

## Grammar Revision

The list below contains areas of grammar that presented problems for the majority of students in the Mock Grammar Test in Week 1. You are strongly advised to consult a grammar reference website or book and do a considerable amount of self-study, both theory and exercises, especially regarding the points below in order to consolidate these aspects of English.

### 1. tag questions

**He hasn't** got a car, **has he**?

**They never went** to the Eiffel Tower when they were in Paris, **did they**?

**John is** a terrible driver, **isn't he**?

**Amy couldn't** speak German before she went to live in Berlin, **could she**?

### 2. third conditionals

**If I hadn't** done a lot of revision, I **wouldn't have** passed the entrance exam.

They **would have** moved to Prague, **if** their father **hadn't changed** his job.

### 3. direct and indirect speech

**"Mary, can you buy me some beer when you go to the supermarket?" asked Tom.**

-> **Tom asked Mary** to buy him some beer **when she went** to the supermarket.

### 4. past simple and present perfect tenses

I **studied** in Manchester **in 2014**.

I **have been studying** in Manchester **since 2014**.

### 5. despite – although

The flight was very uncomfortable, **despite the expense**.

**Although the flight was expensive**, it was very uncomfortable.

### 6. wish – suggest – insist

I **wish I hadn't** bought that CD.

I **suggest you buy** a new dictionary.

Mark **insisted on** paying the bill.

7. as long as – unless

You **won't** pass the exam **unless** you study regularly.

You **will** pass the exam **as long as** you study regularly.

8. rather

Jennifer's father **wants her to work** in the family business, not for someone else.

-> Jennifer's father **would rather she worked** in the family business, not for someone else.

9. passive forms

10. modals

11. comparatives

12. have – make – do

## Resources

### 1. Internet

The internet has a vast range of English language learning material and you are strongly encouraged to make use of these resources in order to strengthen your knowledge. Try to dedicate a regular slot of your study time to practising English as well as completing your set homework tasks, as your aim should be not only to follow your courses but also to raise your language level. Remember the more regularly you study and the more English you acquire, the more accessible challenging texts will be for you. Learning a language takes time – a lot of time – and you need to be prepared to invest this time if you are to succeed in your university career, but also if you are to *enjoy* learning English. Here is a list of some useful sites.

[www.flo-joe.co.uk](http://www.flo-joe.co.uk)

[www.englishpage.com](http://www.englishpage.com)

[www.usingenglish.com](http://www.usingenglish.com)

[www.world-english.org](http://www.world-english.org)

[www.englishlearner.com](http://www.englishlearner.com)

[www.fiveminuteenglish.com](http://www.fiveminuteenglish.com)

[www.manythings.com](http://www.manythings.com)

[www.esl-lab.com](http://www.esl-lab.com) (for listening)

[www.esl.about.com](http://www.esl.about.com)

[www.onestopenglish.com](http://www.onestopenglish.com)

[www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish](http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish)

[www.grammar-monster.com](http://www.grammar-monster.com)

[www.eslmonkeys.com/student/esl\\_learning.php](http://www.eslmonkeys.com/student/esl_learning.php)

[www.eslcafe.com/quiz/#grammar](http://www.eslcafe.com/quiz/#grammar)

[www.learnenglish.org.uk](http://www.learnenglish.org.uk) (The British Council Teaching/Learning English site)

[www.eslgold.com/grammar/low\\_intermediate.html](http://www.eslgold.com/grammar/low_intermediate.html)

[www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/exercises\\_list/alle\\_grammar.htm](http://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/exercises_list/alle_grammar.htm)

[www.englishonline.sites.uol.com.br/english/intermediate.htm](http://www.englishonline.sites.uol.com.br/english/intermediate.htm)

## 2. Dictionaries

If you do not have an advanced learners' dictionary you are strongly advised to invest in one of the following:

Macmillan English Dictionary for Advanced Learners  
Collins COBUILD Advanced Learner's Dictionary  
Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary

## 3. Self-study books with answers

Oxford Practice Grammar (OUP, John Eastwood)  
Cambridge English Grammar in Use (CUP, Raymond Murphy)