

Grammar Review

A Choose the correct answer.

1. She lived during an age (when / which / where) women didn't have the right to vote.
2. The speaker told the listeners that he'd been in Africa (last month / the following month / the previous month).
3. My eyes are tired. I (have read / have been reading / was reading) for hours.
4. Jack's arm and leg are in plaster. He (could have / must have / should have) had an accident.
5. The wedding invitations (are being printed / are printing / are printed) today.
6. He (hadn't apologised / didn't apologise / wouldn't have apologised) to you if he hadn't felt ashamed.
7. I wish I (wouldn't / didn't / don't) share a room with my sister because we always fight.
8. Mary asked me when (we will see / we would see / would we see) each other again.

B Rewrite the following sentences using the words in brackets so that their original meanings do not change.

1. I haven't got enough money to buy a new car. (If)
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2. They haven't chosen the team yet. (The team)
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3. "Let's invite the Smiths over this evening." (Jane suggested)
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4. It's a shame that you can't come to our wedding. (I wish)
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5. I waited for two hours and then I left. (After)
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6. They were angry because you didn't apologise. (If)
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C Complete the passage with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Most of us ¹ (never / be) close to snakes except in zoos, where they ² (keep) safely in cages. If we saw one anywhere outside a cage, we ³ (be) terrified. But Graeme Gow from Australia isn't scared of snakes. If he was, he ⁴ (not do) his job. Gow is a researcher whose job ⁵ (involve) handling all kinds of snakes, even poisonous ones. He ⁶ (say) to be Australia's greatest snake expert. Incredibly, Gow ⁷ (bit) 146 times. Some of the bites weren't too serious, but others ⁸ (can / be) fatal. Luckily, the doctors identified the types of poison. Gow explained that if they ⁹ (not identify) the poisons, they wouldn't have been able to treat his bites. Gow ¹⁰ (tell) us that one of his few fears is being bitten one day by an unfamiliar snake. That could put a very nasty end to his career.

D Correct the errors in the following sentences.

1. If I was you, I wouldn't spend so much money.
2. She announced that she is leaving the following day.
3. Our old car, that we want to sell, has got a puncture.
4. They said that the house had totally destroyed in the fire.
5. We'll go for a trip as soon as you will feel strong enough.
6. That mustn't be John. He's travelling in Australia this month.
7. I don't like these shoes. I wish I wouldn't have bought them.
8. In my opinion, children couldn't watch violent films.

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- A**
1. when
 2. the previous month
 3. have been reading
 4. must have
 5. are being printed
 6. wouldn't have apologised
 7. didn't
 8. we would see
- B**
1. If I had enough money, I would buy a new car.
 2. The team hasn't been chosen yet.
 3. Jane suggested inviting / that we invite the Smiths over that evening.
 4. I wish (that) you could come to our wedding.
 5. After I had waited for two hours, I left. / After waiting for two hours, I left.
 6. If you had apologised, they wouldn't have been angry.
- C**
1. have never been
 2. are kept
 3. would be
 4. couldn't do / wouldn't do
 5. involves
 6. is said
 7. has been bitten
 8. could have been
 9. hadn't identified
 10. told
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