

Exercise 01

Choose the correct meaning, A or B.

- 1 Are you seeing the club chairman tomorrow? You might put in a good word for me.
A You expect the person to do this. B You're not sure the person will do this.
- 2 You must read the new book by Margaret Atwood – it's fantastic!
A I think you should do this. B I'm ordering you to do this.
- 3 Might I borrow your calculator for a moment?
A You're talking to your best friend. B You're talking to a clerk at the bank.
- 4 Well, we could always go on the bus.
A I don't really mind how we get there. B I really want to go on the bus.
- 5 I'd sooner stay at home this weekend.
A I think we should do this earlier. B I'd prefer to do this.
- 6 We can have a look at the shops.
A I'm making a suggestion. B I'm describing a future ability.
- 7 The decision made by the financial arbitrator will be accepted by all parties.
A This is a spontaneous decision by the arbitrator. B This is a formal instruction.
- 8 You'd better call the insurance company and tell them.
A I think this is a possible thing to do. B I think this is the best thing to do.
- 9 You will listen to me, young lady!
A This is talking about a future action. B This is giving an order.
- 10 We might as well go straight home.
A There's nothing better to do. B I really want to go home.

Exercise 02: Choose the correct words in italics. If both options are correct. Choose both.

- ALAN OK, let's discuss next week's national championships. I can only send three reporters, so (1) *we must / we'd better* discuss who does what. Yes, James?
- JAMES I'd (2) *love / rather* to cover the diving. I'm fascinated by diving.
- ALAN OK, if no one else objects? Right, well, I think you (3) *should / ought to* cover the synchronised swimming as well, as it's in the pool next to the diving.
- JAMES Oh, OK, if I have to ... Would anyone else like to, though?
- ALAN Bad luck, James, it's yours. And (4) *you hadn't better / you'd better not* let your lack of enthusiasm show when you're there! Now, I'd like one of you (5) *focus / to focus* on the individual events in the main pool. Any takers?
- EMILY I'm happy to do that, but I was going to ask, (6) *could / may* I have the Friday off? My cousin's getting married.
- ALAN Probably, but let's sort out the championships first. That leaves the third reporter to cover the team events and to act as anchor for us.
- KIERAN (7) *I would / I'll* do that. It sounds interesting, but there aren't many team events, are there?
- EMILY We (8) *should / could* always share the main pool reporting, Kieran.
- DEBBIE Er, Alan, before we go on ... I was wondering, I'm not sure, but (9) *can / might* suggest something?
- ALAN Yes, what is it, Debbie?
- DEBBIE Well, shouldn't we check what the Daily Herald is doing? We don't want them to get better coverage. They seem to be doing better than us at the moment.
- ALAN I (10) *won't / wouldn't* say that, but they do have more money than us, I'm afraid. Debbie, call your friend on the Herald, (11) *will / won't* you, and see if you can get any information? Right, we'll go with those suggestions. (12) *Can / Shall* we go on to tomorrow's front page now?

Exercise 03: Complete the dialogues below the pictures with will, won't, shall or would and an appropriate verb.



STUDENT 1
me the dictionary, please?
STUDENT 2 Yes, here you are.



CADET What time do we finish these exercises? I'm exhausted.
SERGEANT Silence! You
these exercises until I say
otherwise. Do you understand?



POLICE OFFICER
with me, sir?
THIEF Come with you? No, why
should I?



WOMAN
a slice of cake?
FRIEND I won't, thanks. I'm trying to
lose weight.



MAN
the minutes of the meeting?
WOMAN Oh, yes, please! We always need
someone to take the minutes.



MAN I don't understand what you want
from me!
WOMAN
me some respect!
MAN But I do respect you!

Exercise 04: Complete the dialogues by writing one word (or a contraction) in each gap, as in the example. In some cases more than one answer is possible.

- 0 A It's rather hot in this meeting room.*Could*... I open a window, please?
B Yes, of *course*...
- 1 A Look at this rash on my arm, Mum. Do you think I see the doctor?
B Well, you to see him if it continues, but you really scratch it like that. You'll make it bleed.
- 2 A you have another cup of tea before you go, Grandma?
B I'd love one, thanks dear.
- 3 A What I to do about the broken windows, officer?
B better contact your insurance company immediately and arrange for them to be replaced. It's important to secure your home as quickly as possible.
- 4 A It's 3.30, Mr Curtis. Please I go home now?
B No, you not. In fact, you all stay until you finish your essays.
- 5 A you write me a reference letter when I leave Shiptons?
B To be honest, I'd not. I think your manager should do that.