

# General Grammar Exercise

Test your understanding of basic grammar rules and sentence patterns with this exercise. Complete each of the following sentences with an appropriate word or phrase.

1. The meeting will start at six o'clock

.....

sharp

sharply

Either could be used here

2. You shouldn't have spoken to her rather

.....

sharp

sharply

3. Under no circumstances .....  
allowed in the pub.

kids are

are kids

4. He launched his own business after  
..... from the US.

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having returned

Either could be used here

5. She is ..... as her husband.

the same age

at the same age

of the same age

6. She ..... a few minutes ago.

arrived

has arrived

had arrived

7. .... was there.

Please select 2 correct answers

Hardly anybody

Hardly nobody

Almost nobody

Nearly nobody

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8. They were quarreling all .....  
the journey.

- over
- along
- through

9. You could go by train, or .....  
you could hire a taxi.

- alternately
- alternative
- alternatively

10. We have been living ..... this  
street for ten years.

- in
- on
- Either could be used here

11. You look ..... with a beard.

- different
- differently
- Either could be used here

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12. Why don't you do something for  
.....?

other people

others

Either could be used here

## Answers

1. The meeting will start at six o'clock sharp.
2. You shouldn't have spoken to her rather sharply.
3. Under no circumstances are kids allowed in the pub.
4. He launched his own business after returning / having returned from the US.
5. She is the same age as her husband.
6. She arrived a few minutes ago.
7. Hardly anybody / almost nobody was there.
8. They were quarreling all through the journey.
9. You could go by train, or alternatively you could hire a taxi.
10. We have been living in / on this street for ten years.
11. You look different with a beard.
12. Why don't you do something for others / other people?