Exercises
Reflexive and reciprocal pronouns

Ex. 1. Put in the correct pronoun so that the pronoun refers back to the subject. Use either the object form of the pronoun (e.g. me) or the reflexive pronoun (e.g. myself).

1. It’s time you learnt to look after ……………………, or else you’ll find you're firmly on an unreachable shelf.
2. And Mary stood by, her hands folded in front of ……………………, looking thoughtfully down at her son.
3. I know that I have to believe in …………………… to overcome it but I can't when I'm destroying myself.
4. We learn about …………………… by making mistakes, as well as through success; we learn nothing by staying in a rut.
5. I reminded him and he went out banging the door behind ……………………
6. Don't wonder. Just have faith in ……………………
7. In what I hope was a rare lapse into intolerance, I asked the reporter next to ……………………: ‘Does that little sod always talk like that?’
8. Then Alice saw a large mushroom near …………………….
9. I hope he can grow up to be a normal young man in spite of what has happened to me. I don’t care about …………………… But what you said about my family I care about.
10. Unless we have attitude training in preparation for our work, we are quite likely to bring with …………………… into the library our prejudices and biases.
11. There was still a world to face and in that world she had learned to take care of ……………………
12. There are some in this town who should be ashamed of …………………… today.

Ex. 2. Fill in the gaps with each other, ourselves or themselves.

1. The warehouse walls blended into …………………… like a painting drenched with turpentine.
2. Having freed …………………… from the naturalistic fallacy, we ask what are the chief good things known to us.
3. They have also found …………………… agreeing to the introduction of temporary workers in return for employers granting increased job security for the majority of the labour force.
4. They were laughing into ……………………’s faces at some private joke; they hadn't seen me.
5. The children were dividing …………………… off into small groups.
6. The scientists looked at …………………… in astonishment, and in that instant, Benny bolted.
7. In an emotional reunion they hugged …………………… as West Brom’s chairman Bert Millichip told the assembled press that Johnson's career at the Hawthorns was secure.
8. Creatures from pigeons to monkeys have shown …………………… capable of performing this task successfully.
Relative clauses

Ex. 3. Correct these sentences or put a ✓ if they are correct.

1. My brother who is in the army he came to see us.
2. The path was made by walkers who crossed the mountains each summer.
3. The difficulties of living near a volcano are all well understood by the people farm the land there.
4. The park which I usually go running in is across the road.
5. I bought the present that I gave him it for Christmas in Japan.
6. The person whom we selected to represent us on the committee has had to resign due to illness.
7. It’s one of the most interesting books I’ve ever read this year.

Ex. 4. Complete the conversation. Put in who, which or that.

Emma: Shall we have something to eat?
Mark: Yes, but not here. I don’t like cafés (1) …………… don’t have chairs. I’m not one of these people (2) …………… can eat standing up.
Emma: There’s another restaurant over there.
Mark: It looks expensive, one of those places (3) …………… charge very high prices. The only customers (4) …………… can afford to eat there are business executives (5) …………… get their expenses paid. Anyway, I can’t see a menu. I’m not going into a restaurant (6) …………… doesn’t display a menu.
Emma: We just passed a café (7) …………… does snacks.
Mark: Oh, I didn’t like the look of that.
Emma: You’re one of those people (8) …………… are never satisfied, aren’t you?

Ex. 5. Complete the sentences with who, which, that or a zero relative pronoun (-).

1. The man …………… paid for the meal was a friend of Tom’s.
2. The meeting …………… Mark had to attend went on for three hours.
3. Somewhere I’ve got a photo of the mountain …………… we climbed.
4. The man …………… repaired my car is a real expert.
5. The detective lost sight of the man …………… he was following.
6. I thought I recognized the assistant …………… served us.
7. I’m afraid the numbers …………… I chose didn’t win a prize.

Ex. 6. Look at the detective’s notes and write a sentence about each person. Use a relative clause with who or whose.

1. Vera Stokes, politician – her sister once worked for Colin
   *Vera is the politician whose sister once worked for Colin.*
2. Felix Reeves, journalist – his tape recorder was stolen

3. Graham Wilshaw, architect – he knew Colin at school

4. Rex Carter, farmer – Colin bought his land
5. Norman Bridge, lawyer – he looked after Colin’s interests
6. Sonia Goldman, house guest – her fingerprints were on the door handle

**Ex. 7.** Correct these sentences or put a ✓ if they are correct.

1. The extra work which she took on was starting to affect her health.
2. The people whom I work with are all very friendly.
3. We had many friends with whom he had a regular correspondence.
4. The woman to who he is engaged comes from Poland.
5. The forms which I had to fill in were very complicated.

**Adjectives and adverbs (the –ly ending)**

**Ex. 8.** Complete the sentences with the words given. Decide if you need the –ly with the words.

**late**

1. a. I have ………………. become very aware of the spiritual side of life.
   b. I mean, I wasn't allowed up ………………. at her age.

**short**

2. a. Ramo Besic was joined by his wife and three sons ………………. before Christmas.
   b. They were, in …………………, the policies of the free market economy.

**wide**

3. a. He spread his hands ………………. in a gesture of incomprehension and invited her to make of this unexpected turn of events what she could.
   b. Also fitted as standard: a handy fuel store in the hump and an attitude to water conservation which, if ………………. adopted, would halve the price of water shares overnight.

**near**

4. a. In the small park ………………. the church was an open-air theatre, closed, the deck chairs lined up, each bucketing its share of rain.
   b. I found it wasn't bad at all, and not ………………. as difficult as I'd imagined.

**high**

5. a. I regard that form of protection as ………………. desirable and an important part of our proposals.
   b. Tramways and overhead cableways were built to tip the waste rock ………………. up on the moorland hillsides since the valley floors had little spare space.

**Comparison with adjectives**

**Ex. 9.** Look at these extracts from the conversation and correct any mistakes.

1. A: Ray told me the people next door are very noisy.
M: Sshh! Not as loud. They’ll hear you. Actually, they’re not so bad neighbors as we first thought.

2. M: The previous owners wanted as many as $60,000 for it, but $50,000 was so high as we could go.

3. A: How large garage have you got?
M: It’s very small. In fact we can’t get our car in, but that’s not too big problem. we park it outside.

4. M: It’s not such beautiful garden, but it’s okay for us. The main problem is a huge tree as few as 3 meters from the house, which keeps out the light.

5. A: Do you think Ray will be happy there?
M: Well, I’m not as sure. He still has a long journey to work, and will be in the car for as many as 3 hours a day.

Ex. 10. Rewrite each sentence, beginning as shown, so that the meaning stays the same.

1. Jill can run faster than Peter.
   Peter can’t run as fast as Jill (can).

2. I thought this journey would last longer than it did.
   This journey didn’t

3. I didn’t arrive as early as I expected.
   I arrived

4. You are working too slow.
   You’ll have to

5. I have a brother who is older than me.
   I have an

6. Martin thought the second part of the film was more interesting.
   Martin didn’t think the first

7. Paul’s work is less careful than before.
   Paul has been working

8. There aren’t any trains earlier than this one.
   This is

9. All other pubs are further away.
   This pub

10. Is this the best price you can offer?
    Can’t you

   Adverbs of degree

Ex.11. Fill in the gaps with the combination of an adverb, an adjective or a noun, and a verb if given in the brackets. Choose from the words below.

adverbs: too, too much, enough
adjectives: bright, shy, hard, courageous, afraid, difficult, crazy
nouns: air, time, money

1. It was as if they had found it ………………… (bridge) the gap between simple experimental systems and the complexity of nature.

2. This gave us ………………… (cover) the harmonium and clear away any telltale signs of wood.

3. She felt that this would be ………………… for her emotionally.

4. No policeman seemed ………………… (bar) his way.
5. I'm the only person .................. (make) a living out of original limewood foliage work.
6. The gubernatorial trial balloon may well fall back in the Speaker's face because, quite simply, there is not ...................... in it.
7. Boris Becker recently expressed the view that there was ............... in tennis and that it was ruining the game.
8. The light was not quite .................. (see) his full silhouette.
9. She found the body and covered it up, but was .................... (admit) what she had done.
10. Bewildered and hurt at her lack of interest, .................... (ask) what the trouble was.