

General grammar exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word or phrase.

1. There was anything in the box.

hardly
almost
nearly

2. There are books lying on the table.

a few
the few
a little

3. on tip-toe, he reached for the apple.

Standing
Stood

4. Would you mind a bit?

moving
to move

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5. There two hundred children watching the game.

was
were

6. You need not the meeting on Monday.

attend
to attend

7. He used poems when he was a student.

writing
to write
to writing

8. I have bought it.

don't need
needn't

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9. This is any other Christmas gift I have ever had.

better then

the best

better than

10. She plays for television.

not write

do not write

does not write

Answers

1. There was hardly anything in the box.
2. There are a few books lying on the table.
3. Standing on tip-toe, he reached for the apple.
4. Would you mind moving a bit?
5. There were two hundred children watching the game.
6. You need not attend the meeting on Monday.

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7. He used to write poems when he was a student.
8. I needn't have bought it.
9. This is better than any other Christmas gift I have ever had.
10. She does not write plays for television.