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In each of the following sentences you have to remove a word or phrase to make the sentence grammatically correct. Identify that word which needs to be removed.

1. 'Where is Samuel?' 'He was working at outside ten minutes ago'.

at
outside
ago

2. There are more unemployed compared to than ever before.

more
compared to
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3. My grandfather would used to have an old Rolls Royce.

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4. 'She is in a bad mood.' 'Why not you send her

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5. The question is whether the man can be trusted with.

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6. They can't decide whether they should to get married now or wait.

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7. I don't want that woman to come here ever over again.

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over

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8. We are still awaiting for instructions.

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9. I have just been given a lovely picture to.

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10. We were all bought nice presents for.

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11. Do not expect quick results when you start to learning a language.

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12. You need not have to woken me up.

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Answers

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