence.

Why are all those dogs wearing harness? ~

They . . . as guide dogs for the blind. (train)

*They are being trained as guide dogs for the blind.*

Fill the spaces in the following sentences by inserting the correct form of **be** with, where necessary, the past participle or present or perfect infinitive of the verb in brackets.

Remember that, in the passive, **be** can be used in the continuous tenses.

- 1 They are cutting down all the trees. The countryside . . . (ruin)
- 2 The Prime Minister . . . a speech tonight. (make)
- 3 If I . . . you I'd go on to the next exercise.
- 4 . . . late once is excusable but . . . late every day is not.
- 5 He ordered that all lights . . . (extinguish)
- 6 How long you . . . here?
- 7 My flat was full of dust because the old house just opposite . . . (pull down)
- 8 He asked where he . . . it. (put)  
I told him to put it on the mantelpiece.
- 9 It . . . difficult to read a newspaper upside down? (*Use negative.*)
- 10 You . . . here till I return. That is an order. (stay)
- 11 He suggests that prominent people . . . to contribute. (ask)
- 12 Even if you . . . to go on your knees to him I don't think it would make him change his mind.
- 13 I . . . on a catering course when I leave school. My parents have arranged it. (go)
- 14 What is happening now? ~  
The injured man . . . out of the arena. (carry)
- 15 It's better . . . too early than too late.
- 16 I wish you . . . here. I miss you very much.
- 17 Why did you leave him behind? You . . . him with you. (*Those were your instructions.*) (take)
- 18 She is learning Italian. She . . . by a professor from Milan. (teach)
- 19 I know I . . . half an hour late yesterday but I . . . half an hour early tomorrow. ~  
I'd rather you . . . punctual every day. (*see 297*)
- 20 It is impossible . . . right every time.
- 21 He . . . here by seven but now it's nine and there's no sign of him. (be)
- 22 They decided that voting papers . . . to all members. (send)
- 23 There . . . eggs for breakfast tomorrow?
- 24 If only I . . . there! (*But I wasn't.*)
- 25 The Queen . . . the new hospital next week. (open)
- 26 I couldn't see the man who was guiding us and I didn't know where we . . . (take)
- 27 It . . . a trilogy but in the end the author found that he had only enough material for two volumes. (be)
- 28 You . . . very angry if I refused?
- 29 The matter . . . discussed in tomorrow's debate.

- 30 His mare . . . in tomorrow's race but he said this morning that she was sick and wouldn't be running after all. (run)
- 31 The house wasn't ready; it still . . . and there were pots of paint and ladders everywhere. (paint)
- 32 They decided that an expurgated edition . . . for use in schools. (print)
- 33 His works are immensely popular; they . . . into all the major European languages. (translate)
- 34 It is high time you . . . in bed.
- 35 I had my instructions and I knew exactly what I . . . (do)
- 36 If this report . . . believed, we are going to have a very severe drought.

## 21 it is/there is

■ PEG 67, 116–17

Insert **it is/there is** in the spaces. In some sentences, contracted plural, negative and interrogative forms, or the past or future tense are required.

- 1 What's the time? ~ . . . . 3.30. ~  
And what's the date? ~ . . . . the 24th.
- 2 How far . . . . to York? ~  
. . . . 50 miles.
- 3 . . . . very stormy last night. ~  
Yes, . . . . storms all over the country.
- 4 . . . . freezing very hard. . . . . ice on the lake tomorrow.
- 5 As . . . . sunny she decided to take the children to the sea.
- 6 Why don't you go for a walk? . . . . a pity to stay in when . . . .  
so nice outside.
- 7 . . . . not any shadows because . . . . not any sun.
- 8 . . . . going to be a bus strike tomorrow. ~  
. . . . . all right if . . . . a fine day; but if . . . . wet  
. . . . . long queues on the Underground.
- 9 . . . . not any glass in the windows; that is why . . . . so cold in  
the room.
- 10 . . . . very wet yesterday; . . . . impossible to go out.
- 11 . . . . a lot of rain last week. . . . . floods everywhere.
- 12 . . . . a thick fog last night. . . . . several accidents on the  
motorway.
- 13 . . . . foolish to drive fast when . . . . foggy.
- 14 . . . . difficult to find your way round this town. . . . . so many  
streets all looking exactly alike.
- 15 Come on, children! . . . . time to get up! . . . . nearly breakfast  
time.

- 16 . . . . . lunch time when we get to York, so let's have lunch  
there. ~  
No, . . . . not be time for lunch because our train to Edinburgh  
leaves York at 13.15.
- 17 . . . . . a funny smell here. . . . . turpentine?
- 18 . . . . . all sorts of stories about Robin Hood, but . . . . . not  
known exactly who he was or what he did.
- 19 . . . . . said that if you break a mirror you'll be unlucky for seven  
years.
- 20 As he had very bad sight . . . . . difficult for him to recognize  
people.
- 21 'Can I have a *Telegraph*, please?' said the customer.  
'I'm afraid . . . . . not any left,' said the newsagent. 'But . . . . . a  
*Guardian* on the rack beside you. Why not take that? . . . . . just as  
good.'
- 22 . . . . . not necessary to carry your passport everywhere with you  
but . . . . . advisable to carry some document of identity.
- 23 . . . . . a guard outside the door and . . . . . bars on the windows.  
. . . . . impossible to escape.
- 24 . . . . . a garage behind the hotel? ~  
Yes, but . . . . . rather full. I don't think . . . . . room for your  
car.
- 25 One night . . . . . a heavy fall of snow which blocked all the roads.  
Luckily . . . . . plenty of food in the house.
- 26 . . . . . a hotel in the village, so we decided to stay there.  
. . . . . a charming village and I was very happy there, but my  
children were bored because . . . . . nothing to do in the evenings.
- 27 . . . . . five flats in the building—one on each floor. Mine's on the  
top floor. . . . . no lift but . . . . . supposed to be good for the  
figure to run up and down stairs, . . . . .?
- 28 . . . . . a pity you haven't another bedroom. ~  
Yes, but . . . . . quite a big loft, which I am thinking of turning into  
a bedroom. . . . . a skylight so . . . . . not . . . . . a ventilation  
problem.
- 29 . . . . . all sorts of legends about these caves. . . . . said that  
smugglers hid their goods here and that . . . . . an underground  
passage leading to the village inn.
- 30 Tell me something about *King Lear*. ~  
. . . . . the story of a king who divided his kingdom between his  
daughters. . . . . foolish to give away your property like that. . . .  
. . . . . never certain that your family will behave generously to you in  
return.
- 31 Has Tom any more children? ~  
Yes. . . . . a daughter, Ann. ~  
Oh yes, . . . . . Ann who opened the door to us yesterday, . . . . .?
- 32 He thought that . . . . . better to say nothing about his change of  
plan.

- 33 . . . . . a long time before I got an answer. Then one day a letter arrived—well, . . . . . not really a letter, for . . . . . only one sentence on the paper.
- 34 . . . . . a pond beside your house? ~ Yes, . . . . . ~  
How deep . . . . . ?
- 35 We've done all we can. . . . . nothing to do now but wait.
- 36 Just cross out that word and go on. . . . . not necessary to begin again. (*or* . . . . . no need to begin again.)

## 22 can and be able

### ▣ PEG 136–8

**Part 1 can**, used to express ability with **could**, **shall/will be able**

Fill the following spaces, using **can** for present, **could** for past and **shall/will be able** for future. There is no need to use other **able** forms in this section. Put **to** where necessary before the infinitives.

- 1 . . . you stand on your head? ~  
I . . . when I was at school but I . . . now. (*2nd verb negative*)
- 2 When I've passed my driving test I . . . hire a car from our local garage.
- 3 At the end of the month the Post Office will send him an enormous telephone bill which he . . . pay. (*negative*)
- 4 I . . . remember the address. (*negative*) ~  
. . . you even remember the street? (*negative*)
- 5 When the fog lifts we . . . see where we are.
- 6 You've put too much in your rucksack; you never . . . carry all that.
- 7 When I was a child I . . . understand adults, and now that I am an adult I . . . understand children. (*negative, negative*)
- 8 When you have taken your degree you . . . put letters after your name?
- 9 Don't try to look at all the pictures in the gallery. Otherwise when you get home you . . . remember any of them. (*negative*)
- 10 When I first went to Spain I . . . read Spanish but I . . . speak it. (*2nd verb negative*)
- 11 . . . you type? ~  
Yes, I . . . type but I . . . do shorthand. (*2nd verb negative*)
- 12 I'm locked in. I . . . get out! (*negative*) ~  
. . . you squeeze between the bars? (*negative*) ~  
No! I . . . ; I'm too fat. (*negative*)

## Part 2 could and was able

In some of the following sentences either **could** or **was able** could be used. In others only **was/were able** is possible. Fill the spaces and put **to** where necessary before the infinitives.

- 13 He was very strong; he . . . ski all day and dance all night.
- 14 The car plunged into the river. The driver . . . get out but the passengers were drowned.
- 15 I was a long way from the stage. I . . . see all right but I . . . hear very well. (*2nd verb negative*)
- 16 We . . . borrow umbrellas; so we didn't get wet.
- 17 . . . you walk or did they have to carry you?
- 18 I had no key so I . . . lock the door. (*negative*)
- 19 I knew the town so I . . . advise him where to go.
- 20 When the garage had repaired our car we . . . continue our journey.
- 21 At five years old he . . . read quite well.
- 22 When I arrived everyone was asleep. Fortunately I . . . wake my sister and she let me in.
- 23 The swimmer was very tired but he . . . reach the shore before he collapsed.
- 24 The police were suspicious at first but I . . . convince them that we were innocent.

## Part 3 PEG 222 C, 223 B, 283–4

This section includes examples of **could** used for polite requests and as a conditional.

- 25 . . . I speak to Mr Pitt, please? ~  
I'm afraid he's out at the moment. . . . you ring back later?
- 26 If you stood on my shoulders . . . you reach the top of the wall? ~  
No, I'm afraid I . . . (*negative*)
- 27 If I sang . . . you accompany me on the piano? ~  
No, I . . . , I . . . play the piano! (*negative, negative*)
- 28 If a letter comes for me . . . you please forward it to this address?
- 29 She made the wall very high so that boys . . . climb over it. (*negative*)
- 30 They took his passport so that he . . . leave the country. (*negative*)
- 31 . . . you tell me the time, please? ~  
I'm afraid I . . . I haven't got a watch. (*negative*)
- 32 If you had to, . . . you go without food for a week? ~  
I suppose I . . . if I had plenty of water.
- 33 . . . you lend me £5? ~  
No, I . . . (*negative*)
- 34 They used to chain valuable books to library desks so that people . . . take them away. (*negative*)
- 35 He says that he saw Clementine drowning but . . . help her as he . . . swim. (*negative, negative*)
- 36 If you had had the right tools . . . you have repaired the engine?

23 **may**

□ PEG 127–33, 285, 288, 340

Insert the correct form of **may/might** except in 10 and 36, where a **be allowed** form is necessary.

- 1 It . . . rain, you'd better take a coat.
- 2 He said that it . . . rain.
- 3 We . . . as well stay here till the weather improves.
- 4 . . . I borrow your umbrella?
- 5 You . . . tell me! (*I think I have a right to know.*)
- 6 Candidates . . . not bring textbooks into the examination room.
- 7 People convicted of an offence . . . (*have a right to*) appeal.
- 8 If he knew our address he . . . come and see us.
- 9 . . . I come in? ~  
Please do.
- 10 When he was a child he . . . (*they let him*) do exactly as he liked.
- 11 I think I left my glasses in your office. You . . . ask your secretary to look for them for me. (*request*)
- 12 He . . . be my brother (*I admit that he is*) but I don't trust him.
- 13 I . . . never see you again.
- 14 He . . . be on the next train. We . . . as well wait.
- 15 If we got there early we . . . get a good seat.
- 16 The police . . . (*have a right to*) ask a driver to take a breath test.
- 17 You ought to buy now; prices . . . go up.
- 18 I'll wait a week so that he . . . have time to think it over.
- 19 He isn't going to eat it; I . . . as well give it to the dog.
- 20 You . . . at least read the letter. (*I think you should.*)
- 21 You . . . have written. (*I am annoyed/disappointed that you didn't.*)
- 22 We'd better be early; there . . . be a crowd.
- 23 Nobody knows how people first came to these islands. They . . . have sailed from South America on rafts.
- 24 You . . . (*have permission to*) use my office.
- 25 He said that we . . . use his office whenever we liked.
- 26 I don't think I'll succeed but I . . . as well try.
- 27 You ought to go to his lectures, you . . . learn something.
- 28 If we can give him a blood transfusion we . . . be able to save his life.
- 29 Two parallel white lines in the middle of the road mean that you . . . not overtake.
- 30 If I bought a lottery ticket I . . . win £1,000.
- 31 If you said that, he . . . be very offended.
- 32 I wonder why they didn't go. ~  
The weather . . . have been too bad.
- 33 Warning: No part of this book . . . be reproduced without the publisher's permission.
- 34 He has refused, but he . . . change his mind if you asked him again.

- 35 . . . I see your passport, please?
- 36 He . . . (*negative*) drive since his accident. (*They haven't let him drive.*)

24 **must and have to**

■ PEG 144–5

Fill the spaces in the following sentences by inserting **must** or the present, future, or past form of **have to**.

- 1 She . . . leave home at eight every morning at present.
- 2 Notice in a picture gallery: Cameras, sticks and umbrellas . . . be left at the desk.
- 3 He sees very badly; he . . . wear glasses all the time.
- 4 I . . . do all the typing at my office.
- 5 You . . . read this book. It's really excellent.
- 6 The children . . . play in the streets till their mothers get home from work.
- 7 She felt ill and . . . leave early.
- 8 Mr Pitt . . . cook his own meals. His wife is away.
- 9 I hadn't enough money and I . . . pay by cheque.
- 10 I never remember his address; I always . . . look it up.
- 11 Employer: You . . . come to work in time.
- 12 If you go to a dentist with a private practice you . . . pay him quite a lot of money.
- 13 Father to small son: You . . . do what Mummy says.
- 14 My neighbour's child . . . practise the piano for three hours a day.
- 15 Doctor: I can't come now.  
Caller: You . . . come; he's terribly ill.
- 16 English children . . . stay at school till the age of 16.
- 17 In my district there is no gas laid on. People . . . use electricity for everything.
- 18 Notice above petrol pump: All engines . . . be switched off.
- 19 Mother to daughter: You . . . come in earlier at night.
- 20 The shops here don't deliver. We . . . carry everything home ourselves.
- 21 The buses were all full; I . . . get a taxi.
- 22 Notice beside escalators: Dogs and push chairs . . . be carried.
- 23 'Au pair' girls usually . . . do quite a lot of housework.
- 24 Tell her that she . . . be here by six. I insist on it.
- 25 When a tyre is punctured the driver . . . change the wheel.
- 26 Park notice: All dogs . . . be kept on leads.
- 27 She . . . learn how to drive when her local railway station is closed.
- 28 Railway notice: Passengers . . . cross the line by the footbridge.
- 29 I got lost and . . . ask a policeman the way.
- 30 Farmers . . . get up early.

- 31 If you buy that television set you . . . buy a licence for it.
- 32 When I changed my job I . . . move to another flat.
- 33 Waiters . . . pay tax on the tips that they receive.
- 34 Father to son: I can't support you any longer; you . . . earn your own living from now on.
- 35 Railway notice: Passengers . . . be in possession of a ticket.
- 36 Whenever the dog wants to go out I . . . get up and open the door.

## 25 must not and need not

□ PEG 146

Use **must not** or **need not** to fill the spaces in the following sentences.

- 1 You . . . ring the bell; I have a key.
- 2 Notice in cinema: Exit doors . . . be locked during performances.
- 3 You . . . drink this: it is poison.
- 4 We . . . drive fast; we have plenty of time.
- 5 You . . . drive fast; there is a speed limit here.
- 6 Candidates . . . bring books into the examination room.
- 7 You . . . write to him for he will be here tomorrow.
- 8 We . . . make any noise or we'll wake the baby.
- 9 You . . . bring an umbrella. It isn't going to rain.
- 10 You . . . do all the exercise. Ten sentences will be enough.
- 11 We . . . reheat the pie. We can eat it cold.
- 12 Mother to child: You . . . tell lies.
- 13 You . . . turn on the light; I can see quite well.
- 14 You . . . strike a match; the room is full of gas.
- 15 You . . . talk to other candidates during the exam.
- 16 We . . . make any more sandwiches; we have plenty now.
- 17 You . . . put salt in any of his dishes. Salt is very bad for him.
- 18 You . . . take anything out of a shop without paying for it.
- 19 You . . . carry that parcel home yourself; the shop will send it.
- 20 You . . . clean the windows. The window-cleaner is coming tomorrow.
- 21 Mother to child: You . . . play with matches.
- 22 Church notice: Visitors . . . walk about the church during a service.
- 23 I . . . go to the shops today. There is plenty of food in the house.
- 24 You . . . smoke in a non-smoking compartment.
- 25 Police notice: Cars . . . be parked here.
- 26 We . . . open the lion's cage. It is contrary to Zoo regulations.
- 27 You . . . make your bed. The maid will do it.
- 28 I want this letter typed but you . . . do it today. Tomorrow will do.

- 29 I'll lend you the money and you . . . pay me back till next month.
- 30 We . . . climb any higher; we can see very well from here.
- 31 You . . . look under the bed. There isn't anybody there.
- 32 You . . . ask a woman her age. It's not polite.
- 33 You've given me too much. ~  
You . . . eat it all.
- 34 We . . . forget to shut the lift gates.
- 35 Mother to child: You . . . interrupt when I am speaking.
- 36 If you want the time, pick up the receiver and dial 8081; you . . . say anything.

## 26 need not and don't have to etc.

■ PEG 148-50

Replace the words in bold type by **need not/need I?** etc., or a negative or interrogative **have to** form.

I've been invited to a wedding; but I can't go. **Will it be necessary for me** to send a present?  
*Shall I have to send a present?*

- 1 **It isn't necessary for him to go** on working. He has already reached retiring age. (*He . . .*)
- 2 **Was it necessary for you to wait** a long time for your bus?
- 3 **It isn't necessary for me to water** my tomato plants every day.
- 4 **It will be necessary for them to get up** early when they go out to work every day.
- 5 We had to stop at the frontier but we **were not required to open** our cases.
- 6 **It wasn't necessary to walk.** He took us in his car. (*We . . .*)
- 7 My employer said, '**I shan't require** you tomorrow.' (*You . . . come.*)
- 8 **It is never necessary for me to work** on Saturdays.
- 9 When I am eighteen I'll be of age. Then **it won't be necessary to live** at home if I don't want to.
- 10 New teacher to his class: **It isn't necessary for you to call me** 'Sir'; call me 'Bill'.
- 11 **Will it be necessary for us to report** this accident to the police?
- 12 When you buy something on the instalment system you **are not required to pay** the whole price at once.
- 13 Did you know enough English to ask for your ticket?  
**It wasn't necessary to say** anything. I bought my ticket at a machine.
- 14 **It isn't necessary to buy** a licence for a bicycle in England. (*We . . .*)
- 15 **Is it essential for you to finish** tonight?
- 16 **Is it necessary for people to go** everywhere by boat in Venice?
- 17 **Will it be necessary for me to sleep** under a mosquito net?

- 18 Most people think that civil servants **are not required** to work very hard.
- 19 **It wasn't necessary to swim.** We were able to wade across.
- 20 **It isn't necessary for you to** drive me to the station. I can get a taxi.
- 21 Our plane was delayed so we had lunch at the airport. **But it wasn't necessary to pay** for the lunch. The airline gave it to us.
- 22 **Is it obligatory for us to** vote?
- 23 When you were a child **were you required to** practise the piano?
- 24 I saw the accident but fortunately **it wasn't necessary for me to** give evidence as there were plenty of other witnesses.
- 25 Small boy to friend: **It won't be necessary for you to** work hard when you come to my school. The teachers aren't very strict.
- 26 They had plenty of time. **It wasn't necessary for them to** hurry.
- 27 **Is it necessary for you to** take your dog with you everywhere?
- 28 What time **was it necessary for you to** leave home?
- 29 I brought my passport but **I wasn't required to** show it to anyone.
- 30 I missed one day of the exam. **Will it be necessary for me to** take the whole exam again?
- 31 **Is it really necessary for you to** practise the violin at 3 a.m.?
- 32 Everything was done for me. **It wasn't necessary for me to** do anything.
- 33 **Are French children obliged to** go to school on Saturdays?
- 34 I was late for the opera. ~  
**Was it necessary for you to** wait till the end of the first act before finding your seat?
- 35 He repaired my old watch so **it wasn't necessary for me to** buy a new one after all.
- 36 **Were you required to** make a speech?

## 27 **must, can't and needn't** with the perfect infinitive

■ PEG 152, 156, 159

**must** + perfect infinitive is used for affirmative deductions.  
**can't/couldn't** + infinitive is used for negative deductions.  
**needn't** + perfect infinitive is used for a past action which was unnecessary but was performed.

Fill the spaces in the following sentences by using one of these forms + the perfect infinitive of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Did you hear me come in last night? ~  
No, I . . . (be) asleep.
- 2 I wonder who broke the wineglass; it . . . (be) the cat for she was out all day.
- 3 You . . . (help) him. (*You helped him but he didn't need help.*)

- 4 I had my umbrella when I came out but I haven't got it now. ~  
You . . . (leave) it on the bus.
- 5 He . . . (escape) by this window because it is barred.
- 6 I . . . (give) £10. £5 would have been enough.
- 7 I saw a rattlesnake near the river yesterday. ~  
You . . . (see) a rattlesnake. There aren't any rattlesnakes in this country.
- 8 He is back already. ~  
He . . . (start) very early.
- 9 He returned home with a tiger cub. ~  
His wife (be) very pleased about that.
- 10 I bought two bottles of milk. ~  
You . . . (buy) milk; we have heaps in the house.
- 11 I phoned you at nine this morning but got no answer. ~  
I'm sorry. I . . . (be) in the garden.
- 12 I left my bicycle here and now it's gone. ~  
Someone . . . (borrow) it.
- 13 When she woke up her watch had vanished. ~  
Someone . . . (steal) it while she slept.
- 14 I've opened another bottle. ~  
You . . . (do) that. We've only just started this one.
- 15 The machine said, 'You weigh 65 kilos,' and I said, 'Thank you.' ~  
You . . . (say) anything.
- 16 I told him to turn left and he immediately turned right! ~  
He . . . (understand) you.
- 17 Perhaps he swam across. ~  
No, he . . . (do) that; he can't swim.
- 18 Do you remember reading about it in the newspapers? ~  
No, I . . . (be) abroad at the time.
- 19 He . . . (walk) from here to London in two hours. It isn't possible.
- 20 He was very sick last night. ~  
The meat we had for supper . . . (be) good.
- 21 There was a dock strike and the liner couldn't leave port. ~  
The passengers . . . (be) furious.
- 22 We went to a restaurant and had a very good dinner for £3. ~  
You . . . (have) a very good dinner if you only paid £3.
- 23 I have just watered the roses. ~  
You . . . (water) them. Look, it's raining now!
- 24 That carpet was made entirely by hand. ~  
It . . . (take) a long time.
- 25 The door was open. ~  
It . . . (be) open. I had locked it myself and the key was in my pocket.
- 26 He said that he watered the plants every day. ~  
He . . . (water) them. If he had they wouldn't have died.
- 27 He came out of the water with little red spots all over his back. ~  
He . . . (be) stung by a jelly-fish.

## Auxiliary verbs

- 28 We've sent for a doctor. ~  
You . . . (send) for him. I am perfectly well.
- 29 I've made two copies. ~  
You . . . (make) two. One would have been enough.
- 30 There was a terrible crash at 3 a.m. ~  
That . . . (be) Tom coming in from his party.
- 31 I had to get down the mountain in a thick fog. ~  
That . . . (be) very difficult.
- 32 I saw Ann in the library yesterday. ~  
You . . . (see) her; she is still abroad.
- 33 How did he get out of the house? He . . . (come) down the stairs for  
they were blazing.
- 34 You . . . (lend) him your map. He has one of his own.
- 35 I spoke in English, very slowly. ~  
You . . . (speak) slowly. He speaks English very fluently.
- 36 He was found unconscious at the foot of the cliff. He . . . (fall) 200  
metres.

## 3 Present and past tenses

### 28 The simple present tense

□ PEG 172

Read the following in the third person singular. Do not change the object if it is plural. Note that after certain consonants a final **es** is pronounced as a separate syllable. See PEG 12 B: *kiss, kisses* /kɪs, kɪsɪz/.

- 1 They wish to speak to you. (He)
- 2 Buses pass my house every hour.
- 3 They help their father. (He)
- 4 We change planes at Heathrow.
- 5 You watch too much TV. (He)
- 6 They worry too much. (He)
- 7 I cash a cheque every month. (He)
- 8 I always carry an umbrella. (She)
- 9 They wash the floor every week. (She)
- 10 His sons go to the local school.
- 11 These hens lay brown eggs.
- 12 Rubber balls bounce.
- 13 These figures astonish me.
- 14 Do you like boiled eggs? (he)
- 15 These seats cost £10.
- 16 They fish in the lake. (He)
- 17 Elephants never forget.
- 18 They usually catch the 8.10 bus.
- 19 They sometimes miss the bus.
- 20 I mix the ingredients together.
- 21 The rivers freeze in winter.
- 22 They fly from London to Edinburgh.
- 23 The carpets match the curtains.
- 24 They realize the danger.
- 25 I use a computer.
- 26 What do they do on their days off? ~  
They do nothing. They lie in bed all day.
- 27 The boys hurry home after school.
- 28 They push the door open.
- 29 They kiss their mother.
- 30 They box in the gymnasium.
- 31 They dress well.
- 32 Your children rely on you.

- 33 They snatch ladies' handbags.
- 34 You fry everything.
- 35 The taxes rise every year.
- 36 They do exercises every morning.

## 29 The simple present tense

□ PEG 172

Read the following (a) in the negative (b) in the interrogative.

In Nos. 2 and 14, **have** is used as an ordinary verb and should be treated as one.

- 1 You know the answer.
- 2 He has breakfast at 8.00.
- 3 He loves her.
- 4 Some schoolgirls wear uniforms.
- 5 He trusts you.
- 6 He tries hard.
- 7 The park closes at dusk.
- 8 He misses his mother.
- 9 The children like sweets.
- 10 He finishes work at 6.00.
- 11 He lives beside the sea.
- 12 He bullies his sisters.
- 13 This stove heats the water.
- 14 She has a cooked breakfast.
- 15 She carries a sleeping bag.
- 16 He usually believes you.
- 17 She dances in competitions.
- 18 You remember the address.
- 19 She plays chess very well.
- 20 He worries about her.
- 21 These thieves work at night.
- 22 He leaves home at 8.00 every day.
- 23 Ann arranges everything.
- 24 She agrees with you.
- 25 Their dogs bark all night.
- 26 Their neighbours often complain.
- 27 Tom enjoys driving at night.
- 28 He engages new staff every Spring.
- 29 Tom looks very well.
- 30 They sell fresh grape juice here.
- 31 He charges more than other photographers.
- 32 She cuts her husband's hair.
- 33 They pick the apples in October.
- 34 The last train leaves at midnight.

- 35 He relaxes at weekends.
- 36 She refuses to discuss it.

## 30 The present continuous tense

□ PEG 164-7

Put the verbs in brackets into the present continuous tense. In No. 25, **have** is used as an ordinary verb and can therefore be used in the continuous tense.

- 1 She (not work), she (swim) in the river.
- 2 He (teach) his boy to ride.
- 3 Why Ann (not wear) her new dress?
- 4 The aeroplane (fly) at 2,000 metres.
- 5 What Tom (do) now? He (clean) his shoes.
- 6 This fire (go) out. Somebody (bring) more coal?
- 7 It (rain)? ~  
Yes, it (rain) very hard. You can't go out yet.
- 8 Why you (mend) that old shirt?
- 9 You (not tell) the truth. ~  
How do you know that I (not tell) the truth?
- 10 Who (move) the furniture about upstairs? ~  
It's Tom. He (paint) the front bedroom.
- 11 Mrs Jones (sweep) the steps outside her house.
- 12 What you (read) now? I (read) *Crime and Punishment*.
- 13 It is a lovely day. The sun (shine) and the birds (sing).
- 14 Someone (knock) at the door. Shall I answer it? ~  
I (come) in a minute. I just (wash) my hands.
- 15 She always (ring) up and (ask) questions.
- 16 Why you (make) a cake? Someone (come) to tea?
- 17 Where is Tom? ~  
He (lie) under the car.
- 18 Can I borrow your pen or you (use) it at the moment?
- 19 You (do) anything this evening? ~  
No, I'm not. ~  
Well, I (go) to the cinema. Would you like to come with me?
- 20 We (have) breakfast at 8.00 tomorrow as Tom (catch) an early train.
- 21 Ann usually does the shopping, but I (do) it today as she isn't well.
- 22 Why you (type) so fast? You (make) a lot of mistakes.
- 23 Mother (rest) now. She always rests after lunch.
- 24 They (dig) an enormous hole just outside my gate. ~  
What they (do) that for? ~  
I don't know. Perhaps they (look) for oil.
- 25 What (make) that terrible noise? ~  
It's the pneumatic drill. They (repair) the road.



- 26 The children are very quiet. Go and see what they (do). ~  
They (cut) up some £5 notes.
- 27 What you (wait) for? ~  
I (wait) for my change; the boy just (get) it.
- 28 I can't hear what you (say); the traffic (make) too much noise.
- 29 She always (lose) her glasses and (ask) me to look for them.
- 30 Mother: What you (look) at? Something (happen) in the street?
- 31 Child: Yes. The house opposite is on fire! Come and look.  
Mother: I can't. I (bath) the babies. Is the Fire Brigade here?
- 32 Child: Yes. Fire engines (rush) up and the firemen (jump) out and (unroll) their hoses.
- 33 Smoke (pour) from the windows! People (stop) to watch.  
A policeman (try) to move them on.
- 34 An old man (climb) out of a first floor window!  
A fireman (help) him! Two boys (slide) down a rope!
- 35 A woman (wave) from the attic and a fireman (go) up a ladder to help her!
- 36 Now he (come) down again! He (carry) a baby! The crowd (cheer!)!

### 31 The simple present and the present continuous

■ PEG 164-74

Put the verbs in brackets into the simple present or the present continuous tense.

- 1 Cuckoos (not build) nests. They (use) the nests of other birds.
- 2 You can't see Tom now: he (have) a bath.
- 3 He usually (drink) coffee but today he (drink) tea.
- 4 What she (do) in the evenings? ~  
She usually (play) cards or (watch) TV.
- 5 I won't go out now as it (rain) and I (not have) an umbrella.
- 6 The last train (leave) the station at 11.30.
- 7 He usually (speak) so quickly that I (not understand) him.
- 8 Ann (make) a dress for herself at the moment. She (make) all her own clothes.
- 9 Hardly anyone (wear) a hat nowadays.
- 10 I'm afraid I've broken one of your coffee cups. ~  
Don't worry. I (not like) that set anyway.
- 11 I (wear) my sunglasses today because the sun is very strong.
- 12 Tom can't have the newspaper now because his aunt (read) it.
- 13 I'm busy at the moment. I (redecorate) the sitting room.
- 14 The kettle (boil) now. Shall I make the tea?
- 15 You (enjoy) yourself or would you like to leave now? ~  
I (enjoy) myself very much. I (want) to stay to the end.
- 16 How you (get) to work as a rule? ~  
I usually (go) by bus but tomorrow I (go) in Tom's car.

- 17 Why you (put) on your coat? ~  
I (go) for a walk. You (come) with me? ~  
Yes, I'd love to come. You (mind) if I bring my dog?
- 18 How much you (owe) him? ~  
I (owe) him £5. ~  
You (intend) to pay him?
- 19 You (belong) to your local library? ~  
Yes, I do. ~  
You (read) a lot? ~  
Yes, quite a lot. ~  
How often you (change) your books? ~  
I (change) one every day.
- 20 Mary usually (learn) languages very quickly but she (not seem) able to learn modern Greek.
- 21 I always (buy) lottery tickets but I never (win) anything.
- 22 You (like) this necklace? I (give) it to my daughter for her birthday tomorrow.
- 23 I won't tell you my secret unless you (promise) not to tell anyone. ~  
I (promise).
- 24 You always (write) with your left hand?
- 25 You (love) him? ~  
No, I (like) him very much but I (not love) him.
- 26 You (dream) at night? ~  
Yes, I always (dream) and if I (eat) too much supper I (have) nightmares.
- 27 The milk (smell) sour. You (keep) milk a long time?
- 28 These workmen are never satisfied; they always (complain).
- 29 We (use) this room today because the window in the other room is broken.
- 30 He always (say) that he will mend the window but he never (do) it.
- 31 You (know) why an apple (fall) down and not up?
- 32 You (write) to him tonight? ~  
Yes, I always (write) to him on his birthday. You (want) to send any message?
- 33 Tom and Mr Pitt (have) a long conversation. I (wonder) what they (talk) about.
- 34 You (believe) all that the newspapers say? ~  
No, I (not believe) any of it. ~  
Then why you (read) newspapers?
- 35 This car (make) a very strange noise. You (think) it is all right? ~  
Oh, that noise (not matter). It always (make) a noise like that.
- 36 The fire (smoke) horribly. I can't see across the room. ~  
I (expect) that birds (build) a nest in the chimney. ~  
Why you (not put) wire across the tops of your chimneys? ~  
Tom (do) that sometimes but it (not seem) to make any difference.

## 32 The simple present and the present continuous

■ PEG 164-74

Put the verbs in brackets into the simple present or present continuous tense.

- 1 What Tom (think) of the Budget? ~  
He (think) it most unfair. ~  
I (agree) with him.
- 2 What this one (cost)? ~  
It (cost) forty pence.
- 3 You (hear) the wind? It (blow) very strongly tonight.
- 4 You (see) my car keys anywhere? ~  
No, I (look) for them but I (not see) them.
- 5 He never (listen) to what you say. He always (think) about something else.
- 6 This book is about a man who (desert) his family and (go) to live on a Pacific island.
- 7 You (understand) what the lecturer is saying? ~  
No, I (not understand) him at all.
- 8 What you (have) for breakfast usually? ~  
I usually (eat) a carrot and (drink) a glass of cold water.
- 9 When the curtain (rise) we (see) a group of workers. They (picket) a factory gate.
- 10 Why you (walk) so fast today? You usually (walk) quite slowly. ~  
I (hurry) because I (meet) my mother at 4 o'clock and she (not like) to be kept waiting.
- 11 I (wish) that dog would lie down. He (keep) jumping up on my lap. ~  
I (think) he (want) to go for a walk.
- 12 You (recognize) that man? ~  
I (think) that I have seen him before but I (not remember) his name.
- 13 Look at that crowd. I (wonder) what they (wait) for.
- 14 This message has just arrived and the man (wait) in case you (want) to send a reply.
- 15 Stop! You (not see) the notice? ~  
I (see) it but I can't read it because I (not wear) my glasses. What it (say)? ~  
It (say) 'These premises are patrolled by guard dogs'.
- 16 She always (borrow) from me and she never (remember) to pay me back.
- 17 You (need) another blanket or you (feel) warm enough?
- 18 It (save) time if you (take) the path through the wood? ~  
No, it (not matter) which path you take.
- 19 I (save) up because I (go) abroad in July.
- 20 I (think) it is a pity you don't take more exercise. You (get) fat.
- 21 The plane that you (look) at now just (take) off for Paris.
- 22 Tom never (do) any work in the garden; he always (work) on his car.

- 23 What he (do) to his car now? ~  
I (think) he (polish) it.
- 24 That film (come) to the local cinema next week. You (want) to see it?
- 25 How Peter (get) on at school? ~  
Very well. He (seem) to like the life.
- 26 Why Mrs Pitt (look) so angry? ~  
Mr Pitt (smoke) a cigarette and (drop) the ash on the carpet.
- 27 This is our itinerary. We (leave) home on the 8th, (arrive) in Paris on the 9th, (spend) the day in Paris, and (set) out that night for Venice. ~  
That (sound) most interesting. You must tell me all about it when you (get) back.
- 28 This story is about a boy who (make) friends with a snake which he (find) in his garden. Then he (go) away but he (not forget) the snake and some years later he (return) and (look) for it.
- 29 He (find) the snake who (recognize) its old friend and (coil) round him affectionately. But, unfortunately, the snake is by now a full-grown boa-constrictor and its embrace (kill) the poor boy.
- 30 The snake (feel) sorry about this? ~  
I (not know). The story (end) there.
- 31 How you (end) a letter that (begin), 'Dear Sir'? ~  
I always (put), 'Yours truly', but Tom (prefer) 'Yours faithfully'.
- 32 What the word 'catastrophe' (mean)? ~  
It (mean) 'disaster'.
- 33 What you (wait) for? ~  
I (wait) for the shop to open. ~  
But it (not open) till 9.00. ~  
I (know) but I (want) to be early, as their sale (start) today.
- 34 Why you (smoke) a cigar, Mrs Pitt? You (not smoke) cigars as a rule. ~  
I (smoke) it because I (want) the ash. This book (say) that cigar ash mixed with oil (remove) heat stains from wood.
- 35 Who (own) this umbrella? ~  
I (not know). Everybody (use) it but nobody (know) who (own) it.
- 36 You (mind) if I (ask) you a question? ~  
That (depend) on the question. ~  
It (concern) your brother. ~  
I (refuse) to answer any question about my brother.

## 33 The simple past tense

□ PEG 175-6

Put the verbs in the following sentences into the simple past tense.

- 1 I go to work by bus.
- 2 I meet her on Tuesdays.

- 3 He always wears black.
- 4 I make cakes every week.
- 5 She gets up at 6.30.
- 6 He understands me.
- 7 He shuts the shop at 6.00.
- 8 She speaks slowly.
- 9 He leaves the house at 9.00.
- 10 I read a chapter every night.
- 11 You eat too much.
- 12 I see him every day.
- 13 Tom sings in the choir.
- 14 He cries when he is hurt.
- 15 Who knows the answer?
- 16 I think I know it.
- 17 The curtain rises at 8.00.
- 18 He takes the dog out twice a day.
- 19 We buy them here.
- 20 I dream every night.
- 21 Bluetits often lay eggs in that nesting box.
- 22 He often feels ill.
- 23 I know what he wants.
- 24 I usually pay him £5.
- 25 His dog always bites me.
- 26 It smells odd.
- 27 It costs 30p.
- 28 My back hurts.
- 29 I lie down after lunch.
- 30 We drink water.
- 31 His roses grow well.
- 32 He rides every day.
- 33 He often falls off.
- 34 These dogs fight whenever they meet.
- 35 He puts up his prices every year.
- 36 He sleeps badly.

### 34 The simple past tense

PEG 175-6

Put the verbs in the following sentences into (a) the negative (b) the interrogative.

- 1 She saw your brother.
- 2 We heard a terrible noise.
- 3 He slept till 10.00.
- 4 He looked at the picture.
- 5 They drank all the wine.

- 6 They set out early enough.
- 7 She thought about it.
- 8 The police caught the thief.
- 9 He hid the letter.
- 10 She found her watch.
- 11 His nose bled.
- 12 My mother chose this hotel.
- 13 She lent you enough money.
- 14 Keiko taught Japanese.
- 15 Tom hurt his foot.
- 16 He broke his arm.
- 17 His wife came at 8.00.
- 18 He lost his wallet.
- 19 His son wrote a novel.
- 20 They flew to New York.
- 21 Ann drew you a map.
- 22 Tom laid the table.
- 23 Mr Pitt fell downstairs.
- 24 She lost her way.
- 25 He forbade her to leave.
- 26 I sent it to the laundry.
- 27 Jack kept the money.
- 28 He rode slowly.
- 29 They spent it all.
- 30 She sold the car.
- 31 Jean rang the bell.
- 32 The sun rose at 6.00.
- 33 The boys ran home.
- 34 He shook the bottle.
- 35 He forgave her.
- 36 They broadcast an appeal for money.

### 35 The past continuous tense

PEG 178

Put the verbs in brackets into the past continuous tense.

- 1 Detective: I'm afraid I must ask you both what you (do) yesterday at 10.20 p.m.  
Mr X: I (play) chess with my wife.  
Mr Y: I (listen) to a play on the radio.
- 2 The children were frightened because it (get) dark.
- 3 It was a fine day and the roads were crowded because a lot of people (rush) to the seaside.
- 4 The aeroplane in which the football team (travel) crashed soon after taking off.

- 5 He usually wears sandals but when I last saw him he (wear) boots.
- 6 The house was in great disorder because he (redecorate) it.
- 7 The director didn't allow the actors to travel by air while they (work) on the film.
- 8 The car had nobody in it but the engine (run).
- 9 Two children (play) on the sand and two fishermen (lean) against an upturned boat.
- 10 I was alone in the house at that time because Mr Jones (work) in the garage and Mrs Jones (shop).
- 11 He said that he was the captain of a ship which (sail) that night for Marseilles.
- 12 Are you going to Rome? I thought that you (go) to Milan.
- 13 My wife and I (talk) about you the other day.
- 14 When I first met him he (study) painting.
- 15 There was a strong smell and the sound of frying. Obviously Mrs Jones (cook) fish.
- 16 Tom ate nothing for lunch because he (diet). He said that he (try) to lose 10 kilos.
- 17 Who you (talk) to on the telephone as I came in?  
I (talk) to Mr Pitt.
- 18 As she (climb) the ladder it slipped sideways and she fell off it.
- 19 When I first met him he (work) in a restaurant.
- 20 He watched the children for a moment. Some of them (bathe) in the sea, others (look) for shells, others (play) in the sand.
- 21 Where he (live) when you saw him last?
- 22 She (stand) at the bus stop. I asked her what bus she (wait) for.
- 23 From the sounds it was clear that Mary (practise) the piano.
- 24 There had been an accident and men (carry) the injured people to an ambulance.
- 25 Two men (fight) at a street corner and a policeman (try) to stop them. ~  
What they (fight) about? ~  
Nobody seemed to know.
- 26 Tom (sit) in a corner with a book. I told him that he (read) in very bad light.
- 27 I went into the garden to see what the boys (do). James (weed) and Alexander (cut) the grass.
- 28 They had taken off the wheel of the car and (mend) the puncture. I asked when it would be ready.
- 29 When I arrived at the meeting the first speaker had just finished speaking and the audience (clap).
- 30 The traffic (make) so much noise that I couldn't hear what he (say).
- 31 While he (learn) to drive he had twenty-five accidents.
- 32 He had a bad fall while he (repair) his roof.
- 33 He was a little mad. He always (try) to prove that the earth was flat.
- 34 While we (fish) someone came to the house and left this note.

- 35 The exam had just begun and the candidates (write) their names at the top of their papers.
- 36 Just as I (wonder) what to do next, the phone rang.

### 36 The simple past and the past continuous

□ PEG 175-81

Put the verbs in brackets into the simple past or the past continuous tense.

- 1 I lit the fire at 6.00 and it (burn) brightly when Tom came in at 7.00.
- 2 When I arrived the lecture had already started and the professor (write) on the overhead projector.
- 3 I (make) a cake when the light went out. I had to finish it in the dark.
- 4 I didn't want to meet Paul so when he entered the room I (leave).
- 5 Unfortunately when I arrived Ann just (leave), so we only had time for a few words.
- 6 He (watch) TV when the phone rang. Very unwillingly he (turn) down the sound and (go) to answer it.
- 7 He was very polite. Whenever his wife entered the room he (stand) up.
- 8 The admiral (play) bowls when he received news of the invasion. He (insist) on finishing the game.
- 9 My dog (walk) along quietly when Mr Pitt's Pekinese attacked him.
- 10 When I arrived she (have) lunch. She apologized for starting without me but said that she always (lunch) at 12.30.
- 11 He always (wear) a raincoat and (carry) an umbrella when he walked to the office.
- 12 What you (think) of his last book? ~  
I (like) it very much.
- 13 I (share) a flat with him when we were students. He always (complain) about my untidiness.
- 14 He suddenly (realize) that he (travel) in the wrong direction.
- 15 He (play) the guitar outside her house when someone opened the window and (throw) out a bucket of water.
- 16 I just (open) the letter when the wind (blow) it out of my hand.
- 17 The burglar (open) the safe when he (hear) footsteps. He immediately (put) out his torch and (crawl) under the bed.
- 18 When I (look) for my passport I (find) this old photograph.
- 19 You looked very busy when I (see) you last night. What you (do)?
- 20 The boys (play) cards when they (hear) their father's step. They immediately (hide) the cards and (take) out their lesson books.
- 21 He (clean) his gun when it accidentally (go) off and (kill) him.
- 22 He (not allow) us to go out in the boat yesterday as a strong wind (blow).

- 23 As I (cross) the road I (step) on a banana skin and (fall) heavily.  
 24 I still (lie) on the road when I (see) a lorry approaching.  
 25 Luckily the driver (see) me and (stop) the lorry in time.  
 26 How you (damage) your car so badly? ~  
 I (run) into a lamp-post yesterday. ~  
 I suppose you (drive) too quickly or were not looking where you (go).  
 27 As he (get) into the bus it (start) suddenly and he (fall) backwards on to the road.  
 28 I (call) Paul at 7.00 but it wasn't necessary because he already (get) up.  
 29 When he (mend) the fuse he (get) a very bad shock.  
 30 When I (hear) his knock I (go) to the door and (open) it, but I (not recognize) him at first because I (not wear) my glasses.  
 31 When I came in they (sit) round the fire. Mr Pitt (do) a crossword puzzle, Mrs Pitt (knit), the others (read). Mrs Pitt (smile) at me and (say), 'Come and sit down.'  
 32 While the guests (dance) thieves (break) into the house and (steal) a lot of fur coats.  
 33 The next day, as they (know) that the police (look) for them, they (hide) the coats in a wood and (go) off in different directions.  
 34 She was very extravagant. She always (buy) herself new clothes.  
 35 Her mother often (tell) her that she (spend) too much money but she never (listen).  
 36 Whenever the drummer (begin) practising, the people in the next flat (bang) on the wall.

### 37 The simple past and the past continuous

#### ■ PEG 175-81

Put the verbs in brackets into the simple past or past continuous tense.

- 1 Mr Smith never (wake) up in time in the mornings and always (get) into trouble for being late; so one day he (go) to town and (buy) an alarm clock.  
 2 To get home he (have to) go through a field where a bad-tempered bull usually (graze).  
 3 This bull normally (not chase) people unless something (make) him angry. Unfortunately, as Mr Smith (cross) the field, his alarm clock (go) off.  
 4 This (annoy) the bull, who immediately (begin) to chase Mr Smith.  
 5 Mr Smith (carry) an open umbrella as it (rain) slightly. He (throw) the umbrella to the ground and (run) away as fast as he could.  
 6 The bull (stop) and (begin) to attack the umbrella. While he (do) this Mr Smith escaped.

- 7 When he (awake) she (sit) by the window. She (look) at something in the street, but when he (call) her she (turn) and (smile) at him.  
 8 Why you (interrupt) me just now? I (have) a very interesting conversation with Mr Pitt.  
 9 The murderer (carry) the corpse down the stairs when he (hear) a knock on the door.  
 10 When I (look) through your books I (notice) that you have a copy of *Murder in the Cathedral*.  
 11 As they (walk) along the road they (hear) a car coming from behind them. Tom (turn) round and (hold) up his hand. The car (stop).  
 12 When I (arrive) at the station Mary (wait) for me. She (wear) a blue dress and (look) very pretty. As soon as she (see) me she (wave) and (shout) something, but I couldn't hear what she (say) because everybody (make) such a noise.  
 13 The prisoner (escape) by climbing the wall of the garden where he (work). He (wear) blue overalls and black shoes.  
 14 She said that the car (travel) at 40 k.p.h. when it (begin) to skid.  
 15 She said that she (not like) her present flat and (try) to find another.  
 16 While he (make) his speech the minister suddenly (feel) faint. But someone (bring) him a glass of water and after a few minutes he (be able) to continue.  
 17 When I (see) him he (paint) a portrait of his wife. ~  
 You (like) it? ~  
 He only just (start) when I (see) it, so I couldn't judge.  
 18 I (take) my friend to a murder trial the other day. ~  
 Who (be) tried? ~  
 A man called Bill Sykes. ~  
 Was he acquitted? ~  
 I don't know. They still (listen) to the evidence when we (leave).  
 19 I (be) sorry that I (have to) leave the party early, because I (enjoy) myself.  
 20 As we (come) here a policeman (stop) us. He (say) that he (look) for some stolen property and (ask) if he could search the car.  
 21 I (see) you yesterday from the bus. Why you (use) a stick? ~  
 I (use) a stick because I had hurt my leg that morning falling off a horse. ~  
 Whose horse you (ride)?  
 22 The floor was covered with balls of wool. Obviously Mrs Pitt (knit) something.  
 23 Ann said that she (be) on holiday. I (say) that I (hope) that she (enjoy) herself.  
 24 While he (water) the flowers it (begin) to rain. He (put) up his umbrella and (go) on watering.  
 25 I just (write) a cheque when I (remember) that I (have) nothing in the bank.  
 26 I (find) this ring as I (dig) in the garden. It looks very old. I wonder who it (belong) to?

- 27 When I last (see) her she (hurry) along the road to the station. I (ask) her where she (go) and she (say), 'London', but I don't think she (speak) the truth because there (not be) any train for London at that time.
- 28 The tailor said, 'Your suit will be ready on Monday.' But when I (call) on Monday he still (work) on it.
- 29 The teacher (come) into the classroom unusually early and one of the boys, who (smoke) a cigarette, (have) no time to put it out. So he (throw) it into the desk and (hope) for the best.
- 30 A little later the teacher (notice) that smoke (rise) from this desk. 'You (smoke) when I (come) in?' he (ask).
- 31 While I (swim) someone (steal) my clothes and I (have to) walk home in my swimsuit.
- 32 The men (say) that they (work) on the road outside my house and that they (want) some water to make tea.
- 33 He (say) that he (build) himself a house and that he (think) it would be ready in two years.
- 34 At 3 a.m. Mrs Pitt (wake) her husband and (say) that she (think) that someone (try) to get into the house.
- 35 Why you (lend) him that book? I still (read) it. ~  
I'm sorry. I (not know) that you still (read) it.
- 36 I (come) in very late last night and unfortunately the dog (wake) up and (start) to bark. This (wake) my mother who (come) to the top of the stairs and (say), 'Who is there?'  
I (say), 'It is me,' but she (not hear) me because the dog (bark) so loudly, so she (go) back to her room and (telephone) the police.

### 38 The present perfect tense

□ PEG 182-9

Put the verbs in brackets into the present perfect tense, and fill the spaces by repeating the auxiliary.

You (wash) the plates? ~

Yes, I . . .

*Have you washed the plates? ~*

*Yes, I have.*

You (see) him lately? ~

No, I . . .

*Have you seen him lately? ~*

*No, I haven't.*

- 1 Where you (be)? ~  
I (be) to the dentist.
- 2 You (have) breakfast? ~  
Yes, I . . .

- 3 The post (come)? ~  
Yes, it . . .
- 4 You (see) my watch anywhere? ~  
No, I'm afraid I . . .
- 5 Someone (wind) the clock? ~  
Yes, Tom . . .
- 6 I (not finish) my letter yet.
- 7 He just (go) out.
- 8 Someone (take) my bicycle.
- 9 The phone (stop) ringing.
- 10 You (hear) from her lately? ~  
No, I . . .
- 11 I just (wash) that floor.
- 12 The cat (steal) the fish.
- 13 You (explain) the exercise? ~  
Yes, I . . .
- 14 There aren't any buses because the drivers (go) on strike.
- 15 You (have) enough to eat? ~  
Yes, I (have) plenty, thank you.
- 16 Charles (pass) his exam? ~  
Yes, he . . .
- 17 How many bottles the milkman (leave)? ~  
He (leave) six.
- 18 I (live) here for ten years.
- 19 How long you (know) Mr Pitt? ~  
I (know) him for ten years.
- 20 Would you like some coffee? I just (make) some.
- 21 Mary (water) the tomatoes? ~  
Yes, I think she . . .
- 22 You (not make) a mistake? ~  
No, I'm sure I . . .
- 23 Why you (not mend) the fuse? ~  
I (not have) time.
- 24 You (dive) from the ten-metre board yet? ~  
No, I . . .
- 25 You ever (leave) a restaurant without paying the bill? ~  
No, I . . .
- 26 I (ask) him to dinner several times.
- 27 He always (refuse).
- 28 You ever (ride) a camel?
- 29 I (buy) a new carpet. Come and look at it.
- 30 He (post) the letter?
- 31 Why he (not finish)? He (have) plenty of time.
- 32 I often (see) him but I never (speak) to him.
- 33 You ever (eat) caviar? ~  
No, I . . .
- 34 We just (hear) the most extraordinary news.

- 35 The police (recapture) the prisoners who escaped yesterday.  
 36 I (not pay) the telephone bill yet.

39 The present perfect and the simple past

□ PEG 175-7, 182-9

(a) Fill the spaces by repeating the auxiliary used in the question, putting it into the negative where necessary.

(b) Put the verb in brackets into the present perfect or the simple past tense.

Have you seen that play? (a) Yes, I . . .  
*Yes, I have.*

(b) Yes, I (be) there last night.  
*Yes, I was there last night.*

- 1 Have you wound the clock? (a) Yes, I . . .  
 (b) Yes, I (wind) it on Monday.
- 2 Have you ever eaten snails? (a) No, I . . .  
 (b) Yes, I (eat) some at Tom's party last week.
- 3 Has she fed the dog? (a) Yes, I think she . . .  
 (b) Yes, she (feed) him before lunch.
- 4 Have they repaired the road? (a) No, they . . .  
 (b) They only (repair) part of it so far.
- 5 Have they done their homework? (a) Yes, they (do) it all.  
 (b) Yes, they (do) it before they left school.
- 6 Have you found the matches? (a) No, I . . .  
 (b) No, I (not find) them yet.
- 7 Have you made the coffee? (a) Yes, I . . .  
 (b) I (make) some yesterday: we can use that.
- 8 Have you been here before? (a) No, I . . .  
 (b) Yes, I (be) here several times.
- 9 Have you seen him lately? (a) No, I . . .  
 (b) No, I (not see) him since Christmas.
- 10 Have you been to the opera this week? (a) Yes, I . . .  
 (b) Yes, I (go) to *Faust* on Friday.

- 11 Have you ever driven this car? (a) Yes, I (drive) it once or twice.  
 (b) Yes, I (drive) it when you were away.
- 12 Has he missed his train? (a) No, he . . .  
 (b) Yes, he . . . It (go) five minutes ago.
- 13 Have they been through Customs? (a) Yes, they . . .  
 (b) Yes, their luggage (be) examined at Dover.
- 14 Has he spoken to her? (a) Yes, he . . .  
 (b) Yes, he (speak) to her on Friday.
- 15 Have you spent all your money? (a) No, I only (spend) half of it.  
 (b) Yes, I . . .
- 16 How much have you saved since Christmas? (a) I (not save) anything.  
 (b) I (save) £3.
- 17 Has his temperature gone down? (a) No, it . . .  
 (b) Yes, it (go) down last night.
- 18 Have you seen his garden? (a) No, I (not see) it yet.  
 (b) I (see) the house on Monday but I (not see) the garden.
- 19 Have you paid the bill? (a) Yes, I . . .  
 (b) Yes, I (pay) it while you were away.
- 20 Have you ever flown a plane? (a) No, I . . .  
 (b) Yes, I (fly) when I was at university.
- 21 Has your dog ever bitten anyone? (a) Yes, he (bite) a policeman last week.  
 (b) Yes, he (bite) me twice.
- 22 Have you planted your peas? (a) Yes, I (plant) them on Tuesday.  
 (b) No, I . . . yet.
- 23 Has he written to the paper? (a) Yes, he . . .  
 (b) Yes, he (write) at once.
- 24 Have you ever drunk vodka? (a) No, I . . .  
 (b) I (drink) it once in Russia but I (not drink) it since.

## 40 The present perfect and the simple past

■ PEG 175-7, 182-9

Put the verbs in brackets into the present perfect or the simple past tense. In some sentences the present perfect continuous (PEG 190) is also possible.

- 1 This is my house. ~  
How long you (live) here? ~  
I (live) here since 1970.
- 2 He (live) in London for two years and then (go) to Edinburgh.
- 3 You (wear) your hair long when you were at school? ~  
Yes, my mother (insist) on it.
- 4 But when I (leave) school I (cut) my hair and (wear) it short ever since.
- 5 Shakespeare (write) a lot of plays.
- 6 My brother (write) several plays. He just (finish) his second tragedy.
- 7 I (fly) over Loch Ness last week. ~  
You (see) the Loch Ness monster?
- 8 I (not see) him for three years. I wonder where he is.
- 9 He (not smoke) for two weeks. He is trying to give it up.
- 10 Chopin (compose) some of his music in Majorca.
- 11 When he (arrive)? ~  
He (arrive) at 2.00.
- 12 You (lock) the door before you left the house?
- 13 I (read) his books when I was at school. I (enjoy) them very much.
- 14 I can't go out because I (not finish) my work.
- 15 I never (drink) whisky. ~  
Well, have some now.
- 16 I (write) the letter but I can't find a stamp.
- 17 The clock is slow. ~  
It isn't slow, it (stop).
- 18 Here are your shoes; I just (clean) them.
- 19 I (leave) home at 8.00 and (get) here at twelve.
- 20 I (do) this sort of work when I (be) an apprentice.
- 21 He just (go) out.
- 22 He (go) out ten minutes ago.
- 23 You (have) breakfast yet? ~  
Yes, I (have) it at 8.00.
- 24 I (meet) him last June.
- 25 You (see) the moon last night?
- 26 The concert (begin) at 2.30 and (last) for two hours. Everyone (enjoy) it very much.
- 27 The play just (begin). You are a little late.
- 28 The newspaper (come)? ~  
Yes, Ann is reading it.

- 29 The actors (arrive) yesterday and (start) rehearsals early this morning.
- 30 It (be) very cold this year. I wonder when it is going to get warmer.
- 31 Cervantes (write) *Don Quixote*.
- 32 We (miss) the bus. Now we'll have to walk.
- 33 He (break) his leg in a skiing accident last year.
- 34 Mr Pound is the bank manager. He (be) here for five years.
- 35 Mr Count (work) as a cashier for twenty-five years. Then he (retire) and (go) to live in the country.
- 36 You (be) here before? ~  
Yes, I (spend) my holidays here last year. ~  
You (have) a good time? ~  
No, it never (stop) raining.

## 41 The present perfect and the simple past

■ PEG 175-7, 182-9

Put the verbs in brackets into the present perfect or simple past tense. Fill the spaces by repeating the auxiliary used in the preceding verb.

You (see) Mary on Monday? ~

Yes, I . . .

*Did you see Mary on Monday?* ~

*Yes, I did.*

- 1 Where is Tom? ~  
I (not see) him today, but he (tell) Mary that he'd be in for dinner.
- 2 I (buy) this in Bond Street. ~  
How much you (pay) for it? ~  
I (pay) £100.
- 3 Where you (find) this knife? ~  
I (find) it in the garden. ~  
Why you (not leave) it there?
- 4 I (lose) my black gloves. You (see) them anywhere? ~  
No, I'm afraid I . . . . When you last (wear) them? ~  
I (wear) them at the theatre last night. ~  
Perhaps you (leave) them at the theatre.
- 5 Do you know that lady who just (leave) the shop? ~  
Yes, that is Miss Thrift. Is she a customer of yours? ~  
Not exactly. She (be) in here several times but she never (buy) anything.
- 6 He (leave) the house at 8.00. ~  
Where he (go)? ~  
I (not see) where he (go).



- 7 He (serve) in the First World War. ~  
When that war (begin)? ~  
It (begin) in 1914 and (last) for four years.
- 8 Who you (vote) for at the last election? ~  
I (vote) for Mr Pitt. ~  
He (not be) elected, (be) he? ~  
No, he (lose) his deposit.
- 9 You (like) your last job? ~  
I (like) it at first but then I (quarrel) with my employer and he (dismiss) me. ~  
How long you (be) there? ~  
I (be) there for two weeks.
- 10 I (not know) that you (know) Mrs Pitt. How long you (know) her? ~  
I (know) her for ten years.
- 11 That is Mr Minus, who teaches me mathematics, but he (not have) time to teach me much. I only (be) in his class for a week.
- 12 You (hear) his speech on the radio last night? ~  
Yes, I . . . ~  
What you (think) of it?
- 13 I (not know) that you (be) here. You (be) here long? ~  
Yes, I (be) here two months. ~  
You (be) to the Cathedral? ~  
Yes, I (go) there last Sunday.
- 14 You ever (try) to give up smoking? ~  
Yes, I (try) last year, but then I (find) that I was getting fat so I (start) again.
- 15 You (see) today's paper? ~  
No, anything interesting (happen)?  
Yes, two convicted murderers (escape) from the prison down the road.
- 16 Mary (feed) the cat? ~  
Yes, she (feed) him before lunch. ~  
What she (give) him? ~  
She (give) him some fish.
- 17 How long you (know) your new assistant? ~  
I (know) him for two years. ~  
What he (do) before he (come) here? ~  
I think he (be) in prison.
- 18 I (not see) your aunt recently. ~  
No. She (not be) out of her house since she (buy) her colour TV.
- 19 The plumber (be) here yet? ~  
Yes, but he only (stay) for an hour. ~  
What he (do) in that time? ~  
He (turn) off the water and (empty) the tank.

- 20 Where you (be)?  
I (be) out in a yacht. ~  
You (enjoy) it? ~  
Yes, very much. We (take) part in a race. ~  
You (win)? ~  
No, we (come) in last.
- 21 How long that horrible monument (be) there? ~  
It (be) there six months. Lots of people (write) to the Town Council asking them to take it away but so far nothing (be) done.
- 22 I just (be) to the film *War and Peace*. You (see) it? ~  
No, I . . . Is it like the book? ~  
I (not read) the book. ~  
I (read) it when I (be) at school. ~  
When Tolstoy (write) it? ~  
He (write) it in 1868. ~  
He (write) anything else?
- 23 Hannibal (bring) elephants across the Alps. ~  
Why he (do) that? ~  
He (want) to use them in battle.
- 24 Where you (be)? ~  
I (be) to the dentist. ~  
He (take) out your bad tooth? ~  
Yes, he . . . ~  
It (hurt)? ~  
Yes, horribly.
- 25 She (say) that she'd phone me this morning, but it is now 12.30 and she (not phone) yet.
- 26 I just (receive) a letter saying that we (not pay) this quarter's electricity bill. I (not give) you the money for that last week? ~  
Yes, you . . . but I'm afraid I (spend) it on something else.
- 27 How long you (be) out of work? ~  
I'm not out of work now. I just (start) a new job. ~  
How you (find) the job? ~  
I (answer) an advertisement in the paper.
- 28 You (finish) checking the accounts? ~  
No, not quite. I (do) about half so far.
- 29 I (cut) my hand rather badly. Have you a bandage? ~  
I'll get you one. How it (happen)? ~  
I was chopping some wood and the axe (slip).
- 30 How you (get) that scar? ~  
I (get) it in a car accident a year ago.
- 31 You (meet) my brother at the lecture yesterday? ~  
Yes, I . . . We (have) coffee together afterwards.
- 32 He (lose) his job last month and since then he (be) out of work. ~  
Why he (lose) his job? ~  
He (be) very rude to Mr Pitt.

- 33 What are all those people looking at? ~  
There (be) an accident. ~  
You (see) what (happen)? ~  
Yes, a motor cycle (run) into a lorry.
- 34 I (phone) you twice yesterday and (get) no answer.
- 35 Originally horses used in bull fights (not wear) any protection, but for some time now they (wear) special padding.
- 36 That house (be) empty for a year. But they just (take) down the 'For Sale' sign, so I suppose someone (buy) it.

## 42 The present perfect continuous tense

□ PEG 190-1

Put the verbs in brackets into the present perfect continuous tense.

- 1 I (make) cakes. That is why my hands are all covered with flour.
- 2 Her phone (ring) for ten minutes. I wonder why she doesn't answer it.
- 3 He (overwork). That is why he looks so tired.
- 4 There is sawdust in your hair. ~  
I'm not surprised. I (cut) down a tree.
- 5 Have you seen my bag anywhere? I (look) for it for ages.
- 6 What you (do)? ~  
I (work) in the laboratory.
- 7 He (study) Russian for two years and doesn't even know the alphabet yet.
- 8 How long you (wait) for me? ~  
I (wait) about half an hour.
- 9 It (rain) for two days now. There'll be a flood soon.
- 10 We (argue) about this for two hours now. Perhaps we should stop!
- 11 I (bathe). That's why my hair is all wet.
- 12 You (drive) all day. Let me drive now.
- 13 How long you (wear) glasses?
- 14 The petrol gauge (say) 'Empty' for quite a long time now. Don't you think we should get some petrol?
- 15 I'm sorry for keeping you waiting. I (try) to make a telephone call to Rome.
- 16 You (not eat) enough lately. That's why you feel irritable.
- 17 He (speak) for an hour now. I expect he'll soon be finished.
- 18 That helicopter (fly) round the house for the last hour; do you think it's taking photographs?
- 19 The radio (play) since 7 a.m. I wish someone would turn it off.
- 20 I (shop) all day and I haven't a penny left.
- 21 We (live) here since 1977.
- 22 I'm on a diet. I (eat) nothing but bananas for the last month.
- 23 The children (look) forward to this holiday for months.

- 24 That pipe (leak) for ages. We must get it mended.
- 25 Tom (dig) in the garden all afternoon and I (help) him.
- 26 I (ask) you to mend that window for six weeks. When are you going to do it?
- 27 Someone (use) my bicycle. The chain's fallen off.
- 28 How long you (drive)? ~  
I (drive) for ten years.
- 29 The trial (go) on for a long time. I wonder what the verdict will be.
- 30 It (snow) for three days now. The roads will be blocked if it doesn't stop soon.
- 31 Mary (cry)? ~  
No, she (not cry), she (peel) onions.
- 32 The car (make) a very curious noise ever since it ran out of oil.
- 33 He walked very unsteadily up the stairs and his wife said, 'You (drink)!'
- 34 Your fingers are very brown. You (smoke) too much.
- 35 You usually know when someone (eat) garlic.
- 36 Ever since he came to us that man (try) to make trouble.

## 43 The present perfect and the present perfect continuous

■ PEG 191-2

Put the verbs in brackets into the present perfect or the present perfect continuous tense. (In some cases either could be used.)

- 1 We (walk) ten kilometres.
- 2 We (walk) for three hours.
- 3 You (walk) too fast. That's why you are tired.
- 4 I (make) sausage rolls for the party all the morning.
- 5 How many you (make)? ~  
I (make) 200.
- 6 That boy (eat) seven ice-creams.
- 7 He (not stop) eating since he arrived.
- 8 The driver (drink). I think someone else ought to drive.
- 9 I (pull) up 100 dandelions.
- 10 I (pull) up dandelions all day.
- 11 What you (do)? ~  
We (pick) apples.
- 12 How many you (pick)? ~  
We (pick) ten basketfuls.
- 13 I (sleep) on every bed in this house and I don't like any of them.
- 14 He (sleep) since ten o'clock. It's time he woke up.
- 15 He (ride); that's why he is wearing breeches.
- 16 I (ride) all the horses in this stable.
- 17 What a lovely smell! ~  
Mary (make) jam.

- 18 The students (work) very well this term.
- 19 I only (hear) from him twice since he went away.
- 20 I (hear) from her regularly. She is a very good correspondent.
- 21 I (grease) my car. That's why my hands are so dirty.
- 22 I (polish) this table all the morning and she isn't satisfied with it yet.
- 23 I (work) for him for ten years and he never once (say) 'Good morning' to me.
- 24 He (teach) in this school for five years.
- 25 I (teach) hundreds of students but I never (meet) such a hopeless class as this.
- 26 Why you (be) so long in the garage? ~  
The tyres were flat; I (pump) them up.
- 27 I (pump) up three tyres. Would you like to do the fourth?
- 28 I (look) for mushrooms but I (not find) any.
- 29 He (cough) a lot lately. He ought to give up smoking.
- 30 You (hear) the news? Tom and Ann are engaged! ~  
That's not new; I (know) it for ages!
- 31 I (try) to finish this letter for the last half-hour. I wish you'd go away or stop talking. ~  
I hardly (say) anything.
- 32 The driver of that car (sound) his horn for the last ten minutes.
- 33 It (rain) for two hours and the ground is too wet to play on, so the match (be) postponed.
- 34 He (hope) for a rise in salary for six months but he (not dare) to ask for it yet.
- 35 Mr Smith, you (whisper) to the student on your right for the last five minutes. You (help) him with his exam paper or he (help) you?
- 36 Why you (make) such a horrible noise? ~  
I (lose) my key and I (try) to wake my wife by throwing stones at her window. ~  
You (throw) stones at the wrong window. You live next door.

#### 44 for and since

PEG 187

Fill the spaces in the following sentences by using **for** or **since**.

- 1 We've been fishing . . . two hours.
- 2 I've been working in this office . . . a month.
- 3 They've been living in France . . . 1970.
- 4 He has been in prison . . . a year.
- 5 I've known that . . . a long time.
- 6 That man has been standing there . . . six o'clock.
- 7 She has driven the same car . . . 1975.
- 8 Things have changed . . . I was a girl.
- 9 The kettle has been boiling . . . a quarter of an hour.

- 10 The central heating has been on . . . October.
- 11 That trunk has been in the hall . . . a year.
- 12 He has been very ill . . . the last month.
- 13 I've been using this machine . . . twelve years.
- 14 We've been waiting . . . half an hour.
- 15 Mr Pitt has been in hospital . . . his accident.
- 16 He hasn't spoken to me . . . the last committee meeting.
- 17 I have been very patient with you . . . several years.
- 18 They have been on strike . . . November.
- 19 The strike has lasted . . . six months.
- 20 It has been very foggy . . . early morning.
- 21 They have been quarrelling ever . . . they got married.
- 22 I've been awake . . . four o'clock.
- 23 I've been awake . . . a long time.
- 24 We've had no gas . . . the strike began.
- 25 I've earned my own living . . . I left school.
- 26 Nobody has seen him . . . last week.
- 27 The police have been looking for me . . . four days.
- 28 I haven't worn low-heeled shoes . . . I was at school.
- 29 He had a bad fall last week and . . . then he hasn't left the house.
- 30 He has been under water . . . half an hour.
- 31 That tree has been there . . . 2,000 years.
- 32 He has been Minister of Education . . . 1983.
- 33 I've been trying to open this door . . . forty-five minutes.
- 34 He hasn't eaten anything . . . twenty-four hours.
- 35 We've had terrible weather . . . the last month.
- 36 Nobody has come to see us . . . we bought these bloodhounds.

## 4 Future forms

### 45 The present continuous tense as a future form

- PEG 202

Put the verbs in brackets into the present continuous tense.

- 1 They are going to drill for oil here. They (start) on Monday.
- 2 My uncle (make) a speech on Friday.
- 3 I (take) my sister to the ballet tomorrow.
- 4 She (call) for me at six.
- 5 He (play) at Wimbledon next summer.
- 6 I (meet) her at the station at ten.
- 7 The sales (not start) till Monday.
- 8 How you (get) to the party tomorrow? ~  
I (go) by car. ~  
Who (drive)?
- 9 The piano tuner (come) this afternoon.
- 10 You (give) him anything for his birthday? -  
Yes, I (give) him a dictionary.
- 11 The windows (be) cleaned today. Then we'll be able to see out.
- 12 She (come) out of hospital next week.
- 13 We (have) dinner early tonight as we (go) to the theatre.
- 14 Where you (go) for your holidays this year? -  
I (go) to Holland.
- 15 He (not give) a lecture tonight.
- 16 I (have) my photograph taken tomorrow.
- 17 I (buy) her a burglar alarm for a wedding present.
- 18 The elections (be) held next week.
- 19 I (have) lunch with my aunt on Thursday.
- 20 The committee (meet) next Wednesday.
- 21 My grandparents (celebrate) their golden wedding next week.
- 22 I (lend) him my car for his holidays.
- 23 The strikers (return) to work next week.
- 24 Smith's (open) a new branch in this street in July.
- 25 We've bought a new house and (move) in very soon.
- 26 I (not take) up judo next winter.
- 27 They (get) married next week.
- 28 You (do) anything tonight? ~  
Yes, I (go) to my carpentry class.
- 29 The Prime Minister (fly) to America tomorrow.
- 30 He (start) a new job on Friday.

- 31 The Queen (give) a garden party next week. You (go)?
- 32 My brother (be) released on Tuesday. I (meet) him outside the prison.
- 33 I (catch) the 6.30 plane tomorrow. -  
Where you (leave) your car? -  
I (not take) the car.
- 34 Her mother (send) her to France next year.
- 35 I (go) to the dentist tomorrow. Miss Pitt (take) my class.
- 36 I (lend) my flat to my American cousins next year.

### 46 The **be going to** form

- PEG 203, 206

Put the verbs in brackets into the **be going to** form.

- 1 You (miss) your train.
- 2 The pressure cooker (explode).
- 3 When you (pay) the bill?
- 4 She (dye) the old curtains blue.
- 5 We (make) this whisky bottle into a lamp.
- 6 What you (do) with this room? -  
I (paint) the walls in black and white stripes.
- 7 The umpire (blow) his whistle.
- 8 You (eat) all that?
- 9 That man with the tomato in his hand (throw) it at the speaker.
- 10 That door (slam).
- 11 The bull (attack) us.
- 12 It (rain). Look at those clouds.
- 13 The cat (have) kittens.
- 14 The men in the helicopter (try) to rescue the man in the water.
- 15 That rider (fall) off.
- 16 These two men (cycle) across Africa.
- 17 The Lord Mayor is standing up. He (make) a speech.
- 18 He (grow) a beard when he leaves school.
- 19 This aeroplane (crash).
- 20 I (stop) here for a moment to get some petrol.
- 21 You (ask) him to help you?
- 22 I've lent you my car once. I (not do) it again.
- 23 I have seen the play. Now I (read) the book.
- 24 Small boy: I (be) a frogman when I grow up.
- 25 I (not sleep) in this room. It is haunted.
- 26 We (buy) a metal detector and look for buried treasure.
- 27 You (reserve) a seat?
- 28 I (plant) an oak tree here.
- 29 The dog (bury) the bone.
- 30 I (have) a bath.

- 31 I (smuggle) this out of the country.
- 32 There was very little blossom this spring. Apples (be) scarce.
- 33 I don't like this macaroni. I (not finish) it.
- 34 I (not stay) here another minute.
- 35 They (try) him for manslaughter when he comes out of hospital.
- 36 We (make) a lot of money out of this.

## 47 The present continuous and the **be going to** form

a PEG 202-6

Planned future actions can be expressed by the present continuous tense with a time expression or by the **be going to** form with or without a time expression. The present continuous is mainly used for very definite arrangements in the near future. The **be going to** form can be used more widely.

Use the present continuous where possible in the following sentences and put the remaining verbs into the **be going to** form.

- 1 I (play) bridge tonight with Tom and Ann.
- 2 He (have) an operation next week.
- 3 It's very cold. I (light) a fire.
- 4 We (have) some friends to lunch tomorrow.
- 5 I've bought a piano; it (be) delivered this afternoon. ~  
Where you (put) it? ~  
I (put) it in the dining room.
- 6 You (go) to the auction tomorrow? ~  
Yes, I (go) but I (not buy) anything.
- 7 I've reminded you once; I (not do) it again.
- 8 I (have) my hair cut this afternoon.
- 9 My nephew (come) to stay with me next weekend. ~  
Where you (put) him? ~  
I (put) him in the room in the tower.
- 10 Our class (start) German next term.
- 11 I (spend) a few days in London next week.
- 12 The Town Council (build) a new school here.
- 13 What you (tell) the police? ~  
I (tell) them the truth.
- 14 He (start) tomorrow.
- 15 The Queen (open) Parliament next month.
- 16 The Prime Minister (speak) on TV tonight.
- 17 This shop (close) down next week.
- 18 When you (have) your next lesson? ~  
I (have) it on Monday.
- 19 I (collect) my new dress this afternoon.
- 20 We (take) the children to the seaside this summer.
- 21 I (give) him a football for his next birthday.'

- 22 She (sing) in her first big concert next month.
- 23 He (go) to Spain for his holidays. ~  
He (fly)? ~  
No, he (go) by boat.
- 24 She (see) a specialist next week.
- 25 He (wash) the car?
- 26 He (ring) me up tonight.
- 27 The inspector (ask) you a few questions.
- 28 Her parents (give) a party for her next month. They (invite) sixty guests.
- 29 Have you got a ticket for the big match on Saturday? ~  
No, I don't even know who (play). —  
France (play) England.
- 30 They (launch) a ship this afternoon. You (come) to see it?
- 31 What you (do) with the money?
- 32 I (pick) you up at 6.30; don't forget.
- 33 Where you (go) tonight? ~  
I (go) out with Peter. He (call) for me at eight.
- 34 I (compete) in the bicycle race tomorrow.
- 35 Mr Pitt has just phoned to say that he (not come) back till Wednesday night.
- 36 I (read) you his answer to my letter of complaint.

## 48 The future simple

• PEG 207-9

Put the verbs in brackets into the future simple.

- 1 I (know) the result in a week.
- 2 You (be) in Rome tonight.
- 3 You (have) time to help me tomorrow?
- 4 It (matter) if I don't come home till morning?
- 5 You (be) able to drive after another five lessons.
- 6 Do you think that he (recognize) me?
- 7 Unless he runs he (not catch) the train.
- 8 He (lend) it to you if you ask him.
- 9 I hope I (find) it.
- 10 If petrol pump attendants go on strike we (not have) any petrol.
- 11 He (believe) whatever you tell him.
- 12 I (remember) this day all my life.
- 13 Perhaps he (arrive) in time for lunch.
- 14 If he works well I (pay) him £10.
- 15 I wonder how many of us still (be) here next year.
- 16 If you think it over you (see) that I am right.
- 17 If you learn another language you (get) a better job.
- 18 I am sure that you (like) our new house.

- 19 Newspaper announcement: The President (drive) along the High Street in an open carriage.
- 20 He (mind) if I bring my dog?
- 21 You (need) a visa if you are going to Spain.
- 22 If you open that trapdoor you (see) some steps.
- 23 You (feel) better when you've had a meal.
- 24 He (be) offended if you don't invite him.
- 25 She (have) £1000 a year when she is twenty-one.
- 26 If you put any more polish on that floor someone (slip) on it.
- 27 I wonder if he (succeed).
- 28 Papers (not be) delivered on the Bank Holiday.
- 29 I hope he (remember) to buy wine.
- 30 If you leave your roller skates on the path someone (fall) over them.
- 31 If they fall over them and hurt themselves they (sue) you.
- 32 Announcement: Mrs Pitt (present) the prizes.
- 33 If you want twenty cigarettes you (have) to give me more money.
- 34 Notice: The management (not be) responsible for articles left on the seats.
- 35 If I drop this it (explode).
- 36 What your father (say) when he hears about this accident? ~  
He (not say) much but he not (lend) me the car again.

#### 49 The present continuous and the future simple

a PEG 202, 207-9

Put the verbs in brackets into the present continuous or the future simple using the present continuous where possible.

(The **be going to** form could be used here instead of the present continuous, but for the sake of simplicity students are advised to use only the two tenses first mentioned.)

- 1 I am sure that I (recognize) him.
- 2 I (see) her tomorrow.
- 3 He (play) in a tennis match on Friday.
- 4 She (come) back on Monday.
- 5 I (go) again next year.
- 6 We (know) tonight.
- 7 You pay and I (owe) you the money.
- 8 I (believe) it when I see it.
- 9 I (have) my car repainted next week.
- 10 I hope that you (have) a good time tomorrow.
- 11 His speech (be) broadcast tonight.
- 12 The window-cleaner (come) at eight tomorrow.
- 13 Tom (catch) the 7.40 train.
- 14 Where you (meet) them? ~  
I (meet) them at midnight in the middle of the wood.

- 15 What horse you (ride) tomorrow?
- 16 Look! I've broken the teapot. What Mrs Pitt (say)?~  
She (not mind); she never liked that one.
- 17 I've left the light on. It (matter)?
- 18 He (not forget) to come.
- 19 He (leave) in a few days.
- 20 I (remember) it.
- 21 If you drop that bottle it (break).
- 22 I never (forgive) him.
- 23 I'm sure that you (like) him.
- 24 They (lay) the foundations next week.
- 25 You (see) a signpost at the end of the road.
- 26 He has cut my hair too short. ~  
Don't worry; it (grow) again very quickly.
- 27 You (understand) when you are older.
- 28 The cat (scratch) you if you pull its tail.
- 29 I (be) back at 8.30.
- 30 If he doesn't work hard he (not pass) his exam.
- 31 She (go) on a cruise next summer.
- 32 I (move) to a new flat next week.
- 33 I am sorry that the child saw the accident. -  
I don't think it matters. He soon (forget) all about it.
- 34 I (wait) here till he comes back.
- 35 He (not write) to you unless you write to him.
- 36 There (be) a big meeting here tomorrow.

#### 50 **will** + infinitive and the **be going to** form

PEG 201, 203-6

Future with intention can usually be expressed by **will** + infinitive or the **be going to** form. Very often either of these can be used, but when the intention is clearly premeditated the **be going to** form must be used, and when the intention is clearly unpremeditated we must use **will** + infinitive.

Put the verbs in brackets into one of these two forms. (In some of the examples the present continuous could be used instead of the **be going to** form.)

- 1 The fire has gone out! ~  
So it has. I (go) and get some sticks.
- 2 Did you remember to book seats? —  
Oh no, I forgot. I (telephone) for them now.
- 3 He has just been taken to hospital with a broken leg. ~  
I'm sorry to hear that. I (send) him some grapes.
- 4 I've hired a typewriter and I (learn) to type.
- 5 I see that you have got a loom. You (do) some weaving?

- 6 I can't understand this letter. ~  
I (call) my son. He (translate) it for you.
- 7 You (buy) meat? ~  
No, I (not eat) meat any more. I (eat) vegetables.
- 8 You've bought a lot of paint. You (redecorate) your kitchen?
- 9 Why are you getting out the jack? ~  
We have a puncture and I (change) the wheel. ~  
I (help) you.
- 10 Look what I've just bought at an auction! ~  
What an extraordinary thing! Where you (put) it?
- 11 Why are you peeling that bit of garlic? ~  
I (put) it in the stew.
- 12 What you (do) when you grow up? ~  
I (be) an acrobat in a circus.
- 13 What are you going to do with that dress? ~  
I (shorten) the skirt.
- 14 Will you lend me your season ticket? ~  
No, I (not lend) it to you. It is against the law.
- 15 That tree makes the house very dark. ~  
Very well, I (cut) it down.
- 16 I've just enrolled at the local technical college. I (attend) pottery classes next winter.
- 17 How do I get from here to London Bridge? ~  
I don't know, but I (ask) that policeman.
- 18 Why are you carrying a corkscrew? ~  
I (open) a bottle of wine.
- 19 Why's he putting the camera on a tripod? ~  
He (take) a group photo.
- 20 My brother has just returned from America. ~  
Oh good, we (ask) him to our next party.
- 21 Why have you set your alarm to go off at five-thirty? ~  
Because I (get) up then. I've got a lot to do.
- 22 I'm turning this cupboard into a darkroom. I (develop) my own films.
- 23 You look frozen. Sit down by the fire and I (make) you a cup of tea.
- 24 They've brought a rope and they (tow) the car to a garage.
- 25 I haven't bought any cigarettes because I (give) up smoking.
- 26 I have tried to explain but she doesn't understand English. ~  
I (say) it to her in Finnish: perhaps she'll understand that.
- 27 I've come out without any money. ~  
Never mind, I (lend) you some. How much do you want?
- 28 Do you see that car? They (raffle) it for charity.
- 29 They've hired a bulldozer. They (clear) away this rubble.
- 30 Child: I've torn my dress.  
Mother: I (mend) it for you.
- 31 I'm catching the 6.30 train. —  
So am I. I (give) you a lift to the station.
- 32 I've bought some blue velvet and I (make) curtains for this room.

- 33 Why are you carrying that saw? -  
I (shorten) the legs of the dining room table.
- 34 Why are you taking that big basket? ~  
I (buy) a lot of vegetables.
- 35 I've planned my future for the next ten years. ~  
That is very clever of you. What you (do) when you leave the university?
- 36 Why are you putting that old loaf into a paper bag? ~  
I (give) it to Mrs Pitt for her hens.

## 51 will + infinitive and the be going to form

PEG 205

Both **will** you and are you going to can introduce questions about future intentions. But **will** you very often introduces a request or invitation. For this reason are you **going to** is more usual than **will** you in questions about intentions, are you **going to** must of course be used when the intention is obviously premeditated. (See also Exercise 55.)

Put the verbs in brackets into one of these two forms. Where both are possible it will be noted in the key. (In some examples the present continuous tense could be used instead of the be going to form.) The exercise contains requests, invitations, and questions about intentions.

- 1 You (open) the door for me, please? ~  
Yes, certainly.
- 2 You (do) the washing-up tonight? ~  
No, I think it can wait till tomorrow.
- 3 I'm looking for my easel. ~  
You (paint) someone's portrait?
- 4 'You (read) this passage aloud, please,' said the examiner.
- 5 You (eat) any more of this, or shall I tell the waiter to take it away?
- 6 You aren't wearing your climbing boots. You (not climb) the mountain with the others?
- 7 'You (listen) to me!' said his mother angrily.
- 8 You (put) my car away from me, please? ~  
Yes, certainly.
- 9 You (have) another cup of coffee? ~  
No, thank you.
- 10 Why did you buy all these eggs? You (make) an enormous omelette?
- 11 There's the phone again. Take no notice. —  
You (not answer) it?
- 12 You (come) and see me after the class? I want to discuss your work with you.
- 13 I see that you have ordered the *Guardian*. You really (read) it?

- 14 You (buy) stamps? -  
Yes, I am.—  
Then you (buy) some for me, please?
- 15 You (lend) me your fishing rod? ~  
Yes, of course. Where you (fish)?
- 16 You (finish) this book or shall I take it back to the library?
- 17 You (give) me 10p, please? ~  
Yes, here you are. You (make) a telephone call?
- 18 You (leave) that coil of barbed wire in the hall? Someone will fall over it if you do.
- 19 You (bath) your dog? ~  
Yes, you (help) me?
- 20 You (drive), please? I don't like driving at night.
- 21 You (ride) that horse? He looks very bad-tempered to me.
- 22 You (eat) it raw? You will be ill if you do.
- 23 You (have) some of this cake? I made it myself.
- 24 You really (call) the fire brigade? I don't think it is at all necessary.
- 25 You (paint) the whole room by yourself? It will take you ages.
- 26 You (be) ready in five minutes?
- 27 Hostess: John, you (sit) here at the end of the table?
- 28 You (do) something for me? ~  
Yes, of course; what is it?
- 29 You (be) angry if he refuses to help you?
- 30 Why have you brought your typewriter? You (work) this weekend?
- 31 You (call) me at six? I have to catch an early train.
- 32 You (walk) there in this rain? You'll get awfully wet.
- 33 You (sign) here, please?
- 34 What are all those notes for? You (give) a lecture?
- 35 Why do you want a candle? You (explore) the caves?
- 36 If I catch some fish, you (cook) them for me?

## 52 The future continuous tense

- PEG 211-13

This tense can be used

1 with a point in time to indicate that the action will begin before this time and continue after it.

2 with or without a time to express a future without intention. In this way it is very like the present continuous, but it is not, like the present continuous, restricted in time and is a more detached and casual way of expressing the future. It often implies that the action will occur in the ordinary course of events or as a matter of routine.

(Except when used as in 1, above, this tense can usually be replaced by one of the other future forms, though the exact shade of meaning may then be lost.)

Put the verbs in brackets into the future continuous tense.

- This time next month I (sit) on a beach.
- When you arrive I probably (pick) fruit.
- When we reach England it very likely (rain).
- In a few days time we (fly) over the Pyrenees.
- I'll call for her at eight. ~  
No, don't; she still (have) breakfast then.
- I (wait) for you when you come out.
- When you next see me I (wear) my new dress.
- My son will be in the sixth form next year. ~  
That means that old Dr Adder (teach) him mathematics.
- I'll give Jack your message. I can do it easily because I (see) him tomorrow. We go to work on the same train.
- You (do) geometry next term.
- I'll look out for you at the parade. ~  
Do, but I (wear) uniform so you may find it hard to recognize me.
- We have to do night duty here. I (do) mine next week.
- In a hundred years' time people (go) to Mars for their holidays.
- He (use) the car this afternoon.
- I (see) you again.
- It's a serious injury but he (walk) again in six weeks.
- I'll come at three o'clock. —  
Good, I (expect) you.
- They are pulling down all the old houses in this street. I expect they (pull) down mine in a few years' time.
- I'd like to see your new flat. ~  
Well, come tomorrow, but it (not look) its best, for the painters still (work) on it.
- Stand there, they (change) the guard in a minute and you'll get a good view.
- You'd better go back now; your mother (wonder) where you are.
- In fifty years' time we (live) entirely on pills.
- What do you think the children (do) when we get home? —  
I expect they (have) their supper.
- The garden (look) its best next month.
- It won't be easy to get out of the country. The police (watch) all the ports.
- What the tide (do) at six tomorrow morning? ~  
It (come) in.
- I've just remembered that I left the bathroom taps on. I expect the water (flow) down the stairs by now.
- You (need) your camera tomorrow or can I borrow it?
- We've just got to the top in time. The sun (rise) in a minute.
- Air hostess: We (take off) in a few minutes. Please fasten your safety belts.
- We'd better go out tomorrow because Mary (practise) the piano all day.



- 32 Don't ring her up at 6.00; she (put) the children to bed. Ring later.  
 33 We are making a house-to-house collection of things for the jumble sale. We (come) to your house next week.  
 34 That football club has lost some of its players. They (look out) for new men.  
 35 When I get home my dog (sit) at the door waiting for me.  
 36 Let's go down to the harbour; the fishing boats all (come) in because of the gale.

### 53 will + infinitive and the future continuous

PEG 201, 211-14

See note for previous exercise.

Put the verbs in brackets into the appropriate future form, using **will** + infinitive or the future continuous. (Where alternative forms are possible they will be given in the key.)

- 1 There is going to be a bus strike. Everyone (walk) to work next week.  
 2 You've just missed the last train! ~  
 Never mind, I (walk).  
 3 I'll ring you tomorrow at six. -  
 No, don't ring at six; I (bath) the baby then. Ring later.  
 4 Mother: Your face is dirty.  
 Child: All right, I (wash) it.  
 5 Will you have lunch with me on the 24th? ~  
 I'd love to, but I'm afraid I (do) my exam then.  
 6 I (work) for Mr Pitt next week as his own secretary will be away.  
 7 You (have) something to drink, won't you?  
 8 Why did you take his razor? He (look) for it everywhere tomorrow.  
 9 I hope you'll do well in the race tomorrow. I (think) of you.  
 10 Notice on board ship: In the event of an emergency all passengers (assemble) on the boat deck.  
 11 I don't feel well enough to go to the station to meet him. ~  
 I (meet) him for you. But how I (recognize) him?~  
 He's small and fair, and he (wear) a black and white school cap.  
 12 I (leave) these flowers at the hospital for you. I (go) there anyway to visit my cousin.  
 13 You ought to try to get a ticket for the Spectators' Gallery next week; they (debate) international fishing rights.  
 14 You've left the light on. ~  
 Oh, so I have. I (go) and turn it off.  
 15 I've just been appointed assistant at the local library. ~  
 Then you (work) under my sister. She is head librarian there.

- 16 I want to post this letter but I don't want to go out in the rain. —  
 I (post) it for you. I (go) out anyway as I have to take the dog for a walk.  
 17 The prima ballerina is ill so I expect her understudy (dance) instead.  
 18 Today is Guy Fawkes' Day; this evening people (let) off fireworks and (make) bonfires in the streets.  
 19 Military order: Sentries (remain) on duty till they are relieved.  
 20 This time next Monday I (sit) in a Paris cafe reading *Le Figaro*. ~  
 You (not read). You'll be looking at all the pretty girls.  
 21 Wages have gone up, so I suppose prices (go up) too.  
 22 It is nearly autumn; soon the leaves (change) colour.  
 23 Mother (on phone): My son has just burnt his hand very badly.  
 Doctor: I (come) at once.  
 24 Customer in restaurant: Waiter, this plate is dirty.  
 Waiter: I'm sorry, sir, I (bring) you another.  
 25 In a few years' time we all (live) in houses heated by solar energy.  
 26 It's beginning to get dark; the street lights (go on) in a few minutes.  
 27 We (not play) poker at the party tonight; our hostess doesn't approve of cards.  
 28 Let's wait here; the swing bridge (open) in a minute to let that ship through.  
 29 Guest: May I use your phone to ring for a taxi?  
 Hostess: Oh, there's no need for that; my son (drive) you home.  
 30 Come on deck; we (enter) harbour in a few minutes.  
 31 Before you leave the office you (hand) the keys of the safe to Mr Pitt. Do you understand? —  
 Yes, sir.  
 32 Are you nearly ready? Our guests (arrive) any minute.  
 33 Loudspeaker announcement: The ship (leave) in a few minutes and all persons not travelling are asked to go ashore.  
 34 Now that the parking regulations have become stricter, more people (use) public transport and (leave) their cars at home.  
 35 I've got rats in my basement and I don't know how to get rid of them. ~  
 I (bring) my dog round whenever you like. He (catch) them for you.  
 36 I'm afraid I've just broken your goldfish bowl. ~  
 Never mind, I (put) the goldfish in the bath.

### 54 won't + infinitive and the future continuous negative

PEG 214

**won't** + infinitive (except when used as part of the ordinary future simple, **shall/will**) usually implies that the subject refuses to perform a certain action. The negative future continuous tense merely states that a certain action will not take place.

Put the verbs in brackets into the appropriate future form, using **won't** + infinitive or the future continuous negative. (Where other future forms are also possible this will be noted in the key.)

- 1 I don't like that man and I (not help) him.
- 2 He (not meet) her, because they will be in different places.
- 3 My husband (not cut) down the tree. He says that it is perfectly all right as it is.
- 4 My husband (not cut) the hedge for some time, because he's got a lot of other jobs to do first.
- 5 Tom (not come) to our party, because he will be away on that date.
- 6 Peter says that he (not come) to our party. He doesn't approve of parties.
- 7 She says that she (not lend) me the book, because I never give books back.
- 8 Mr Pitt (not speak) at the meeting tonight, because he has unexpectedly had to go to hospital.
- 9 I'll work under anyone except my brother. I (not work) under him.
- 10 We'll be in the same firm, but we (not work) together, because we'll be in different departments.
- 11 I (not have) that boy in my class. He is far too noisy.
- 12 I (not teach) you next week, as I have to go to Paris.
- 13 He is so angry with his sister that he (not speak) to her.
- 14 I'll give your message to my sister when I write; but I (not write) for some time, as I only write once a month and I posted a letter to her yesterday.
- 15 I (not feed) your dog again. He always tries to bite me when I come near him.
- 16 They were very rude to me. I (not go) there again.
- 17 He said, 'I (not paint) you in that dress. It does not suit you.'
- 18 I (not take) any photographs for some time because my camera is being repaired.
- 19 I (not borrow) his van again. The brakes don't work properly.
- 20 That boy (not wash) his face. He likes being dirty.
- 21 You can have the car tomorrow if you like. I (not use) it as I'll be far too busy to go out.
- 22 She says that she (not send) the child to school, no matter what we say. She thinks it is far better to educate children at home.
- 23 He says he (not play) for them again, because they aren't giving him enough money.
- 24 She (not sing) at the next concert, because she has had to go home suddenly.
- 25 I (not play) cards with you again. You always cheat.
- 26 She (not take) part in the bridge tournament, because she'll be away then.
- 27 I (not eat) any more of this; I feel queer already.
- 28 I (not eat) curry again for a long time, because I am going to stay in a house where no one knows how to cook it.

- 29 He says that he (not ride) that mare again, because she's dangerous.
- 30 Tom (not ride) in tomorrow's race, because he is too young. They don't allow riders under sixteen.
- 31 Whisky is absolutely necessary to me and I (not give) it up.
- 32 Jack (not drink) whisky this time next week, because he'll be in hospital and they won't give it to him there.
- 33 I (not open) the window. I dislike fresh air.
- 34 There is something on his mind, but he (not tell) me what it is.
- 35 The cat (not eat) fish so I have to buy meat for him.
- 36 He (not wear) uniform when you see him, because he'll be on leave then, and they don't wear uniform when they are on leave.

## [55] Second person interrogative: will you and other forms

- PEG 215 B

**will you?** often introduces a request or invitation, and sometimes a command. It is often used also to introduce questions about intentions when the situation requires an unpremeditated decision.

You can have either. Which will you have?

You've missed the last train. What will you do now?

For other types of intention, however, it is usually safer to use one of the other future forms: be **going** to, the present continuous or the future continuous (which is considered the most polite form).

Put the verbs in brackets into one of the four forms. When more than one answer is possible, this will be noted in the key.

- 1 Why are you taking all that bread with you? You (feed) the swans?
- 2 You (let) your flat again next summer?
- 3 You (light) the fire for me, please? Here are the matches.
- 4 You (wear) a tie tomorrow? ~  
Oh no. Tom said, 'Come as you are.'
- 5 I know you don't like wearing ties, but (wear) one tomorrow, just to please me?~  
Yes, of course.
- 6 Shop assistant: You (come) this way, please?
- 7 You (have) something more to eat? —  
Yes, please, I'd like another sandwich.
- 8 You (have) anything more to eat? ~  
No, because I haven't any more money.
- 9 You (study) computer programming at college?
- 10 You (speak) to Tom at the meeting tomorrow, do you think?
- 11 You (turn) off the TV, please? No one is watching it.
- 12 You (take) your exam now or in December?
- 13 You (listen) in to the concert this evening?
- 14 You (help) me with this, please? I can't lift it.

- 15 Hotel receptionist: You (stay) for more than one night, Mrs Jones?  
 16 You (lend) me your typewriter for an hour? I want to type a letter.  
 17 You (meet) him at the station? ~  
 No, we never meet him. He doesn't like being met.  
 18 You (come) sailing with me this afternoon?~  
 No, thank you, I don't like sailing.  
 19 You (have) some more wine? —  
 Yes, please.  
 20 I can't understand this letter. You (translate) it for me, Miss Pitt?  
 21 You (use) your camera this afternoon? ~  
 No, you can borrow it if you like.  
 22 You (go) to the tobacconist's?~  
 Yes.-  
 Then you (get) me twenty cigarettes?  
 23 You (come) to the Motor Show with me next Wednesday? ~  
 Thank you very much. I'd love to.  
 24 I'll be going abroad next week. Is there anything I can get you?~  
 You (pass) through Paris? ~  
 Yes, I (spend) a few days there. ~  
 Then you (get) me some scent?  
 25 I see that you are repairing your old henhouse. You (keep) hens?  
 26 I've just bought my tickets. ~  
 You (travel) by sea or air?  
 27 What are all these slates for? You (repair) your roof?  
 28 You (hold) my parcels, please, while I put up my umbrella?  
 29 You (go) to Madeira as usual this summer?  
 30 You kindly (explain) why you didn't do what I told you?  
 31 You (recognize) him, do you think?  
 32 I've chosen a school for my son. —  
 You (send) him to a public school or to a State school?  
 33 Passenger to bus conductor: You (tell) me where to get off, please?  
 34 You (go) by car? If so, would you give my brother a lift?  
 35 You (type) all night again? Because if so I think I'll go to a hotel.  
 36 You (stop) interrupting! I'll never get finished if you don't keep quiet.

## 56 shall and will

PEG 201, 207-8, 233-4

**shall** is correct for the first person of the future simple (except when this form is used to express intention), but in the affirmative and negative **will** is very often used instead, i.e. we can say, 'I/we will' and 'I/we won't' instead of 'I/we shall' and 'I/we shan't'. In the interrogative **will** should not be used to replace **shall**.

There are some rather old-fashioned or formal constructions where **shall** is used with the second or third persons. Here **shall** cannot be replaced by **will**. Such constructions are usually avoided but a few examples have been given below.

Use **will** or **shall** to fill the spaces in the following sentences. Sometimes either could be used.

- 1 When you are in bed I . . . be at work.
- 2 Who'll help me? ~  
I . . .
- 3 We will unite to resist oppression, and tyrants . . . not triumph over us. (*We won't let them triumph.*)
- 4 What . . . we do now? ~  
Wait.
- 5 You've been a good child, and when we get home you . . . have a sweet. (*I'll give you a sweet.*)
- 6 Your father . . . hear of this. (*I'll certainly tell him.*)
- 7 . . . we go to the cinema? —  
Yes, let's.
- 8 She . . . tell the same story over and over again, (*obstinate insistence*)
- 9 Club rule: Members . . . write the names of their guests in the book provided.
- 10 Theatre regulation: Persons . . . not be permitted to sit in the gangways.
- 11 Where . . . I be in six years' time, I wonder?
- 12 He . . . not come here again. (*He refuses.*)
- 13 He . . . not come here again. (*I won't let him come.*)
- 14 Clause in lease: The tenant . . . be responsible for all repairs.
- 15 This kind of snake . . . not bite unless it is startled.
- 16 . . . you have a cigarette? ~  
No, thanks, I don't smoke.
- 17 He . . . play his radio very loudly, which annoys me very much. (*obstinateinsistence*)
- 18 By this time next year I . . . be earning my own living.
- 19 Who . . . take this letter to the post for me? ~  
I . . .
- 20 What . . . we do with all the food that's left over?
- 21 Do you know the way? No? Then I . . . show you.
- 22 Where . . . I put it? ~  
Put it behind the piano.
- 23 Police notice: . . . anyone who witnessed the accident please ring 2222.
- 24 Yachts . . . go round the course, passing the marks in the correct order. (*extract from Yacht Racing Rules*)
- 25 When . . . you hear the result? ~  
I . . . not hear for another week.
- 26 'I . . . not apologize, she said, stamping her foot.

- 27 Who. . . I say called?~  
You needn't mention my name. He . . . know who I am.
- 28 She . . . never do anything you tell her.
- 29 I . . . not be here next week.
- 30 I . . . not have to do any cooking for a month. I'm going to an hotel.
- 31 . . . I put it on your desk?~  
Please do.
- 32 I . . . fill up this form! The questions are impertinent. ~  
If you don't, madam, you . . . (*negative*) get your visa.
- 33 . . . you stand quite still for a moment, please?
- 34 . . . I put more salt in the stew?
- 35 A dog . . . obey his owner but a cat . . . not.
- 36 I . . . know whether you are telling the truth or not.

## 57 Time clauses

- PEG 342

The future simple is not used in time clauses, the simple present tense being used instead.

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense (present or future).

- 1 When he (return) I'll give him the key.
- 2 He'll be ready as soon as you (be).
- 3 I'll stay in bed till the clock (strike) seven.
- 4 She will be delighted when she (hear) this.
- 5 When the laundry comes I (have) some clean handkerchiefs.
- 6 I shan't buy tomatoes till the price (come) down.
- 7 Stay here till the lights (turn) green.
- 8 When it (get) cold I'll light the fire.
- 9 The lift (not start) until you press that button.
- 10 She'll have to behave better when she (go) to school.
- 11 When you look at yourself in the glass you (see) what I mean.
- 12 He (be) here before you go.
- 13 I (lend) you my cassette recorder whenever you want it.
- 14 He (wake) up when we turn the lights on.
- 15 He (ring) us up when he arrives in England?
- 16 He will wash up before he (go) to bed.
- 17 I won't come to London till the bus strike (be) over.
- 18 I (give) the children their dinner before he (come) home.
- 19 They will be astonished when they (see) how slowly he works.
- 20 I'll pay you when I (get) my cheque.
- 21 I (go) on doing it until he tells me to stop.
- 22 I'll buy that house when I (have) enough money.
- 23 You (fall) rapidly through the air till your parachute opens.
- 24 We'll have to stay here till the tide (go) out.
- 25 When the Queen (arrive) the audience will stand up.

- 26 When the fog (lift) we'll be able to see where we are.
- 27 The refrigerator (go on) making that noise till we have it repaired.
- 28 As soon as the holidays begin this beach (become) very crowded.
- 29 The car (not move) till you take the brake off.
- 30 The alarm bell (go on) ringing till you press this button.
- 31 As soon as she (learn) to type I'll get her a job.
- 32 Look before you (leap), (*proverb*)
- 33 We (have) to stay on this desert island till we can repair our boat.
- 34 Don't count on a salary increase before you actually (get) it.
- 35 When winter (begin) the swallows will fly away to a warmer country.
- 36 We can't make any decision till he (arrive) here.

## 58 The future perfect tense

- PEG 216

Put the verbs in brackets into the future perfect tense.

- 1 In a fortnight's time we (take) our exam.
- 2 I (finish) this book by tomorrow evening.
- 3 By this time tomorrow we (have) our injections.
- 4 By the end of next year I (be) here twenty-five years.
- 5 I'll still be here next summer but Tom (leave).
- 6 I (finish) this job in twenty minutes.
- 7 By next winter they (build) four houses in that field.
- 8 When we reach Valparaiso we (sail) all round the world.
- 9 At the rate he is going he (spend) all his money by the time he is twenty-one.
- 10 By this time next year I (save) £250.
- 11 By the time we get to the party everything (be) eaten.
- 12 The train (leave) before we reach the station.
- 13 If I continue with my diet I (lose) 10 kilos by the end of the month.
- 14 By the end of my university course I (attend) 1,200 lectures.
- 15 By the end of this week my illness (cost) me £100.
- 16 By the time that he leaves school his parents (spend) £25,000 on his education.
- 17 By the end of the term I (read) all twelve volumes.
- 18 When you come back I (finish) all the housework.
- 19 The police (hear) of the theft by this time.
- 20 We (drink) all that wine by the end of the year.
- 21 On the fourth of next month he (be) in prison for ten years.
- 22 When we reach Crewe we (do) half of the journey.
- 23 At this rate you (break) all the wine glasses by the end of the month.
- 24 If we don't hurry the sun (rise) before we reach the top.
- 25 I'm going to Hyde Park to hear the people making speeches. ~  
You'll be too late. By the time you get there they (finish) their speeches and everybody (go) home.

- 26 By midnight he (be) unconscious for forty-eight hours.  
 27 By the end of the month 5,000 people (see) this exhibition.  
 28 By next April I (pay) £3,000 in income tax.  
 29 I suppose that when I come back in ten years' time all these old houses (be) pulled down.  
 30 On 21 October they (be) married for twenty-five years.  
 31 After this performance I (see) *Hamlet* twenty-two times.  
 32 The strike leader said, 'By midnight 500 men (come) out on strike.'  
 33 At your present rate you (burn) all that coal by the end of the month.  
 34 The treasurer said, 'By the end of the year all our debts (be paid) off.'  
 35 Tourist: We've only got five hours in Rome; we are leaving at six; but I'm sure that we (see) everything of importance by then.  
 36 Householder to Zoo: One of your elephants is in my garden eating my tomatoes.  
 Zoo official: The elephant keeper will be with you in half an hour.  
 Householder: Your elephant (eat) all my tomatoes by then.

## 59 Time clauses

PEG 342

The future perfect tense is not used in time clauses, the present perfect being used instead.

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense, using the future, present, or present perfect. Compare 1 to 5 with 1 to 5 in Exercise 58.

- 1 When we (take) our exam we'll have a holiday.
- 2 When I (finish) the book I'll lend it to you.
- 3 When we (have) our injections I expect we'll feel awful.
- 4 When I (be) here for a year I'll ask for a rise.
- 5 When Tom (go) I'll tell you a secret.
- 6 By the time he (get) back from his holiday the milkman will have left twenty-one bottles of milk outside his door.
- 7 Don't drive at more than 50 k.p.h. till your car (do) 4,000 kilometres.
- 8 When you (do) 4,000 kilometres you can drive it at 70 k.p.h.
- 9 When you open the safe you (see) a small black box.
- 10 When we (have) lunch we'll go for a walk.
- 11 When the bell rings I (take) the meat out of the oven.
- 12 I'll bolt all the doors before I (go) to bed.
- 13 When we (see) the cathedral we'll go to the museum.
- 14 We'll have to stay up this tree till the bull (go) away.
- 15 He (not let) you out till you have finished your homework.
- 16 As soon as I hear from him I (let) you know.
- 17 My father will be furious when he (see) what you have done.

- 18 You (not hear) the sound of the explosion till after you have seen the flash.
- 19 These gates will remain shut until the train (pass).
- 20 When he (sell) all his newspapers he'll go home.
- 21 We can't have a fire here until we (sweep) the chimney.
- 22 You (get) a shock when you open that box.
- 23 When you are eighteen your father (give) you a latchkey.
- 24 Don't jump out of the aeroplane until the pilot (say) 'Go!'
- 25 I can't leave the country till the police (return) my passport.
- 26 When a bottle of champagne (be) opened for twenty-four hours the wine is not fit to drink.
- 27 Hotel receptionist: When you (sign) the hotel register the porter will show you your room.
- 28 You (not know) how good oysters are till you have tasted one.
- 29 That road will not be safe till the floods (subside).
- 30 When everybody (leave) the park the park-keeper will lock the gates.
- 31 When we have seen the Chamber of Horrors we (have) a cup of tea.
- 32 When you (have) something to eat you'll feel better.
- 33 I (stay) in court till the jury returns.
- 34 You cannot become a member of this club until you (make) a parachute descent.
- 35 When the boa constrictor (eat) the goat he will become very lethargic.
- 36 As soon as everybody has gone to bed the mice (come) out of their holes.

## 60 would and should

- PEG 140-1, 230-2, 235-7

Put **should** or **would** in the spaces in the following sentences.

- 1 ... you mind opening the door?
- 2 ... you like another cup of coffee?
- 3 He insisted that the newspaper ... print an apology.
- 4 The old admiral... sit for hours watching the ships.
- 5 ... you be so good as to keep an eye on my house while I am away?
- 6 I ... say nothing about it if I were you.
- 7 That dress doesn't suit you; you ... buy another.
- 8 If you pulled the communication cord the train ... stop and you ... be fined.
- 9 They went to the cinema at 2.30, so they ... be back here by 6.00.
- 10 ... you please help me with this?
- 11 It is very strange that he ... think that.
- 12 I wish he ... not play his radio so loudly.
- 13 ... you be very kind and lend me your typewriter?

- 14 I ... like to know where you have been.
- 15 It was decided that the matter ... be referred to a special committee.
- 16 Perhaps you ... be kind enough to let us know about this.
- 17 If the telephone ... ring please say that I'll be back at six.
- 18 ... you like to come or ... you rather stay here?
- 19 There are too many accidents. Everyone ... be much more careful.
- 20 Their method was always the same; they ... wait till their victim had left the bank and then go up to him and ask for a light.
- 21 What are you doing here? You ... be in bed.
- 22 It is essential that this matter ... be kept out of the newspapers.
- 23 He suggested that the money ... be raised by public subscription.
- 24 If you ... change your mind, this address will always find me.
- 25 If this machine ... at any time fail to give complete satisfaction please post us the enclosed card.
- 26 He changed his name so that nobody ... know what he had been before.
- 27 If he offered me money I ... refuse.
- 28 I wish you ... not ask so many questions.
- 29 He ordered that Tom ... leave the house at once.
- 30 I ... be most grateful if you ... do this for me.
- 31 He is anxious that everyone ... understand why he acted as he did.
- 32 You ... not argue with your father; you ... obey him.
- 33 He was a very patient cat; he ... sit for hours beside a mouse hole.
- 34 ... the pain return take one of these pills.
- 35 It is most important that I ... see him at once.
- 36 He didn't dare (to) sell the ring in case someone ... ask where he got it.

## 61 would and should

- PEG 140-1 230-2, 235-7

Put **should** or **would** in the spaces in the following sentences:

- 1 It is only fair that you ... know the truth about your own father and it is better that you ... hear it from me than from some stranger.
- 2 If you ... kindly wait here a moment I'll ring the director's office.
- 3 ... these measures fail to restore order harsher restrictions will have to be imposed.
- 4 The rocks were icy and he was terrified lest he ... slip.
- 5 If Pierre liked any dish he ... send for the chef and congratulate him, and if anything was wrong he ... send for the manager and complain. ~  
An Englishman ... never dare to do that; he ... be too shy.
- 6 I was just burying the bones in the garden when who ... look over the hedge but the village policeman.

- 7 When he found out that the man had smallpox he urged that every effort ... be made to contact his fellow passengers.
- 8 I wish you ... go out or sit down. How ... you like it if I kept tramping round when you were trying to work?
- 9 I've just received an anonymous threatening letter. What ... I do about it?—  
I ... take it to the police if I were you.
- 10 The committee thinks that you have been guilty of disloyalty. ~  
I don't know why the committee ... think that.
- 11 I can't repair it now but if you ... like to leave it with me I'll see what can be done.
- 12 You complained to the manager, of course? ~  
No, I asked to speak to him but he ... not come to the phone. ~  
You ... have insisted.
- 13 Where will he be now? ~  
Oh, he ... be there by now; the flight only takes an hour.
- 14 If your main parachute ... fail to open, your second one will open automatically.
- 15 I suggested that Tom ... walk on and try to get help while I stayed with the injured man but he ... not hear of this.
- 16 I am amazed that you ... even suggest offering bribes.
- 17 This passage doesn't lead anywhere. It is odd that no one ... have noticed this before.
- 18 ... you mind not smoking; this is the petrol store. ~  
Then there ... be a 'No Smoking' notice.
- 19 Can't I trust you not to read my letters? It is ridiculous that I ... have to lock things up in my own house.
- 20 He said he wished I ... not come so often.
- 21 This train is entirely automatic; there is no driver; but a mechanic is always available in case anything ... go wrong.
- 22 She had one rather boring habit; she ... insist on telling people about her dreams.
- 23 He recommended that the trouble makers in the factory ... be dismissed.
- 24 It is absurd that women ... be paid less than men for doing the same work.
- 25 I ... rather you asked him. Last time I tried to speak to him he ... not listen.
- 26 When he went out he left the radio on so that his parents ... think that he was still in his room.
- 27 He was determined that his children ... go to the best schools available.
- 28 Tom says you are foolish to take such a risk. ~  
He ... ! (*That is typical of him.*)
- 29 When four hours had passed and there was still no sign of him she began to be worried lest he ... have met with some accident.

- 30 People are very fond of saying, 'This ... be stopped', or, 'Something ... be done about this', but if they were the government they ... not know how to stop it or what to do about it.
- 31 It is amazing that the Leaning Tower of Pisa ... have stood for so long.
- 32 He resigned from the government in order that everyone ... know that he disapproved of the new policy.
- 33 If I had had his education and he had had mine perhaps I ... be sitting at his desk and he ... be out here sweeping the streets.
- 34 He was a terribly obstinate child, who ... never obey the simplest order, but ... argue every point till she nearly went mad.
- 35 Robinson said, 'Why ... Smith get all the credit when someone else has done all the work?'
- 36 All day he ... sit in his office immaculately dressed, but at night he ... put on dirty ragged clothing and roam about the streets with disreputable companions.

## 5 Conditionals

### 62 Conditional sentences: type 1

PEG 221

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.

- If I see him I (give) him a lift.
- The table will collapse if you (stand) on it.
- If he (eat) all that he will be ill.
- If I find your passport I (telephone) you at once.
- The police (arrest) him if they catch him.
- 6 If he (read) in bad light he will ruin his eyes.
- 7 Someone (steal) your car if you leave it unlocked.  
What will happen if my parachute (not open)?
- 9 If he (wash) my car I'll give him £10.
- 10 If she (need) a radio she can borrow mine.
- 11 If you (not go) away I'll send for the police.
- 12 I'll be very angry if he (make) any more mistakes.
- 13 If he (be) late we'll go without him.
- 14 She will be absolutely furious if she (hear) about this.
- 15 If you put on the kettle I (make) the tea.
- 16 If you give my dog a bone he (bury) it at once.
- 17 If we leave the car here it (not be) in anybody's way.
- 18 He'll be late for the train if he (not start) at once.
- 19 If you come late they (not let) you in.
- 20 If he (go) on telling lies nobody will believe a word he says.
- 21 Unless he (sell) more he won't get much commission.
- 22 If I lend you £10 when you (repay) me?
- 23 We'll have to move upstairs if the river (rise) any higher.
- 24 If he (work) hard today can he have a holiday tomorrow?
- 25 Ice (turn) to water if you heat it.
- 26 If the house (burn) down we can claim compensation.
- 27 If you (not like) this one I'll bring you another.
- 28 Unless you are more careful you (have) an accident.
- 29 Tell him to ring me up if you (see) him.
- 30 If I tell you a secret, you (promise) not to tell it to anyone else?
- 31 If you (not believe) what I say, ask your mother.
- 32 If he (like) the house will he buy it?
- 33 If you will kindly sit down I (make) enquiries for you.
- 34 Unless I have a quiet room I (not be able) to do any work.
- 35 She won't open the door unless she (know) who it is.
- 36 Should you require anything else please (ring) the bell for the attendant.

## 63 Conditional sentences: type 2

PEG 222

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.

- 1 If I had a typewriter I (type) it myself.
- 2 If I (know) his address I'd give it to you.
- 3 He (look) a lot better if he shaved more often.
- 4 If you (play) for lower stakes you wouldn't lose so much.
- 5 If he worked more slowly he (not make) so many mistakes.
- 6 I shouldn't drink that wine if I (be) you.
- 7 More tourists would come to this country if it (have) a better climate.
- 8 If I were sent to prison you (visit) me?
- 9 If someone (give) you a helicopter what would you do with it?
- 10 I (buy) shares in that company if I had some money.
- 11 If he (clean) his windscreen he'd be able to see where he was going.
- 12 If you drove your car into the river you (be able) to get out?
- 13 If you (not belong) to a union you couldn't get a job.
- 14 If I (win) a big prize in a lottery I'd give up my job.
- 15 What you (do) if you found a burglar in your house?
- 16 I could tell you what this means if I (know) Greek.
- 17 If everybody (give) £1 we would have enough.
- 18 He might get fat if he (stop) smoking.
- 19 If he knew that it was dangerous he (not come).
- 20 If you (see) someone drowning what would you do?
- 21 I (be) ruined if I bought her everything she asked for.
- 22 If you slept under a mosquito net you (not be) bitten so often.
- 23 I could get a job easily if I (have) a degree.
- 24 If she (do) her hair differently she might look quite nice.
- 25 If we had more rain our crops (grow) faster.
- 26 The whole machine would fall to pieces if you (remove) that screw.
- 27 I (keep) a horse if I could afford it.
- 28 I'd go and see him more often if he (live) on a bus route.
- 29 If they (ban) the sale of alcohol at football matches there might be less violence.
- 30 I (offer) to help if I thought I'd be any use.
- 31 What would you do if the lift (get) stuck between two floors?
- 32 If you (paint) the walls white the room would be much brighter.
- 33 If you (change) your job would it affect your pension?
- 34 If you knew you had only six weeks to live how you (spend) those six weeks?
- 35 You wouldn't have so much trouble with your car if you (have) it serviced regularly.
- 36 I'd climb over the wall if there (not be) so much broken glass on top of it.

## 64 Conditional sentences: type 3

PEG 223

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.

- 1 If I had known that you were in hospital I (visit) you.
- 2 The ground was very soft. But for that, my horse (win).
- 3 If you (arrive) ten minutes earlier you would have got a seat.
- 4 You would have seen my garden at its best if you (be) here last week.
- 5 But for his quickness I (be) killed.
- 6 I shouldn't have believed it if I (not see) it with my own eyes.
- 7 If he had slipped he (fall) 500 metres.
- 8 If he had asked you, you (accept)?
- 9 If I (had) a map I would have been all right.
- 10 If I (know) that you were coming I'd have baked a cake.
- 11 I (offer) to help him if I had realized that he was ill.
- 12 If you had left that wasp alone it (not sting) you.
- 13 If I (realize) what a bad driver you were I wouldn't have come with you.
- 14 If I had realized that the traffic lights were red I (stop).
- 15 But for the fog we (reach) our destination ages ago.
- 16 If you had told me that he never paid his debts I (not lend) him the money.
- 17 If you (not sneeze) he wouldn't have known that we were there.
- 18 If you (put) some mustard in the sandwiches they would have tasted better.
- 19 The hens (not get) into the house if you had shut the door.
- 20 If he had known that the river was dangerous he (not try) to swim across it.
- 21 If you (speak) more slowly he might have understood you.
- 22 If he had known the whole story he (not be) so angry.
- 23 I shouldn't have eaten it if I (know) that there was ginger in it.
- 24 If I (try) again I think that I would have succeeded.
- 25 You (not get) into trouble if you had obeyed my instructions.
- 26 If you hadn't been in such a hurry you (not put) sugar into the sauce instead of salt.
- 27 If I (be) ready when he called he would have taken me with him.
- 28 She had a headache; otherwise she (come) with us.
- 29 If she had listened to my directions she (not turn) down the wrong street.
- 30 If you (look) at the engine for a moment you would have seen what was missing.
- 31 Rome (be captured) by her enemies if the geese hadn't cackled.
- 32 He would have been arrested if he (try) to leave the country.
- 33 I (take) a taxi if I had realized that it was such a long way.
- 34 You (save) me a lot of trouble if you had told me where you were going.



- 35 They would have forced their way into the house if I (not call) for help.
- 36 If he had put out his pipe before putting it in his pocket he (not burn) a hole in his coat.

## 65 Conditional sentences: mixed types

- PEG 221-6

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.

- 1 If you (find) a skeleton in the cellar don't mention it to anyone.
- 2 If you pass your examination we (have) a celebration.
- 3 What (happen) if I press this button?
- 4 I should have voted for her if I (have) a vote then.
- 5 If you go to Paris where you (stay)?
- 6 If someone offered to buy you one of those rings, which you (choose)?
- 7 The flight may be cancelled if the fog (get) thick.
- 8 If the milkman (come) tell him to leave two pints.
- 9 Someone (sit) on your glasses if you leave them there.
- 10 You would play better bridge if you (not talk) so much.
- 11 What I (do) if I hear the burglar alarm?
- 12 If you (read) the instructions carefully you wouldn't have answered the wrong question.
- 13 I could repair the roof myself if I (have) a long ladder.
- 14 Unless they turn that radio off I (go) mad.
- 15 If you were made redundant what you (do)?
- 16 We'll have a long way to walk if we (run) out of petrol here.
- 17 If you shake that bottle of port it (not be) fit to drink.
- 18 I'll probably get lost unless he (come) with me.
- 19 You (not have) so many accidents if you drove more slowly.
- 20 If you (wear) a false beard nobody would have recognized you.
- 21 If she (leave) the fish there the car will get it.
- 22 Unless they leave a lamp beside that hole in the road somebody (fall) into it.
- 23 You'll get pneumonia if you (not change) your wet clothes.
- 24 If I had known that you couldn't eat octopus I (not buy) it.
- 25 If they (hang) that picture lower people would be able to see it.
- 26 She (be able) to walk faster if her shoes hadn't such high heels.
- 27 I (bring) you some beer if I had known that you were thirsty.
- 28 If you had touched that electric cable you (be) electrocuted.
- 29 If the story hadn't been true the newspaper (not print) it.
- 30 I (not buy) things on the instalment system if I were you.
- 31 Dial 999 if you (want) Police, Ambulance, or Fire Brigade.
- 32 You (not be) any use to me unless you learn to type.
- 33 If anyone attacked me, my dog (jump) at his throat.

- 34 If he were in he (answer) the phone.
- 35 The ship would have run aground if the pilot (make) one mistake.
- 36 I shouldn't have taken your umbrella if I (know) that it was the only one you had.

## 66 Conditional sentences: mixed types

- PEG 221-6

Finish these sentences, taking care to use the correct tenses.

- 1 If he had taken my advice . . .
- 2 If you ate less . . .
- 3 We'll send for the doctor if ...
- 4 If she practised more . . .
- 5 If there isn't enough wine in that bottle . . .
- 6 If you had checked the petrol before we started . . .
- 7 This clock wouldn't have run down if ...
- 8 Try on the blue one if ...
- 9 If these gates are locked . . .
- 10 If we leave before breakfast . . .
- 11 If the river rises any higher . . .
- 12 Her life might have been saved if ...
- 13 If the volcano starts erupting . . .
- 14 The grass would look better if ...
- 15 Unless it is a nice day . . .
- 16 If you don't put enough stamps on a letter, the person who gets it ...
- 17 He would lend it to you if ...
- 18 Unless this hotel gets another cook . . .
- 19 If the storm becomes worse . . .
- 20 If your uncle sees you . . .
- 21 If you tried to climb it without a guide . . .
- 22 If you didn't shake the camera so much, your photographs . .
- 23 I'd have brought my coat . . .
- 24 If (= as) you don't like the picture . . .
- 25 He would have given her diamonds if...
- 26 If you had asked his permission . . .
- 27 If the fire had been noticed earlier . . .
- 28 If you had any sense . . .
- 29 You would have been angry if ...
- 30 If he had put the flowers into water at once . . .
- 31 I should have ordered more coal if ...
- 32 If you leave the gate open . . .
- 33 You will have to go to the dentist if...
- 34 He would have been drowned if...
- 35 If I'd had a car ...
- 36 If Tom rings while I'm out . . .

## 67 Mixed tenses and verb forms

- PEG 221-6, 283-4

Conditional forms are used in requests.

Fill the gaps in the following dialogue with a suitable verb form.

Telephone conversation

- 1 Ann: ... I ... to Mr Wash, please?
- 2 Wash: Wash ...
- 3 Ann: Good morning, Mr Wash. This is Ann Jones of 10 Cyprus Road.  
... you come and ... my windows one Saturday this month?
- 4 Wash: I'm afraid I ... (*negative*). The next six Saturdays are already booked.
- 5 But I ... on Wednesday morning.
- 6 Ann: ... you ... very early on Wednesday? I leave at 8.15 on weekdays.
- 7 Wash: I ... to you by 8.30. ... that be early enough?
- 8 Ann: No, it. ...! There ... be nobody to let you in.  
I ... the flat at 8.15.
- 9 Wash: Oh 8.15! I ... you ... 8.30!
- 10 Well, I suppose I ... to you by 8.00 as you're an old customer.  
But I ... (*negative*)... a habit of it.
- 11 It means ... breakfast at 6 and my wife ... (*negative*) that.
- 12 She ... always ... to persuade me to give up window— ... as it is.  
She ... it's dangerous.
- 13 Ann: What ... she ... you ... instead?
- 14 Wash: Her father has a shop and she ... me ... in it.
- 15 She ... it ... be a nice steady job with regular hours.
- 16 And if I ... in a shop she ... where I was.
- 17 Ann: And ... you really ... of giving it up?
- 18 Wash: No, I ... the life. At least, I ... it in summer.
- 19 Besides, I ... bored working in a shop.
- 20 Well, ... Wednesday at 8.00 ... you then, Miss Jones?
- 21 Ann: Yes, it ... be splendid. It's very good of you. ... so early.
- 22 I ... let you in and you can ... yourself out.
- 23 You ... shut the door carefully after you, ... (*negative interrogative*) you?
- 24 Wash: Yes, of course I ... I always ... Goodbye, Miss Jones.

## 6 Infinitive

## 68 Full or bare infinitive

- 1 PEG 246

Insert to where necessary before the infinitives in brackets.

- 1 He made me (do) it all over again.
- 2 She can (sing) quite well.
- 3 He will be able (swim) very soon.
- 4 I used (live) in a caravan.
- 5 You ought (go) today. It may (rain) tomorrow.
- 6 You needn't (say) anything. Just nod your head and he will (understand).
- 7 I want (see) the house where our president was born.
- 8 He made her (repeat) the message.
- 9 May I (use) your phone?
- 10 You needn't (ask) for permission; you can (use) it whenever you like.
- 11 If you want (get) there before dark you should (start) at once.
- 12 I couldn't (remember) his address.
- 13 You'll be able (do) it yourself when you are older.
- 14 Would you like (go) now or shall we (wait) till the end?
- 15 They won't let us (leave) the Customs shed till our luggage has been examined.
- 16 How dare you (open) my letters!
- 17 He didn't dare (argue) with his boss.
- 18 I used (smoke) forty cigarettes a day.
- 19 Will you help me (move) the bookcase?
- 20 He wouldn't let my baby (play) with his gold watch.
- 21 They refused (accept) the bribe.
- 22 He is expected (arrive) in a few days.
- 23 Please let me (know) your decision as soon as possible.
- 24 He made us (wait) for hours.
- 25 Could you (tell) me the time, please?
- 26 We must (send) him a telegram.
- 27 I let him (go) early as he wanted (meet) his wife.
- 28 Where would you like (have) lunch?
- 29 You can (leave) your dog with us if you don't (want) (take) him with you.
- 30 I'd like him (go) to a university but I can't (make) him (go).
- 31 We could (go) to a concert, unless you'd prefer (visit) a museum.
- 32 You seem (know) this area very well. ~  
Yes, I used (live) here.

- 33 The kidnappers told the parents (not inform) the police, and the parents didn't dare (disobey).  
 34 Need I (come)? I'd much rather (stay) at home.  
 35 You can (take) a horse to water but you can't (make) him (drink). (*proverb*)  
 36 I'm sorry (disappoint) you but I can't (let) you (have) any more money till the end of the month.

## 69 Full or bare infinitive

PEG 246

Insert to where necessary before the infinitives in brackets. (In some of the sentences a present participle could be used instead of an infinitive. These alternatives will be noted in the key.)

- 1 It is easy (be) wise after the event.
- 2 Do you (wish) (make) a complaint?
- 3 We don't (want) anybody (know) that we are here.
- 4 If you can't (remember) his number you'd better (look) it up.
- 5 I want her (learn) Esperanto; I think everybody ought to (know) it.
- 6 He is said (be) the best surgeon in the country.
- 7 Visitors are asked (not feed) the animals.
- 8 Could I (see) Mr Pitt, please? ~  
I'm afraid Mr Pitt isn't in. Would you like (speak) to his secretary?
- 9 It's better (travel) hopefully than (arrive), (*proverb*)
- 10 He should (know) how (use) the film projector, but if he doesn't you had better (show) him.
- 11 He was made (sign) a paper admitting his guilt.
- 12 I heard the door (open) and saw a shadow (move) across the floor.
- 13 He tried (make) me (believe) that he was my stepbrother.
- 14 As we seem (have missed) the train we may as well (go) back to the house.
- 15 I felt the house (shake) with the explosion.
- 16 He told me (try) (come) early.
- 17 Before he let us (go) he made us (promise) (not tell) anyone what we had seen.
- 18 Would you (like) (come) in my car? ~  
No, thanks, I'd rather (walk).
- 19 I advised him (ask) the bus conductor (tell) him where (get) off.
- 20 It is better (put) your money in a bank than (keep) it under your bed in an old stocking.
- 21 He doesn't even bother (read) letters, let alone (answer) them.
- 22 The bank robbers made the cashier (show) them how (open) the safe.
- 23 If you knew he was wrong, why didn't you (say) something? ~  
I didn't like (say) anything because he always gets angry if you contradict him.

- 24 It's better (be) sure than sorry.
- 25 What do you (want) me (tell) him? ~  
Tell him that any time he cares (call) I shall be delighted (discuss) the matter with him.
- 26 Did you remember (give) him the money? ~  
No, I didn't, I still have it in my pocket; but I'll (see) him tonight and I promise (not forget) this time.
- 27 I saw the driver (open) his window and (throw) a box into the bushes.
- 28 That is far too heavy for one person (carry); let me (help) you.
- 29 I was afraid (pick) up the revolver as I don't know how (handle) firearms.
- 30 I saw the plane (crash) into the hill and (burst) into flames.
- 31 There is nothing (do) but (wait) till somebody comes (let) us out.
- 32 He heard a cock (crow) in a neighbouring village.
- 33 You may as well (tell) us the truth. It will (be) easy (check) your story.
- 34 The American said he had seen nine presidents (come) and (go). ~  
He must (be) a very old man.
- 35 It is up to you (learn) the laws of your own country.
- 36 Would you rather (be) more stupid than you look or (look) more stupid than you are?

## 70 Infinitive represented by to

PEG 247

In each of the following pairs of sentences an infinitive used in the first sentence is repeated in the second. Read the sentences, expressing this second infinitive by *to* only. Note that where the second infinitive has an object, this word/phrase must be omitted.

Why didn't you tell me the truth the first time? ~

I meant to tell you the truth but I was too frightened.

*I meant to but I was too frightened.*

- 1 Did you visit the Pyramids? ~  
No, I wanted to visit them but there wasn't time.
- 2 Why do you wear dark glasses? ~  
I have to wear them; I have weak eyes.
- 3 Do you smoke? —  
No, I used to smoke but I don't now.
- 4 Would you like to go to the theatre tonight? ~  
Yes, I'd love to go to the theatre.
- 5 Why didn't you pay the bill for him? ~  
I offered to pay it but he refused.
- 6 Have you put the car in the garage? ~  
No, but I'm just going to put it there.

- 7 I want you two to apologize to each other. ~  
Well, I am willing to apologize if he apologizes first.
- 8 Did you reserve seats on the train? ~  
No, I tried to reserve them but they had all been booked already.
- 9 Did you answer the letter? —  
No, I intended to answer it but I'm afraid I forgot
- 10 Why didn't you hit him?~  
I was afraid to hit him.
- 11 I'd love to spend a night in a haunted room. ~  
I'd hate to spend a night in a haunted room.
- 12 Why didn't you ask your father for the money?~  
I didn't like to ask him.
- 13 Did you get a chance to fly the aeroplane yourself?~  
No, I wanted to fly it but the pilot wouldn't let me.
- 14 Why doesn't he punish his boys when they disobey him? ~  
He often threatens to punish them but he never actually does so.
- 15 Why didn't he repair the car himself?~  
He wasn't able to repair it.
- 16 I used to drink whisky with my meals. —  
I used to drink whisky with my meals also but I don't now.
- 17 Did you buy sausages?—  
No, I meant to buy them but I forgot.
- 18 Why doesn't he try again?~  
He doesn't want to try again.
- 19 You should visit the Prado when you are in Madrid. ~  
Yes, I intend to visit it.
- 20 Why doesn't he play games? —  
His mother doesn't want him to play games.
- 21 You ought to stop work now. ~  
Yes, I am just going to stop.
- 22 Why do some jockeys carry extra weights? ~  
They are obliged to carry them by the regulations.
- 23 Did he help you?~  
No, I asked him to help me but he said he hadn't time.
- 24 You should have thanked her before you left. ~  
I meant to thank her but when I was going I couldn't find her anywhere.
- 25 Why did she put parsley in the soup? ~  
I told her to put it in.
- 26 Why didn't he report it to the police?~  
He was afraid to report it. He didn't think they'd believe him.
- 27 Why did he drive so fast?—  
He had to drive fast; otherwise he'd have missed his train.
- 28 You used to like rice pudding. ~  
Yes, I know I used to like it but I don't now.
- 29 Why didn't you buy the car? ~  
I was advised not to buy it.

- 30 I hope the children won't go near the water. ~  
I warned them not to go near it.
- 31 Why are we trying to get planning permission? -  
We have to get planning permission. It is the law.
- 32 I meant to work hard. ~  
I know you meant to work hard but you didn't.
- 33 Do the boys tidy their own rooms? ~  
They are supposed to tidy them but they don't always.
- 34 Why didn't he call the police. ~  
He wasn't able to call them. His telephone line had been cut.
- 35 Why did you move your car? ~  
The policeman told me to move it.
- 36 Why did you bring your mother-in-law? I particularly asked you not to bring her.

### 71 too/enough/so ... as with infinitive

- PEG 252

Combine each of the following pairs of sentences into one sentence using **too/enough** with infinitive.

It is very cold. We can't go out.

*It is too cold for us to go out.*

He is strong. He can carry it.

*He is strong enough to carry it.*

Rewrite numbers 3, 20, and 35 using so ... as with infinitive.

(**enough** with infinitive could also be used here, while so ... as could replace **enough** in numbers 9, 24, and 29. These alternatives are given in the key.)

- 1 You are very young. You can't have a front-door key.
- 2 It is very cold. We can't bathe.
- 3 Would you be very kind and answer this letter by return?
- 4 I am rather old. I can't wear that kind of hat.
- 5 The ladder wasn't very long. It didn't reach the window.
- 6 He hadn't much money. He couldn't live on it. (*Omit it.*)
- 7 He was furious. He couldn't speak.
- 8 The fire isn't very hot. It won't boil a kettle.
- 9 Tom was very foolish. He told lies to the police.
- 10 You are quite thin. You could slip between the bars.
- 11 He is very ill. He can't eat anything.
- 12 Our new car is very wide. It won't get through those gates.
- 13 The floor wasn't strong. We couldn't dance on it. (*Omit it.*)
- 14 I was terrified. I couldn't move.
- 15 The bull isn't big. He couldn't harm you.
- 16 The coffee isn't strong. It won't keep us awake.
- 17 The river is deep. We can't wade it. (*Omit it.*)

- 18 He is lazy. He won't get up early.  
 19 He won't get up early so he never catches the fast train.  
 20 Would you be very good and forward my letters while I am away?  
 21 The ice is quite thick. We can walk on it. (*Omit it.*)  
 22 He was very drunk. He couldn't answer my question.  
 23 It is very cold. We can't have breakfast in the garden.  
 24 He was extremely rash. He set off up the mountain in a thick fog.  
 25 We aren't very high. We can't see the summit.  
 26 You aren't very old. You can't understand these things.  
 27 He was very snobbish. He wouldn't talk to any of us.  
 28 The package is very thick. I can't push it through the letterbox. (*Omit it.*)  
 29 She was very mean. She never gave to charity.  
 30 He is very impatient. He never listens to anyone.  
 31 I was very tired. I couldn't walk any further.  
 32 It's not very dark. We can't see the stars clearly.  
 33 It was very hot. You could fry an egg on the pavement.  
 34 The oranges were very bitter. We couldn't eat them. (*Omit them.*)  
 35 Would you be very kind and turn down the radio a little?  
 36 He is very selfish. He wouldn't put himself out for anyone.

## 72 Various infinitive constructions

- PEG 26-7, 114, 239~ 249-50

Replace the group of words in italics by an infinitive or an infinitive construction.

It is important *that he should understand this.*

*It is important for him to understand this.*

He was the first man *who arrived.*

*He was the first man to arrive.*

- 1 The captain was the last man *who left* the ship.  
 2 He got to the top *and was very disappointed when he found* that someone else had reached it first.  
 3 *The committee have decided to send you* to Paris. (You (go) to Paris, *omit* The committee have decided to send.)  
 4 Would you be *very kind and* lend me your umbrella?  
 5 There are a lot of sheets *that need mending.*  
 6 I was astonished *when I heard* that he had left the country.  
 7 It is better *that he should hear* it from you.  
 8 I *was rude* to him, *which was stupid.* (It was stupid . . .)  
 9 If he had another child *with whom he could play* he would be happier.  
 10 It is necessary *that everyone should know* the truth.  
 11 There was no place *where we could sit.*  
 12 He put his hand into his pocket *and was astonished when he found* that his wallet wasn't there.

- 13 *He rushed* into the burning house, *which* was very brave of him. (It was very brave . . .)  
 14 I can't go to the party; I have nothing *that I can wear.*  
 15 *It is expected that he will broadcast* a statement tonight. (He is expected . . .)  
 16 I want a kitchen *where* (= *in which*) *I can cook.*  
 17 He reached the station exhausted *and was very disappointed when he learnt* that the train had just left.  
 18 Haven't you anything *with which you could open it?*  
 19 *It seems that the crime was committed* by a left-handed man. (The crime seems . . . *Use perfect infinitive passive.*)  
 20 Is *it likely that he will arrive* before six? (Is he . . .)  
 21 I was *on the point of leaving* the house when the phone rang.  
 22 *This is the plan: someone will meet you* at the station . . . (You . . . (be met) at the station)  
 23 She is anxious *that they should have* every possible advantage.  
 24 *It is said that* he was a brilliant scientist. (He is said . . .)  
 25 The strikers decided *that the strike should continue.*  
 26 Would you be *very kind and translate* this for me?  
 27 It is advisable *that we should leave* the house separately.  
 28 *You signed* the document without reading it, *which was very stupid.* (It was stupid . . .)  
 29 *It is said that she has* a frightful temper. (She . . .)  
 30 He was the first man *who swam* the Channel.  
 31 *They believe that he is* honest. (He . . .)  
 32 *It appears that he was killed* with a blunt instrument. (He appears . . . *Use passive infinitive.*)  
 33 He was the only one *who realized* the danger.  
 34 *It is said that the earth was* originally part of the sun. (The earth . . .)  
 35 He took out his spare wheel and *was very disappointed when he discovered* that that tyre was also punctured.  
 36 *It is said that the murderer is hiding* in the woods near your house.

## 73 Perfect infinitive used with auxiliary verbs

- PEG255

Use the perfect infinitive of the verb in italics with the appropriate auxiliary verb. Phrases in bold type should not be repeated, but their meaning should be expressed by the auxiliary + perfect infinitive.

**It is possible that** he *telephoned* while we were out.

*He may have telephoned while we were out.*

You (*thank*) him for his present **but you didn't.**

*You should have thanked him for his present.*

- 1 I realized that my house was on fire. ~  
 That (*be*) a terrible moment.

- 2 I saw a ghost last night. ~  
You (*not see*) a ghost; there aren't any ghosts. You (*dream*) it.
- 3 **It is possible that** a child *broke* the window.
- 4 You *carried* it yourself, **which was not** necessary.
- 5 I've had a toothache for two days. ~  
You (*go*) to the dentist when it started.
- 6 There (*be*) motor-cycle races on the sands but as it is so wet they have been cancelled.
- 7 As I was standing in the hall your dog bit me. ~  
It (*not be*) my dog; he was with me all day. It (*be*) my brother's dog.
- 8 I feel terribly ill today. ~  
You (*not eat*) those mushrooms yesterday. Mushrooms don't agree with you.
- 9 I wonder why he didn't answer? ~  
**Possibly** he *didn't understand* the question.
- 10 I gave him a tip, **which was not necessary.**
- 11 The prisoner (*escape*) this way, for here are his footprints.
- 12 You *lied* to him, **which was wrong.**
- 13 I didn't recognize the voice at the other end of the line. ~  
It (*be*) my elder sister; she is often at home at that time. It (*not be*) my youngest sister as she is abroad.
- 14 Someone (*cook*) a meal here lately; the stove is still hot.
- 15 I've brought my own sandwiches. ~  
You (*not bring*) them. I have enough for two.
- 16 The burglar went straight to the safe although it was hidden behind a picture.~  
Someone (*tell*) him where it was.
- 17 The president (*unveil*) the statue, but he is ill so his wife is doing it instead.
- 18 The plane is late; I wonder what has happened?~  
**Possibly** it *was* delayed by fog.
- 19 I have never met him. ~  
You (*meet*) him; he lives next door to you.
- 20 I (*do*) it. (**It was my duty to do it, but I didn't.**)
- 21 He (*not catch*) the 9.20 train because he didn't leave home till 9.25.
- 22 I *opened* it, **which was unnecessary.**
- 23 The police were here while we were out. ~  
Someone (*betray*) us.
- 24 I *drove* at 80 miles an hour, **which was wrong.**
- 25 When I was your age I (*climb*) that mountain, (**but I didn't**).
- 26 If a policeman had seen me climbing through your window he (*ask*) me what I was doing.
- 27 He said that censorship of news was ridiculous and it (*abolish*) years ago. (passive verb)
- 28 You *boiled* so many eggs; **but** there are only four of us.
- 29 She (*play*) the chief part in the film, but she quarrelled with the director, so he engaged someone else.

- 30 This poem (*be*) written by Keats, **but I am not certain.**
- 31 He (*take*) off his hat in the theatre, (**but he didn't**).
- 32 People used to walk twenty miles to do their shopping. ~  
They (*have*) a lot of energy in those days.
- 33 One day he went for a walk up a mountain and never came back. ~  
He (*fall*) over a precipice.
- 34 I just pressed lightly on the pane and my hand went through. ~  
The glass (*be*) very thin.
- 35 You *translated* it into French, **which wasn't necessary.**
- 36 You *looked* at the new moon through glass. It is most unlucky.

## 74 Perfect infinitive used with auxiliaries and some other verbs

- PEG 255

Instructions: as for Exercise 73, but where two verbs in italics are placed side by side, put the second verb into the perfect infinitive and the first into an appropriate tense.

This palace (*say*) (*build*) in three years.

*This palace is said to have been built in three years.*

- 1 She (*marry*) my brother but she was killed in a plane crash a month before the wedding date.
- 2 You *repeated* it, **which was unnecessary.**
- 3 There (*seem*) (*be*) a fight here. Everything is smashed to bits.
- 4 We (*set*) out today, but the weather is so bad that we decided to postpone our start till tomorrow.
- 5 I thought they were mushrooms. ~  
You (*not eat*) them unless you were sure. They (*be*) poisonous.
- 6 He learnt the language in six months. ~  
He (*work*) very hard.
- 7 I *brought* my umbrella, **which was unnecessary.**
- 8 I (*like*) (*bathe*) but there wasn't time.
- 9 I've forgotten the address. I (*write*) it down (**but I didn't**).
- 10 If I'd known your house was so cold I (*not come*).
- 11 You (*tell*) me you were going camping! If I'd known I (*go*) with you. ~  
But it rained all the time. You (*not like*) that, would you?
- 12 Who gave you my address? ~  
I don't remember. It (*be*) Tom. ~  
It (*not be*) Tom; he doesn't know it.
- 13 You *bought* flowers **but** we have plenty in the garden.
- 14 After two years of his teaching she knew absolutely nothing. ~  
He (*not be*) a good teacher.
- 15 My sister has just come back from abroad. She (*seem*) (*enjoy*) her trip very much.

- 16 Life (*be*) very uncomfortable in the Stone Age.
- 17 You (*stand*) still when you were being photographed, (**but you didn't**).
- 18 I (*go*) to a foreign university but the war prevented it.
- 19 I (*like*) (*photograph*) it but I had no more film.
- 20 There (*be*) a bad accident here. Look at all the broken glass.
- 21 **It is possible that** prehistoric cave drawings *were* connected with religion.
- 22 I have been driving for 20 years. ~  
You (*not drive*) for 20 years. You are only 30 now.
- 23 It (*take*) years to dig the Suez Canal.
- 24 He walked past me without speaking. ~  
He (*not recognize*) you. He is very short-sighted.
- 25 I (*like*) (*go*) to the match but the tickets were all sold.
- 26 He says he saw you at the theatre yesterday. —  
He (*not see*) me. I wasn't there.
- 27 This picture may be a fake; on the other hand it (*be*) painted by one of the Dutch masters.
- 28 **It is possible that** the fire in the ship *was started* by a bomb.
- 29 She walked 300 miles, carrying her child. ~  
She (*have*) great courage.
- 30 **It is possible that** he (*read*) it in the papers. ~  
He (*not read*) it. He can't read. Someone (*tell*) him.
- 31 I told them to meet me under the clock but they didn't turn up.  
**Perhaps** they *were waiting* under the wrong clock. There are two in the station.
- 32 He told me his name was Johnson. —  
You (*mishear*) him. His name is Jones.
- 33 I said that I couldn't find my pen and he said that **perhaps** somebody *had borrowed* it.
- 34 I (*like*) (*ask*) a question but I was sitting so far back that I didn't think I'd be heard.
- 35 There (*be*) a fort here at one time. You can see where the foundations were.
- 36 The dinosaur (*be said*) (*be*) rather a stupid animal.

## 7 Gerund, infinitive and participles

### 75 The gerund

- PEG 257

Put the verbs in brackets into the gerund.

- 1 He gave up (gamble).
- 2 Try to avoid (make) him angry.
- 3 Stop (argue) and start (work).
- 4 The children prefer (watch) TV to (read).
- 5 I am against (make) any complaints.
- 6 It's no use (cry) over spilt milk, (*proverb*)
- 7 I suggest (hold) another meeting next week.
- 8 He finished (speak) and sat down.
- 9 He was fined for (drive) without lights.
- 10 It is difficult to get used to (eat) with chopsticks.
- 11 If you can't turn the key try (put) some oil in the lock.
- 12 He lost no time in (get) down to work.
- 13 You can't make an omelette without (break) eggs, (*proverb*)
- 14 We are looking forward to (read) your new book.
- 15 They escaped by (slide) down ropes made of blankets.
- 16 They don't allow (smoke) in here.
- 17 He is thinking of (leave) his job and (go) to America.
- 18 After (read) this article you will give up (smoke).
- 19 If you put your money into that business you risk (lose) every penny.
- 20 Imagine (live) with someone who never stops (talk).
- 21 Is there anything here worth (buy)?
- 22 He was accused of (leak) classified information to the press.
- 23 You'd better consult your lawyer before (decide) to buy the property.
- 24 I don't enjoy (go) to the dentist.
- 25 Would you mind (put) your pet snake somewhere else?
- 26 The hostages were rescued without a shot (be) fired.
- 27 By (work) day and night he succeeded in (finish) the job in time.
- 28 He has a scheme for (make) grass grow in winter.
- 29 I don't feel like (work); what about (go) to a disco instead?
- 30 Would you mind (write) your name and address on the back of the cheque?
- 31 If a thing is worth (do) at all it is worth (do) well. (*proverb*)

- 32 I hate (borrow) money.  
 33 He was furious at (be) mistaken for an escaped convict.  
 34 After (talk) for ten minutes I succeeded in (convince) him that there was no danger.  
 35 I remember (read) a review of that book and (think) I'd like to get it.  
 36 As a result of (listen) at keyholes he learnt many facts which he had no hesitation in (use) to his own advantage.

## 76 Gerund and infinitive

PEG 266-71

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form (gerund or infinitive).

- 1 I am looking forward to (see) you.
- 2 He dreads (have) to retire.
- 3 I arranged (meet) them here.
- 4 He urged us (work) faster.
- 5 I wish (see) the manager.
- 6 It's no use (wait).
- 7 He warned her (not touch) the wire.
- 8 Don't forget (lock) the door before (go) to bed.
- 9 My mother told me (not speak) to anyone about it.
- 10 I can't understand her (behave) like that.
- 11 He tried (explain) but she refused (listen).
- 12 At dinner she annoyed me by (smoke) between the courses.
- 13 You are expected (know) the safety regulations of the college.
- 14 He decided (disguise) himself by (dress) as a woman.
- 15 I am prepared (wait) here all night if necessary.
- 16 Would you mind (show) me how (work) the lift?
- 17 After (walk) for three hours we stopped to let the others (catch up) with us.
- 18 I am beginning (understand) what you mean.
- 19 He was fined for (exceed) the speed limit.
- 20 The boys like (play) games but hate (do) lessons.
- 21 I regret (inform) you that your application has been refused.
- 22 I couldn't help (overhear) what you said.
- 23 Mrs Jones: I don't allow (smoke) in my drawing-room.  
Mrs Smith: I don't allow my family (smoke) at all.
- 24 He surprised us all by (go) away without (say) 'Good-bye'.
- 25 Please go on (write); I don't mind (wait).
- 26 He wore dark glasses (avoid) (be) recognized.
- 27 Before (give) evidence you must swear (speak) the truth.
- 28 I tried (persuade) him (agree) with your proposal.
- 29 Your windows need (clean); would you like me (do) them for you?
- 30 Would you mind (shut) the window? I hate (sit) in a draught.
- 31 I can't help (sneeze); I caught a cold yesterday from (sit) in a draught.

- 32 Do stop (talk); I am trying (finish) a letter.  
 33 His doctor advised him (give up) (jog).  
 34 My watch keeps (stop). —  
That's because you keep (forget) (wind) it.  
 35 Without (realize) it, he hindered us instead of (help) us.  
 36 People used (make) fire by (rub) two sticks together.

## [ 77 Gerund and infinitive

PEG 266-71

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form (gerund or infinitive).

- 1 He hates (answer) the phone, and very often just lets it (ring).
- 2 If you go on (let) your dog (chase) cars he'll end by (be) run over.
- 3 I prefer (drive) to (be driven).
- 4 I advise you (start) (look) for a flat at once.
- 5 Would you mind (lend) me £5? I forgot (cash) a cheque.
- 6 (Lie) on this beach is much more pleasant than (sit) in the office.
- 7 She likes her children (go) to the dentist every six months.
- 8 By (neglect) (take) ordinary precautions he endangered the life of his crew.
- 9 An instructor is coming (show) us how (use) the aqualung.
- 10 I have no intention of (go) to that film; I couldn't bear (see) my favourite actress in such a dreadful part.
- 11 I suggest (telephone) the hospitals before (ask) the police (look) for him.
- 12 After (hear) the conditions I decided (not enter) for the competition.
- 13 Some people seem (have) a passion for (write) to the newspapers.
- 14 He expects me (answer) by return but I have no intention of (reply) at all.
- 15 I tried (explain) to him but he refused (listen) and went on (grumble).
- 16 By (offer) enormous wages he is persuading men (leave) their present jobs and (work) for him.
- 17 He postponed (make) a decision till it was too late (do) anything.
- 18 Imagine (have) (get up) at five a. m. every day!
- 19 Try (forget) it; it isn't worth (worry) about.
- 20 There is no point in (remain) in a dangerous place if you can't do anything (help) the people who have (stay) there.
- 21 The horse won't be well enough (run) in tomorrow's race. He doesn't seem (have recovered) from his long journey.
- 22 At first I enjoyed (listen) to him but after a while I got tired of (hear) the same story again and again.
- 23 It is usually easier (learn) a subject by (read) books than by (listen) to lectures.
- 24 It wouldn't be safe (start) down now; we'll have (wait) till the mist clears.



- 25 After (discuss) the matter for an hour the committee adjourned without (have reached) any decision.
- 26 It's not much use (have) a bicycle if you don't know how (ride) it.
- 27 He didn't dare (leave) the house because he was afraid of (meet) someone who might (recognize) him.
- 28 I distinctly remember (pay) him. I gave him £2.
- 29 Did you remember (give) him the key of the safe? ~  
No, I didn't. I'll go and do it now.
- 30 Please forgive me for (interrupt) you but would you mind (repeat) that last sentence?
- 31 I know my hair wants (cut) but I never have time (go) to the hairdresser's.
- 32 He made a lot of money by (buy) tickets in advance and (sell) them for twice the price on the day of the match.
- 33 She rushed out of the room without (give) me a chance (explain).
- 34 He keeps (ask) me the time and I keep (tell) him (buy) himself a watch.
- 35 He has a theory that it is possible (tell) the time in daylight by (look) into a cat's eyes.
- 36 I'd hate (be) beside a volcano when it started (erupt).

## 78 Gerund and infinitive

- PEG 266-71

After **like** it is sometimes possible to use either gerund or infinitive, but there tends to be a slight difference in implication.

**like** + gerund usually means 'enjoy'; it also usually implies that the action is/was performed:

I like skating = I enjoy skating (and do skate).

**like** + infinitive has more the meaning of 'approve of, 'like the idea or habit. In the affirmative it gives no indication as to whether the action is performed or not, and in the negative implies that it is not performed.

I didn't like saying it  
usually means 'I said it, unwillingly, but

I didn't like to say it  
usually means 'I didn't say it' (because it didn't seem right or sensible). The distinction, however, is not rigid. The above notes are, therefore, only guides which may safely be followed.

Put the verbs in brackets into gerund or infinitive.

- 1 I used (ride) a lot but I haven't had a chance (do) any since (come) here.~  
I ride sometimes. Would you like (come) with me next time?
- 2 Most people prefer (spend) money to (earn) it.
- 3 I resented (be) unjustly accused and asked him (apologize).

- 4 It isn't good for children (eat) too many sweets.
- 5 I didn't feel like (work) so I suggested (spend) the day in the garden.
- 6 Why do you keep (look) back? Are you afraid of (be) followed?
- 7 Do you remember (post) the letter? ~  
Yes, I do; I posted it in the letter-box near my gate.
- 8 Did you remember (lock) the door? ~  
No, I didn't. I'd better (go) back and (do) it now.
- 9 You still have a lot (learn) if you'll forgive my (say) so.
- 10 It's no use (try) (interrupt) him. You'll have (wait) till he stops (talk).
- 11 I'm for (do) nothing till the police arrive. They don't like you (move) anything when a crime has been committed.
- 12 He didn't like (leave) the children alone in the house but he had no alternative as he had (go) out to work.
- 13 Why didn't you drink it? ~  
I didn't like (drink) it as I didn't know what it was.
- 14 I'm very sorry for (be) late. It was good of you (wait) for me.
- 15 I keep (try) (make) mayonnaise but I never succeed. ~  
Try (add) the yolk of a hard-boiled egg.
- 16 Do you feel like (go) to a film or would you rather (stay) at home?
- 17 She told me (look) through her correspondence and (take) out any letters that you had written her. I didn't like (look) through someone else's letters but I had (do) as she said.
- 18 He took to (get up) early and (walk) noisily about the house.
- 19 I liked (listen) to folk music much better than (listen) to pop.
- 20 The car began (make) an extraordinary noise so I stopped (see) what it was.
- 21 You'll never regret (do) a kind action.
- 22 He decided (put) broken glass on top of his wall (prevent) boys (climb) over it.
- 23 He annoyed me very much by (take) the piece of cake that I was keeping (eat) after my supper.
- 24 He kept (ring) up and (ask) for an explanation and she didn't know what (do) about him.
- 25 We got tired of (wait) for the weather (clear) and finally decided (set) out in the rain.
- 26 He made me (repeat) his instructions (make) sure that I understood what I was (do) after he had gone.
- 27 I suggest (leave) the car here and (send) a breakdown van (tow) it to the garage.
- 28 She apologized for (borrow) my sewing-machine without (ask) permission and promised never (do) it again.
- 29 I didn't mean (offend) anyone but somehow I succeeded in (annoy) them all.
- 30 She claimed (be able) (tell) the future by (gaze) into her crystal ball.
- 31 He never thinks of (get) out of your way; he expects you (walk) round him.
- 32 You don't need (ask) his permission every time you want (leave) the room.

- 33 The police accused him of (set) fire to the building but he denied (have been) in the area on the night of the fire.
- 34 I left my door open. Why didn't you walk in? - I didn't like (go) in when you weren't there.
- 35 It's much better (go) to a hairdresser than (try) (save) time by (cut) your own hair.
- 36 I'd rather (earn) my living by (scrub) floors than (make) money by (blackmail) people.

## 79 Infinitive, gerund, present participle

- PEG 266-75, 295 C, 295 D

This exercise includes examples of both **ing** forms, the gerund and the present participle. Either present participle or infinitive without to can be used after verbs of the senses.

Put the verbs in brackets into a correct form. When more than one form is possible it will be noted in the key.

- When the painter felt the ladder (begin) (slip) he grabbed the gutter (save) himself from (fall).
- The snow kept (fall) and the workmen grew tired of (try) (keep) the roads clear.
- He offered (lend) me the money. I didn't like (take) it but I had no alternative.
- What was in the letter? - I don't know. I didn't like (open) it as it wasn't addressed to me.
- Do you remember (read) about it? ~ No, at that time I was too young (read) newspapers.
- Did you remember (book) seats for the theatre tomorrow? ~ Yes, I have the tickets here. Would you like (keep) them? I am inclined (lose) theatre tickets.
- Try (avoid) (be) late. He hates (be) kept (wait).
- I didn't know how (get) to your house so I stopped (ask) the way.
- I wish my refrigerator would stop (make) that horrible noise. You can't hear anyone (speak).
- This book tells you how (win) at games without actually (cheat).
- The gunman began (fire). He felt a bullet (graze) his cheek.
- He heard the clock (strike) six and knew that it was time for him (get) up.
- I can hear the bell (ring) but nobody seems (be coming) (open) the door.
- Did you advise him (go) to the police? ~ No, I didn't like (give) any advice on such a difficult matter.
- He wanted (put) my chameleon on a tartan rug and (watch) it (change) colour.

- It is easy (see) animals on the road in daylight but sometimes at night it is very difficult (avoid) (hit) them.
- The fire seems (be) out. ~ It can't be quite out. I can hear the wood (crackle).
- I caught him (climb) over my wall. I asked him (explain) but he refused (say) anything, so in the end I had (let) him (go).
- When at last I succeeded in (convince) him that I wanted (get) home quickly he put his foot on the accelerator and I felt the car (leap) forward.
- I'm not used to (drive) on the left. - When you see everyone else (do) it you'll find it quite easy (do) yourself.
- It is pleasant (sit) by the fire at night and (hear) the wind (howl) outside.
- There was no way of (get) out of the building except by (climb) down a rope and Ann was too terrified (do) this.
- We heard the engines (roar) as the plane began (move) and we saw the people on the ground (wave) good-bye.
- It's no good (write) to him; he never answers letters. The only thing (do) is (go) and (see) him.
- Why did you go all round the field instead of (walk) across it? ~ I didn't like (cross) it because of the bull. I never see a bull without (think) that it wants (chase) me.
- The people in the flat below seem (be having) a party. You can hear the champagne corks (thud) against their ceiling.
- I don't like (get) bills but when I do get them I like (pay) them promptly.
- Ask him (come) in. Don't keep him (stand) at the door.
- The boys next door used (like) (make) and (fly) model aeroplanes, but they seem to have stopped (do) that now.
- I knew I wasn't the first (arrive), for I saw smoke (rise) from the chimney.
- We watched the men (saw) the tree and as we were walking away heard it (fall) with a tremendous crash.
- I hate (see) a child (cry).
- We watched the children (jump) from a window and (fall) into a blanket held by the people below.
- It is very unpleasant (wake) up and (hear) the rain (beat) on the windows.
- He saw the lorry (begin) (roll) forwards but he was too far away (do) anything (stop) it.
- There are people who can't help (laugh) when they see someone (slip) on a banana skin.

## 80 Using participles to join sentences

PEG 276-9

Join each of the following pairs of sentences, using either a present participle e.g. *knowing*, a past participle e.g. *known*, or a perfect participle e.g. *having known*. Numbers 17, 28, 33, and 36 contain three sentences each. Combine these in the same way.

He got off his horse. He began searching for something on the ground.

*Getting off his horse, he began searching. . .*

I had seen photographs of the place. I had no desire to go there.

*Having seen photographs of the place, I had no desire. . .*

The speaker refused to continue. He was infuriated by the interruptions.

*Infuriated by the interruptions, the speaker refused. . .*

These participle constructions are more common in written English.

- 1 I knew that he was poor. I offered to pay his fare.
- 2 We barricaded the windows. We assembled in the hall.
- 3 She became tired of my complaints about the programme. She turned it off.
- 4 He found no one at home. He left the house in a bad temper.
- 5 She hoped to find the will. She searched everywhere.
- 6 The criminal removed all traces of his crime. He left the building.
- 7 He realized that he had missed the last train. He began to walk.
- 8 He was exhausted by his work. He threw himself on his bed.
- 9 He had spent all his money. He decided to go home and ask his father for a job.
- 10 He escaped from prison. He looked for a place where he could get food.
- 11 She didn't want to hear the story again. She had heard it all before.
- 12 They found the money. They began quarrelling about how to divide it.
- 13 She entered the room suddenly. She found them smoking.
- 14 I turned on the light. I was astonished at what I saw.
- 15 We visited the museum. We decided to have lunch in the park.
- 16 He offered to show us the way home. He thought we were lost.
- 17 He found his revolver. He loaded it. He sat down facing the door.
- 18 She asked me to help her. She realized that she couldn't move it alone.
- 19 He fed the dog. He sat down to his own dinner.
- 20 He addressed the congregation. He said he was sorry to see how few of them had been able to come.
- 21 He thought he must have made a mistake somewhere. He went through his calculations again.
- 22 I have looked through the fashion magazines. I realize that my clothes are hopelessly out of date.

- 23 The tree had fallen across the road. It had been uprooted by the gale.
- 24 People were sleeping in the next room. They were wakened by the sound of breaking glass.
- 25 I knew that the murderer was still at large. I was extremely reluctant to open the door.
- 26 He stole the silver. He looked for a place to hide it.
- 27 We were soaked to the skin. We eventually reached the station.
- 28 I sat in the front row. I used opera glasses. I saw everything beautifully.
- 29 One evening you will be sitting by the fire. You will remember this day.
- 30 I didn't like to sit down. I knew that there were ants in the grass.
- 31 She believed that she could trust him absolutely. She gave him a blank cheque.
- 32 Slates were ripped off by the gale. They fell on people passing below.
- 33 The lion found his cage door open. He saw no sign of his keeper. He left the cage and walked slowly towards the zoo entrance.
- 34 The government once tried to tax people according to the size of their houses. They put a tax on windows.
- 35 I had heard that the caves were dangerous. I didn't like to go any further without a light.
- 36 She wore extremely fashionable clothes. She was surrounded by photographers and pressmen. She swept up to the microphone.

## 81 Misrelated participles

- PEG 280

A participle is considered to belong to the noun or pronoun that immediately precedes it (which usually, but not necessarily, is the subject of the main verb).

The boy, *climbing* the tree to get birds' eggs, had a bad fall.

If there is no noun/pronoun in this position the participle is considered to belong to the subject of the following main verb:

*Climbing* the tree to get birds' eggs, the boy had a bad fall.

Sometimes this principle is disregarded and confusion results:

Climbing down the tree, one of the eggs broke.

This word order makes it appear that the egg was climbing, which is nonsense. A participle linked in this way to the wrong noun/pronoun is said to be 'misrelated'. The sentence should be rewritten:

*Climbing down the tree he broke one of the eggs or*

*As he was climbing down the tree one of the eggs broke.*

Other examples of this type of error are given below. Correct the sentences. Sometimes only a change of order is required.

- 1 When leaving a car in this car park the brakes must be left off.
- 2 Wading across the river, the current swept me off my feet.
- 3 When filling a tank with petrol naked lights should be extinguished.
- 4 Running into the room, a rug caught her foot and she fell.
- 5 Reading the letter a second time, the meaning becomes clearer.
- 6 When carrying a gun it should never be pointed at anyone.
- 7 When planting these flowers care must be taken not to damage the roots.
- 8 Riding in his first race, his horse fell at the last jump.
- 9 When paying by cheque, a bank card should be shown.
- 10 Knowing me to be the fool of the family, the news that I had won a scholarship astonished him.
- 11 Believing that his last hour had come, his hands began to tremble.
- 12 Passing under a ladder, a pot of paint fell on my head.
- 13 Reading in bed, my hands often get very cold.
- 14 Leaving the cinema, it seemed to him that the film had been exceptionally bad.
- 15 Barking furiously, I led the dog out of the room.
- 16 Having paid my taxes, the amount left in the bank is hardly worth mentioning.
- 17 Writing my name in the hotel register, a familiar voice attracted my attention.
- 18 Tied to a post, the sea was tossing the boat up and down.
- 19 Misunderstanding the question, the wrong answer was sent in.
- 20 Shining in the sky, we saw the first star.
- 21 When driving carelessly it is easy to have an accident.
- 22 Pinned to the door by a knife, the man saw a notice.
- 23 Written in large letters they read the words 'No Entry'.
- 24 While cleaning his gun it went off unexpectedly.
- 25 Wondering where to go, an advertisement caught my eye.
- 26 Rushing out of the house, a lorry knocked me over.
- 27 Sitting by the fire, it all comes back to me.
- 28 Falling from such a height, we thought he would never survive.
- 29 When changing a fuse the electricity should first be switched off.
- 30 Towed behind the car, I saw a trailer with a boat on it.
- 31 While sitting at the foot of a cliff a stone fell on him.
- 32 Driving to work, the traffic jams infuriated him.
- 33 Dropped by parachute, the country seemed entirely unfamiliar.
- 34 Sitting in the dentist's chair, an idea suddenly occurred to me.
- 35 Weakened by his last illness, I felt sure that another winter in this country would kill him.
- 36 Getting out of bed, a scorpion bit him.

## 8 Passive

### 82 Active to passive

#### PEG 302-6

Put the following into the passive voice. The agent should not be mentioned except in numbers 11 and 28.

- 1 You should open the wine about three hours before you use it.
- 2 Previous climbers had cut steps in the ice.
- 3 Somebody had cleaned my shoes and brushed my suit.
- 4 We use this room only on special occasions.
- 5 You must not hammer nails into the walls without permission.
- 6 In some districts farmers use pigs to find truffles.
- 7 Someone switched on a light and opened the door.
- 8 Somebody had slashed the picture with a knife.
- 9 They are pulling down the old theatre.
- 10 Why didn't they mend the roof before it fell in?
- 11 The mob broke all the shop windows in recent riots.
- 12 The librarian said that they were starting a new system because people were not returning books.
- 13 The police asked each of us about his movements on the night of the crime.
- 14 Someone will serve refreshments.
- 15 People must not leave bicycles in the hall.
- 16 Members may keep books for three weeks. After that they must return them.
- 17 The burglars had cut an enormous hole in the steel door.
- 18 I've bought a harp. They are delivering it this afternoon. (*Do not change the first sentence.*)
- 19 Someone has already told him to report for duty at six.
- 20 They rang the church bells as a flood warning.
- 21 No one can do anything unless someone gives us more information.
- 22 People are spending far more money on food now than they spent ten years ago.
- 23 The organizers will exhibit the paintings till the end of the month.
- 24 They will say nothing more about the matter if someone returns the stolen gun.
- 25 It is high time someone told him to stop behaving like a child.
- 26 A thief stole my dog and brought him back only when I offered £20 reward for him.
- 27 The judge gave him two weeks in which to pay the fine.
- 28 They make these artificial flowers of silk.

## 83 Active to passive

PEG 302-6

Put the following into the passive, mentioning the agent where necessary.

Where there is an indirect and a direct object, make the indirect object the subject of the passive verb.

They gave her a clock.

*She was given a clock.*

The gerund after certain verbs is replaced in the passive by **should be** + past participle:

They advised employing part-time workers.

*They advised that part-time workers should be employed.*

- 1 They feed the seals at the zoo twice a day.
- 2 Who wrote it?
- 3 Compare clothes which we have washed with clothes which any other laundry has washed.
- 4 He expected us to offer him the job.
- 5 They showed her the easiest way to do it.
- 6 Lightning struck the old oak.
- 7 Titian couldn't have painted it as people didn't wear that style of dress till after his death.
- 8 A jellyfish stung her.
- 9 The author has written a special edition for children.
- 10 Judges used to carry sweet herbs as a protection against jail-fever.
- 11 What did he write it with? ~  
He wrote it with a match stick dipped in blood.
- 12 An uneasy silence succeeded the shot.
- 13 Did the idea interest you?
- 14 The lawyer gave him the details of his uncle's will.
- 15 Beavers make these dams.
- 16 They used to start these engines by hand. Now they start them by electricity.
- 17 Most people opposed this.
- 18 Students are doing a lot of the work.
- 19 The Prime Minister was to have opened the dry dock.
- 20 They recommended opening new factories in the depressed area. (*Use should.*)
- 21 The closure of the workshops will make a lot of men redundant.
- 22 Anyone with the smallest intelligence could understand these instructions.
- 23 We will not admit children under sixteen.
- 24 Boys of sixteen to eighteen are to man this training ship.
- 25 A rainstorm flooded the gypsies' camp.
- 26 The howling of wolves kept him awake all night.
- 27 They suggested making the tests easier. (*Use should.*)
- 28 Children couldn't have done all this damage.

## 84 Passive to active

• PEG 302-6

Turn the following sentences into the active voice. Where no agent is mentioned one must be supplied.

School notice: This door must be kept shut.

*Students must keep this door shut.*

- 1 Why don't you have your eyes tested? ( . . . get an optician to ... *See 119.*)
- 2 This speed limit is to be introduced gradually.
- 3 The runways are being lengthened at all the main airports.
- 4 It is now 6 a.m. and at most of the hospitals in the country patients are being wakened with cups of tea.
- 5 Byron is said to have lived on vinegar and potatoes.
- 6 By tradition, any sturgeon that are caught by British ships must be offered to the Queen.
- 7 This notice has been altered.
- 8 The owners went away last March and since then their houseboat has been used continuously by squatters. (*Use a continuous tense and omit continuously.*)
- 9 The damaged ship was being towed into harbour when the tow-line broke.
- 10 Have a lift put in and then you won't have to climb up all these stairs.
- 11 Last year a profit of two million pounds was made in the first six months but this was cancelled by a loss of seventeen million pounds which was made in the second six months.
- 12 Evening dress will be worn.
- 13 The ship was put into quarantine and passengers and crew were forbidden to land.
- 14 Someone will have to be found to take her place.
- 15 He was made to surrender his passport.
- 16 This rumour must have been started by our opponents.
- 17 My paintings are to be exhibited for the first time by New Arts Gallery.
- 18 This scientific theory has now been proved to be false.
- 19 The car which was blown over the cliff yesterday is to be salvaged today.
- 20 The house where the dead man was found is being guarded by the police to prevent it from being entered and the evidence interfered with.
- 21 Why wasn't the car either locked or put into the garage?
- 22 It is being said that too little money is being spent by the government on roads.
- 23 Your money could be put to good use instead of being left idle in the bank.

- 24 For a long time the earth was believed to be flat.
- 25 This copy hasn't been read. The pages haven't been cut.
- 26 The stones were thrown by a student, who was afterwards led away by the police.
- 27 Carrier pigeons are said to have been used by early Egyptian and Greek sailors.
- 28 The referee was being escorted from the football field by a strong police guard.

## 9 Indirect speech

### 85 Indirect speech: statements

PEG 307-8, 313

1 Students are asked to assume that these sentences are spoken and reported on different days. This will mean that a sentence such as: He said, 'I am coming *tomorrow*,' will become: He said that he was coming *the next day*, and so on.

This applies to all the exercises on indirect speech in this book.

2 With indirect speech, when the person addressed is mentioned, **tell** is more usual than say to as an introductory verb. For example:

*He told me* that he was going away the next day

is more usual than

*He said to me* that he was going away the next day.

Put the following into indirect speech.

- 1 'I have something to show you,' I said to her.
- 2 'Nothing grows in my garden. It never gets any sun,' she said.
- 3 'I'm going away tomorrow, mother,' he said.
- 4 'I've been in London for a month but so far I haven't had time to visit the Tower,' said Rupert.
- 5 'It isn't so foggy today as it was yesterday,' I remarked.
- 6 'The new underpass is being officially opened the day after tomorrow,' said the BBC announcer.
- 7 'We have moved into our new flat. We don't like it nearly so much as our last one,' said my aunt.
- 8 'We have a lift but very often it doesn't work,' they said.
- 9 'From one of the windows of my flat I can see the Eiffel Tower,' he said.
- 10 'I've no idea what the time is but I'll dial 8081 and find out,' said his daughter.
- 11 He said, 'My wife has just been made a judge.'
- 12 'I'll come with you as soon as I am ready,' she replied.
- 13 'I have a German lesson this afternoon and I haven't done my homework yet,' said the small boy.
- 14 'If you let the iron get too hot you will scorch your clothes,' I warned her.
- 15 'You haven't given me quite enough. The bill is for £14 and you've paid me only £13,' he pointed out.

- 16 Ann said, 'Englishmen make good husbands because they are nearly always willing to help in the house.'
- 17 Mary answered, 'I like men to be useful but I don't like them to be too domesticated. I prefer them to keep out of the kitchen altogether. Men look silly in aprons anyway.'
- 18 Motoring report: The new Rolls Royce runs so quietly that all you can hear is the ticking of the clock.  
Managing director of the Rolls Royce company: In that case we'll have to do something about the clock.
- 19 'I don't know what to do with all my plums. I suppose I'll have to make jam. The trouble is that none of us eats jam,' she said.
- 20 'We like working on Sundays because we get double pay,' explained the builders.
- 21 He said, 'I am quite a good cook and I do all my own washing and mending too.'
- 22 'You can keep that one if you like, Joan,' he said. 'I've got plenty of others.'
- 23 'I'm going fishing with mother this afternoon,' said the small boy, 'and we are going into the garden now to dig for worms.'  
(Omit now).
- 24 'You've got my umbrella,' I said crossly. 'Yours is in your bedroom.'
- 25 'I know exactly what they said,' the private detective explained to his client, 'because I bugged their phone.'
- 26 'I'll sit up till she comes in, but I hope she won't be late,' he said.
- 27 'If you give me some wire, I'll hang that picture for you,' said my cousin.
- 28 'I have a Turkish bath occasionally, but it doesn't seem to make any difference to my weight,' she said.
- 29 'This is quite a good model, madam. I use one of these myself,' said the salesman.
- 30 'My new house is supposed to be haunted, but so far I haven't seen any ghosts,' she said.
- 31 The advertisement said, 'If you answer the questions correctly you may win £100.'
- 32 'If I press my ear against the wall, I can hear what the people in the next flat are saying,' he said.

## 86 Indirect speech: statements

PEG 309-10

Some tenses/forms do not change when direct speech becomes indirect:

'I wish my children would eat vegetables,' she said.  
*She (said she) wished her children would eat vegetables.*

Put the following into indirect speech, being careful to avoid ambiguity:

- 1 'I couldn't get into the house because I had lost my key, so I had to break a window,' he said.
- 2 'The mirror is there so that you can see yourself when you are dancing,' the instructress told him.
- 3 'I wrote to him the day before yesterday. I wonder why he hasn't rung up,' she said.
- 4 'If the ground is dry on the day of the race, my horse might win,' said the owner.
- 5 'You'd better slow down. There's a speed limit here,' she said to me. (Use advise.)
- 6 'If Tom wants seats, he'd better apply early,' she said.
- 7 'We walked 50 miles last night to see the Minister and protest about our rents being raised. He was very polite and promised to do what he could for us,' said one of the tenants.
- 8 'They should put traffic lights here, otherwise there'll be more accidents,' she said.
- 9 'It's time we began training for our next match,' the coach said to them.
- 10 'If you leave home at six, you should be here by nine,' he said to me.
- 11 'If it rains this afternoon it will be too wet to play the match tomorrow,' the captain said.
- 12 'I meant to plug in the electric blanket but I plugged in the electric kettle by mistake. I'm always doing silly things like that,' she told her guest.
- 13 'I was intending to do it tomorrow,' he said, 'but now I don't think I'll be able to.'
- 14 'Bill should do very well at the university, Mrs Smith,' said the headmaster. 'He's done very well here.'
- 15 'I don't think your father likes me,' said the young wife.  
'You mustn't think that,' said her husband; 'it is just that he is old and finds it hard to get used to new people.' (Leave mustn't unchanged.)
- 16 'The steak is overdone again. I'm not complaining; I'm just pointing it out,' said her husband.  
'I wish you'd stop pointing things out,' said his wife.
- 17 'They couldn't open the safe on the spot so they carried it away with them,' the night watchman reported.
- 18 'If you saw my father, you'd recognize him at once. He is the most extraordinary-looking man,' she said to me.
- 19 'I found an old Roman coin in the garden yesterday,' he said, 'and I'm going to take it to the museum this afternoon.'
- 20 He said, 'I got out of my boat, leaving the engine running, but while I was standing on the quay the gears suddenly engaged themselves and the boat went straight out of the harbour with no one on board.'
- 21 Then Macbeth enters and says, 'I have done the deed.'

- 22 'Would you like me to go with you?' I said.  
'I'd rather go alone,' he answered.
- 23 My brother said, 'You may take my car if you like. I shan't be needing it tomorrow or the day after.'
- 24 'Yesterday Tom and I went to look at a house that he was thinking of buying. It was rather a nice house and had a lovely garden but Tom decided against it because it was opposite a cemetery,' said Celia.
- 25 He said, 'My wife wants to take a job but I'd rather she concentrated on our home.'
- 26 'I don't know what your father will say when he sees what a mess your puppies have made of this five-pound note,' said my mother.
- 27 'It's high time you passed your test; I'm tired of driving round with an L — plate on the front of the car,' my sister said.
- 28 'I wish you'd seen it,' I said to her.

## 87 Indirect speech: questions

PEG 317

Put the following into indirect speech. The first ten questions require no change of order:

He said, 'What is happening?'

*He asked what was happening.*

- 1 'What happened to Mr Budd?' said one of the men.
- 2 'Which of his sons inherited his estate?' asked another.
- 3 'Who is going to live in the big house?' enquired a third.
- 4 'What will happen to his racehorses?' asked someone else.
- 5 'Which team has won?' asked Ann.
- 6 'Which team won the previous match?' said Bill.
- 7 'Who is playing next week?' he asked.
- 8 'Who will be umpiring that match?' asked Tom.
- 9 'Who wants a lift home?' said Ann.
- 10 'Who has just dropped a £10 note?' I asked.
- 11 'Where is the ticket office?' asked Mrs Jones.
- 12 'What shall I do with my heavy luggage?' she said. (*Use should.*)
- 13 'What platform does the train leave from?' asked Bill.
- 14 'When does it arrive in York?' he asked.
- 15 'When was the timetable changed?' I asked.
- 16 'Why has the 2.30 train been cancelled?' said Ann.
- 17 'How much does a day return to Bath cost?' Mrs Jones asked.
- 18 'Why does the price go up so often?' she wondered.
- 19 'How can I get from the station to the airport?' said Bill.
- 20 'When are you coming back?' I asked them.
- 21 'Is a return ticket cheaper than two singles?' said my aunt.
- 22 'Do puppies travel free?' asked a dog owner..

- 23 'Can I bring my dog into the compartment with me?' she asked.
- 24 'Does this train stop at York?' asked Bill.
- 25 'Can you telephone from inter-city trains?' said the businessman.
- 26 'Does the 2.40 have a restaurant car?' he enquired.
- 27 'Can you get coffee on the train?' asked my aunt.
- 28 'Do they bring it round on a trolley?' she said.
- 29 'Are there smoking compartments?' said the man with the pipe.
- 30 'Have you reserved a seat?' I asked him.

Extra exercise: read the last twenty questions, using one of the following prefaces: **I wonder/I'd like to know/Do you know?/Have you any idea?/Can you tell me?**

11 'Do you know where the ticket office is?'

12 'I wonder what I should do with my heavy luggage.'

## 88 Indirect speech: questions

PEG 317

A new student, Paul, has come to the college and the other students are asking him questions. Imagine that he reports these questions later to an English friend:

1 *Bill asked what country I came from.*

- 1 'What country do you come from?' said Bill.
- 2 'How long have you been here?' said Ann.
- 3 'Are you working as well as studying?' asked Peter.
- 4 'Have you got a work permit?' Bill wanted to know.
- 5 'What are you going to study?' asked Ann.
- 6 'Have you enrolled for more than one class?' said Peter.
- 7 'Do you want to buy any second-hand books?' said Bill.
- 8 'Have you seen the library?' asked Ann.
- 9 'Do you play rugby?' said Peter.
- 10 'Will you have time to play regularly?' he went on.
- 11 'Did you play for your school team?' said Bill.
- 12 'Are you interested in acting?' asked Ann.
- 13 'Would you like to join our Drama Group?' she said.
- 14 'What do you think of the canteen coffee?' asked Peter.

Mary and Tom, with their son, John, aged 11, have recently come to this area. Mary wants to find a school for John and asks her neighbour Mrs Smith about the local school.

- (a) Later, Mrs Smith reports these questions to her husband:  
'Is it a mixed school?'
- She asked if it was a mixed school.*
- (b) Alternatively, supply suitable answers to Mary's questions and then imagine that Mary reports the conversation (her questions and Mrs Smith's answers) to her husband Tom:



- 36 'Were your boys happy there?' ~  
 'Yes, they were.'  
*Asked if her boys had been happy there and she said that they had.*

- 15 'How long has it been a mixed school?'  
 16 'Do you like the headmaster?'  
 17 'Is he a scientist or an arts graduate?'  
 18 'How many children are there in the school?'  
 19 'How big are the classes?'  
 20 'Are the classes streamed?'  
 21 'What is the academic standard like?'  
 22 'Can parents visit the school at any time?'  
 23 'Is there a good art department?'  
 24 'Do they teach music?'  
 25 'What instruments can the children learn?'  
 26 'Is there a school orchestra?'  
 27 'Do they act plays?'  
 28 'What sort of plays have they done?'  
 29 'What games do they play?'  
 30 'Are the playing fields near the school?'  
 31 'Are they taught to swim?'  
 32 'Can the children get dinner at school?'  
 33 'Is the food good?'  
 34 'Is there a Parent-Teacher Association?'  
 35 'How often does it meet?'  
 36 'Were your own boys happy at the school?'

## 89 Indirect speech: questions

PEG 317

Put the following into indirect speech.

- 1 'Why are you looking through the keyhole?' I said.  
 2 'Who put salt in my coffee?' he asked.  
 3 'Which of you knows how to make Irish stew?' said the chief cook.  
 'Why did you travel first class?' I asked him.  
 'How can I run in high-heeled shoes?' she enquired.  
 'What is your new house like?' I asked them.  
 He said, 'Where am I supposed to go now?' (*Omit now.*)  
 8 'Whose car did you borrow last night?' I said to him.  
 9 'What was she wearing when you saw her last?' the policeman asked me.  
 10 'Who owns this revolver?' said the detective.  
 11 'Where were you last night, Mr Jones?' he said.  
 12 'What else did you see?' I asked the boy.  
 13 'Have you done this sort of work before?' said his new employer.

- 14 'Can you read the last line on the chart?' the oculist asked her.  
 15 'Did they understand what you said to them?' he asked me.  
 16 'Are you being attended to, sir?' said the shop assistant.  
 17 'Will you go on strike when the others do?' the shop steward asked him.  
 18 'Do you see what I see, Mary?' said the young man.  
 19 'Who left the banana skin on the front doorstep?' said my mother.  
 20 'Have you gone completely mad?' I asked. 'Do you want to blow us all up?'  
 21 'Why is your house so full of antiques?' she asked. 'Was your father a collector?'  
 22 'Are you leaving today or tomorrow morning?' said his secretary.  
 23 'How far is it?' I said, 'and how long will it take me to get there?'  
 24 'Could I speak to Mrs Pitt?' said the caller.  
 'I'm afraid she's out,' said the *au pair* girl. 'Could I take a message?'  
 25 'Are you sorry for what you did?' the mother asked the little boy.  
 26 'Are you going to see him off at the station?' I asked her.  
 27 'Would you mind if I looked inside your bag, Madam?' said the policeman.  
 28 'If someone fell at your feet foaming at the mouth would you know what to do?' said the instructor in First Aid.  
 29 'Why do you think it may be dangerous?' he asked her.  
 30 'Do you know that the shoes you are wearing aren't a pair?' I asked him.

## 90 Indirect speech: commands, requests, advice expressed by object + infinitive

PEG 320

Indirect commands, requests, etc. are normally expressed by **tell, order, ask, beg, advise, remind, warn**, etc., with the person addressed and the infinitive. Change the following direct commands into indirect commands using this construction. Remember that the person addressed is often not mentioned in a direct command:

He said, 'Go away',  
 but must be mentioned in an indirect command:  
*He told me (Tom/us/them, etc.) to go away.*

- 1 'Switch off the TV,' he said to her.  
 2 'Shut the door, Tom,' she said.  
 3 'Lend me your pen for a moment,' I said to Mary.  
 4 'Don't watch late-night horror movies,' I warned them.  
 5 'Don't believe everything you hear,' he warned me.  
 6 'Please fill up this form,' the secretary said.  
 7 'Don't hurry,' I said.  
 8 'Don't touch that switch, Mary,' I said.

- 9 'Open the safe!' the raiders ordered the bank clerk.
- 10 'Please do as I say,' he begged me.
- 11 'Help your mother, Peter,' Mr Pitt said.
- 12 'Don't make too much noise, children,' he said.
- 13 'Do whatever you like,' she said to us.
- 14 'Don't miss your train,' she warned them.
- 15 'Read it before you sign it,' he said to his client.
- 16 'Do sing it again,' he said.
- 17 'Don't put your hands near the bars,' the zoo keeper warned us.
- 18 'Buy a new car,' I advised him.
- 19 'Don't drive too fast,' she begged him.
- 20 'Don't lean your bicycles against my windows, boys,' said the shopkeeper.
- 21 'Come to the cinema with me,' he asked her.
- 22 'Cook it in butter,' I advised her.
- 23 'Don't touch the gates, madam,' said the lift operator.
- 24 'Don't argue with me,' the teacher said to the boy.
- 25 'Pull as hard as you can,' he said to him.
- 26 'Send for the Fire Brigade,' the manager said to the porter.
- 27 'Don't lend her anything,' he advised us.
- 28 'Make a list of what you want,' she told us.
- 29 'Look at the paper,' he said to her.
- 30 'Stand clear of the doors,' a voice warned the people on the platform.
- 31 'See if you can find any mushrooms, children,' she said.
- 32 'Don't go alone,' I warned her.
- 33 'Pay at the cash desk,' the shop assistant said to the customer.
- 34 The notice said, 'Leave this space clear.'
- 35 'Remember to write to your mother,' I said to them.
- 36 'Think well before you answer,' the detective warned her.

## 91 Indirect speech: commands, requests, advice

- PEG 320

See note to 90.

Put the following into indirect speech. In most cases the person addressed must be supplied.

- 1 He said, 'Get out of my way.'
- 2 'Climb in through the window,' he ordered.
- 3 'Please pay at the desk,' said the assistant.
- 4 'Open your bag, please,' said the store detective.
- 5 'Don't worry about anything, Mrs Pitt,' said her solicitor. 'Leave it all to me.'
- 6 'Don't use bent coins in a slot machine,' I warned him.
- 7 'Follow that car,' the detective said to the taxi-driver.

- 8 'Wash it in lukewarm water,' recommended the assistant.
- 9 'Have confidence in me,' urged the doctor.
- 10 'Take me up to the 33rd floor,' he said to the liftman.
- 11 'Read the notice about life-saving equipment,' advised the air-hostess.
- 12 'Always cook with butter,' said her mother, 'never use margarine.'
- 13 'Don't argue with your father,' I said.
- 14 'Remember to prune the roses,' said my aunt.
- 15 'Wait for me at the bridge,' said the young man.
- 16 'Don't eat too much starch,' I advised her, 'and avoid fried food.'
- 17 'Don't say anything to make her angry,' said my father.
- 18 Notice: Please do not ask at the desk for change for telephone calls.
- 19 'Don't forget to feed the goldfish,' Mary said to her brother.
- 20 'Cross the line by the footbridge,' said the porter.
- 21 'Write to me as often as you can,' said his wife.
- 22 'Put your pistol on the table,' said the crook.
- 23 'Please book me a seat in a non-smoker,' said the traveller.
- 24 'Don't forget your sandwiches,' said his mother.
- 25 'Don't go near the water, children,' she said.
- 26 'Search the house,' said the police sergeant.
- 27 'Don't make mountains out of molehills,' he said.
- 28 'Put down that gun. It's loaded,' she warned.

## 92 Indirect speech: commands, requests, advice

PEG 320

See note to 90.

Put the following into indirect speech, joining the sentences together with **as**, **and**, **but** or **for**.

- 1 'Make good use of your time. You won't get such an opportunity again,' he said to us.
- 2 'Don't wait till tomorrow,' said the advertisement, 'post the coupon at once.'
- 3 'Be very careful crossing roads,' she said, 'and remember to drive on the right.'
- 4 'I can't open it. You have a try, Peter,' he said.
- 5 'Go and get me a paper, and come straight back,' he said to me.
- 6 'Someone's coming. Get into the cupboard,' she said.
- 7 'Give way to traffic approaching from your right,' the road sign warned us.
- 8 'Please, please send whatever you can spare,' said the secretary of the disaster fund.
- 9 'Wear a wig if you don't want to be recognized,' I advised him.
- 10 'Don't bathe when the red flag is flying,' said the lifeguard.

- 11 'Don't forget to thank Mrs Jones when you are saying goodbye to her,' said his mother.
- 12 'Watch the milk and don't let it boil over,' he said.
- 13 'Don't shelter under a tree in a thunderstorm,' he said. 'The tree might be struck by lightning.'
- 14 'Put the message into a bottle and throw it into the sea,' he said.
- 15 'Read it for yourself if you don't believe what I say,' he told me.
- 16 'Don't forget to use your indicators,' said the driving instructor.
- 17 'Don't drive too fast or the baby'll be sick,' she said to her husband.
- 18 'Do make the coffee a bit stronger,' I begged. 'It was terribly weak last night.'
- 19 'Beware of pickpockets,' said a huge notice.
- 20 'Smell this. Do you think it has gone bad?' she said.
- 21 'Don't take your coat off. We are going out again in a moment,' she told him.
- 22 'Stand by the window and tell me if anyone goes into the house opposite,' he said.
- 23 'Don't move till the policeman waves you on,' said the driving instructor.
- 24 'Don't touch it. You will only make it worse,' he told me.
- 25 'Be careful; the steps are very slippery,' I warned him.
- 26 'Ask your boss to ring me back,' I said. 'My number is 1234567.'
- 27 'Could you repeat that, please?' said the girl.
- 27 'Don't work too fast,' said the foreman. 'If we finish before six we shan't get any overtime.'
- 28 'Prepare to meet your doom. The end of the world is at hand,' said the placard.
- 29 'Remember to put the brake on,' the instructor said.
- 30 'Would you please take off your shoes?' Keiko said to him.

### 93 Indirect speech: commands, requests, invitations, offers, advice

- PEG 284-7, 318-20

Put the following into indirect speech using **ask, advise, invite, offer, remind, tell, warn**.

- 1 'Would you like to have lunch with me on Sunday?' he said to me.
- 2 'Would you like a cigarette?' said one of the guests.
- 3 'Would you mind not smoking between courses?' said their hostess.
- 4 'Take these letters to the post, will you? And shut the door as you go out,' said the boss.
- 5 'Will you help me, please?' she said. 'I can't reach the top shelf.'
- 6 'This is a horrible room. Why don't you ask for something better?' he said.
- 7 'If I were you I'd try to get a room on the top floor,' he said.

- 8 'I'll wait for you if you like,' she said.
- 9 'Remember to switch off when you've finished,' he said.
- 10 'You might check these figures for me,' he said.
- 11 'You'd better apologize for being late,' said my mother.
- 12 'Could you check the oil, please?' I asked the mechanic.
- 13 'I wish you'd sit still!' said the artist. 'How do you expect me to paint you when you keep jerking your head?'
- 14 'Why don't you go by train? It's much less tiring than driving,' I said.
- 15 Hotel notice: Will guests please not play radios loudly after midnight?
- 16 'Would you like to wait here?' said the receptionist, showing me into the waiting room.
- 17 'You must see this exhibition!' said all my friends.
- 18 'I should plant daffodils, if I were you,' I said to them.
- 19 'If you'd just sign the back of the cheque,' said the bank clerk.
- 20 'I'd be very grateful if you'd forward my letters while I am away,' he said.
- 21 Police announcement: Will anyone who saw this accident please get in touch with their nearest police station?
- 22 'Don't leave your room at night,' he said. 'Our host's dogs might mistake you for a burglar.'
- 23 'Answer this letter for me, will you?' he said. 'And remember to keep a copy.'
- 24 'Would you mind moving your car?' he said. 'It's blocking my gate.'
- 25 (in a letter) 'Perhaps you'd let me know when your new stock comes in.' (*Mrs Jones . . .*)
- 26 Notice on board: The first team will report to the gymnasium for weight-training. (*The coach . . .*)
- 27 'Could you sew on this button for me?' Tom asked Ann.
- 28 'You'd better sew it on yourself,' said Mary. 'Buttons sewn on by Ann usually come off the next day.'
- 28 'If you will kindly sit down the fortune-teller will be with you in a moment,' the girl said.

### 94 Indirect speech: questions, requests, invitations, offers, advice

- PEG 284-7, 318-20, 323

Remember that **Why don't you?** can be an ordinary question or advice/suggestion. Treat it here as advice.

Put the following into indirect speech.

- 1 'Could you get there and back in one day?' I asked. (*I asked if he . . .*)
- 2 'I can't open this tin,' said Ann. 'Shall I do it for you?' said Tom.
- 3 'Could you translate this for me, please?' I asked the official.

- 4 'Shall we ever meet again?' he wondered.
- 5 'Will you be here tomorrow?' she asked. 'Yes,' I answered.
- 6 'Could I lose five kilos in a week?' said the fat woman. 'No,' said the doctor.
- 7 'Will you have a drink?' he said.
- 8 'Why don't you install gas central heating?' said the advertisement. (*urge*)
- 9 'Will you read this very carefully, please?' he said to me.
- 10 'Shall I tell him what happened?' she asked me.
- 11 'Wouldn't you like to look ten years younger?' said the hairdresser.
- 12 'I'm going to Brighton tomorrow,' said Ann. 'So'm I,' said Tom. 'Would you like a lift?' (*Tom said he was too and. . .*)
- 13 'Can I have a sweet?' said the small boy.
- 14 'Can we stay up till the end of the programme?' said the children.
- 15 'Could I have the weekend off?' he asked his boss.
- 16 'Could I leave early on Friday?' he said.
- 17 'Why don't you like pop music?' the teenagers asked him.
- 18 'Why don't you take up the oboe again?' said my friends, (*advise*)
- 19 'Where shall I hang my new picture?' he said. 'Would it look well over the mantelpiece?'
- 20 'What shall I do if the car won't start?' I said.
- 21 'Have you got enough money? Shall I lend you some?' said my friend.
- 22 'Will you be able to guide me or shall I bring a map?' I asked.
- 23 'You won't forget to shut the door, will you?' she said, (*remind*)
- 24 'Would you like to see over the house?' I asked her.
- 25 'Would you like to peel the potatoes?' said Ann, handing me a knife.
- 26 'I've got two tickets. Would you like to come with me?' he said.
- 27 'Can you use a word processor?' he asked. 'No,' I said.
- 28 'Would you mind living by yourself for six months?' they asked.
- 29 'Would you mind paying cash?' said my landlady when I took out my cheque-book.
- 30 'Why don't you trust him?' I asked Ann. 'I never trust left-handed men,' she answered.

## 95 Indirect speech: commands and questions with if- clauses and time clauses

PEG 229, 320-1

Questions with if- clauses and time clauses should be reported with the if- clause or time clause last.

'When/If I see him, what shall I say?' she asked.

*She asked what she should say when/if she saw him.*

Commands can be reported by **tell** + infinitive + if- clause/time clause.

But sometimes (as in nos. 5 and 10 below) this would produce a rather clumsy sentence. It is then advisable to use **say/said that + if- clause/time clause + be/should + infinitive**.

'If /When you see him, ask him to ring me,' she said.

*She said that if/when I saw him I was to ask him to ring her.*

**was to** expresses a definite command; **should** implies advice.

Put the following into indirect speech.

- 1 He said, 'When you are at the butcher's remember to get a bone for the dog.'
- 2 She said, 'If you feel faint sit down and put your head between your knees.'
- 3 'If I find your purse what shall I do with it?' he said. 'Keep it till you see me again,' I replied.
- 4 She said, 'If he arrives before I get back give him something to drink.'
- 5 'If anyone rings up,' she said, 'say that I'll be back shortly.'
- 6 'When you are driving always look in your driving mirror before turning right,' said my instructor.
- 7 'Leave the key under the mat if you go out,' she said.
- 8 'If you think the room is cold shut the windows,' said my aunt.
- 9 'If you feel lonely any time ring me up,' he said.
- 10 'If she doesn't eat meat, offer her an omelette,' he said.
- 11 'Get the car off the road on to the verge if you have a puncture. Don't leave it on the road,' said my father.
- 12 'If I am not back by this time tomorrow take this letter to the police,' he said.
- 13 'When you see Mrs Pitt don't forget to thank her,' she said to her husband.
- 14 'When the bell rings take the meat out of the oven,' my sister said.
- 15 'If you are taken prisoner,' said the officer, 'give your name, rank and number but refuse to answer any other questions.'
- 16 'When you hear the fire alarm, shut all windows and go downstairs as quickly as possible,' said the schoolmaster.
- 17 'If the lift should stop between two floors press the emergency button,' he said.
- 18 'Before you allow anyone to use the Turkish bath remember to ask him if he has a weak heart,' said the senior attendant.
- 19 'If the police stop me, what shall I say?' she asked.
- 20 'What shall I do if he refuses to let me in?' she said. 'Write a note and push it under the door,' I said.
- 21 'What will happen if the strike continues?' he said.
- 22 'If it goes on snowing, how'll we get food?' wondered the housewives.
- 23 'When the rain stops, can we go out?' said the children.
- 24 'When you've completed one section, go on to the next,' the teacher said.

- 25 'If you don't like the programme, switch to another channel,' I said to her.
- 26 'If I lose my traveller's cheques, will the bank repay me?' I asked.
- 27 'If the noise gets worse, you'd better complain to the police,' he said to me.
- 28 'As soon as you find a hotel, ring me and give me the address,' he said.

## 96 Indirect speech: suggestions

**Li** PEG 289 **D**, 322

**Part 1** Write the following in indirect speech, in ordinary narrative form.

Ann suggested having a party on the next Saturday. Mary agreed and asked who they should invite.

Report 'Why don't we . . . ?' as a suggestion and 'Why don't you . . . ?' as suggestion or advice. Report 'Why not?' in no. 9 as *agreed*.

- 1 Ann: What about having a party on Saturday?
- 2 Mary: Yes, let's. Who shall we invite?
- 3 Ann: Let's not make a list. Let's just invite everybody.
- 4 Mary: We don't want to do too much cooking, so what about making it a wine and cheese party?
- 5 Ann: Suppose we ask everybody to bring a bottle?
- 6 Mary: Shall we hire glasses from our local wine shop? We haven't many left.
- 7 Ann: If it's warm, how about having the party in the garden?
- 8 Mary: Why not have a barbecue?
- 9 Ann: Why not? We could ask Paul to do the cooking.
- 10 Mary: Last time we had a barbecue the neighbours complained about the noise. Shall we ask everyone to speak in whispers?
- 11 Ann: Suppose we go round to the neighbours and apologize in advance this time?
- 12 Mary: Why not invite the neighbours? Then the noise won't matter.
- 13 Ann: What a clever idea! Shall we start ringing everyone up tonight?
- 14 Mary: What about working out how much it will cost first?

**Part 2** Put the following into indirect speech.

- 15 'What about a round-the-world cruise?' suggested Mrs Smith. 'What about renting a caravan? It's all we can afford,' said her husband.
- 16 'Suppose you complain, Ann?' I said. 'The boss is more likely to listen to you than to any of us.'
- 17 'You used to be a good tennis player,' she reminded him. 'Why don't you take it up again?'

- 18 'Shall we talk there? It's not far,' he said. 'Yes, let's,' I said.
- 19 'What about joining a weaving class?' Ann said to me. 'There's one starting soon.'
- 20 'Let's organize a sponsored cycle race,' said the children. 'What about a sponsored silence?' said the teacher with a grin.
- 21 'Where shall we meet?' I said. 'What about the hotel?' said Bill.
- 22 'Suppose you ring him, Ann, and ask him what he thinks of the idea?' I said.
- 23 'I'm doing most of the work,' I pointed out. 'What about giving me a hand?'
- 24 'Let's leave the washing-up till tomorrow,' he suggested. 'I hate washing up last thing at night.'
- 25 'Suppose the children go on an adventure holiday this summer?' suggested the father.
- 26 'Why don't you ask them what they'd like to do?' I said.
- 27 'Shall we begin training for the next London Marathon?' said Bill. 'I've no intention of running in marathons,' I said. 'Why don't you ask Paul?'
- 28 'Why don't you put an advertisement in the local paper?' they suggested to me.

## 97 Indirect speech: mixed types

- PEG chapter 31 (note especially 324)

Put the following into indirect speech, avoiding as far as possible the verbs **say**, **ask** and **tell** and choosing instead from the following: **accept**, **accuse**, **admit**, **advise**, **agree**, **apologize**, **assure**, **beg**, **call** (= summon), **call** (+ noun/pronoun + noun), **complain**, **congratulate**, **deny**, **exclaim**, **explain**, **give**, **hope**, **insist**, **introduce**, **invite**, **offer**, **point out**, **promise**, **protest**, **refuse**, **remark**, **remind**, **suggest**, **thank**, **threaten**, **warn**, **wish**.

- 1 He said, 'Don't walk on the ice; it isn't safe.'
- 2 'Miss Brown, this is Miss White. Miss White, Miss Brown,' he said.
- 3 'Here are the car keys. You'd better wait in the car,' he said to her.
- 4 'Please, please, don't tell anyone,' she said. 'I won't, I promise,' I said.
- 5 'Would you like my torch?' I said, holding it out. 'No, thanks,' he said. 'I have one of my own.' (*Omit thanks*)
- 6 Tom: I'll pay.  
Ann: Oh no, you mustn't!  
Tom: I insist on paying!
- 7 'Come in and look round. There's no obligation to buy,' said the shopkeeper.
- 8 'If you don't pay the ransom, we'll kill the boy,' said the kidnappers.
- 9 'I won't answer any questions,' said the arrested man.

- 10 'He expects a lot of work for very little money,' complained one of the typists.  
'Yes, he does,' agreed the other.
- 11 'I wish it would rain,' she said.
- 12 'You pressed the wrong button,' said the mechanic. 'Don't do it again. You might have a nasty accident.'
- 13 'Your weight's gone up a lot!' I exclaimed.  
'I'm afraid it has,' she said sadly.
- 14 'I hope you'll have a good journey,' he said. 'Don't forget to send a card when you arrive.'
- 15 'Hurrah! I've passed the first exam!' he exclaimed.  
'Congratulations!' I said, 'and good luck with the second.'
- 16 'All right, I'll wait a week,' she said. (*Omit* all right)
- 17 'Many happy returns of your birthday!' we said.  
'Thanks,' said the boy.
- 18 'Your door is the shabbiest in the street,' said the neighbour.  
'It is,' I said.
- 19 'Cigarette?'~  
'Thanks,' I said.
- 20 'I'll sell the TV set if you keep quarrelling about the programme,' said their mother.  
'No, don't do that! We won't quarrel any more,' said the children.
- 21 'I'll give you £500 to keep your mouth shut,' he said to me.
- 22 'I'll wait for you, I promise,' he said to me.
- 23 'I'm sorry I'm late,' she said. 'The bus broke down.'
- 24 'You've been leaking information to the Press!' said his colleagues.  
'No, I haven't,' he said. 'Liar!' said Tom.
- 25 'I'll drop you from the team if you don't train harder,' said the captain.
- 26 'If the boys do anything clever, you call them your sons,' complained his wife. 'But if they do anything stupid, you call them mine.'
- 27 'Let's have a rest,' said Tom.  
'Yes, let's,' said Ann.
- 28 'Ugh! There's a slug in my lettuce. Waiter!' he cried.

## 98 Indirect to direct speech

- PEG 307-22

Put the following into direct speech, using dialogue form:

Tom: *Would you like to come for a drive tomorrow, Ann?*

Ann: *I'd love to etc.*

### Trip to Stratford

- 1 Tom invited Ann to come for a drive the following day.
- 2 Ann accepted with pleasure and asked where he was thinking of going.

- 3 He said he'd leave it to her.
- 4 She suggested Stratford . . .
- 5 adding that she hadn't been there for ages.
- 6 Tom agreed and said that they might go on the river if it was a fine day.
- 7 Ann wondered what was on at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre.
- 8 Tom said they'd find out when they got there . . .
- 9 adding that it was usually possible to get seats on the day of the play.
- 10 He asked Ann if she could be ready by ten.
- 11 Ann said with regret that she couldn't as she had to type a report first.
- 12 Tom expressed horror at the idea of working on Saturday . . .
- 13 and advised her to change her job.
- 14 She told him not to be ridiculous and explained that . . .
- 15 she had volunteered to type the report in return for a free afternoon the following week.
- 16 She pointed out that she hadn't known that he was going to ask her out.
- 17 Tom said he supposed it was all right but . . .
- 18 warned her not to make a habit of volunteering for weekend work.
- 19 Ann promised not to.
- 20 Tom said gloomily that he supposed she'd be busy all morning.
- 21 Ann assured him that she'd be finished by 11.00 and . . .
- 22 offered to meet him at the bus stop at Hyde Park Corner.
- 23 Tom said that it wasn't a very good meeting place and that he'd call for her.
- 24 Ann said that that was very kind of him and that she'd be waiting in the hall.

### Hill climb

- 25 Tom suggested climbing to the top, adding that the view from there was marvellous . . .
- 26 but Ann said that they'd been climbing for three hours and that she was too tired to go any further.
- 27 She suggested that Tom should go on up while she went down and waited there.
- 28 Tom agreed and handed her the car keys, advising her to wait in the car.
- 29 He promised to be as quick as he could.
- 30 Ann said that if he was too long there'd be no lunch left, for she'd have eaten it all.

# 10 Purpose

## 99 Infinitive used to express purpose

PEG334

Combine each of the following pairs of sentences into one sentence using **so as/in order** where necessary.

He sent me to Spain. He wanted me to learn Spanish.

*He sent me to Spain to learn Spanish.*

He turned out the light. He didn't want to waste electricity.

*He turned out the light so as not to waste electricity.*

- 1 I am buying paint. I want to paint my hall door.
- 2 He tied a knot in his handkerchief. He hoped that this would remind him to meet the train.
- 3 He opened the lions' cage. He intended to feed the lions.
- 4 He left his rifle outside. He didn't want to frighten his wife.
- 5 He has a box. He plans to put his savings in it. (*Omit it.*)
- 6 We had no cups but he gave us coconut shells. He said we could drink out of them. (*Omit them.*)
- 7 He rushed into the burning house. He wanted to save the child.
- 8 He read only for short periods each day. He didn't want to strain his eyes.
- 9 They got up very early. They wanted to get to the top of the hill before sunrise.
- 10 He rang the bell. He wanted to tell us that dinner was ready.
- 11 We must keep our gloves on. We don't want to get frost-bitten.
- 12 The farmer put a scarecrow up in the field. He wanted to frighten the birds.
- 13 I took off my shoes. I didn't want to make any noise.
- 14 Before the carpenter came she covered the floor with polythene sheeting. She wanted to protect the carpet.
- 15 The boys are collecting sticks. They intend to put them on the fire. (*Omit them.*)
- 16 He was playing very softly. He didn't want to disturb anyone.
- 17 I am sending him to the USA. I want him to study electronics there.
- 18 I sent him out of the room. I wanted to discuss his progress with his headmaster.
- 19 He fixed a metal ladder to the wall below his window. He wanted to be able to escape if there was a fire.
- 20 He changed his address constantly. He wanted to elude the police.
- 21 The police have barricaded the main streets. They want to prevent the demonstrators from marching through the town.

- 22 They evacuated everybody from the danger zone. They wanted to reduce the risk.
- 23 I am learning Greek. I wish to read Homer.
- 24 He sent his children to his sister's house. He wanted them to watch the television programme.
- 25 He sent his children to their aunt's house. He wanted to have some peace.
- 26 The town council has forbidden coal fires. They are trying to keep the air clean.
- 27 They employed a detective. They wanted to learn what I did in the evenings.
- 28 I am saving up. I want to buy a helicopter.
- 29 He coughed. He wanted to warn them that he was coming.
- 30 You should take your holidays in June. In this way you would avoid the rush.
- 31 I keep my hens in a field surrounded by wire netting. I want to protect them against the foxes.
- 32 I am learning skiing at an indoor school. I want to be able to ski when I get to Switzerland.
- 33 The workmen left red lights near the hole. They wanted to warn motorists.
- 34 He invented a wife and six children. By this trick he hoped to avoid paying income tax.
- 35 Some women tint their hair when it goes grey. They want to look younger.
- 36 He didn't tell her he was going up in the spacecraft. He didn't want to alarm her.

## 100 Clauses and phrases of purpose

- PEG 336-7

A purpose clause introduced by **so that** can sometimes be replaced by **prevent/avoid** + gerund or **allow/enable/let/make** etc. + infinitive.

The two sentences:

He rumpled the bedclothes. He wanted to make me think he had slept in the bed.

could be combined:

*He rumpled the bedclothes so that I should/would think he had slept etc. or to make me think he had slept etc.*

An **in** case clause is useful when we mention the possible future action we are taking precautions against:

Don't let him play with scissors. He may cut himself.

could be expressed:

*Don't let him play with scissors in case he cuts himself.*

Sometimes an in case clause can be replaced by a negative purpose clause.

- 1 He killed the men who helped him to bury the treasure. He wanted nobody but himself to know where it was.
- 2 Put the cork back. Someone may knock the bottle over.
- 3 The airfield authorities have put arc lights over the damaged runway.  
They want repair work to continue day and night.
- 4 The girl packed the vase in polyester foam. She didn't want it to get broken in the post.
- 5 He wore a false beard. He didn't want anyone to recognize him.
- 6 She built a high wall round her garden. She didn't want her fruit to be stolen.
- 7 They talked in whispers. They didn't want me to overhear them.
- 8 You ought to take some serum with you. You may get bitten by a snake.
- 9 Aeroplanes carry parachutes. The crew can escape in case of fire.
- 10 I am insuring my life. I want my children to have something to live on if I am killed.
- 11 Please shut the gate. I don't want the cows to get out of the field.
- 12 He telephoned from a public call-box. He didn't want the call to be traced to his own address.
- 13 I am putting nets over my strawberry plants. I don't want the birds to eat all the strawberries.
- 14 We keep a spade in the house. There may be a heavy fall of snow in the night.
- 15 We put bars on the lower windows. We didn't want anyone to climb in.
- 16 You should carry a jack in your car. You may have a puncture.
- 17 We built the roof with a steep slope. We wanted the snow to slide off easily.
- 18 The notices are written in several languages. The government wants everyone to understand them.
- 19 I put my address on my dog's collar. I want anyone who finds him to know where he comes from.
- 20 She tied a bell round her cat's neck. She wanted the birds to know when he was approaching.
- 21 Bring your gun with you. We may be attacked.
- 22 I have put wire over my chimney-pots. I don't want birds to build nests in them.
- 23 Write your name in the book. He may forget who lent it to him.
- 24 He chained up the lioness at night. He didn't want her to frighten anyone.
- 25 Don't put on any more coal. The chimney may catch fire.
- 26 The burglar cut the telephone wires. He didn't want me to call the police.
- 27 Take a torch with you. It may be dark before you get back.

- 28 The manufacturers have made the taps of their new gas cooker very stiff. They don't want young children to be able to turn them on.
- 29 Don't let the baby play with my glasses. He may break them.
- 30 The debate on education has been postponed. The government want to discuss the latest crisis.
- 31 If someone knocks at the door at night don't open it. It may be the escaped convict.
- 32 The policeman stopped the traffic every few minutes. He wanted the pedestrians to be able to cross the road.
- 33 He had a telephone installed in his car. He wanted his secretary to be able to contact him whenever necessary.
- 34 Never let children play with matches. They may set themselves on fire.
- 35 As he went through the forest Bill marked the trees. He wanted the rest of the party to know which way he had gone.
- 36 Turn down the oven. We don't want the meat to burn while we are out.