

Fill in the blanks.

1. The traveler asked the stranger if he the way to the nearest inn.

- knows
- knew
- had known

When the main verb is in the past tense, we will most probably need a past tense in the subordinate clause. The past perfect is not possible here because we are not talking about the 'earlier past'.

2. The dentist suggested my toothpaste.

- me to change
- changing
- that I should change

Suggest is one of those verbs that cannot be followed by a to-infinitive. It can be followed by an -ing form or a that-clause.

3. The terrorist's attempt to the bridge was foiled by the police.

- blow out
- blow up
- blow over

Blow up' means 'to destroy someone or something by explosion'.

4. In his budget speech, the Finance Minister many bold reforms.

- brought in
- brought up
- brought forward

'Bring forward' means 'to introduce someone or something'.

5. The suspects are still

at sea

at large

at daggers drawn

'At large' means 'free; uncaptured (usually said of criminals not in custody)'.

6. The dilapidated building was not

habitation

habitat

habitable

We need an adjective (habitable) here; the other two options are nouns.

7. of the three boys attended the class.

Neither

Either

None

Either and neither are used to speak of two people or things.

8. There were than twenty people present.

less

lower

fewer

Less is used with uncountable nouns and fewer is used with countable nouns.

9. Mumbai is of India.

Manchester

the Manchester

Either could be used here

Articles are used with proper nouns used as epithets.

10. There are no secrets between you and

me

I

Either could be used here

Between is a preposition. A pronoun following a preposition should be in its object form.

11. buses are supposed to depart at a certain hour, they are often late.

Although

However

Despite

Although is a conjunction; we need a conjunction to connect two clauses.

12. Have you received any so far?

information

informations

Either could be used here

Information is uncountable and as such it does not have a plural form.

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Answers

1. The traveler asked the stranger if he knew the way to the nearest inn.
2. The dentist suggested changing / that I should change my toothpaste.
3. The terrorist's attempt to blow up the bridge was foiled by the police.
4. In his budget speech, the Finance Minister put forward many bold reforms.
5. The suspects are still at large.
6. The dilapidated building was not habitable.
7. None of the three boys attended the class.

8. There were fewer than twenty people present.
9. Mumbai is the Manchester of India.
10. There are no secrets between you and me.
11. Although buses are supposed to depart at a certain hour, they are often late.
12. Have you received any information so far?